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So, if your appetite has been sufficiently whetted, we encourage you to read up on Toronzo Cannon, the headliner for The League's annual Blues Bash benefit, and those other lads from Liverpool, the Mersey Beatles, on pages four and five, respectively. Mark Hunter and Deborah Kennedy wrote the features, so you'll find these stories nearly (but not quite) as entertaining as the shows themselves.

As we like to say, there's more, including reviews and previews of several community theater productions, a preview of the Embassy's upcoming Under the Streetlamp show, Nick Braun's Out and About column, Chris Hupe's Road Notez column, a couple of record reviews and the best, most extensive art and entertainment calendars you're ever going to find. Go online and you'll find even more. You can even read every word of this publication on your phone, if that's the sort of thing that swizzles your stick.

However your stick swizzles, enjoy this week's whatzup, go have some fun and remember to tell 'em who sent you.

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Blues the Chicago Way

By Mark Hunter

Toronzo Cannon sounds like the name of some kind of space weapon. It isn't.

Toronzo Cannon is the name of a powerful force, however.

In this case, that force takes the form of a left-handed blues guitarist from Chicago. And like his name, his music is something you'll not soon forget.

With the 2016 release of *The Chicago Way*, his fourth CD over-all and first on the iconic Alligator label, Cannon is cementing his place as one of Chicago's and the world's most recognized songwriters and guitar players. Nominated for four Blues Foundation Music Awards, *The Chicago Way* finds Cannon shooting for the moon.

Cannon is the headliner of the 2017 Blues Bash held this year on Saturday, May 6 at C2G Music Hall in Fort Wayne. The Blues Bash is the annual fundraiser for The League, formerly called The League for the Blind and Disabled.

Opening the Blues Bash will be local favorite G-Money Band. G-Money Band – G-Money on guitar and vocals; Stevie Lunn on guitar, sax and vocals; Geo Conner on bass; and Mark Glanemann on drums and vocals – will get the show rolling with a mix of blues, Motown and classic rock.

Now in its eighth year, the Blues Bash helps support one local program per year. This year the proceeds will stay close to home, according to The League president and CEO David Nelson.

The League has been working with blind and disabled people in the Fort Wayne area for 67 years and now serves some 3,000 people annually.

"This year we're supporting the new home health care program we've started up," Nelson said. "We'll be providing in-home care for those who need it."

The new program will help the elderly and disabled stay in their homes and communities instead of going to long-term care facilities, Nelson said. "It's a win-win for everybody."

Staying close to home is a concept Cannon knows well. A Chicago native, Cannon grew up in the shadow of Theresa's Lounge, one of Chicago's classic south side blues clubs. But for Cannon the blues was something old people listened to.

"As a kid, I didn't know there was blues music around," Cannon said in a recent interview. "That was my grandparent's music, but I wasn't listening to it."

Instead, Cannon, who was born in 1968, listened to R&B, rock, pop and new wave. As often happens, it was his older brother who introduced him to the music of the day.

"My brother would bring in Devo and Blondie," he said. "And The Police. I was also listening to Chaka Kahn and Earth, Wind and Fire. But I was one of those kids in the neighborhood who would be playing the Beatles in my boombox. All the black guys

it wasn't a particularly monumental event.

"It's kind of a gray area because I didn't know I would be doing it this long," he said. "So I can't really say 'this is the day that changed my life.'"

And it wasn't the blues he started to learn. It was reggae. The first song Cannon learned was "Redemption Song" by Bob Marley. And he learned it by watching videos of Marley playing it. But there was a twist: as a left-hander, Cannon learned on a right-handed guitar. Like Hendrix, Cannon plays upside down.

"I'd look at Marley's hands and then look and mine and think, hey, they're kind of in the same area," he said.

At the time, Cannon was working full-time as manager of a movie theater. But he soon switched jobs and became a bus driver with Chicago Transit Authority, a job he still has today. Cannon recalled the excitement of learning to play guitar.

"It was funny. Here I was a grown man, and I couldn't wait to get home to practice."

Self-taught, talented and very eager to learn, Cannon soon realized that reggae wasn't going to offer him as many chances to play with other musicians as the blues. There weren't any reggae jams in Chicago, he said, so he turned to the blues. And what better place for an aspiring blues guitarist to hone his chops than in the clubs of Chicago?

Cannon learned quickly from the greats: B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Albert Collins, Hound Dog Taylor, J.B. Hutto. From 1996 to 2002 Cannon was a sideman for Tommy McCracken, Wayne Baker Brooks, L.V. Banks and Joanna Connor. In 2001, while still playing in other bands, he formed his own and called it The Cannonball Express. By 2003 he was leading his own band full-time.

He was also developing as a songwriter. He had the knack for it. Lyrically, Cannon tends to look at typical blues subjects – relationship trouble, money trouble – with a more humorous bent while still maintaining respect for the tradition. His songs, especially on his later CDs, speak with a natural voice.

"I try to write for the human condition," he said. "I try not to have predictable rhyme words. I listen to some blues nowadays and everything is like, 'Oh I got the blues / cause I'm gonna lose / I'm down to my shoes.' There's a way you can put it to have more substance or more meaning to it."

On *The Chicago Way* Cannon writes

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TORONZO CANNON

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were like, 'What are you listening to, man?' I would listen to The Police and would want to compare the drumming of Stewart Copeland to Earth, Wind and Fire's drummer. That conversation was quick."

Cannon (his grandfather named him Toronzo to honor his Native American heritage) didn't begin to play music until he was 22 or 23. He's unclear on exactly when he latched on to his first guitar because for him

The Beatles Are Forever

By Deborah Kennedy

For Steven Howard, the Beatles are as relevant today as they were nearly 40 years ago when he learned to love them as a lad growing up in Liverpool. Howard, who does the work of Paul in Beatles tribute act the Mersey Beatles, recently provided a list of Beatles lyrics that have stood the test of time. Those lyrics include “all you need is love,” “money can’t buy me love,” “I get by with a little help from my friends” and “think for yourself.”

There’s obviously nothing about those ideas that is dated. Timeless is just one way to describe the Beatles. “Vital” is another.

Howard said that he and his mates – Mark Bloor (John), Brian Ambrose (Ringo), David Howard (George) and Tony Cook (they went ahead and added a fifth Beatle on keys) – work very hard to keep the love of the Beatles alive in long-time devotees while at the same time introducing a whole new generation to Beatlemania.

“Like all tribute bands, it’s our job to remind existing fans how vital the music is and to create new fans by bringing the music to a live audience,” he said in a recent interview. “We are here because we love the Beatles and we love to play their music. We hope that translates to the audience.”

Clearly it translates to Fort Wayne audiences, as the city keeps inviting the Mersey Beatles back again and again and again. Their next in-town performance will be at C2G Music Hall Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

“I like the idea that people bring their kids and they want to know more about the band, or that people bring friends who say they don’t like the Beatles and go away as fans after hearing one or two rare tracks or the sheer range of sounds and ideas they come up with,” Howard said.

The Mersey Beatles formed in 1999. The members were friends and shared a deep love of the work of John, Paul, George and Ringo. They took that love to clubs around northwestern England, and in 2002 they were invited to become the resident Beatles tribute act at Liverpool’s famous Cavern Club where the Beatles got their start. For a decade the Mersey Beatles entertained crowds hungry for the sounds of the Fab Four. The gig only ended because the group grew too popular on the other side of the pond to keep

to a regular schedule at one club.

“It was a thrill to play at the Cavern every single time,” Howard said. “It also taught us to handle different crowds ... the set required us to play around 50 songs for each gig twice weekly, so it gave us a chance to build our repertoire. We do return occasionally for one-off shows, and it’s always a



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sell-out. We were there recently after an 18-month gap, and it was a contender for our favorite gig of the year so far.”

Howard came to his love of the Beatles on a sad day – March 8, 1980, a date that will live in infamy for every Beatles fan. Howard was a child at the time and not even aware the Beatles existed. Then John Lennon was shot, and Howard’s eyes and ears were opened.

“They showed the film ‘Help’ on TV as a tribute to John, and that was it. I was hooked. I said to my big brother, ‘These cool guys are from here in Liverpool?’ That continues to be a source of pride. It turned out that my brother had the *Please Please Me* album and we wore it out. I asked my mum and dad for Beatles albums for Christmas and birthdays from that day.”

Like many musicians, Howard grew up in a musical household. His parents and three brothers all had eclectic record collections, and Howard inherited a guitar when his brother lost interest in the instrument. Howard never lost interest in it, or in the Beatles, whose “Strawberry Fields Forever”

he ranks as one of the best songs ever written. Ever.

“I can listen to anything live and get something out of the experience,” Howard said. “People still recommend new stuff to me, and I always investigate and enjoy, but I’m still waiting for a recording as effective as ‘Strawberry Fields’ or an album as brilliant as *The White Album*. I always seem to go back to the Beatles.”

You might think that someone who has played Paul McCartney for 18 years has probably had the pleasure of meeting him, but the fact is, Howard got very close one night after a concert but then was turned away at the dressing room door.

“If I did get to meet him, it would be nice just to say thank you for his music and the joy it has brought me throughout my life,” Howard said, “but I’d probably be too nervous to say more than ‘Hi, Paul.’”

A Mersey Beatles show promises accuracy both in terms of sound and look – outfits are very much a part of the mix – but the band makes a sincere effort to avoid mere imitation. This year’s performances celebrate the 50th anniversary of the release *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*. The first half of the set is a live version of the entire iconic album, and the second a sampling of the band’s greatest hits.

“We try to make each show like it’s the first time we have played the show and the first time the audience has heard the songs,” Howard said. “It’s like we are trying to create new Beatles fans just like when you would make your friends a mix tape to get them to love the same bands which you love, but live.”

The Mersey Beatles also try to embody what was best about the Beatles which, according to Howard, is multi-faceted and many splendored.

“The music. The universal truths in the songs. The humor and honesty in their interviews. Their interesting life journey. The restlessness of their musical curiosity. The range of their ability as musicians, songwriters and singers. Each voice was unique, and yet the blend of their harmonies is one of life’s great wonders, and it really is about the records in the end. They just make for great listening, alone or with others. Some things can’t be explained. You hear them and you just know instinctively, ‘This music is good.’”

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Aimee Mann

Mental Illness

If you want to be a successful artist, you've got to give the people what they want. That can be a problem when they want something that you don't want to give, but for her latest album, Aimee Mann decided to go with the flow rather than fight it. With *Mental Illness*, the songwriter is giving the people not just what they want, but what they think they've been getting from her all along.

Since her debut on the pop music scene in the 80s, Mann has suffered from a perception that she's a moody, sedate songwriter, despite a long history of exploring different musical styles and an oeuvre that includes plenty of all-out rocking. With *Mental Illness*, she's ironically – and maybe a little cynically – decided to give into that perception and write a bunch of moodily sedate songs.

The songs are spare, and they make no effort to rise above a despondent simplicity. It's all acoustic guitars, pianos, quiet harmonies and folksiness that underpin the album's over-arching melancholy. On the rare occasion when the arrangements are more than minimal, as with the strings and distorted bass of "Lies of Summer," the minor augmentation only emphasizes the songs' fundamental smallness.

The songs tell stories of people trying to cope, and not always doing a great job at it. They're mildly defiant odes to relationships gone wrong – "Stuck in the Past," "You Never Loved Me" – and they don't try to sugarcoat their bitterness.

Even if she's putting on the sad face self-consciously, and even if she's capable of much more, Mann does this stuff very, very well. It's easy to overlook any disingenuousness in the creation of songs like this when they're as good as they are. (Evan Gillespie)



Ulrich Schnauss and Jonas Munk

Passage

The newest collaboration between Ulrich Schnauss and Jonas Munk, titled simply *Passage*, is a heady mix of intellectual ambient and euphoric electronic. You get Schnauss' synths layered with Munk's liquid guitar lines, sometimes with drum programming and sometimes on their own. The result is a complex and engaging record that offers the best both musicians have to offer.

If you're at all familiar with Schnauss and Munk, then you should know this isn't just another in a long line of electronic records. Schnauss is an accomplished electronic musician and composer who's been creating beautifully ornamented electronic albums for over 20 years. His 2001 album, *Far Away Trains Passing By*, is a classic in the genre. Since 2014 Schnauss has been an official member of the iconic Tangerine Dream. Munk is an accomplished musician/producer in his own right, making electronic records under the name Manual as well as playing guitar for the Danish rockers Causa Sui. He's also released two records under his own name, first *Pan* in 2012 and *Absorb Fabric Cascade* in 2014. Back in 2011 these two got together for the first time and released the ethereal *Ulrich Schnauss and Jonas Munk*. Six years later they have made a sequel to that collaboration. *Passage* does not suffer from the "sophomore slump." In fact, it surpasses its predecessor.

Schnauss and Munk know how to make a heady mix of ambient tones and daydream-y vibes. Tracks like "Amaris," "Genau Wie Damais" and "Anywhere But Here" cascade like Technicolor falls on some distant world. The noise coming from the speakers is hypnotic but not hallucinogenic. It's an all-natural high that bubbles and swells from a song like the mysterious "Intervention: Sol."

Sometimes it's hard to tell where Schnauss' synth ends and Munk's guitar begins. "MST" brightens up with an early 80s electronic vibe thanks to some boisterous drum programming. "Intervention: Mane" gives us plenty of woozy vibe that takes us from the dance floor to floating in space.

A great thing about this album is that these guys don't rely on atmospheric swaths of noise alone to carry them. There are moments of blissed-out ambience, but there are also moments of almost dance



Spins

BACKTRACKS

Todd Rundgren

Hermit of Mink Hollow (1978)



Todd Rundgren had been making music for over a decade when he released this, his eighth solo record. All of the instruments, mixing and engineering was done by Rundgren, and it featured the hit "Can We Still Be Friends" (which Robert Palmer covered a year later).

The record opens with the poppy, upbeat "All the Children Sing," a track that kicks off what is labeled as "The Easy Side." After "Can We Still Be Friends," the socially aware "Hurting For You" brings a harder sound, and Rundgren confirms that he can – and does – play every instrument very, very well. "Too Far Gone" has a slight bossa nova vibe to it, and the layers of harmony are perfect for the late 70s. Side one closes with "Determination," another optimistic track which again blends the pop sensibilities with the instrumentation and production that Rundgren has mastered.

Side two conscripts more social consciousness with tracks like "Bread" (hunger) and "Bag Lady" (homelessness). Although they're a bit heavy on the lyrical side, they still have value on the release as Rundgren could delve into his soul. "You Cried Wolf" sounds like one of his other side projects, a band called Utopia. It's pop music, but with a boogie-funk feel. "Lucky Guy" is a piano-based ballad, before the heavier "Out of Control" tears it up for almost four minutes. The album wraps up with "Fade Away," another soft rocker with high production.

Rundgren could, and still continues to write pop music (he was even a member of The Cars) and continues to tour with all-star bands and as a solo artist. He'll be in Columbus, Ohio on May 6.

Fun Fact: Rundgren will receive an honorary doctoral degree from DePauw University in Greencastle at the school's commencement on May 21. (Dennis Donahue)

floor vibes that make the album all the more engaging.

Side two's "Ao Hinode" feels like some sort of spectral light shining down on us mere mortals, while "Spellbreaker" has an almost mid-80s Cure vibe. This track seems to morph into a million moods before we even get to the halfway point. It's an elegant shock to the system. "Intervention: Stjerner" is a beautiful and bubbling ride of synths that seems to owe a bit of debt to Schnauss' other gig, Tangerine Dream. It's hypnotic bliss. "Caffeine Blues" shows Munk in top form with some exquisite guitar while Schnauss backs him up with some heady sounds. "Coastal Path" ends the album on a sun-soaked drift of cascading clouds and road trip-worthy vibes.

Passage shows two musical masters at the top of their game. Each are front and center, but they never feel as if they're vying for our attention. They come together, synth and guitar, to paint good vibes and heady, existential bliss. Schnauss and Munk serve only one master here, and that is the song. They follow the muse wherever she takes them.

The musical mind melding of Ulrich Schnauss and Jonas Munk, so far, is the best thing to hit my ears in 2017. (John Hubner)

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with humor about topics like working through a mid-life crisis and why he prefers a "Fine Seasoned Woman" to a 22-year-old. He also sings about things he sees on his bus route. The song "The Pain Around Me" came to him from the things he's witnessed through the windshield of his bus.

"If I hit the right pothole, it jars something loose in my mind," he said. "I got the idea for that song while I was driving through a bad neighborhood."

Cannon somehow manages to work four 10-hour days each week while touring in the states. For his many trips to blues festivals in Europe, he uses his vacation days. If Cannon wins one of the Blues Music Awards this year, he may decide not to keep his job. Then again, who knows? He doesn't take anything for granted.

Cannon knows he'll never find the name "Toronzo" on a key-chain. But he's working as hard as he can to make sure everyone remembers who he is."

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Music • 323 W. Baker St., Fort Wayne • 260-426-6464
EXPECT: Great live music on one of Fort Wayne's best stages. Diverse musical genres from local, regional and national performers, all in a comfortable, all-ages, family-friendly, intimate atmosphere. Excellent venue for shows, events, presentations, meetings and gatherings. Food catered by local vendors during some shows. **GETTING THERE:** Downtown on Baker between Ewing and Harrison, just south of Parkview Field. **HOURS:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors one hour earlier. **ALCOHOL:** Beer & wine during shows only; **PMT:** Cash, check

----- Calendar • Live Music & Comedy -----

Thursday, April 27

APQ HARMONIC — Jazz at Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, 12-1 p.m., no cover, (800) 222-4700
ARGYLE GOOLSBY AND THE ROVING MIDNIGHT w/THE LURKING CORPSES, FILTH & MAJESTY — Punk at Skeletunes, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$6, 739-5671
BUCCA KARAOKE w/BUCCA — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 432-8966
COLUMBIA STREET WEST UNPLUGGED FEAT. MITCH FRAZIER — Acoustic at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 422-5055
DECADES REWIND — Pop at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$45, 424-5665
FORT WAYNE KARAOKE & DJ'S — Karaoke at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 482-6425
FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

HUBIE ASHCRAFT — Acoustic at Jag's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 489-0880
JAZZ JAM — Jazz at Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m., no cover, 432-8176
JEFF McDONALD — Folk at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524
JOE JUSTICE — Variety at Park Place Senior Living, Fort Wayne, 2-3 p.m., no cover, 373-4000
OPEN MIC — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-2537
OPEN STAGE JAM — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 478-5827
PAUL NEW STEWART — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., \$1, (260) 482-1618
SCOTTY BUTTERS — Acoustic variety at Beamer's Sports Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ w/BEN — Karaoke at Spudz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 493-7292
TRONIC — EDM at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 422-5896

Friday, April 28

BLOOZE FAKTOR — Blues at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., cover, 483-1311
CHRIS WORTH & COMPANY — Variety at Arena Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 557-1563
CLASSIC VOICE — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, (260) 482-1618
COUGAR HUNTER — 80s glam rock at The Venue, Angola, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 665-3922
DANCE PARTY w/DJ RICH — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., cover, 422-5055

Two Big Shows for Beatles Fans

Beatlemania will soon be runnin' wild in the Fort, as a couple of intriguing events are on the horizon. First off, the Mersey Beatles return to town on Friday, May 5 for a performance at C2G Music Hall. A month later, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, everyone's favorite shindig, Beatlefest, takes place on the plaza of the downtown Allen County Public Library. This event kicks off the Rock the Plaza summer concert series and without a doubt will satisfy any and all diehard Beatles fan out there.

The first item to remember is that this event is absolutely free. With that in mind, round up the kids, cousins, in-laws or whoever you choose and make your way down for a relaxing evening under the stars and music of the Fab Four performed by a handful of local faves. Set to perform this year's Beatlefest are Apocoshyne, The B45's, Kenny Taylor All Star Rockestra and Tim Harrington Band. Lots of talent indeed, and I'm excited to see what each bring to the table.

Speaking of June 3, it looks like it's going to be a busy day downtown with Beatlefest, the Le Tour de Fort bike ride and Rudy's Shop (409 West Brackenridge Street) hosting their 2nd Annual Smoke Out event. If you haven't made it to Rudy's yet, here's a perfect opportunity, since a cigar and beer block party takes place from 4-8 p.m. that day. Sun King, this year's beer sponsor, will have on tap at least six amazing and rare beers. There will also be cigars from Espinosa, Oliva, AJ Fernandez, Roberto Duran, Bat-



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tleground Cigars and Boutique Unified. Krider Meats of Columbia City will also be on hand cooking a full hog, so bring your appetite with you. Tickets to Smoke Out are available through Eventbrite and include a bag full of premium cigars, a drink ticket and a food ticket. If cigars aren't your thing, there's also a second ticket option that includes just beer and food.

Did you happen to see the Grammy-winning duo The Chainsmokers when they performed an impromptu show at The Venue up in Angola April 23? How cool is that? It just so happens that The Chainsmokers were in town for the weekend as guests of part-time Clear Lake resident Rory Kramer. Kramer actually directed one of The Chainsmokers videos awhile back and has even traveled with them on the road. Kramer, if you recall, was also the one responsible for Justin Bieber popping up in the area back in 2015. Anyhow, it sounds like an MTV filming crew was there shooting a show that stars Kramer, so we might be seeing this footage sometime in the future. Until then you can see footage on The Venue's Facebook page.

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CALHOUN STREET SOUPS, SALADS & SPIRITS

Music/Variety • 1915 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • 260-456-7005
EXPECT: Great atmosphere, DJ Friday night, live shows, weekly drink specials, private outdoor patio seating. Daily specials, full menu of sandwiches, soups, salads, weekend dinner specials and appetizers. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of South Calhoun Street and Masterson; ample parking on street and lot behind building. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight or later Fri.-Sat.; closed Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

CHAMPIONS SPORTS BAR

Sports Bar • 1150 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne • 260-467-1638
EXPECT: High-action sports watching experience featuring 30 HD TVs, state-of-the-art sound systems and booths with private flat screen TVs. Great drink specials. Varied menu to suit any palate. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Jefferson Blvd. and S. Harrison St., inside Courtyard by Marriott. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Amex, Disc, ATM

COLUMBIA STREET WEST

Rock • 135 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5055
EXPECT: The Fort's No. 1 rock club. Live bands every Saturday. DJ Night every Friday w/ladies in free. Also visit Bourbon Street Hideaway, our New Orleans-style restaurant, in the lower level of C-Street; open at 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday (260-422-7500). Large menu featuring salads, sandwiches, pizzas, grinders, Southwestern and daily specials. **GETTING THERE:** Downtown on The Landing. **HOURS:** Open 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

CRAZY PINZ/COCONUTZ RESTAURANT

Games/Music • 1414 Northland Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-490-2695
EXPECT: An exciting atmosphere for families. Bowling, arcade, laser tag, mini-golf and weekly live entertainment. Coconutz restaurant serves American cuisine daily with food and drink specials. **GETTING THERE:** North on Lima Road from Coliseum, past Sam's Club to Northland Blvd. **HOURS:** 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-midnight Thurs.; 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri.-Sat.; noon-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

DEER PARK PUB

Eclectic • 1530 Leesburg Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-432-8966
EXPECT: Home to Dancioke, 12 craft beer lines, 75 domestic and imported beers, assorted wines, St. Pat's Parade, keg toss, Irish snug and USF students. Friday/Saturday live music, holiday specials. Outdoor beer garden. www.deerparkpub.com. Wi-Fi hotspot. Finger food, tacos every Tuesday. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Leesburg and Spring, across from UFS. **HOURS:** 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon-2 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 1-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Beer & Wine; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

DUESY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILLE

Sports Bar • 305 E. Washington Ctr. Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-484-0411
EXPECT: 27 huge flat screen TVs with all your favorites sports - NASCAR and more; live trivia 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays; kitchen opens at 11 a.m. w/custom burgers, specialty sandwiches, BBQ, flatbreads, salads and wraps. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Washington Center Rd. and Coldwater, just south of I-69. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-midnight or later daily. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

NIGHTLIFE

DUPONT BAR & GRILL

Sports Bar • 10336 Leo Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-483-1311

EXPECT: Great daily drink specials, 3 pool tables, your Nascar headquarters, 16'x10' Megatron, three 6'x4' Minitrans, 15 flat screen TVs; \$8.99 daily lunch specials; 60¢ wings Wednesdays; Three Rivers Karaoke 9 p.m. Wednesdays. **GETTING THERE:** North of Fort Wayne at Leo Crossing (Dupont & Clinton). **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. daily **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Amex

EARLY BIRD'S ULTRA LOUNGE

Music/Dancing • 4201 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne • 260-483-1979

EXPECT: The city's best DJs spinning today's hottest hits; VIP rooms; the city's biggest outdoor party patio with special events, concerts and more. **GETTING THERE:** From Coliseum Boulevard, behind Evans Toyota on Wells south of Glenbrook Mall. **HOURS:** 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Friday-Saturday. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

FLASHBACK ON THE LANDING

Music/Dancing • 118 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5292

EXPECT: Dance music from 80s and 90s to today, great DJ and bartenders, free pizza available all night long. **GETTING THERE:** Downtown on The Landing. **HOURS:** 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Friday-Saturday. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

HAMILTON HOUSE

Neighborhood Bar • 3950 E. Bellefontaine, Hamilton • 260-488-3344

EXPECT: Great atmosphere with a beautiful view of lake; 20 beers on tap, 6 large HDTVs w/DirecTV (NFL Package during season), internet juke, pool table, karaoke every Friday (9 p.m.), live bands every Saturday (8 p.m.) Memorial Day thru Labor Day. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of roads 1 and 427. **HOURS:** 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-12 midnight Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa

LATCH STRING BAR & GRILL

Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne • 260-483-5526

EXPECT: Fun, friendly, rustic atmosphere. Daily drink specials. Mondays, \$2.75 imports; Tuesdays, \$3 margaritas & \$1 tacos; Wednesdays, \$2 wells and 59¢ bone-in wings; Sundays, \$2.50 bloody Marys. Live bands Friday, Sunday, & Tuesday; comedy improv/open mic Wednesday; karaoke Monday, Thursday & Saturday. No cover. **GETTING THERE:** Where Clinton and Lima roads meet. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa

MAD ANTHONY BREWING COMPANY

Brew Pub/Micro Brewery • 2002 S. Broadway, Fort Wayne • 260-426-2537

EXPECT: Ten beers freshly hand-crafted on premises and the eclectic madness of Munchie Emporium. 4-1/2 star menu, 'One of the best pizzas in America,' large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** Just southwest of downtown Fort Wayne at Taylor & Broadway. **HOURS:** Usually 11 a.m.-1 a.m. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

MAD ANTHONY LAKE CITY TAP HOUSE

Music/Rock • 113 E. Center St., Warsaw • 574-268-2537

EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Carry-out handcrafted brews available. Live music on Saturdays. The same 4-1/2 star menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** From U.S. 30, turn southwest on E. Center St.; go 2 miles. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full-Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

MAD ANTHONY'S LAKEVIEW ALE HOUSE

Eclectic • 4080 N 300 W, Angola • 260-833-2537

EXPECT: Twelve handcrafted beers on tap; also featuring Indiana craft beers and local wines. Patio with seating for 100; 7 dock slips; 150-seat banquet facility. 4-1/2 star menu, including famous gourmet pizza, unique eats and vegetarian fare. **GETTING THERE:** Located on beautiful Lake James above Bledsoe's Beach. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight or later Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

MAD ANTHONY TAP ROOM

Music/Rock • 114 N. Main St., Auburn • 260-927-0500

EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. The same 4-1/2 star menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** Take I-69 to State Rd. 8 (Auburn exit); downtown, just north of courthouse. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

EXPANDING MAN — Rock at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 426-3442

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE w/JAY — Variety at Coconutz @ Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 490-2695

G-MONEY BAND — Blues at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

HUBIE ASHCRAFT & TRAVIS GOW — Country at Billy's Downtown Zulu, Monroeville, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 623-3583

THE ILLEGALS — Rock at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526

IPFW BANDS & CHOIRS w/FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S CHOIR — Classical at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, 481-6555

JOE STABELLI — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411

JOHN CURRAN & RENEGADE — Country at American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, 8:30-11:30 p.m., no cover, 747-7851

KAT BOWSER — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

REBECCA REGO — Americana/country at Two-EE's Winery, Huntington, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 672-2000

SECRET MEZZANINE — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-8966

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ — Karaoke at 4 Crowns, Auburn, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 925-9805

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ w/KEVIN — Variety at Danny's Italian Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 484-4444

STRING THEORY — Acoustic variety at Friendly Fox, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8:30 p.m., no cover, 260-745-3369

TODD HARROLD & NICK BOBAY DUO — R&B/blues/variety at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 422-5896

TRICHOTOMOUS HIPPOPOTAMUS w/ TRACKLESS, JOHN FISHELL — Rock at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., cover, 267-5303

THE WHY STORE — Rock at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, (260) 387-5063

Saturday, April 29

4 CLICKS NORTH — Variety at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

BIG DICK AND THE PENETRATORS — Classic rock at Danny's Sports Bar, Barbee Hotel, Warsaw, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 574-834-1111

BRENT LACASCE QUARTET — Jazz/variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 426-3442

COUGAR HUNTER — 80s glam rock at Rusty Spur, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., \$10, 260-755-3465

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC — Philharmonic Pops performance of music from Star Wars at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$29-\$72, 424-5665

HE SAID SHE SAID — Variety at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3, (260) 387-5063

HUBIE ASHCRAFT — Acoustic at Michiana Wine Festival, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 3-4 p.m., \$10, 710-0199

HUBIE ASHCRAFT BAND — Country at The Venue, Angola, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3, 665-3922

JOE STABELLI — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411

JON DURNELL BAND — Variety at Beamer's Sports Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002

KAT BOWSER — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

MARK GARR AND BLUES TRIO — Blues at Eagles Post 3512, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 436-3512

OFERLE — Variety at Two-EE's Winery, Huntington, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 672-2000

THE RESCUE PLAN — Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

SAMUEL HARNES MUSIC w/SUNNY TAYLOR, HUBIE ASHCRAFT, MOSER WOODS — Variety at Michiana Wine Festival, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 12-6 p.m., \$10-\$35, eventbrite

SHANE & ERIC — Acoustic at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 5-8 p.m., no cover, 637-2980

SHELLY DIXON & JEFF McRAE — Variety at Coconutz @ Crazy Pins, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 490-2695


TODD HARROLD & NICK BOBAY DUO — R&B/blues/variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover, 423-4751

TONE JUNKIES — Rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., cover, 483-1311


Sunday, April 30

BLUES JAM HOSTED BY LEE LEWIS AND FRIENDS — Open jam at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 489-0286

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FLUTE STUDIO RECEITAL — Student recital at Rhinehart Recital Hall, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, 481-6555
WHITLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR — Choral at Peabody Public Library, Columbia City, 2p.m., free, 244-5541
YESTERDAY'S HEADTRIP — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

Monday, May 1

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526
JANELLE TAYLOR — Variety at Laud Christian Church, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., no cover, 396-2261
JOHN MINTON — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8 p.m., no cover, 432-8966
OPEN MIC — Hosted by Sunny Taylor at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., Canned food donation, 426-6434
OPEN MIC NIGHT — Variety at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-0286

Tuesday, May 2

CHILLY'S TALENT & TACOS — Open mic at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 483-5526

DRUM CIRCLE — Percussion at Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, 7-8 p.m., no cover, 432-8176
DWARVES w/LURKING CORPSES, BAD TASTE, DECENT CRIMINAL — Punk at Skeletunes, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-3 a.m., \$15-\$20, 739-5671
FORT WAYNE AREA COMMUNITY BAND — Broadway at Rhinehart Music Center, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$7-\$8, 481-6555
OPEN MIC — Hosted by Dan Smyth at Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-1088
OPEN MIC COMEDY — Comedy at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 485-1038
RICK READER — Comedy at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$12, 482-6425

Wednesday, May 3

FORT WAYNE COMEDY CONNECTION — Comedy at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 483-5526
FORT WAYNE KARAOKE w/JOSH — Karaoke at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 422-5055
LIVE DJ — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 422-5055
OPEN JAM — Hosted by G-Money at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

OPEN MIC — Hosted by Mike Mowry at Pedal City, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 415-6167
PAUL NEW STEWART — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., \$1, 482-1618
SHUT UP AND SING — Karaoke at Duesy's Sports Bar, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 483-5681

Thursday, May 4

BUCCA KARAOKE w/BUCCA — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 432-8966
CHILLY ADDAMS — Acoustic variety at Beamer's Sports Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 625-1002
FORT WAYNE KARAOKE & DJ's — Karaoke at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 482-6425
FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526
J TAYLORS — Variety at Don Hall's Triangle Park, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 482-4342
JEFF McDONALD — Folk at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524
JOE JUSTICE — Variety at Teds Beer Hall & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, (888) 260-0357
MIDTOWN MEN — 60s pop at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m., \$35-\$58, 563-1102

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UNDER THE STREETLAMP
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5
Embassy Theatre
125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne
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Embassy box office, 260-424-5665

Is there life after Jersey Boys? Chris Kale Jones, Michael Cunio, Shonn Wiley and Michael Ingersoll certainly hoped so when their time in the show's touring company came to an end. That's when they realized that they wanted to keep singing the classic songs in their own way.

Their solution was to create their own touring show in which they perform songs from the era of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, but in which they also contribute a bit of their own personalities through stories and audience interaction. The program for Under the Streetlamp is something the boys call the "American Radio Songbook," a collection of well-known tunes from the time when radio played a huge role in American popular culture.

Since their debut five years ago, Under the



UNDER THE STREETLAMP

age.

For 2017, Under the Streetlamp have something of a new look. Ingersoll has been on the road with the group since the beginning, but this spring he's decided to pursue a solo career. Taking his place is Eric Gutman, who has the same Jersey Boys pedigree as the group's other members, where he performed on the national tour with Jones and Cunio. Since then, Gutman has been with both the Broadway and Chicago companies of the show. Gutman's presence adds a new dimension to the show and ensures that the American Radio Songbook will remain open for the foreseeable future. (Evan Gillespie)

Streetlamp have enjoyed warm welcomes every time they've gone on the road, and they've built a reputation through the medium that replaced radio in the culture spotlight, too. Three specials on PBS have made the boys recognizable in households across the country and kept that old, beloved music alive well into the digital

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EXPECT: Friendly, small bar with craft beer selection, karaoke Friday and Saturday night and never a cover. Kitchen features handmade pizza and grinders, sausage rolls and chicken wings. **GETTING THERE:** From downtown, take Fairfield south to Taylor; turn right; one mile west on left. **HOURS:** 12-11 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 12 p.m.-12 a.m. Thurs., 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, ATM on site

TEDS BEER HALL & WINE BAR

Pub/Tavern • 12628 Coldwater Rd., Fort Wayne • 888-260-0357
EXPECT: Lively atmosphere, eclectic tap list, knowledgeable bartenders and the kind of backtalk you usually reserve for family reunions, Thanksgiving and 90s sitcoms set in high school. Kitchen features pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, coffee, ice cream and a kids menu. **GETTING THERE:** Located at the intersection of Coldwater and Union Chapel roads. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tues.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Beer/Wine; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex



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OLC w/THE MEMORY REMAINS, STATIC SIGNAL, HELL CAME HOME — Rock at Skeletunes, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$5, 580-1120

OPEN MIC — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-2537

OPEN STAGE JAM — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 478-5827

PAUL NEW STEWART — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., \$1, (260) 482-1618

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ w/BEN — Karaoke at Spudz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 493-7292

TRONIC — EDM at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 422-5896

Friday, May 5

CARMICHAEL — Americana/Indie at Two-EE's Winery, Huntington, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 672-2000

CHRIS WORTH — Variety at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 855-929-2733

DANCE PARTY w/DJ RICH — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., cover, 422-5055

FIREBALL MATINEE — Rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., cover, 483-1311

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE w/JAY — Variety at Coconutz @ Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 490-2695

FUZZBOX VOOODOO — Rock at The Wet Spot, Decatur, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 728-9031

GRATEFUL GROOVE — Grateful Dead tribute at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3, (260) 387-5063

HE SAID SHE SAID — Variety at The Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 574-594-3010

JOE STABELLI — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411

KAT BOWSER — Blues/variety at Eagles Post 3512, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 436-3512

MERSEY BEATLES — Beatles tribute at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$30-\$50, 426-6434

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ — Karaoke at 4 Crowns, Auburn, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 925-9805

SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ w/KEVIN — Variety at Danny's Italian Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 484-4444

SOUL 35 — Rock/variety at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

STRING THEORY — Acoustic variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-8966

TRAVIS LEE BAND — Contemporary Christian at Cupbearer Cafe, Auburn, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 920-8734

UNDER THE STREETLAMP — Pop at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$29-\$56, 424-5665

Saturday, May 6

BRADLEY SCOTT w/TOTALLY ORANGE TIME MACHINE, TWISTED AVERSION, THE VELVET GYPSIES, COREY RYHMEZ — Rock/variety at Pikes Pub, Fort Wayne, 3-10 p.m., no cover, 478-6200

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FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

GREGG BENDER BAND w/SID MADRID, KITCHEN TABLE PLAYERS, ZDENKA, LUCY AND KELSIE LEE, WAILHOUNDS, SUNNY TAYLOR, ELLE/THE REMNANT, THE REV, DISTRACTIONS — Variety at Sol Fest, Fox Island, Fort Wayne, 12-7 p.m., \$5, 449-3180

HE SAID SHE SAID — Variety at The Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 574-594-3010

HOT HOUSE — Rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., cover, 483-1311

JAY OWENHOUSE — Illusion at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$32.50-\$72.50, 424-5665

JOE STABELLI — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411

JOHN CURRAN & RENEGADE — Country at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286

KEROSEC — Rock at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3, (260) 387-5063

LADY J & GENTS — Variety at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

LIVE 4:1 — Contemporary Christian at Cupbearer Cafe, Auburn, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 920-8734

PARTY BOAT BAND — Trop rock at Beamer's Sports Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002

SARCOPHAGY w/LEGION, FISTAFACE — Metal at Traxside Bar & Grill, Garrett, 9 p.m.-3 a.m., no cover, 357-4287

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"1964" the Tribute	Aug. 19	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The 1975	May 22	The Fillmore	Detroit
2Cellos	July 28	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
311	June 25	The Fillmore	Detroit
311 w/New Politics	June 22	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
38th Infantry Division Band	June 4	Dekalb Outdoor Theatre	Auburn
Aaron Carter w/Nappy Roots, Dynamic Sound Entertainment, Soul 35	May 11	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Aaron Tippin	May 26	Hoosier Park Casino	Anderson
Adrian Belew Power Trio w/Saul Zonana	May 17	Magic Bag	Ferdale, MI
AFI w/Nothing, Souvenirs	June 20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Aimee Mann	Apr. 28	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Aimee Mann	Apr. 29	Park West	Chicago
All Time Low w/SWMRS, Waterparks, The Wrecks	July 20	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
All Time Low w/SWMRS, Waterparks, The Wrecks	July 21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
American Authors w/Andy Black, Anti-Flag, Beartooth, Gwar, Hatebreed, The Ataris and more	July 18	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Anais Mitchell w/Grant-Lee Phillips	June 2	Old Town School	Chicago
Andrew Bird w/Esperanza Spalding	July 23	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Andrew Bird	July 25	Cain Park	Cleveland
Ann Wilson	June 16	House of Blues	Chicago
Annikka Chambers	July 27	Buddy Guy's Legends	Chicago
Anthony Gomes	May 13	Key Palace Theater	Redkey
Anthony Hamilton w/Collective Peace	June 1	Sound Board	Detroit
Aretha Franklin	June 17	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Aretha Franklin	Aug. 12	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Argyle Goolsby and the Roving Midnight w/The Lurking Corpses, Filth & Majesty	Apr. 27	Skeletunes	Fort Wayne
Ari Hest	May 19	The Warehouse	Carmel
Audie Blaylock and Redline	Aug. 4	Dekalb Outdoor Theatre	Auburn
The Avett Brothers	June 16	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
The Band Perry	May 6	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Banks	June 20	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Barenaked Ladies	July 23	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bayside w/Say Anything, Reggie and the Full Effect	May 5	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Bayside w/Say Anything, Reggie and the Full Effect	May 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
The Beach Boys w/The Temptations	July 2	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Beach Boys	Aug. 3	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bela Fleck & Abigail Washburn	May 11	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Beth Stelling w/Adam Gilbert, Brent Terhune	May 14	CS3	Fort Wayne
Big Al & The Heavyweights	June 8	Slippery Noodle Inn	Indianapolis
Bill Charlap Trio	Apr. 30	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Bill Maher	Apr. 29 & May 6	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Birdcloud	Aug. 5	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
The Black Angels w/A Place to Bury Strangers	May 7	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
The Black Angels w/A Place to Bury Strangers	May 10	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
The Black Angels w/A Place to Bury Strangers	May 11	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Black Violin	June 29	Emens Auditorium, BSU	Muncie
Blackbear w/Ehae	June 13	House of Blues	Cleveland
Bleachers	June 25	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Bleachers w/Muna	June 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Blondie w/Garbage, John Doe & Exene Cervenka	July 22	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Blue October	June 17	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Blue Oyster Cult & Mark Famer	July 7	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Blue Oyster Cult	July 22	House of Blues	Cleveland
Blues Traveler	May 2	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington, IN
Booker T. Jones	July 6	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Boston w/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts	July 2	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Boston w/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts	July 7	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Boston w/Joan Jett & the Blackhearts	July 9	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Boyz Scaggs w/Michael McDonald	June 27	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Boyz Scaggs w/Michael McDonald	July 12	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Brantley Gilbert w/Tyler Farr, Luke Combs	Aug. 4	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Brantley Gilbert w/Tyler Farr, Luke Combs	Aug. 5	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Breaking Benjamin	May 10	House of Blues	Chicago
Breaking Benjamin	May 12	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Brian McKnight	May 18	Sound Board	Detroit
Brian Setzer's Rockabilly Riot	June 17	House of Blues	Chicago
Broods	May 26	House of Blues	Chicago
Broods	May 27	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Broods	May 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Brother Ali w/Sa-Roc, Last Word, DJ Sol Messiah	May 24	Metro	Chicago
Building 429 w/Michael O'Brien, Heartland Worship, Unity Performing Arts Foundation	May 10	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Candlebox	May 20	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
Carmichael	May 5	Two-EE's Winery	Huntington
Chance the Rapper	May 18	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Chevelle	May 21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chevelle	July 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Chicago	May 18	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Chicago	May 19	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
Chicago w/The Doobie Brothers	July 14	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Chicago w/The Doobie Brothers	July 16	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chris Rock	Apr. 28-29	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Chris Rock	May 4	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Christian Elliott	June 8	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne

Ohio Spring Fest is set to take place May 19-21 on the grounds of the Stranahan Theater in Toledo. The three-day festival includes family fun, a midway, food, drinks and music all day long. A number of local and regional bands are booked to play during the day, with national acts headlining the first two nights. 80s heavyweights **Skid Row** have been tapped to finish off the festivities on Friday, May 19 while 90s icons **Candlebox** are slated to top off Saturday's show.



Road Notez

CHRIS HUPE

It seems I was a little premature in announcing the lineup for Ohio Bike Week a few weeks ago, as they have added a few more bands to the lineup. **Night Ranger** kick things off at Toledo Harley-Davidson on May 26. The Memorial Day weekend festivities then move to Sandusky where **38 Special** play the Erie County Fairgrounds on May 27 and **John Michael Montgomery** plays the same venue the following night. **Jackyl** play a free show June 1 in downtown Sandusky followed by a free show by **Grand Funk Railroad** on June 2 and yet another free show with **Mushroomhead** on June 3. That's a whole lot of music to go with your love of bikes. Even if you don't love bikes, that's still a whole lot of music to fill the days.

Riot Fest organizers have really stepped up the lineup over the last couple of years. Reuniting the original **Misfits** lineup was last year's big draw, so they had to do something bigger this year to try to top it. The 2017 version of the festival takes place September 15-17 in Chicago's Douglas Park and branches out far beyond the original punk rock concept of Riot Fest by featuring **Nine Inch Nails**, **Queens of the Stone Age** and a reunited **Jawbreaker** as headliners. Other acts slated to play are **M.I.A.**, **Wu-Tang Clan**, **Ministry**, **Paramore**, **New Order**, **Prophets of Rage** and dozens of others. The Riot Fest tradition of playing albums in their entirety will continue with **Dinosaur Jr.**, **The Mighty Mighty Bosstones**, **Built to Spill**, **Bayside**, **Mayday Parade**, **The Lawrence Arms** and **That Dog** already signing on to perform iconic albums from their individual catalogs.

The solo career of **Kiss** bassist **Gene Simmons** is brief, consisting of exactly two albums released about 26 years apart. Simmons unleashed his first solo album in 1978 while Kiss were in the middle of their meteoric rise to the top of the rock world, then followed it up with a barely palatable second album in 2004. Not to be outdone by his Kiss bandmate **Paul Stanley**, who himself has taken to playing more solo dates, Simmons is going on tour to present his wares in front of live audiences. That tour sees Simmons stopping by the Hoosier Parking Racing and Casino on June 9. Chances are you won't have to listen to a bunch of songs you don't really know, as Simmons leans heavily on Kiss songs during most of his solo dates. It's a great chance to see a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer in a smaller venue.

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Christopher Cross and Stephen Bishop	June 10	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Clean Bandit	May 1	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Clean Bandit	May 2	House of Blues	Chicago
Clint Black	May 6	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Coheed and Cambria w/The Dear Hunter	May 11	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Common	June 24	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Con Brio	May 19	Rathskeller	Indianapolis
The Cosmic Situation	May 11	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Cowboy Junkies	June 10	The Ark	Ann Arbor
The Craguns	July 28	Dekalb Outdoor Theatre	Auburn
The Cult	May 13	Horseshoe Casino	Hammond
The Damned	Apr. 27	Bogart's	Cincinnati
The Damned	Apr. 29	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Darius Rucker	Aug. 5	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Dark Star Orchestra	June 28	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Dave Alvin and The Guilty Ones	May 5	Magic Bag	Ferdale, MI
Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds	June 14	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Davina & The Vagabonds	May 4	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Dawes	Aug. 4	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Dead & Company	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Dead Daisies	Aug. 11	Shelter	Detroit
Decades Rewind	Apr. 27	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Deceased w/Savage Master, Nuke, The Lurking Corpses	Aug. 4	Skeletunes	Fort Wayne
Def Leppard w/Poison, Tesla	June 24	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Def Leppard w/Poison, Tesla	June 25	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Devin Townsend Project w/Thank You Scientist, Oni	May 4	House of Blues	Cleveland
Diana Ross	July 16	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Diana Ross	July 18	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Dierks Bentley w/Cole Swindell, Jon Pardi	July 22	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Dierks Bentley w/Cole Swindell, Jon Pardi	July 27	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dierks Bentley	July 28	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Doo Wah Riders	June 16	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson	May 16	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dreamcar	May 26	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Dreamcar	May 27	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Drew Baldridge w/Brooke Eden, Gabe Reger, Oferle, Staci Stork, TJ Gabet Band, Top Shelf	May 14	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Dwarves w/Lurking Corpses, Bad Taste, Decent Criminal	May 2	Skeletunes	Fort Wayne
Earth, Wind & Fire w/Chic feat. Nile Rodgers	July 29	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
The Easthills	Apr. 29	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis

Calendar • On the Road

Eddie Money	May 26	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Eddie Trunk w/L.A. Guns	July 1	Harpo's Concert Theatre	Detroit
Eilen Jewel	May 3	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Electric Six w/Northern Faces	June 6	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Elvis Costello & the Imposters	June 10	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Elvis Costello & the Imposters	July 18	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Emerson String Quartet w/Calidore String Quartet	July 24	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Enrique Iglesias w/Pitbull, CNCO	June 28	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Ernie Hasse & Signature Sound	July 22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Every Time I Die w/'68, Wage War	May 19	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Eyes Set to Kill w/Bad Seed Rising, The Nearly Deads	Apr. 27	Big Shots	Valparaiso
Father John Misty	May 15	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Flogging Molly w/The White Buffalo	May 18	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Flogging Molly	June 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Florida Georgia Line w/Nelly, Chris Lane	June 24	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Florida Georgia Line w/Nelly, Chris Lane	Aug. 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Flux Pavilion w/Kayzo, Wilkinson	May 19	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Foghat	June 9	T. Furth Ctr., Trine Univ.	Angola
Foreigner (sold out)	Apr. 30	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Foreigner w/Cheap Trick, Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience	Aug. 9	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Foreigner w/Cheap Trick, Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience	Aug. 11	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Foster the People	June 2	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Foster the People	June 27	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
The Four Tops	June 29	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Franz Ferdinand	May 28	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Franz Ferdinand	May 31	House of Blues	Cleveland
Future Islands	June 6	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Future Islands	June 9	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Future w/Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black	May 28	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Future w/Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black	June 2	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Future w/Migos, Tory Lanez, Kodak Black	June 3	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Garrison Kellior's Prairie Home Companion feat. Richard Dworsky & The Road Hounds,			
Aoife O'Donovan, Fred Newman	Sept. 5	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
George Benson w/Kenny G	May 26	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
George Benson w/Kenny G	June 1	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	May 25	Sound Board	Detroit
George Winston	Apr. 27	Old Town School	Chicago
Ghost	July 13	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Ghost	July 14	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Gipsy Kings	June 23	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Gladys Knight	May 19	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Gnash w/Goody Grace, Tulpa, Blanks	Apr. 28	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Gnash w/Goody Grace, Tulpa, Blanks	Apr. 29	House of Blues	Chicago
Gold Link w/Little Dragon	May 2	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Goo Goo Dolls w/Phillip Phillips	Aug. 5	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Gordon Lightfoot	May 20	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Gordon Lightfoot	May 21	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Graham Nash	July 30	Old Town School	Chicago
Griffin House	June 20	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Groove Essential	June 2	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Hackersaw Boys	Apr. 28	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Happy Together Tour feat. The Turtles' Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night,			
The Association, The Cowbells, The Boxtops, The Archies' Ron Dante	Aug. 23	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Hellyeah w/Avatar, Kyng	July 12	House of Blues	Cleveland
Here Come the Mummies w/Seth Cook, Sweetwater All Stars	July 15	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Herman's Hermits	Aug. 4	T. Furth Ctr., Trine Univ.	Angola
Hippo Campus	May 20	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Hippo Campus	May 21	Metro	Chicago
The Hitmen	May 6	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert, Ohio
Hotel California	July 28	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Hotel California	July 29	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Hurray for the Riff Raff w/Ron Gallo	Apr. 27	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Hurray for the Riff Raff w/Ron Gallo	Apr. 28	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Idina Menzel	July 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Incubus w/Jimmy Eat World, Judah & the Lion	July 29	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Incubus w/Jimmy Eat World, Judah & the Lion	July 30	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Iron Maiden w/Ghost	June 15	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
James Taylor w/Bonnie Raitt	Aug. 8	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jamestown Revival	May 7	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Jamestown Revival	June 15	Park West	Chicago
Jason Aldean	Apr. 27	Huntington Center	Toledo
Jason Aldean w/Chris Young, Kane Brown, Dee Jay Silver	May 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Jason Aldean w/Chris Young, Kane Brown	July 15	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Jay Owenhouse	May 6	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jefferson Starship	July 14	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Jesse Cook	May 11	Park West	Chicago
Jesse Cook and His Band	May 12	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Jesse Cook	May 13	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Jesus and Mary Chain	May 10	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Jim Gaffigan	July 21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jim Lauderdale	June 24	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Jimmy Buffet	July 11	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

Jimmy Eat World	May 16	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington, IN
Jimmy Eat World	May 20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Jimmy Eat World w/Incubus	July 23	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Joel McHale	May 12	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Joey Landreth	May 25	Ignition Music Garage	Goshen
John Legend w/Gallant	June 10	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
John Moreland w/Will Johnson	June 13	The Ark	Ann Arbor
John Moreland w/Will Johnson	June 14	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Joshua Bell	July 12	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Joss Stone	June 28	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Judy Collins w/Stephen Stills	July 26	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Julliard String Quartet	June 20	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Jungle Rot w/Destruction, Warbringer, Hellbender, Demons Within	May 29	Harpos Concert Theatre	Detroit
Junior Brown	July 16	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Justin Townes Earle w/The Sadies	May 17	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Justin Townes Earle w/The Sadies	May 20	Thalia Hall	Chicago
K Phillips	Apr. 27	Rathskeller	Indianapolis
Kansas	May 19	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Kasey Chambers	June 23	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Kaskade	June 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Kehlani	May 7	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Kehlani	May 8	The Intersection	Grand Rapids, MI
Kehlani	May 10	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Kendrick Lamar w/Travis Scott, D.R.A.M.	July 26	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
The Kickbacks w/Super Bob	May 17	Carl's Tavern	New Haven
Kiefer Sutherland	May 21	Thalia Hall	Chicago
King Crimson	June 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Korn w/Stone Sour, Skillet, Yelawolf, Ded	July 29	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Korn w/Stone Sour	July 30	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Korn w/Stone Sour, Skillet, Yelawolf, Ded	Aug. 2	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Kris Kristofferson	May 19	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Lady Antebellum w/Kelsea Ballerini, Brett Young, Kristian Bush, Russell Dickerson,			
Seth Ennis, Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys, Trent Harmon, Midland	June 30	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lady Antebellum w/Kelsea Ballerini, Brett Young	July 1	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Lady Antebellum w/Kelsea Ballerini, Brett Young	July 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Lake Side w/Ty Causey, DJ Polaris	July 13	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Lake Street Dive	July 20-22	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Lake Street Dive	Aug. 10	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Lang Lang	July 29	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Larry Gatlin and the Blackwood Quartet	Sept. 8	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Last Podcast on the Left	June 10	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Laura Marling	May 7	Metro	Chicago
The Lettermen	July 8	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lewis Black	Apr. 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Lewis Black	Apr. 29	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Lewis Del Mar	May 6	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Lila Downs	July 1	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Lima Symphony Pops Orchestra	June 30	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Little Dragon w/Goldlink	May 3	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Little River Band	July 14	T. Furth Ctr., Trine Univ.	Angola
Loud-n-Lima feat. 3 Doors Down, Bret Michaels, Steel Panther, Tom Keifer, Dokken,			
Winger, Lita Ford, Operation Mindcrime, Firehouse, Last in Line, Steelheart, Scrap Metal,			
Bullet Boys, Bobaflex	July 21-22	Allen Co. Fairgrounds	Lima
Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real	June 16	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Luke Bryan	July 15	Progressive Field	Cleveland
Lyle Lovett and His Large Band	July 29	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Mac DeMarco	May 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Mac DeMarco	May 15	House of Blues	Cleveland
Mac DeMarco w/Tonstarrrbandht	May 16	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Maggie Salute	July 28	Metro	Chicago
The Maggie Salute	July 30	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
The Main Squeeze	May 24	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington, IN
Marchall Crenshaw w/Los Straitjackets	June 30	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Margaret Glaspy	July 26	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Marsh Ambrosius w/Eric Benet	May 14	Metro	Chicago
Marsha Ambrosius w/Eric Benet	May 12	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Marshall Crenshaw w/Los Straitjackets	June 30	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Mastadon w/Eagles of Death Metal, Russian Circles	May 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Mastadon w/Eagles of Death Metal, Russian Circles	May 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Matthew Curry	Apr. 29	Vegetable Buddies	South Bend
Matthew Logan Vasquez	May 5	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Max Fine	May 22	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Maxwell w/Ledisi, Leela James	May 30	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Maxwell w/Ledisi, Leela James	June 15	Huntington Center	Toledo
Mayday Parade w/Knuckle Puck, Milestones	Apr. 27	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Meat Puppets w/Porcupine	May 19	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Melissa Etheridge	June 17	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Mersey Beaties	May 5	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Mersey Beatles	May 13	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Michael Franti	Aug. 11	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Michael Kiwanuka w/Cloves	May 27	Park West	Chicago
Michael Kiwanuka w/Cloves	June 7	Deluxe	Indianapolis

Midtown Men	May 4	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Mike Posner & the Legendary Mike Posner Band	May 3	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Mike Snow w/Klangstof	June 20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Milky Chance	Aug. 8	House of Blues	Cleveland
Miss Mulatto w/Mani	May 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Mo' Nique	Apr. 29	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Mona w/Flagship	May 3	Shelter	Detroit
Montgomery Gentry	May 12	T. Furth Ctr., Trine Univ.	Angola
The Moody Blues	June 30	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
The Moody Blues	July 1	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
The Moody Blues	July 2	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Mt. Joy	Aug. 3	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Mutts Gone Nuts	Apr. 30	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert, Ohio
My Morning Jacket	June 23	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Natalie Merchant	July 9	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Neil Diamond	May 26	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Neil Diamond	May 30	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
Neil Diamond	June 2	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Neurosis w/Converge, Amenra	July 28	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Neurosis w/Converge, Amenra	July 29	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
New Kids on the Block w/Paula Abdul, Boyz II Men	June 18	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
New Kids on the Block w/Paula Abdul, Boyz II Men	June 29	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Nick Moss Band	May 25	Slippery Noodle Inn	Indianapolis
Nickelback w/Daughtry, Shaman's Harvest	June 23	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Nickelback w/Daughtry, Shaman's Harvest	June 24	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Norah Jones	May 21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Norah Jones	May 23	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Norah Jones	May 31	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Nothing More w/Black Map, As Lions, Hell or Highwater	May 17	Rusty Spur	Fort Wayne
The Oak Ridge Boys	Apr. 28	Hoosier Park Casino	Anderson
Oddisee	May 21	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Old 97's	May 12	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Olivia Newton-John	May 10	Firekeepers Casino	Battle Creek
OneRepublic w/Fitz and the Tantrums, James Arthur	July 13	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
OneRepublic w/Fitz and the Tantrums, James Arthur	July 14-15	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
OneRepublic w/Fitz and the Tantrums, James Arthur	July 19	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Opeth	May 9	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Opeth	May 13	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra	June 4	Old Town School	Chicago
Parkway Drive w/The Word Alive, Wage War	June 21	House of Blues	Cleveland
Pat Benetar & Neil Giraldo	May 2	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Pat Metheny w/Antonio Sanchez	June 14	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Paul Anka	Sept. 9	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Paul Simon	June 13	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Paul Thom	Apr. 27	The Warehouse	Carmel
Perfume Genius w/Serpentwithfeet	May 25	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Peter Bradley Adams	May 5	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Peter Mulvey	Apr. 27	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Phillip Michael Scales	May 27	Two-EE's Winery	Huntington
Phish	July 14-16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Phish	July 18	Nutter Center	Dayton
Phoenix w/The Lemon Twigs	June 5	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Pierce the Veil w/Sum 41, Emaraosa, Chapel	May 14	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Pinchas Zukerman	Aug. 3	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
The Pines	June 14	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Pink Droyd	June 16	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Portugal. The Man	June 14	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Prince Royce w/Luis Coronel	July 22	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Prong	May 1	Big Shots	Valparaiso
The Purple Xperience w/Meat Flowers, Good Night Gracie	July 7	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Queen w/Adam Lambert	July 20	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
RaeLynn	May 20	8 Seconds Saloon	Indianapolis
Rammstein	June 27	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Ratt	June 2	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Real Estate w/Frankie Cosmos	May 10	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Real Estate w/Frankie Cosmos	May 12	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Real Friends w/Have Mercy, Tiny Moving Parts, Broadside, Nothing, Nowhere	Apr. 28	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Real Friends w/Have Mercy, Tiny Moving Parts, Broadside, Nothing, Nowhere	June 8	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Real Friends w/Have Mercy, Tiny Moving Parts, Broadside, Nothing, Nowhere	June 9	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Rebecca Rego	Apr. 28	Two-EE's Winery	Huntington
Red Hot Chili Peppers	May 13	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
Red Hot Chili Peppers	May 18	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
REO Speedwagon	May 21	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert, Ohio
REO Speedwagon & Styx w/Don Felder	July 1	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
REO Speedwagon & Styx w/Don Felder	July 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
REO Speedwagon & Styx w/Don Felder	July 27	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Retro Futura Tour 2017 feat. Howard Jones, English Beat, Men Without Hats, Modern English, Paul Young, Katrina (of Katrina and the Waves)	Aug. 5	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Retro Futura Tour 2017	Aug. 6	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
The Revolution	May 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
The Revolution	May 20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Rick Derringer	Apr. 29	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey

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Rick Reader	May 2	Nick's Martini Bar	Fort Wayne
Ricky Gervais	May 24	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Rik Emmet & Dave Dunlop	July 15	Magic Bag	Ferdale, MI
Rival Sons w/The London Souls	May 9	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Rival Sons w/The London Souls	May 14	House of Blues	Chicago
Rob Zombie	July 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
Robbie Fulks	May 12	Birdy's Bar & Grill	Indianapolis
Robbie Fulks	June 18	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Robbie Kreager	May 7	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Robby Kreiger	May 6	The Fillmore	Detroit
Rod Stewart w/Cyndi Lauper	July 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Rod Stewart w/Cyndi Lauper	Aug. 1	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cyndi Lauper	Aug. 5	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Rodrigo y Gabriela	June 3-4	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Romantics w/Bow Wow Wow, The Motels, The Smithereens	July 8	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Ron White	Oct. 13	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Ryan Speedo Green	July 3	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Sabatón w/Leaves' Eyes, Battle Beast	May 1	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Sam Hunt w/Maren Morris, Chris Janson, Ryan Follese	June 2	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Sam Hunt w/Maren Morris, Chris Janson, Ryan Follese	June 16	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sam Hunt w/Maren Morris, Chris Janson, Ryan Follese	July 8	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Sammy Hagar and the Circle	June 19	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Santana	Aug. 12	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Sasheer Zamata & Morgan Miller	Aug. 5	CS3	Fort Wayne
The Sintas	May 12	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Seether w/Letters from the Fire, Kaleido	May 24-25	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Seether w/Letters from the Fire, Big Story	July 16	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Seether w/Letters from the Fire, Big Story	July 19	House of Blues	Cleveland
Seu Jorge	June 15	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Shannon McNally	June 9	Ignition Music Garage	Goshen
Shawn Holt And The Teardrops	May 5-6	Kingston Mines	Chicago
Sheryl Crow w/Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real	July 7	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Silent Daddy w/DJ Blakito	June 24	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Silversun Pickups	Apr. 29	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Sir James Galway w/Lady Jeanne Galway	Aug. 6-7	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Skid Row	May 18-19	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
The Slants w/Two Filipinos	May 3	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Smokey Robinson	May 14	Horseshoe Casino	Cincinnati
Soil w/Saving Able, Wayland, Shallow Side, Bionic Monks, Seven Reasons,			
Hell Came Home, In Crimson, Tested on Animals	May 13	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Son Little w/Korey Dane	June 20	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Son Little w/Korey Dane	June 22	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Son Volt	June 3	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Southern Drawl	Aug. 11	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
The Spinners	June 24	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Spoon	May 11	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Spoon	May 12	House of Blues	Cleveland
Spoon w/Cherry Glazerr	Aug. 1	The Fillmore	Detroit
Stayin' Alive	July 22	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Steep Canyon Rangers	May 13	Old Town School	Chicago
Steve Augeri (former lead vocalist of Journey)	June 17	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Steve Forbert	May 18	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Steve Forbert	May 20	B-Side	Fort Wayne
The Stranger	July 1	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Stranger	July 14	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
The Struts w/Nightly	May 15	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Susto	June 15	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
T.I.	May 15	The Intersection	Grand Rapids, MI
Talking Dreads	Apr. 28	Vegetable Buddies	South Bend
Tape Face	May 19	Park West	Chicago
Tears for Fears	May 18	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tech N9ne	May 17	House of Blues	Cleveland
Tech N9ne	May 18	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Tech N9ne	May 19	The Fillmore	Detroit
Tech N9ne	May 20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Tech N9ne	May 25	House of Blues	Chicago
Ted Nugent	July 20	Star Plaza Theatre	Memilville
Tesla (sold out)	Apr. 29	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Tesla	Aug. 3	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Testament w/Septultura, Prong	Apr. 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Testament w/Septultura, Prong	May 2	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Third Eye Blind w/Silversun Pickups	July 7	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Third Eye Blind w/Silversun Pickups	July 8	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Tiffany McGhee	May 19	Abundant Life Church	Fort Wayne
Tigers Jaw w/Saintseneca, Smidley	June 15	Metro	Chicago
Tim and Eric	July 21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Tim and Eric	July 23	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Tim Kidd w/Carol Lockridge	May 7	2104	Fort Wayne
Tim McGraw & Faith Hill	Apr. 29	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Tim McGraw and Faith Hill	Sept. 9	Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Tim McNary	May 26	Two-EE's Winery	Huntington
Todd Rundgren	May 8	House of Blues	Cleveland

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers w/Joe Walsh	May 10	State Farm Center	Champaign
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers w/Joe Walsh	May 13	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers w/Joe Walsh	June 7	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers w/Joe Walsh	June 10	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers w/Joe Walsh	June 12	US Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Tony Bennett	Aug. 4	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Tool	June 7	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Toranzo Cannon	May 6	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Trace Adkins	July 20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Train w/O.A.R., Natasha Bedingfield	June 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Train w/O.A.R., Natasha Bedingfield	June 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Train w/O.A.R., Natasha Bedingfield	June 29	Klipsch Music Center	Noblesville
Train w/O.A.R., Natasha Bedingfield	June 30	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Travelin' McCoury's	June 23	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Travis Scott	May 21	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Travis Tritt	Sept. 29	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Trey Anastasio w/Natalie Cressman	May 5	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Trey Anastasio w/Natalie Cressman	May 6	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Trey Songz	May 3	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Trey Songz	May 4	House of Blues	Chicago
twenty one pilots	June 21	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Ty Segall	May 13	Metro	Chicago
Ty Shultz and the Rave On Band	May 19	Dekalb Outdoor Theatre	Auburn
Tyrant w/Cipher Six, Static Fly, Rising Death	May 9	CS3	Fort Wayne
U2 w/Lumineers	June 3	Soldier Field	Chicago
U2 w/OneRepublic	July 1	FirstEnergy Stadium	Cleveland
Under the Streetlamp	May 5	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
United States Army Field Band	Nov. 6	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Valerie June	June 16	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Vallis Alps	May 17	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
Vesca w/Kaiya Wolff, Justin Heck, Samuel Harness, Benny & Juan Dlx,			
The Iconic Riot, Etate, Danny Miami	May 12	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Voiceplay	May 26	Hollywood Casino	Toledo
Vulfpeck	May 4-5	Metro	Chicago
W. Kamau Bell	June 16	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Wale	May 18	House of Blues	Chicago
Wale	May 22	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Walter Trout Band	July 21-22	Buddy Guy's Legends	Chicago
Wavves w/Post Animal	May 22	The Hi Fi	Indianapolis
The Way Down Wanderers	May 5	Ignition Music Garage	Goshen
We've Only Just Begun	July 21	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
The Weeknd	May 24	Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Ween	June 2	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Whitehorse	May 13	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Whitney	May 8	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington, IN
Whitney Cummings	Apr. 28	Firekeepers Casino	Battle Creek
Wild Belle	May 12	Metro	Chicago
Willie Nelson	June 3	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Willie Nelson w/Robert Earl Keen	June 5	Ford Center	Evansville
Willie Nelson	June 14	Morris P.A.C.	South Bend
Windhand	May 24	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
XEB	May 25	Rathskeller	Indianapolis
The xx	May 3	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Yefim Bronfman	July 18	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Young Dubliners	June 20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Yuja Wang	July 11	Ravinia Festival	Highland Park, IL
Zac Brown Band	June 8	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Zac Brown Band	June 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Zoso w/Union Project, Fuzzbox Voodoo	July 14	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
ZZ Top	May 30	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne

Road Tripz

BackWater	
May 20.....Hartford Heritage Days, Hartford City	
Big Dick and the Penetrators	
Oct 28.....Westwood Saloon, Defiance, OH	
Bulldogs	
Jun 11.....Callaway Concert in the Park, Elwood	
Jun 24.....Renaissance Festival, Maria Stein, OH	
Jul 11.....Allen Co. Fairgrounds, Lima, OH	
Jul 15.....Covered Bridge Day, Centerville, MI	
Jul 17.....Madison Co. Fair, Alexandria	
Jul 29.....Hickory Acres, Edgerton, OH	
Aug 5.....State Line Festival, Union City, OH	
Aug 9.....Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds, Elkhart	
Aug 25.....City Park, Quincy, MI	
Sep 4.....Blueberry Festival, Plymouth	
Sep 7.....Covered Bridge Festival, Roann	
Sep 15.....4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon	
Sep 17.....Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH	
Sep 22.....4-H Grounds, Gas City	
Nov 4.....Key Palace Theatre, Redkey	

Gypsy Bandit	
Jul 8.....Bayview Pub, Celina	
Hubie Ashcraft Band	
Jun 23.....St. Dan's Summerfest, Chicago	
Jul 27-30.....T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH	
Aug 4.....Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH	
Oct 6-7.....Old Crow River North, Chicago	
Nov 17.....McSober's Saloon, Coldwater, OH	
Nov 18.....The Distillery, Toledo	
Nov 24-25.....Tequila Cowboy, Columbus, OH	
Loose Grip	
Jun 3.....Camp Buckeye, Coldwater, MI	
Jun 30.....JT's Billiard Bar, Coldwater, MI	
Aug 5.....Camp Buckeye, Coldwater, MI	
Aug 26.....JT's Billiard Bar, Coldwater, MI	
Sep 1.....Camp Buckeye, Coldwater, MI	
Miss Kitty's Revenge	
Sep 16.....Club House Pizza, Ney, OH	
Zephaniah	
May 5.....Royal Skate and Apparel, Lansing, IL	

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Once characterized by white guys in white shirts and glasses and pocket protectors, math is a much sexier enterprise these days. Octavia Spenser knows this, but she should probably not make any more math-related movies. While she knocked it out of the park with *Hidden Figures*, in *Gifted* she is the type of character she has joked about. How many roles as maids, nurses, saints, and care-givers in general can one actress endure?

But you go, girl, because women in science is a reality that gains momentum daily. Peggy Whitson is setting records in space. My niece, who cannot possibly be as old as she is, is following in the footsteps of her parents and will graduate from Rose-Hulman, her pop's alma mater, in May. Her mom is an immunologist. They met in grad school. You could make a movie about them now. Katie writes code, not poetry.

At this moment in the pop zeitgeist, it is cooler to be a mathematician than a poet. That insight is about all that can be gained by seeing *Gifted*. Do not pay money to see this movie! It will be on Lifetime soon, not that there is anything wrong with that.

Except for the fact that girls can be math prodigies, there is little positive message in *Gifted*. Family is a fractured fairy tale here, in a way no real humans would allow.

Mary, played by the adorable McKenna Grace, is a math prodigy. Her mom committed suicide when she was just an infant. Throughout *Gifted*, Mother is paraded in photographs as a Sylvia Plath like spirit. She thought a lot about how she wanted her daughter to be raised once she took her own life.



Flix
CATHERINE LEE

Brother of the suicidal genius, Chris Evans (Captain America), has been given custody of the little cutie. They live a happy life in Florida with uncle doing repair work and caregiver Roberta pitching in.

Until – dun, dun, dun – Grandma shows up. Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan) is a hideous caricature of a nasty controlling presence. And so begins a custody battle that is so unbelievable I wanted to walk out of the theater, many, many times. Did Duncan get paid by the wrinkle? I hope so. Most of the movie is an investigation of her miserable face.

What kept me in my seat, beyond my sad need to see a narrative through, even when it is dumb, is Fred. Fred is a one-eyed orange cat that had me at “meow.” The best thing that happens in *Gifted* is when Fred gets rescued (so do a couple of other cats).

Director Mark Webb did *500 Days of Summer*. Did he imagine this as a paycheck picture? How did he go to work day after day?

There is the sad sidetrack of the teacher/uncle romance. Poor Bonnie Slate. She needs a better agent.

This review is short. Many things in life are worth lots of time and thought. *Gifted* is not. Any five minutes spent on poetry is work more than slogging through this movie.

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Faster and Furiouser Forever, Baby

Tops at the Box: F. Gary Gray's *The Fate of the Furious*, despite seeing a drastic decline in sales, managed to take the No.1 spot at the U.S. box office for a second consecutive weekend, selling another \$38.6 million over the weekend, bringing the film's 10-day sales total to \$164 million in the U.S. and – wait for it – \$908 million worldwide. This, of course, means that we will never see the end of the *Fast and Furious* series. I predict there will be at least 11 of these movies. We're getting to watch Dwayne and Tyrese and Vin and Ludacris age right before our eyes. And, also, imagine all the weird auto industry back alley shenanigans and deals that have gone in behind the scenes of these films. I predict there will be a book about that at some point. And then a movie based on that book. Starring Vin Diesel. And then that series will also never end, because, guys, cars. And muscles. And fire. And boobs. Repeat. Forever.

Also at the Box: Somehow this *The Boss Baby* film just keeps on selling tickets despite being called *The Boss Baby*. The movie took the No. 2 spot at the U.S. box office last weekend, selling another \$12.8 million, bringing the flick's four-week sales total to \$137 million in the U.S. and \$358 million worldwide. So you know what that means, right? More *Boss Baby* films! (Side note: Have you noticed that growing theme in this column? Me predicting sequels. Not that it's hard to predict. If a film's sales total at least doubles its production budget, you can bet on a sequel within three years. That's what's happening in the film business and it's not slowing down. And it's not good. It's gross. It's ugly. Google search “best unproduced film scripts” later on tonight if you're bored. Go ahead and do it.)

Taking the No. 3 spot last weekend was Disney



ScreenTime
GREG W. LOCKE

juggernaut *Beauty and the Beast* which sold another \$10 million, upping that film's six-week worldwide sales total to \$1.1 billion, officially making Emma Watson the world's most bankable female actor. And I'm okay with that. Emma is fantastic.

Born in China took last weekend's No. 4 spot, selling \$5.1 million over its first three days of release in the U.S. Looks so, so cute. And so, so not worth seeing on the big screen. Rounding out last weekend's Top 5 was the Zack Braff-directed *Going in Style* which sold another \$5 million, upping the flick's 17-day U.S. sales total to a decent enough \$32 million.

Also of note, James Gray's *The Lost City of Z*, which opened last weekend on well over 3,000 screens across the U.S., bombed fantastically, selling just \$2.2 million in the U.S. It's rare that a film bombs that hard. Especially one produced by Brad Pitt and featuring very attractive, very famous actors. I'll see the movie eventually, but mostly because I like James Gray and I love cinematographer Darius Khondji.

New This Week: Three films open wide this weekend, only one of which, James Ponsoldt's adaptation of David Eggers' *The Circle*, starring Emma Watson (see above) and Tom Hanks, seems to stand a chance and selling well. Hanks hasn't really been a reliable force at the box office the last few years, but this one looks good. It should bring out both adults and young

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Current

COMMUNITY UNITY — Community dinner, games and prizes, and neighborhood safety forum, **6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3**, Cooper Community Center, Fort Wayne, free, 427-6028

FORT WAYNE MARCH FOR BABIES — 3.5 mile walk to support March of Dimes, **8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29**, Headwaters Park West, Fort Wayne, 918-6343 (register at marchforbabies.org)

MICHIANA WINE FESTIVAL — Local and regional wine sampling, live music, 5K, and more, **12-6 p.m. Saturday, April 29**, Headwaters Park East, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$35, eventbrite

TAPESTRY: A DAY FOR YOU — Day of inspiration, renewal and education for women in all stages of life with keynote speaker Ann Curry, **7:30 a.m. Friday, April 28**, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$75, 483-1111

TREK THE TRAILS KICK-OFF PARTY — Bike ride, walk and party featuring catering by Don Hall's and live music, **6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 2**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, \$10/person or \$20/family, 969-0079

Lectures, Discussions, Authors, Readings & Films

CONCORDIA COMEDY FESTIVAL — Concordia Lutheran High School presents a showing of comedy films from middle and high school students, **7 p.m. Friday, April 28**, Room 101, Neff Hall, IPFW, Fort Wayne, free, 483-1102

NORTHERN INDIANA... ALWAYS AT THE CROSSROADS OF MANY CULTURES — George R. Mather lecture with Melissa Rinehart, **2 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, History Center, Fort Wayne, free, 426-2882

COACH BOB KNIGHT AND COACH GENE KEADY — Previous head basketball coaches reminisce about their long time rivalry, **7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29-\$99, 424-6287

Kids Stuff

TOUCH-A-TRUCK — Over 50 vehicles including limos, fire trucks, police cars and tow trucks for children to explore, **10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, April 29**, northeast parking lot, Ivy Tech Community College, Fort Wayne, free, 480-4120

STAR WARS DAY — Star Wars themed crafts and activities and Star Wars film viewing, **4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 4**, Hutington City-Township Public Library, free, 356-2900

MAKE AND TAKE MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT — Potted plant craft led by master gardeners for children ages 4-10, **10 a.m. Saturday, May 13**, Hutington City-Township Public Library, free, registration required, 356-2900

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHT RALLY — Free flights for kids ages 8-17, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 13**, Smith Field Airport, Fort Wayne, free, eaa2.org

KIDSTRAVAGANZA — Games, inflatables, snacks and educational activities to familiarize kids with safety services, **9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union, 10123 Lima Rd., Fort Wayne, free, 469-5923

Instruction

ARTLINK EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS — Art classes offered by Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, **dates and times vary**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, fees vary, 424-7195

Calendar • Things To Do

FORT WAYNE DANCE COLLECTIVE WORKSHOPS — Workshops and classes for movement, dance, yoga and more offered by Fort Wayne Dance Collective, **dates and times vary**, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Fort Wayne, fees vary, 424-6574

IPFW COMMUNITY ARTS ACADEMY — Art, dance, music and theater classes for grades pre-K through 12 offered by IPFW College of Visual and Performing Arts, fees vary, 481-6977, www.ipfw.edu/caa

SWEETWATER ACADEMY OF MUSIC — Private lessons for a variety of instruments available from professional instructors, ongoing weekly lessons, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, call for pricing, 432-8176, academy.sweetwater.com

WATERCOLOR INSTRUCTION — Artist Tom De Somer of De Somer Fine Art Studio offers watercolor painting instruction **6:30-8:30 p.m. the first four Thursdays of each month**, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fort Wayne, \$144 for four two-hour classes, 805-328-8336, www.desomerart.com/classes

Tours and Trips

MINNETRISTA GARDENS AND LEVI COFFIN HOUSE — Settler's bus trip to Muncie and Fountain City, **8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22** departs from Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, \$50, 747-1229

STRATFORD THEATRE TOUR — Admittance to *Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Treasure Island* and *Romeo & Juliet*, hotel lodging at Arden Park Hotel and transportation, departs from Hotel Fort Wayne **7 a.m. Friday, June 23** and returns **12:30 a.m. Monday, June 26**, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, \$670-\$970, passport required, 426-7421 ext. 103

Trivia

LIVE TRIVIA — Trivia night with live host, **7-9 p.m. Tuesdays**, Duesy's Sports Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, free, 484-0411

TEAM TRIVIA — Trivia for teams of up to 6 players, **7 p.m. Tuesdays**, Rack & Helen's, New Haven, free, 749-5396

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TINCTURE TRIVIA — Trivia night for teams of 4 or 6 people, **7-9 p.m. Tuesdays**, Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, free, 482-6425

Sports and Recreation

CELEBRATE SOUND, DON'T WALK IN SILENCE — 5K walk/run to benefit the Fort Wayne Sertoma Club and HearCare Connection mission trips, **9-11 a.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 6**, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, \$25, 602-3276

NAMI FORT WAYNE WALK/RUN FOR MENTAL HEALTH — 5K and 1 mile fun walk/run, mental health fair, games, food, music and raffles, **8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 6**, IPFW, Fort Wayne, \$25 for 5K, fun walk/run and mental health fair free, 706-825-9850

HEROES AND VILLAINS 5K — Costumed 5K walk and run, **10 a.m. (registration, 8:45 a.m.) Saturday, May 20**, Rivergreenway Boat Dock, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$28, 786-709-5108

A.J. ARNETT 5K HONOR RUN/WALK — 2nd annual 5K walk and run, **8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20**, Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, \$28 (free for students K-8 when registered with Concordia), proceeds benefit Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana, 483-1102

AHG PATRIOT RUN — St. Vincent American Heritage Girls Troop IN3712 fundraiser featuring 1 mile kids run (**3:30 p.m.**), 5K (**4 p.m.**) and prizes for most patriotic costume, **Sunday, May 21**, Parkview YMCA Pavilion, Dawsons Creek Blvd., Fort Wayne, \$3-\$100, 433-5535

Spectator Sports

BASEBALL

FORT WAYNE TINCUPS — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 vs. South Bend, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 vs. South Bend, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 vs. South Bend, 1:05 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 vs. South Bend, 1:05 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8 vs. Wisconsin, 7:05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 9 vs. Wisconsin, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 vs. Wisconsin, 11:05 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 11 vs. Beloit, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12 vs. Beloit, 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 vs. Beloit, 7:05 p.m.

Dance

EMBODY DANCE — Guided dancing for adults of all ages and abilities to exercise the mind, body and spirits, **10:50 a.m.-12:23 p.m. first and third Sunday of each month**, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Fort Wayne, \$10 suggested donation, 244-1905

MONTHLY DANCE — Singles and couples ballroom dancing, **8-11 p.m. Saturday, May 13**, Walb Classic Ballroom, IPFW, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10, 440-7004

CONTRA DANCE — Old time dance with live caller and live music from Spy Run String Band, no partner necessary, **8-11 p.m. Saturday, May 20**, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$9, 244-1905

May

HISTORIC SWINNEY HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE AND PLANT SALE — Tours of the homestead with live music from Hearthstone Ensemble, spinning demonstrations, refreshments, hand-arts display and plant sale, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, May 5**, Historic Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, free, 637-8622

FESTIVAL OF WINES — Varied selection of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and live music to raise money for Visiting Nurses, **5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 5**, Fort Wayne Country Club, Fort Wayne, \$75, 435-3222

BEER & BARRE BQ — Craft beer tasting, BBQ and vegetarian fare from local chefs, Performances by Fort Wayne Ballet and live music from Unlikely Alibi, **7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 6**, Women's Club Ballroom, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$50, 484-9646

MEN OF XXL — Male review, **8-11 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Rusty Spur, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, 755-3465

Current Exhibits

37TH NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION — Juried exhibition featuring contemporary printmakers from around the nation, **Tuesday-Sunday thru May 5**, Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, 424-7195

41ST SOCA STUDENT EXHIBITION — Works from students currently enrolled at USF's School of Creative Arts, **daily thru April 30**, Weatherhead Gallery, USF Rolland Art Center, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, 399-7999

BECOMING PRESENT: THE LEGACY ARCHITECTURE OF LOUIS I. KAHN IN OUR CITY — An exhibition of modern architecture and Louis Kahn, the architect who envisioned a chimerical arts campus where the Arts United Center and Fort Wayne Museum of Art presently sit, **Tuesday-Sunday, April 29-Oct. 15, 2017**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

DIANE ALLEN GROENERT — Exhibition of local artist's Downtown Series and new works, **Monday-Saturday thru June 24**, West Central Microcreamery & Cafe, Fort Wayne, 415-9293

ECHOLILIA — Works from Timothy Archibald and his autistic son, Eli, **Tuesday-Sunday thru June 11**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

EXPRESSIONS OF EXISTENCE — An exhibition of works by artists through history, including Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, Francisco Goya and others whose works have been influenced by disabilities, **Tuesday-Sunday thru June 11**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

THE FEMALE FIGURE: AN EXPLORATION OF FEMININE FORM & EMPOWERMENT — Femininity-themed oil and acrylic works by Emily Powell, **Fridays and Saturday-Thursdays by appointment, April 29-May 15** (artist reception 6-9 p.m. **Saturday, April 29**), The Gallery at Pranayoga, Fort Wayne, 423-9642

FORT WAYNE ARTIST GUILD EXHIBITIONS — Works by Alice Siefert at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Jennifer Caudel at Allen County Retinal Surgeons, Anita Trick, Citizens Square (2nd and 3rd floors), Darlene Selzer Miller at The Einhaus Group for Women's Health, Patricia Weiss at Heritage of Fort Wayne, Emily Jane Butler at Ophthalmology Consultants (Southwest), Linda Binek at Ophthalmology Consultants (North), Carolyn Stachera at Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, John Kelly at ResCare Inc. Adult Day Service, Wileta Blevins at Town House Retirement, Karen Bixler at Visiting Nurse Hospice and Barb Yoder and Karen Harvey at Will Jewelers, **thru April 30**, fortwaynearartistguild.org.

FORT WAYNE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB — Exhibition featuring local photographers, **Tuesday-Sunday thru April 30**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5 (2 and under, free), 427-6440

GLASS: A MEDIUM IN ART AND AUTOMOBILES — Dale Chihuly blown glass and fiberglass auto, **daily thru Sept. 8**, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, \$7.50-\$12.50, 925-1444

JAN KRIST-FINKBEINER — Exhibition of ceramic reliefs, **Tuesday-Sunday thru May 5**, Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, 424-7195

JUXTAPOZ MAGAZINE: 25 YEARS UNDER THE INFLUENCE — A chronicle of the iconic magazine's evolution into one of the most influential magazines of art of the counterculture, **Tuesday-Sunday thru July 9**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

KATHY FUNDERBURG & DIANE SCHAEFER-KING — Acrylic paintings (Funderburg) and works in marbled paper and fabric (Schaefer-King), **Monday-Saturday thru April 29**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 436-0927

NORMAN BRADLEY AND FRIENDS — Exhibition of works by friends and colleagues of the late Fort Wayne artist, **Tuesday-Saturday thru May 20** (artist reception 2-5 p.m. **Saturday, April 22**), Crestwoods Frame Shop & Gallery, Roanoke, 672-2080

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE INVITATIONAL — Fifteen outdoor sculptures from regional artists, **daily thru April 30**, School of Creative Arts campus, University of Saint Francis North Campus, Fort Wayne, 399-7999

PERSPECTIVES LIVE BUTTERFLY DISPLAY — Up close and personal perspectives of the Conservatory's newest collection of live butterflies, **Tuesday-Sunday thru June 25**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5 (2 and under, free), 427-6440

RHODA GERIG: THE HOPE OF EAGLES — Photographic images of eagles, **daily thru June 4**, Clark Gallery, Honeywell Center, Wabash, 563-1102

ROBERT WILLIAMS: SLANG AESTHETICS! — An exhibition of new work by the artist considered the godfather of the lowbrow, pop surrealist and colloquial realism art movements, **Tuesday-Sunday thru July 23**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

SHARON — An exhibition of Leon Borensztein photographs chronicling the struggles he faced raising his severely disabled daughter, **Tuesday-Sunday thru June 11**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

SOCA GRADUATE PROGRAM: STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS — Juried exhibition of works by students enrolled in USF's School of Creative Arts graduate program, **Monday-Friday thru April 30**, Lupke Gallery, University of Saint Francis North Campus, Fort Wayne, 399-7999

SPRING 2017 BFA EXHIBITION — Exhibition of works by IPFW graduation seniors, **daily thru May 3**, Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery, Main Library, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, 481-6709

SPRING 2017 BFA EXHIBITION — Senior thesis projects from Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates Brenda Drayer (sculpture), Derek Hibbs (print-making), Ellen Mensch (painting), Nathaniel Morris (sculpture) and Kyle Snodgrass (sculpture), **daily thru May 7**, Visual Arts Gallery, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 481-6709

SPRING PALETTE — New original works by more than 50 nationally recognized artists, **Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment thru May 20** (Cinco de Mayo Fiesta featuring mariachi music by Mark Meussling 6-10 p.m. **Friday, May 5**), Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 426-6568

SUSAN KLINE & MIKE BRUMBAUGH — Mixed media paintings (Kline) and works in blown glass (Brumbaugh), **Monday-Saturday, May 2-31**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 436-0927

Artifacts

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

40TH ANNUAL VENTURES IN CREATIVITY EXHIBITION — Fort Wayne Artist Guild invites artists to submit works for annual exhibition at the University of Saint Francis, July 8-Aug. 18. Mail entry by **Friday, June 9** and deliver artwork **Saturday, June 24** or **Monday, June 26**. Prospectus and entry form available at fortwaynear-istsguild.org

FORT WAYNE ARTS FESTIVAL AT JEFFERSON POINTE — Submit applications for Sept. 9-10 juried outdoor festival showcasing local and regional fine artists by **Saturday, April 29** (applications available at Jefferson Pointe Mall Office or www.jeffersonshopping.com or by emailing Ten21Creatives@gmail.com), \$25 non-refundable jury fee, limited space available

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOUR FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED — Guided tour of the *Expressions of Existence* exhibition, **10 a.m. Saturday, April 29**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, free with museum admission (\$6-\$8, free to FWMoA members), 422-6467

CURATOR'S TOUR — Chief Curator Charles Shepard and exhibit curator Tiffany Street lead a guided tour of the *Expressions of Existence* exhibition, **12:15 p.m. Thursday, May 4**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, free with museum admission (\$6-\$8, free to FWMoA members), 422-6467

8TH ANNUAL RURAL STUDIO TOUR — Tour of eight rural Allen County artists' studios (Steve Vachon & Sue Davis studio, DeAnna Su Studios, Kristy Jo Beber Stoneware Pottery, Olde Church Shoppes, DeSomer Fine Art Studio, Janet Webb Jewelry, William Steffen studio, The Art Farm), **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 6**, free, 740-8725

Civic's Night of Love

You've heard them all before, haven't you? "Love is in the air," "love is a many splendored thing" or "to know me is to love me."

Of course, there's my all-time favorite from the J. Geil's Band of the 80s: "Love stinks."

Many of us can easily say we've loved before. It doesn't necessarily mean it was reciprocated, but love is love whether the feelings are returned or not.

Once again, playwrights Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten are spot on as they recount similar stories in their hilarious play, *Funny Little Thing Called Love*. They not only touch on relationships that we've all experienced or witnessed, they do it in a way that makes us laugh at ourselves.

Arena Dinner Theatre has enjoyed two other plays by these authors: *The Dixie Swim Club* and last season's *Always a Bridesmaid*. As some of you may remember, these shows were about Southern women and the bonds they share.

Funny Little Thing Called Love is special on two levels. The first is the fact that this cast consists of both men and women. The second is that they break away from writing about their deep South traditions. In fact, they allow us to travel with these whacky characters all around the

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Director's Notes
SUZAN MORIARITY

FUNNY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE

7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain
Friday-Saturday, April 28-29,
May 5-6 & May 12-13
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Madeleine L'Engle's Newberry Award-winning science fiction novel, *A Wrinkle in Time*, will be brought to life in the PPG Arts Lab April 28-May 7. This very faithful adaptation by James Sie is the first production of *A Wrinkle in Time* to ever be performed in Fort Wayne.

Come join Meg Murray, her brother Charles Wallace and new friend Calvin O'Keefe as they embark on a fantastical, wondrous and terrifying adventure to rescue loved ones, save the planet and begin to conquer the inner demons that keep us humans from accomplishing great things. Be a part of their journey as they travel through space and time. Go with them to visit distant planets and meet strange and wonderful new beings. Get swept away in the magic, the beautiful characters, the lights, the sounds and everything else which is part of this breathtaking adventure.

Newcomers Alanna Gough, Elias Kroeker and Reed Maibach as the children, join a cast of seasoned afO regulars, including Dennis Nichols, Rachel Maibach, Colin Aumiller and Christine Newman-Aumiller for six not-to-be-missed performances.



Director's Notes
JEFF SALISBURY

A WRINKLE IN TIME

all for One Productions
7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,
April 28-29, May 5-6
2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30
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SCREENTIME - From Page 15

adults, maybe. Maybe not. This is the kind of film that thrives on word of mouth, I think, so we'll see. Looks like a good time at the movies to me. Also out is sci-fi/action flick *Sleight*, which looks very promising, and comedy *How to Be a Latin Lover*, which doesn't look so great to me. The cast is a little cringe-worthy, and the poster (and, c'mon, title) are very cringe-worthy. Looks no good.

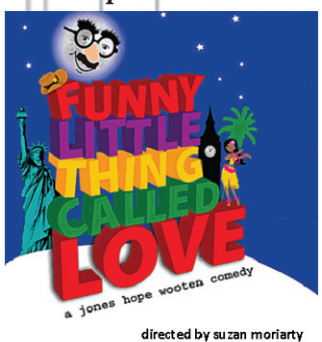
Mostly I think this weekend will be about three

things: (1) Can *The Circle* break through and be a major — and somewhat surprising — hit, as some are suggesting; (2) is *Sleight* going to be the year's first indie breakthrough, last predicted; and (3) will the new *Fast and Furious* film still be tops at the U.S. box despite the release of a new Tom Hanks film. Here are my predictions: (1) no, not really; (2) nah, doesn't look like the one; and (3) yes, but not by much.

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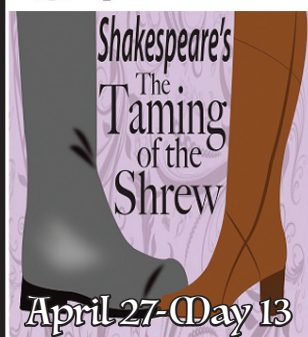
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Civic's Mermaid Shows Off City's Talent

It's interesting to note that Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, one of the greatest and most successful songwriting pairs in recent Hollywood history, are well-represented in Fort Wayne this weekend. With productions of *The Little Mermaid* and *Little Shop of Horrors* simultaneously playing on city stages, their contribution to the last few generations of musical theater and Disney fans is pretty clear. (Another of their classics, *Beauty and the Beast* will be staged by the Civic in July.)

With *The Little Mermaid*, the Civic has really hit a home run. Fans of the Disney film will be enchanted, but even those who haven't experienced that beloved movie (and I must confess that, even though I have three kids who were born in the 80s, I have somehow missed out on this particular pleasure) will be charmed thoroughly by Civic's production. Every component of the musical is impeccable. The sets and lighting perfectly capture the beauty and colors of the underwater world. And the sets are moved so seamlessly throughout the show (with crew appearing to swim in from backstage to do their set change duties) that the show never lags for a moment.

The grace and movement demonstrated throughout the show adds to the its beauty, with Olivia Ross's choreography incorporating bal-



Curtain Call

MICHELE DEVINNEY

THE LITTLE MERMAID

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29

2 p.m. Sunday, April 30

8 p.m. Friday, May 6

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let and even a dynamic tap number to the mix. Wires allow the characters to swim to the surface or glide across the stage believably. Even though the wires themselves are clearly visible, the motion is so deft that it truly feels like the action is taking place under the sea.

Jan McCauley's costumes are especially lovely, adding to the colorful effect of a world of fish, mermaids and sea creatures. From Ariel

and the Mersisters to little Flounder, the colors and fabrics used provide a feast for the eyes. From a purely technical standpoint, director Ranae Butler has provided the show with so much sparkle and luster that any fan of *The Little Mermaid* would be delighted.

And then there's the cast, one which perfectly demonstrates how much talent we have here in Fort Wayne. The two crucial leads Rebecca Nelson as Ariel and Billy Dawson as Prince Eric – are a winning combination and each bring perfect vocal performances to their portrayals. But it's the supporting cast that really make the show special. Ennis Brown's Sebastian was clearly a crowd favorite (as the audience filed out of the theater, it was Sebastian who was noted as the biggest hit), but equally charming were the performances of a very young Jack Melton as Flounder and the delightfully villainous Ursula, played by Kayley Alissa Hinen. A second half appearance by the Chiff, played by Reuben Albaugh, was also delicious.

With two more weekends to catch *The Little Mermaid*, it might be easy to feel like there's plenty of time to snag tickets, but the theater was packed for the opener and tickets are going fast. It's a show that shouldn't be missed.

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IPFW Students' Selection Was a Good One

Little Shop of Horrors by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman is the most famous (and perhaps only) musical ever written about a man-eating plant. The IPFW Department of Theatre's production of it, running through April 29, is as fun as it could be.

One thing about having seen quite a bit of theater through the years is that I often forget elements of a play. In the case of *Little Shop*, I had completely forgotten how it ends. Since its ending is unlike any other, and completely unexpected, I was glad to have forgotten it and truly surprised during the last few minutes, as many in the audience seemed to be.

The plot, well known to most after frequent stage performances and a 1986 film version, centers on the discovery by Seymour, a clerk in a flower shop, of a bloodthirsty plant he names Audrey II after the woman he silently loves. As Audrey II grows larger and increasingly hungry, the plot thickens.

The cast and crew of IPFW's production, directed by Beverly Redman, clearly have a great time with this play, and the elements of it come together remarkably well. The sets work beautifully for the various scenes and the props are extremely well chosen and integrated.



Curtain Call

KEVIN SMITH

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

IPFW DEPT. OF THEATRE

8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29

Williams Theatre, IPFW

2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne

\$5-\$18, 260-481-6555

Before the play begins and throughout it, cast members playing Skid Row drunks wander through the audience. This choice can be a little jarring, but it works to make us feel a part of the scene. Had I forgotten that one especially menacing character comes to a well-deserved gory ending, violence against heroine Audrey would have been a little more disturbing than it was, but it ended up feeling worth the moments of uneasiness just before the intermission.

The musical numbers from *Little Shop* are interesting, and very few have a traditional feel.

"Somewhere That's Green," "Dentist!" and "Suddenly Seymour" are especially strong.

The cast is led by graduating senior Ethan Lichtle as Seymour. He makes one of the nerdiest nerds ever a delight to watch from the first scene until his final one just before the play closes. As Audrey, IPFW sophomore Megan Buss is the right mix of ditzy and endearing. She also has the perfect voice for the role.

Robert Shoquist, whom I don't think I've seen on a Fort Wayne stage, makes the role of Orin, a sadistic motorcycle-riding dentist, his own. He also takes on a large variety of other supporting characters and shows incredible range. An actor who has played countless roles here through the years and is always fun to watch, Gary Lanier, makes a fine Mr. Mushnik, owner of the flower shop in which most of the action takes place.

Redman, who also serves as chair of the Department of Theatre, said in a *whatzup* interview last week that students had chosen this play to round out the season. They made an excellent selection and she did well to approve it.

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A FUNNY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE - From Page 17

world.

The premise behind this gem is that there is a full moon creating love in the air everywhere you look. Act One begins in San Francisco, then moves on to Dallas and Hawaii. Act Two takes us to London, and we conclude in a New York high-rise apartment complex.

This is such a fun piece because each scene is filled with different characters, yet all scenes occur on the same night.

I was fortunate enough to have an amazing group of actors turn out for auditions. Only a few of them are playing more than one character. That, coupled with their experience, gives

us the extra push needed as audience members to truly envision all of these different characters falling in love in one night. Of course, the costumes by Jill Bixler and Pam Good, help cement the charade. I hope you'll bring your spouse, significant other or a group of friends and join us for another night of great comedy.

Now Playing

FUNNY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE — Romantic comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Home and Jamie Wooten, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, **Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 and May 5-6 and May 12-13**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40 (includes dinner & show), 424-5622

THE LITTLE MERMAID — Fort Wayne Civic Theatre musical based on the Disney movie, 8 p.m. **Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 8 p.m. Friday, May 5; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$17-\$29, 424-5220

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS — IPFW Department of Theatre performance of Alan Menken-Howard Ashman musical comedy, 8 p.m. **Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29**, Williams Theatre, IPFW, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$18, 481-6555

NEXT TO NORMAL — Tony Award- and Pulitzer-winning musical about coping with mental illness, 8 p.m. **Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, 498-2270

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW — William Shakespeare's now somewhat controversial comedy about the battle between the sexes, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29 and Friday-Saturday, May 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$20, 426-7421 ext. 121

A WRINKLE IN TIME — all for One productions' adaptation of Madeline L'Engle's young adult science fiction novel, 7:30 p.m. **Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, PPG ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$11-20, 422-4226

Asides

AUDITIONS

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (JUNE 24-26) — Audition for Wells Community Theater's musical production, 5 p.m. **Friday, May 12**, lower level, Arts, Commerce & Visitors Center, Bluffton, 824-5222

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (JULY 22-AUG. 6) — Auditions for Fort Wayne Civic Theatre musical, 5 p.m. (children ages 8-12, arrive by 4:30 p.m.) and 6 p.m. (adults, arrive by 5:30 p.m.) **Monday, May 15** Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, sign up by calling 422-8641, ext. 226

Upcoming Productions

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BYE BYE BIRDIE — Student production of the 1950s rock n' roll musical, 7 p.m. **Friday-Saturday, May 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, 496-4705

UNDER THE STREETLAMP — Leading cast members from *Jersey Boys* perform music from the Broadway musical based on Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, 7:30 p.m. **Friday, May 5**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$32.50-\$59.50 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665

CHOREOGRAPHER'S LAB — Showcases of dance pieces created in eight-week program, 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 6; 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, \$8-\$10, 424-6574

LES PATINEURS AND RAINY DAY — End-of-season performances by the Creative Art Council's School of Ballet, 2:30 p.m. **Saturday, May 6 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7**, Bluffton High School, Bluffton, \$3 (free for children 12 and under), 824-5222

JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH — Fort Wayne Youtheatre performance of musical comedy based on the Roald Dahl story, 5:30 p.m. **Thursday, May 11** (Backstage Insight Performance); 7 p.m. **Friday, May 12; 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18 (\$20 one-price Fairy Tale Fest ticket), 422-4226

PROGRESSIONS — Fort Wayne Ballet performance of progressive dance movements, 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. **Saturday, May 20**, PPG ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$20, 422-4226

JUNE

ASSASSINS — Steven Sondheim musical for mature audiences, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, **Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40 (includes dinner & show), 424-5622

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