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or us here at whatzup, 2018 promises to be a transformative year. When we began publishing whatzup as a free-distribution arts and entertainment weekly in August of 1996, we had no notion that the internet would completely alter the way newspapers and magazines would do business, or that a good number of longestablished print publications would either go out of business or struggle to exist as mere shadows of their former selves.

We at whatzup may be stubborn, but we're not stupid, and so, once we saw the writing on the wall, we began making plans for surviving and thriving in the digital age. The first task was to develop a website that would deliver the content whatzup readers sought in a comprehensive, yet easily navigated way, and the fact that whatzup.com draws approximately 2,000 unique daily visitors is evidence that we've managed to do that fairly effectively.

The rise of mobile connectivity and social media has presented yet another challenge, and after four years of continuous effort and any number of false starts and setbacks, we are at long last releasing the whatzup app, a tool that makes it easier than ever before for anyone and everyone in northeast Indiana to know whatzup at any given time and

As a final step in the start-up process, shortly before Christmas we offered area graphic artists a chance to win a cash award for submitting an icon for the app. The winning entry was actually the first one we received and was submitted by Jesse Gordon, a self-employed graphic artist from Columbia City currently residing in Fort Wayne. Gordon's design conveyed the arts and entertainment theme we were looking for in a design clean and crisp enough to be easily identifiable on a smart phone screen. It's an icon you should be seeing more and more of as we move into 2018 and a new era for whatzup.



The app should be available for both iPhones and Android devices this month, and we plan to have a lot more details for you over the next couple of weeks, but for now, here's a thumbnail sketch of what the app offers: (1) at the touch of a button, users can access whatzup's news feed, feature stories, calendars and current issue; (2) users can receive alerts from performers, artists and venues they choose to follow; (3) users can visit a performer's or venue's page and, from there, add events to their personal whatzup

There's a lot more functionality and inter-connectivity in the works, but the initial app is already a significant leap forward into the digital era for whatzup and, by extension, Northeast Indiana's arts and entertainment scene. Watch whatzup.com, our social media sites and next week's print issue for more information as we invite you along for what we're sure will be an exciting ride.

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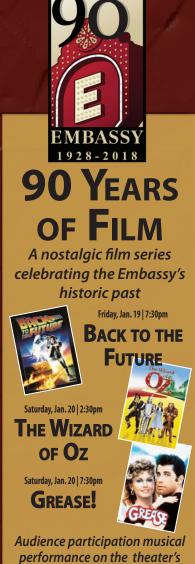
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# The Indispensable Asset

----- Feature • Sweetwater -----

#### By Mark Hunter

Joe Evans is no longer surprised when he's on tour and he's chatting with a local musician who has heard of Fort Wayne. Evans, the guitar player and singer with Fort Wayne-based Left Lane Cruiser, said wherever he is he has that ready-made connection. But it's not necessarily Fort Wayne itself that elicits knowing nods. Rather it's what's in Fort Wayne that creates the link. Namely, Sweetwater Sound.

When Left Lane Cruiser started touring outside of Indiana and the country in 2005, Evans said he was impressed with how many people had heard of Fort Wayne because of Sweetwater.

"That was the first thing out of their mouth," Evans said. "No matter where we were in the country, or in the world for that matter, Sweetwater is just known."

Evans said that connection became a source of pride for the band.

"The most impressive thing to us is their worldwide recognition from fellow musicians," he said. "I could be in a small town in France playing some dive bar and off the side of the stage some cat barely speaking English will say 'I bought my first processor from Sweetwater.' It's super cool because Fort Wayne is a small town.

As Evans has discovered, Sweetwater is everywhere. (It is, after all, one of the biggest, if not the biggest, online music retailer in the world.) And that is especially true in Fort Wayne. Roadside billboards, banners at venues, ads on television and print publications, spin-off businesses, and its continually growing campus on the city's near west side all announce Sweetwater's presence.

But name recognition is far from the only impact Sweetwater has had on Fort Wayne. As the seventh largest employer in the county, according to a report from Greater Fort Wayne Inc., Sweetwater has become a force in the local economy and the music community in particular.

As one of the most generous philanthropists in Fort Wayne, Sweetwater founder Chuck Surack and his wife Lisa have donated huge sums of money to local schools and have thrown their support toward everything from local marching bands to venues and festivals. It's hard to attend a music event in town that has not seen financial support from Sweetwater and the Suracks.

Such support is not limited to splashy productions like Fort Wayne Ballet's annual presentation of The Nutcracker or the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Pop Series. A partial list also includes Middle Waves Festival, Embassy Theatre, Three Rivers Festival Marching Bands in Parade, Audiences Unlimited, Taste of the Arts, GermanFest, FAME Festival, Indiana Music Teachers Association's annual conference, Indiana State Fingerstyle Guitar Competition, IPFW WindFest, Shruti (sponsor of their series of concerts at IPFW of Indian performing arts), Fort Wayne Children's Choir, RibFest, Baals Festival, Down the Line, the University of St. Francis Music Technology Department and Purdue School of Music in Fort Wayne (music technology program).

The Suracks recently gave \$500,000 to b Instrumental, a Fort Wayne Community Schools Foundation program aimed at providing middle school students with music instruments and lessons through high school.

Bob Roets, owner of Wooden Nickel

Music, said the Surcack's contributions to local causes have been game-changing.

"Fortunately, have Sweetwater be-

cause with them a lot of things in this town wouldn't happen," Roets said. "He's poured money into the Foellinger [Theatre]; he's poured money into Come2Go [Music Hall]; he's poured money into that pavilion (Sweetwater Performance Pavilion located on their campus) and into the Clyde Theatre; and on and on. He's putting money into these places to make them higher quality venues for people to go see shows. And in turn it's going to support more musicians.

"It's always hard to measure impact, but from my perspective, having Sweetwater in Fort Wayne is a lot better than if it was in Kalamazoo, Michigan or Champaign, Illinois. Having it in Fort Wayne is a good thing because Chuck supports so much stuff. I don't see it going anywhere but up.

Matt Kelley, who along with Katy Silliman came up with the idea for the Middle Waves Music Festival, called Sweetwater "an irreplaceable asset."

"I cannot imagine Fort Wayne's music and arts scene without Sweetwater's generous sponsorship and nurturing," Kelley said. "From Philharmonic performances to Middle Waves, from Voices of Unity to Taste of the Arts – find yourself in the middle of a happening event, and you'll find the

Top: Dweezil Zappa performs

at GearFest; Chuck Surack in

the Sweetwater lobby

Sweetwater logo. You'll also find Sweetwater's employees - perform-

ing, promoting, producing, running sound, designing marketing materials and being the loudest and most present patrons in the audi-

In addition to Middle Waves, Kelley also runs the marketing firm One Lucky Guitar and promotes shows at his B-Side performance venue. He said as a business owner. he finds the example set by Sweetwater en-

"Sweetwater blows open the doors of possibility," he said. "I'm able to look at Sweetwater and realize that yes, we can do something truly unique, truly inspired, truly game-changing, right here in our corner of the Midwest.'

Kelley echoed Joe Evans' experience when talking with other musicians and people in the music business.

"I spend a lot of time talking to touring musicians, management and agents," he said. "When I ask them if they know much about Fort Wayne, every single one will reply 'Yeah, that's where Sweetwater is.' Many arrive early or stick around a day after their performance to visit Sweetwater's campus the same way Apple fans geek out at

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# The All-Stars Align

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------Feature • Sweetwater All-Stars -----

By Michele DeVinney

Sweetwater is known internationally as a great place to buy musical gear of any variety, and that reputation has been widely confirmed with its very popular annual Gear-Fest. But there's much more to Sweetwater than a warehouse of musical instruments.

The Sweetwater Academy has become

a place where musicians and musician wannabes of any skill level can count on top notch instruction by a staff of very talented musicians. And the Sweetwater Studios have attracted talent from around the country

around the country to record and work in Fort Wayne.

In fact, it's the talent of those musicians and many of the staff members at Sweetwater – many of whom perform in some of your favorite local bands – that make Sweetwater so special.

Some of that talent has now been put on display thanks to a new album of music recorded by members of the Sweetwater community which includes the company's founder and leader, Chuck Surack.

That there's a band of players, including an old-school horn section (reminiscent of the 70s heyday of bands like Chicago and

Earth, Wind & Fire) toiling away at Sweetwater isn't surprising. But there were a few secret weapons at hand which gave the band an advantage as recording began.

"Chuck had a large collection of big band charts," said Mark Hornsby, producer of the new CD. "When we got together with the other musicians, we started going through those charts. There were some for

big bands, but also some from James Brown and other old R&B performers, things that weren't as complex as the big band stuff. We didn't need as many players for charts like that, so we started

working on the charts from old Motown, Stax, Muscle Shoals, and then we started rehearsing some of them in Studio A."

Of course, these musicians all have day jobs (albeit in the same building) and outside lives, so Hornsby says the recording process proceeded over a period of time. But when they did record, they did so live to capture as much of the immediacy and excitement as a live performance.

"We took a very old school approach. We didn't use a lot of microphones, and [we] played live in the studio together. Our goal

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Sweetwater All-Stars – front row: Bob Bailey, Kat Bowser; second row: Chuck Surack, John Hinchey, Brett Kelsey; back row: Don Carr, Mark Hornsby, Phil Naish, Nick D-Virgilio.

# Building & Booking

By Steve Penhollow

With the outdoor temperature regularly degrading to negative numbers, it may be hard to imagine the fun you're going to have next summer.

It's easy to crave that fun, but it's hard to imagine it.

But Rick Kinney is very good at imagining the fun you're going to have next summer.

He has to be.

Kinney is in the thick of signing acts for his Clyde Theatre – currently being renovated and scheduled to reopen sometime in the middle of the summer.

"Right now I am making offers and approving offers for artists for the Clyde in 2018," he said.

Kinney said the acts will be made widely known by way of a big reveal "sometime in February."

"We'll be able to announce the first three to six months of shows," he

The Clyde began its life almost 70 years ago as a movie theater. It closed in 1994 and never reopened, despite at least one earnest effort.

Kinney bought it in 2012 in a tax-delinquent properties sale and spent five years trying to secure funds toward its rehabilitation.

Last spring all the pieces came together.

The Clyde is now set to become the

The fact that he has reached the point in

largest standing-room concert hall in Indi-

ana, catering to crowds in the 1,000 to 2,000

this long-nurtured dream where he is actu-

ally booking shows in his very own venue

patron range.

seems a little surreal to Kinney at times.

"After thinking about this for most of my adult life," he said, "then buying the building, going out and raising all this money, and then going through the construction/planning process and finalizing process and all of that stuff that goes along being an entrepreneur and trying to do everything right – I really did it all because I just wanted to throw some rock n' roll shows."

One of the biggest challenges of programming the Clyde, Kinney said, is that no



one knows what it is. It has no track record.

"When you tell people. 'I am opening up this venue and it will be done at this time,' agents typically say, 'Yeah, right."

Meanwhile, construction and rehabilitation work continues apace.

Kinney said the workmen have laid the foundation for the dressing room and are just getting started on the plastering.

"Seven thousand square foot of concrete foundations for the dressing room and the load in and load out area and the backstage area," he said. "The plaster repair is pretty extensive. We're installing 11,000 square foot of acoustical plaster in the main hall. We want to make it one of the best-sounding rooms in the country."

Kinney said all the plumbing is roughed in. The only thing left to do in the bathrooms is to add fixtures.

Polishing of the concrete floors is about halfway done, he said, and the stage extension still has to be completed.

While all of this handiwork is happening outside his office, Kinney is working on marketing, promotions, audio, lighting, security, ticketing and catering.

Clyde forms the core of an aging south side shopping complex called Quimby Village. Kinney and his partners control 75 percent of that complex.

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# A Musical for the Ages

By Michele DeVinney

For some, musical theater is a happy escape to a simpler time. Boy meets girl, boy sings to girl and, before you know it, they're dancing and living happily ever after. Popular and tuneful hits like Singin' in the Rain, My Fair Lady and Oklahoma have all captured that perfectly and feel as fresh today as they did decades ago.

The first half of The Sound of Music is

very much like that as well. A spunky inexperienced novice, sent from her convent to try life as a governess to a group of equally spunky children, falls for the charismatic but rigid father, unsure how to relate to his spirited kids. Of course, sparks fly, and before you know it, the convent is out and married life with children becomes the obvious outcome.

But unlike other romantic musicals of its time, the second half of the story takes a rather dark turn. No sooner are the happy new couple home from their honeymoon, but reality imposes on the new bliss-

ful family. That reality is the Nazi party and the sudden invasion of the previously idyllic Austria. The father's role as a captain in the military now puts him in the Nazi crosshairs, and the family needs to find a means of escape from an unimaginable life and future. Definitely not the stuff of fairy tales or princess dreams.

But what no doubt made all of this palatable for audiences not yet 20 years removed from the horrors that launched World War II was the inimitable cast and the sterling (and stirring) music. What's interesting to note is that music almost wasn't part of the production. Based on memoirs of Maria Von Trapp, the woman who helped shape the Von Trapp Singers, the idea for a play seemed obvious, with music already part of the mix thanks to the music which was part of the family's story. But if Rodgers & Hammerstein are available, why not take advantage? Then bring in Mary Martin, a stage icon though better known to TV audiences as Peter Pan and later as Larry Hagman's mother, and Broadway was going to take notice.

A winner of five Tony Awards, the 1959 production was so successful that a film was inevitable. However, it was Julie Andrews who filled the role of Maria rather than Mar-

tin because, as Andrews learned herself just a year or so earlier, Broadway success hardly guarantees landing the film. Edged out of her star-turning role as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady (with Audrey Hepburn filling the part), Andrews went on to make Mary Poppins that same year, earning an Academy Award for her efforts. Having proven herself on the screen, it was now she who edged out Martin for a plum musical part. Fate's a remarkable thing.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

When

film came out in

1965, it was im-

mediately accepted as not only one of

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the best of the Rodgers & Hammerstein catalog but as arguably one of the best musicals ever produced. Andrews forever cemented her place among Hollywood royalty and continued to charm audiences in films as diverse as Victor/Victoria and The Princess Diaries (1 and 2). Christopher Plummer, who owns one of the most touching moments in the film with his performance of "Edelweiss," still works regularly, himself recently snagging an awardnominated performance in All the Money in the World from Kevin Spacey following the latter's career implosion. Both actors were supported by a remarkable cast of children who were charming without ever being pre-

The film version of The Sound of Music proved so successful that its recent 50th anniversary screenings, held around the country thanks to Turner Classic Movies, played to full theaters once again. The showing at Fort Wayne's own Regal Cinemas was packed and drew applause at its end. The popularity of the show on stage continues as well, with a revival on Broadway coming in 1998, a live production starring Carrie Underwood airing in 2013 and several touring productions filling stages around the country almost non-stop for years.

The production that visits the Embassy Theatre on January 17 began its run in 2015. as the film was celebrating its golden anniversary. The beloved score, winner of Tony. Grammy and Oscar awards, remains one of its most enduring legacies. With "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and, of course, the title song, there's much to love about the story, even as the narrative delves into fearful subject matter. Although the story is well-

known to most theater and move fans, the current production has won raves from critics who appreciate what director Jack O'Brien has brought to it.

"The Sound of Music tour at the Center's Kennedy Opera House arrives not from Broadway, where this production has never been, but from the road, where it was launched in 2015," theater critic Nelson Pressley wrote in the Washington Post last June. "It's been wellreviewed across the country, and you can

see why. Jack O'Brien's conspicuously traditional staging is deeply respectful of what is probably the most beloved of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals. Reverent is the word, even if O'Brien breaks a bit with how he sees the plucky postulant-turned-governess Maria and the forbidding Captain Georg von Trapp. (Julie who? Christopher who?) The show revels in its abbey scenes; multiple Tony Award-winning lighting designer Natasha Katz casts divine shafts on the proceedings, as if heaven itself is blessing events. It's an act of faith."

Jeffrey Walker of Broadway World reviewed that same Kennedy Center production with equal awe.

"Is this a rave? You bet your favorite things it is! Refreshing, revived, and ridiculously entertaining, The Sound of Music ... is a dream come true.

"Since many Rodgers and Hammerstein titles have recently been given lauded revivals on Broadway - South Pacific and The King & I as with a new Carousel production announced for the future - it was inevitable they look at a remount of The Sound of Music. O'Brien has applied his exacting technique to this production and the results surpass expectations."

Now with a fresh cast, which includes Jill-Christine Wiley as Maria and Mike McLean as Captain Von Trapp, the show is sure to win over fans of both the film and the stage production and will likely leave audience wanting more.

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#### Night Ranger Don't Let Up

Night Ranger have been relegated to the fair and festival circuit for a while now, playing the hits of yester-year and helping an aging generation relive its glory days when rock ruled the airwaves. They play the same songs they have played thousands of times because that's what the casual



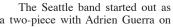
fan wants to hear. But just because it's hard to introduce new songs into their sets without the majority of the crowd heading toward the bathroom, it doesn't mean they aren't still making good music. You just have to seek it out to hear it.

This album has everything you'd expect from Night Ranger. There are the upbeat rockers "Somehow, Someway"), the required ballad ("We Can Work It Out") and blistering guitar solos from under-appreciated guitarist Brad Gillis and new guitarist Keri Kelli ("Jamie," "Day and Night" and "Running Out Of Time"). As is expected from Night Ranger, there are big hooks everywhere you look. Standout tracks include "Truth," "Jamie" and "Comfort Me," but honestly, there isn't a clunker in the mix.

Night Ranger aren't the nostalgia act they have been pigeon-holed into. They are still a working rock band creating new music. Don't Let Up is a solid album from front to back and probably the best album the band has produced since 1985's 7 Wishes. There's nothing groundbreaking or earth shattering here; it's just a rock band knowing what it does best: playing rock songs the only way they know how – with passion, enthusiasm and simply the love of music. After 35 years of surfing the waves of the always tumultuous music industry, there's something to be said for that. (Chris Hupe)

#### Bell Witch *Mirror Reaper*

Including their newest titled *Mirror Reaper*, Bell Witch have three full-length albums under their belt. Each album is meditative, minimalist doom metal – more like movements than songs, really. Modern doom metal classical music.



drums and vocals and Dylan Desmond on bass and vocals. This set up released its demo in 2011, followed by *Longing* in 2012. In 2015 *Four Phantoms* was dropped, and Bell Witch seemed to have solidified a sound that was equal parts Gothic, slow core, doom metal and ambient. It is heavy music. Seriously heavy, for sure. But the mix of just bass and drums with the distant guttural roar of vocals that sound more like ancient tomes that lyrics for a rock song give Bell Witch's tracks an open and vast sound. Their minimalist approach to songwriting gives their songs a storied, vast sound.

While in the process of writing *Mirror Reaper*, Guerra suddenly passed away, leaving Desmond to pick up the pieces. With the addition of Jesse Shreibman on drums, vocals and organ, the two set about finishing the record. The result is an entirely different *Mirror Reaper* than what was begun back in 2016. It's heavier and far more sorrowful than anything Bell Witch have done before.

There have been other bands that have laid out whole sides of an LP dedicated to just one song. Those ponderers and mind expanders in the audience can appreciate a good album side stint so as to enjoy a beer or two. But at 84 minutes for one single song, *Mirror Reaper* takes the funeral cake. As if to add a moment of calm amongst the storm, the band broke the single track into two 40-plus minutes parts, titled "As Above" and "So Below." Bell Witch have built an 84 minute meditation on death, loss and grief that no one will match any time soon

Mirror Reaper does have moments of sheer heaviness and blustering meta, but its power lies in the moments of quieter reflection. Desmond's six-string bass playing is done with great care and delicate ease. There are many moments on this record that remind me of those melodic, reflective musical bits you'd hear on earlier Metallica albums. Desmond reminds me of Cliff Burton's melodic bass playing – quite a bit actually. And Shreibman's drums keep a sort of perpetual motion going on throughout. There's a slow but continuous chugging as the song moves on, keeping a melodic undertone in conjunction with the weight of the riffs. Shreibman also peppers

# BACKTRACKS

#### The Doors

Morrison Hotel (1970)

The Doors' fifth album began to spell the end of the illustrious Los Angeles-based band. Jim Morrison wanted to get back to basics, and the blues were all over an album that feature no hit singles. Even so, it's probably my second favorite Doors



release (with their debut being my favorite).

"Roadhouse Blues" opens the release, and John Sebastian (Lovin' Spoonful) brings the harmonica behind the bluesy jam guitars from Robbie Krieger. It's probably the most familiar track on the record and has been covered by many. "Waiting For the Sun" (which was the name of their second album) follows and has a restrained vibe that bridges into a dirty, guitar-filled ballad of sorts. "Peace Frog" is one of the best songs The Doors ever produced. Groovy keys, percussion and the wah-wah from Krieger's guitar complement Morrison's voice as it segues comfortably into the jazzy "Blue Sunday." "Ship of Fools" closes side one (also called *Hard Rock Café*).

Side two (also called *Morrison Hotel*) opens with "Land Ho," a sea shanty that Morrison fills with whimsy and humor. "The Spy" is rootsy blues with a classic piano arrangement and is another hidden gem in the band's catalogue. "Queen of the Highway" is poppier than most of their earlier stuff, and "Indian Summer" is psychedelic in its purest form as it floats around for two and a half minutes in a misty, jazzy smoke. "Maggie McGill" finishes up what I think is a great album from a misunderstood band

L.A. Woman would be released in April 1971, and Morrison would die four months later. The Doors would not survive without him.

Fun Fact: The Hard Rock Café chain took its name from the photograph on the back of this album cover. (*Dennis Donahue*)

the record with Hammond organ, giving the track a real funeral feel (Bell Witch are referred to as "funeral doom," after all.) At the half-way point, Guerra's voice appears, giving that midway point some serious catharsis and emotional heft. He'd recorded the piece prior to his death as he and Desmond began to record the album.

Mirror Reaper isn't an easy listen, but it's one that does reward those who give it repeated spins. Desmond and Shreibman have built a mammoth wall of Gothic doom, but they also have built a doorway for us to enter through, creating an album that deals with endings, but also beginnings. (John Hubner)

# **Quiet Riot** *Road Rage*

Road Rage was originally scheduled to be released in the spring of 2017, but after the band fired singer Seann Nicols, the voice on the album, and hired American Idol alum James Durbin, they decided to re-record the album with Durbin on vocals and with new lyrics and melodies.



The first thing the listener should notice about Road Rage is that this band bears no resemblance to the Quiet Riot most people know. Gone are the trademarked vocals of late singer Kevin DuBrow. Gone are the nasty licks from former guitarist Carlos Cavazo. Gone is any hint of decent production, no surprise since Banali took on producer duties himself rather than employ someone who might have helped the album sound better. The vocals are buried way back in the mix, and the whole thing sounds muddy at best, leaving us wondering what the heck is going on with Quiet Riot 2017.

The news isn't all bad, however. It's clear that Durbin is the real deal. Though Banali's production does him a disservice, Durbin's performance proves he is the best thing to happen to the band since its reformation in 2010. A couple of songs, "Renegades" and "The Road," stand out as above average but, unfortunately, it doesn't appear Durbin was given much to work with in the first place. And

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# Wooden Nickel CD of the Week



## JIM JAMES TRIBUTE TO 2

My Morning Jacket frontman Jim James follows up his 2009 homage to George Harrison, *Tribute To*, with a tribute to a wider range of artists. On *Tribute To 2* he covers the Beach Boys, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Sonny and Cher and others. If James has any grief left over from the Harrison album, it's grief over the current state of the world, which makes these old songs resonate anew. Get *Tribute To 2* for \$11.99 at all Wooden Nickel Music stores..

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

#### Thursday, January 11

BRIAN POSEHN — Comedy at Calhoun Street Soups, Salads & Spirits, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$25, 456-7005

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

EUROPA GALANTE W/FABIO BIONDI — Baroque at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$45, 563-1102

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

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE W/TJ — Variety at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 10 p.m., no cover, 749-5396

Hubie Ashcraft — Acoustic at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., no cover, (888) 260-0351 Jason Paul — Acoustic variety at Hammer's, Syracuse, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., no cover, (574) 457-8672

JEFF McDonald — Oldies at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524

OPEN JAM — Hosted by G-Money at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

OPEN Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-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 p.m., no cover, 478-5827

Paul New Stewart & Charles Ren — Standards (Sinatra) at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., \$1, (260) 482-1618

R&R ENTERTAINMENT — Karaoke at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 422-5055

Scott Wasvicκ — Acoustic variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 483-1311

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

#### Friday, January 12

Acoustic Component — Variety at Birdboy Brewing Company Taproom, Roanoke, 6 p.m., no cover, 579-5508

Apocosнyne — Rock/variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 р.м.-1:30 а.м., cover, 483-1311

THE BE COLONY — Rock at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., cover, 267-5303

CADILLAC RANCH — Classic rock at Eagles Post 3512, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 436-3512

# Addison Agen Is Storming the Fort

In just a couple of weeks Addison Agen will be able to tell us what its like to perform sold out shows at the lavish Embassy Theatre. The local phenomenon has sold out not one, but two performances of her "Welcome Home" concert on Sunday, January 21. The first performance will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by a second at 8 p.m. with James and the Drifters opening the latter. Selling out the Embassy is truly amazing but not totally surprising for the Fort Wayne 16-year-old whose extraordinary run on NBC's Emmy-award winning reality competition, *The Voice*, has gained an enormous amount of fans, both locally and nationally.

Hundreds of folks showed up at the Fort Wayne International Airport when she returned to town. And since then, she has sung the National Anthem at a Komets game, performed at the New Year's Eve Ball Drop downtown and been interviewed by any number of local news outlets. The girl has been busy, that's for sure.

Hopefully, you're amongst the roughly 4,000 lucky folks who scored tickets for one of the two Embassy shows. If so, you're in for an historic moment. And if you didn't get tickets, Agen will also be performing at the All-Star Benefit Concert for 89.1 WBOI on Saturday, February 17 at 7 p.m. This event will take place at the Sweetwater Theatre and will include Agen along with Sunny Taylor and Indianapolis-based guitarist Michael Kelsey. General admission tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at wboi.org or 452-1189. If I were a betting man, I'd say we'll be seeing a lot more of Agen in 2018.



# Out and About

As the New Year begins, The Legendary Trainhoppers are already faced with a pretty hefty challenge. On Friday, February 16 at 8p.m., the Hoppers will be performing Paul Simon's *Graceland* album in its entirety. This release, Simon's seventh studio album, won the Album of the Year Grammy Award. The event takes place at the Philmore on Broadway and will include food and drinks by Hall's. Don't be surprised if a couple of special guests join the band on stage. And don't worry about paying a sitter, as the event is all-ages. Advance tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Whey Jennings, the grandson of legendary country star Waylon Jennings, will be strolling through these parts on Thursday, January 18 to perform at Carl's Tavern in New Haven. Hailing from Grand Prairie, Texas, Jennings has been living up to his grandfather's name, performing outlaw country music with his band, The Unwanted. He has some mighty big shoes to fill, but I'm sure his energetic live shows would make Grandpa proud. Expect a good mixture of originals and covers by the likes of David Allen Coe, Willie Nelson and, of course, Waylon. Doors open at 8 p.m. with opening act Ellis Omega (St. Marys, Ohio) following shortly thereafter. Five bucks at the door.

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CAROL LOCKRIDGE — Jazz/blues at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., no cover, 482-1618

CAROLYN MARTIN SWING BAND — SWING/ jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 426-3442

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., cover, 422-5055

ORT WAYNE KARAOKE W/ERIC — Karaoke at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 749-5396

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE W/JAY — Variety at Coconutz @ Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 490-2695
HE SAID SHE SAID — Variety at Mitchell's

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JASON PAUL — Acoustic variety at Toads Tavern, Monreoville, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 623-6226

Joe Justice — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., no cover, 637-2980

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

Какаоке — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m., no cover, 488-

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

a.m., no cover, 489-2524 Гне Кіскваскs — Rock at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2

a.m., no cover, 483-5526

Love Hustler — Electrofunk at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

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Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at
Hideaway Lounge Bluffon 8 p.m.-

Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 824-0455

Quincy & Friends — R&B/funk at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 432-8966 SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ w/ BOB (SOUND MAN) — Karaoke at 4 Crowns, Auburn, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover. 925-9805

TODD HARROLD & NICK BOBAY — R&B/ blues at Summit City Brewerks, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 420-0222

WILL CERTAIN — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., no cover, (888) 260-0351

#### Saturday, January 13

APOCOSHYNE — Rock/variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 483-1311

Васк**W**атея — Country / country rock at The Post, Pierceton, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., \$3, (574) 594-3010

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

CHILLY ADDAMS & JJ FABINI — Variety at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

CLASSIC CITY KARAOKE W/DJ PARKER — Variety at Club Paradise, Angola, 9 p.m., no cover, 833-7082

CLOWNVIS PRESLEY — Comedy/rock at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$6, 267-5303

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

FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC —
Masterworks concert featuring works
by Sibelius, Part, Nielsen and Liadov
at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart
Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30
p.m., \$19-\$72, 481-0777

Full Speed Reverse — Rock at What's Up Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-3488

House DJ — Variety at Early Bird's Ultra Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., cover, 483-1979 House DJ — Variety at Flashback on the Landing, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., cover. 422-5292

Jason Paul — Acoustic variety at Coody Brown's, Wolcottville, 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 854-2425

JEFF McDonald and Mark Thacker — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

JIM BARRON — Illusion/comedy at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m., free, 459-1745

JOE JUSTICE — Variety at Coconutz @ Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 490-2695

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

JOHN CURRAN & RENEGADE — Country at American Legion Post 499, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 483-1368

MINDY & GABE — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

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— Rock at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 1 p.m., \$10-\$12, 486-1979

SWEETWATER ALL STARS — Variety at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne , 8 p.m., \$15-\$30, 426-6434

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



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

#### Sunday, January 14

ADELITA'S WAY, DEADSET SOCIETY, MANAFEST — ROCK/metal at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., \$15, 486-1979

JAKE ALLEN — Variety at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$7, 426-6434

THE SERVICE W/SPECIAL GUESTS — Rock/ variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

#### Monday, January 15

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

Jessica Brita-Segyde — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

Joe Justice — Variety at Brookdale Senior Living, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., free, 484-0308

#### Tuesday, January 16

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

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE — Variety at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 9 p.m., no cover, 749-5396

Jason Paul — Acoustic variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., no cover, 483-1311

#### Wednesday, January 17

CAROLYN MARTIN — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524

OPEN Mic — Hosted by Adam Baker at Pedal City, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 415-6167

OPEN Mic — Hosted by Jared Schneider at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 422-5055

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., \$1, 482-1618

SHELLY DIXON & JEFF McRAE — Variety at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 a.m., no cover, 490-6488

Shut Up and Sing — Karaoke at Duesy's Sports Bar and Grille, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 483-5681 SIDECAR GARY'S KARAOKE & DJ — Karaoke at Willows, Huntertown, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 637-5411

THREE RIVERS KARAOKE — at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 483-1311

#### <u>Thursday, January 18</u>

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

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

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OPEN JAM — Hosted by Scott Wasvick at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 482-6425 OPEN Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley

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Paul New Stewart & Charles Ren— Standards (Sinatra) at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., \$1, (260) 482-1618

R&R ENTERTAINMENT — Karaoke at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 422-5055

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

WILFREY — Acoustic variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 483-1311

#### Friday, January 19

Acoustic Component — Variety at American Legion Pot 160, Roanoke, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 672-2298

Big Caddy Daddy — Rock at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 357-4290

CHELSEA ERICKSON — Acoustic variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., , 637-2980

Dan Smyth — Variety at Summit City Brewerks, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 420-0222 Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at

Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m., cover, 422-5055

THE DEE BEES — Variety/oldies at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., no cover, 482-1618

EL'S ANGELS — Elvis tribute/Honor Flight benefit at Cottage Event Center, Roanoke, 7:30 p.m., \$12, 483-3508

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

FLAMINGO NOSEBLEED — Punk at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., cover, 267-5303 FORT WAYNE FUNK ORCHESTRA — FUNK at

Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 483-1311

FORT WAYNE KARAOKE W/ERIC — Karaoke at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover,

749-5396

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

Gypsy Bandir — Rock/pop at American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 747-7851

IMAGINE — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

JASON PAUL — Acoustic variety at Hi Ho Again, Poe, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 639-0808

Joe Justice — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

Какаоке — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m., no cover, 488-3344 РкиеТіме — Variety at Don Hall's

Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

QUINCY AND FRIENDS — Rock/soul at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 9:30

p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 749-5396
SHAWN BROWNING — Acoustic variety at Nick's Martini & Wine Bar, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 482-6425

Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 482-6425 Sidecar Gary's Karaoke & DJ w Bob (Sound Man) — Karaoke at 4 Crowns, Auburn, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 925-9805

Sum Morz — Rock at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Blues/ R&B at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 426-3442

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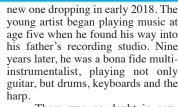
JAKE ALLEN

#### **JAKE ALLEN**

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 C2G Music Hall 323 W. Baker St., Fort Wayne \$7 thru Neat Neat Neat Record Store, Wooden Nickel Music Stores and c2gmusichall.com

There are one-man bands and then there's Jake Allen. The northern Michigan native, who will take the C2G Music Hall stage Sunday, January 14 at 8 p.m., is a man not only of many talents but of many instruments. The singer-songwriter has made a name for himself as a pioneer of "ethereal progressive" rock, and he's also famous for entering the studio alone and coming out with a rich-sounding, complex album that sounds like a whole band went in to its production.

Allen has three albums to his credit – *Sleep*, *Etherica* and *The Hollow Sound of Memory* – and fans will be happy to know he has a



There was no doubt in anyone's mind what Allen would devote his life to. In 2009 he took to the road and has been performing, writing and recording ever since. Allen's voice, according to Mark Morton of Music Emmissions, is unique in the singer-songwriter universe in that it is both innovative and classic.

"Jake Allen is a musician who is very necessary in the 21st century music landscape in that he has learned from genre forefathers and taken the next evolutionary step, bridging a time-and-age gap to sounds relevant in the modern era."

make traditional sounds relevant in the modern era." (Deborah Kennedy)

## SWEETWATER - From Page 4

the idea of visiting Cupertino, California."

Of the 1,300 people Sweetwater employs, more than half are musicians. And the way Doc West sees it, the importance of that fact should not be underestimated.

"The first thing I noticed when Sweetwater got serious about expanding was the number of Fort Wayne musicians that used to wait tables at various restaurants where they also performed are now working at Sweetwater, which is a great thing," said West, the 96.3 XKE deejay who has been the voice of rock radio in Fort Wayne since 1979. "It's given a lot of musicians a nice large company with a number of benefits to work for. It kind of legitimized their musical careers a little bit more. They don't have to sling hamburgers to get by. So that's cool."

Not every musician in town works at Sweetwater. Far from it. But even those who don't often benefit from the company's influence. Kyle Haller is one of them.

Haller plays keyboards in three bands – The Kyle Haller Band, Phil's Family Lizard and Grateful Groove (Sweetwater's vice president of sales, David Klausner, happens to play bass in Grateful Groove) – and he also runs the popular Rock the Plaza summer concert series at the downtown branch of the Allen County Public Library. Rock the Plaza is entering it's 12th season in 2018, and for 11 of those Sweetwater has been a sponsor.

"I'll tell you one nice thing about Sweetwater is they give us money to do Rock the Plaza but they don't ever stick their nose in. They don't ever try to tell us what to do, they don't ever try to be the boss, which I think is very very cool," Haller said. "They never try to say 'we're the sponsor so we want you to have these bands' or anything like that."

Another nice thing Haller mentioned is Sweet-

water's commitment to helping young musicians get started. The Build a Band and Rock Camp programs offer young players the experience of forming a band, writing a song and performing it live.

"The impact might not be immediate, but the training for the future is huge," Haller said. "Like Soft N' Heavy. They're not even a band anymore, but they're the first band that I'm aware of that came out of Sweetwater's Build a Band program, and they were a phenomenal band. Now there's like three other bands those guys are in that spawned from that. I just think that's great."

Haller said he tries to schedule other Build a Band alums for Rock the Plaza not because they are connected to Sweetwater but because "they are a good book."

The Rock Camp program is part of Sweetwater's Academy of Music, another way the company enhances the local scene. With 33 instructors and approximately 715 active students, the Academy of Music provides fertile ground for budding musicians of all ages.

While Sweetwater brings a lot to Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne offers a lot to Sweetwater. It's a symbiotic relationship. Part of what makes Sweetwater a success is the ability to attract talent. Their staff comprises top-flight business people and top-flight performers. But getting them here would not be possible without Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana having something that makes moving here seem like a doable endeavor.

As Doc West put it, "I like these cats coming in, buying homes, raising families here, digging the laid-back nature and the affordability of the area."

Sweetwater will likely continue to grow as a business and as a supporter of the local music and arts scene. And Fort Wayne and its musicians and music fans will continue to benefit from that growth.



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Expect: Specialty martinis, craft beers and cocktails served up in a classic martini lounge with live music nightly. Serving a variety of small plate appetizers with weekly featured tapas plates and drink specials. Getting There: One block east of Crescent on State Blvd., next to the Rib Room. Hours: Open at 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

#### (OM) ORGANIC MEETS

Singles Club • 533 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-755-5000 Expect: Free range dating. The only brick and mortar space nationwide where only single humans mingle. Beer, wine, small plates, games, music, art, yoga, meditation ... find your kind here at OM. Getting There: In West Central, southeast corner Fulton Street and W. Washington Boulevard (back side of the downtown Starbucks). Hours: Open 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Alcohol: Beer and wine; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc

#### **RUSTY SPUR SALOON**

Nightclub/Music Venue • 10350 Leo Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-755-3465

Expect: Fort Wayne's premier country nightclub and concert venue. Home of quarter beer every Wednesday with live DJ. Live bands on the weekends. Great dance floor, pool tables, four full-service bars, big screen TVs and daily drink specials. Full-service kitchen and menu featuring American Burgers. Getting There: In Leo Crossing at corner of Dupont and Clinton. Hours: 3 p.m.-3 a.m. Tues.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

#### STATE GRILL

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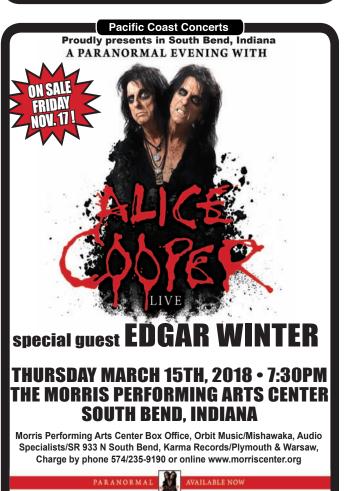
EXPECT: 1st Tavern to pour beer after Prohibition; located in a fun and friendly neighborhood; home of the XKE Cranials & most dangerous jukebox. Daily drink specials include \$2 Tall Boy PBR all day, everyday, great craft beer selection. Golden Tee. Free WIFI. Fort Wayne's Sammy Hagar bar & Beach Bar Rum, Riverbend Pizza. Getting There: Corner of State and Crescent. Hours: 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon., 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Tues.-Fri., noon-3 a.m. Sat., noon-1 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT.: Cash only; 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





#### ALL-STARS - From Page 5

wasn't to sound big; it was to sound live."

Among the participating musicians was Kat Bowser, known around Fort Wayne for her spot-on performances of Janis Joplin's catalog and known throughout this region and nationally as a great blues and soul singer. Working as often as she does as the lead performer, she enjoyed being part of a larger Sweetwater ensemble.

"There is a different dynamic when recording a solo project versus a band project," Bowser said. "On a solo project it's really up to the artist and the producer to dictate the vision of the project: what the album is about; who should play what instruments; etc. On a band project everyone has opinions. Fortunately, not only is everyone in the band [a] complete professional, but the song choices were mostly a direct interpretation on what we do live as a band. I think this eliminated most guess work on who's doing what in the studio."

Bowser also enjoyed playing with the high-level musicians at Sweetwater.

"The quality of musicians on this project made the entire experience exciting. But I also think it's always fun hearing a whole project come together. This album was recorded in several phases. The rhythm section was recorded first, then the horns, then the vocals. Sometimes the vocals were done before the horns. So on some of these songs I never heard the sum of all parts until Mark played me the mix."

When asked which of her performances ranked as a personal favorite, it's not surprising that she would note some of the Joplin tunes with which she has become so closely associated.

"I love the energy of songs like 'Cry Me a River' and 'Tell Mama.' I also like how we've taken songs like 'Take Me to the Pilot' and really made it our own. Janis fans will be happy to hear our own interpreta-

tion of 'Half Moon' which is a fan favorite at the Janis shows. It's a lot of fun. The vocal power in this band is amazing. We have so many textures. It makes singing lead or backup a blast!"

Hornsby notes his own favorite, one also mentioned by Bowser.

"I like the opening song 'Tell Mama,' an old Etta James tune. It has a lot of fire and energy. It's big, upbeat and loud with a six-piece horn section and a really great guitar solo."

The band includes some of the best in the city, with a rhythm section that includes world-renowned drummer Nick D'Virgilio who also provides vocals. The band also features two bassists, including Hornsby and Nashville player (before becoming Sweetwater Studios producer/engineer) Dave Martin. Phil Naish and Jeff Gastineau alternating on keyboards while Don Carr adds lead guitar.

The horn section includes Surack on saxophone. Brett Kelsey on trumpet and John Hinchey and Marcus Farr trading off on trombone. Vocalists include Bowser and Bob Bailey, who heads up the Sweetwater Academy and leads the company's annual GearFest event. Special guests on the album include several Nashville A-list session horn players as well as Musicians Hall of Fame inductee Jim Horn on baritone and bass saxophones. Horn has previously played with Diana Ross, Linda Ronstadt, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, the Rolling Stones and three of the Beatles.

A CD release party and concert takes place on Saturday, January 13, beginning at 8 p.m. at C2G Music Hall, 323 W. Baker Street. Tickets are \$15 and \$30 and available at c2gmusichall.com. The Sweetwater All Stars album will be available as a physical CD or as 16-bit/44.1 kHz full bandwidth WAV files from Sweetwater.com. Downloads will also be available from the iTunes store and from Amazon.

#### CLYDE THEATRE - From Page 5

Kinney said he has grand plans for the complex, but the Clyde Theatre is going to require most of his attention for quite a while.

"We're really focused on getting the Clyde Theatre up and running and making it a success," he said. "Those other properties are undervalued. We're interested in driving up the value of those other properties."

A model for Quimby Village is the cultural district in Indianapolis known as Broadripple, Kinney said.

"We're seeking the right kind of tenants there," he said. "We're looking for something that's going to cater to the Millennial generation. Our main goal for this whole thing is to attract and maintain a young talented workforce and break the status quo a little bit.

"We want businesses there that Millennials and Generation X are going to patronize," Kinney said. "All that stuff is in our peripheral vision, but for now our eyes are focused on the Clyde Theatre."

Kinney has been working closely on everything with partners Chuck and Lisa Surack.

"They have a huge team of people," he said. "Talented professionals from all sorts of different back-

grounds."

A vibrant Clyde will give Chuck Surack another recruiting tool for his company, Sweetwater Sound, Kinney said.

"Chuck understands that the venue will cater to Millennials and Generation Xers," he said, "and those are the type of people he is trying to attract and retain here – not only for Sweetwater but for Fort Wayne as a whole."

Kinney said Chuck Surack trusts his programming ability.

"He knows that I understand the type of music that people my age want to see," he said.

Kinney recently launched a new web site for the venue: www.clvdetheatre.com.

After the February schedule announcement, tickets for shows will begin to become available for purchase via the site. he said.

There will be a hiring fair for part-time positions sometime in March, Kinney said.

Kinney said this is the most exciting time of his life.

"I have never been happier," he said.

# SPINS - From Page 7

while guitarist Alex DeGrossi has proven himself to be a phenomenal player in the past, this album lacks his spark, staying instead in the "mid-tempo, hoping for a radio hit, safety zone."

And let's not get started on Banali's uninspired and, shall we say, lazy playing. As the only founding member still in the band, he surely doesn't act like he has any interest in making their new music at all interesting

After three years of Banali hinting at a new album, Frontiers stepped in and fronted the cash to make such

a project happen. Unfortunately, this disc just doesn't live up to expectations. Poor production, uninspired musicianship and bad songwriting doom this disc. Quiet Riot probably should've saved their money, and so should you. (*Chris Hupe*)

Send two copies of new CD releases to 2305 E. Esterline Rd., Columbia City, IN 46725. It is also helpful to send bio information, publicity photos and previous releases, if available. Only full-length, professionally produced CDs or EPs are accepted.

Calendar • O	n the R	oad	
1988	Feb. 17	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Above & Beyond	Feb. 15	House of Blues	Cleveland
Adelita's Way, Deadset Society, Manafest	Jan. 14	Piere's Entertainment Cente	
Air Supply	June 22	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
AJR, Hundred Handed	Apr. 6	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
AJR, Hundred Handed Alan Jackson	Apr. 18 Mar. 16	House of Blues Nutter Center	Cleveland Dayton
Alice Cooper, Edgar Winter	Mar. 15	Morris P.A.C.	South Bend
Alice in Chains	May 15	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Altan	Mar. 22	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Altan	Mar. 23	Old Town School	Chicago
America	July 20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Amy Grant w/Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra	Jan. 27	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Anderson East	Apr. 12	20th Century Theatre	Cincinnati
Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Zac Clark, Allen Stone, Bob Oxblood	Apr. 19	House of Blues	Cleveland
Andy Grammar	Mar. 30	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Anita Renfroe	Mar. 10	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana
Ann Wilson	Apr. 7	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Anne Heaton & Alice Peacock	Mar. 21	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Anthony Gomes	Feb. 23	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Architects w/Stick to Your Guns, Counterparts	Feb. 20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Art Garfunkel	Jan. 27	Canton Palace Theatre	Canton, OH
Ashanti, Ja Rule, Lloyd	Feb. 24	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Asking Alexandria, Black Veil Brides, Crown the Empire	Jan. 20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Asking Alexandria, Black Veil Brides, Crown the Empire	Feb. 14	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Asleep at the Wheel Atlanta Pops Orchestra w/Chloe Agnew	Apr. 13	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
	Mar. 16	Honeywell Center The Fillmore	Wabash
Awolnation, Nothing But Thieves	Feb. 13 Feb. 14	Aragon Ballroom	Detroit
Awolnation, Nothing But Thieves Awolnation, Nothing But Thieves	Feb. 17	House of Blues	Chicago Cleveland
Badfish	Feb. 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
Bahamas, The Weather Station	Mar. 10	Metro	Chicago
Barenaked Ladies, Better Than Ezra, KT Tunstall	June 21	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Barenaked Ladies, Better Than Ezra, KT Tunstall	June 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Barenaked Ladies, Better Than Ezra, KT Tunstall	June 24	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Barenaked Ladies, Better Than Ezra, KT Tunstall	July 14	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Barenaked Ladies, Better Than Ezra, KT Tunstall	July 15	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Beach Boys	May 10	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Bianca Del Rio	Feb. 24	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Big Head Todd and the Monsters	Jan. 16	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Big Head Todd and the Monsters	Jan. 18	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Big Head Todd and the Monsters	Jan. 19-20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 23	House of Blues	Cleveland
Big K.R.I.T.	Feb. 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Big K.R.I.T.	Apr. 28	Metro	Chicago
Bill Anderson	Feb. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Bill Maher	May 6	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Billy Gardell	May 25	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Black Label Society w/Eyehategod, Corrosion of Conformity Black Tiger Sex Machine, Apashe, Kai Wachi	Jan. 19 Mar. 8	Bogart's  Deluxe	Cincinnati Indianapolis
Blackberry Smoke	Mar. 9	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Blackberry Smoke w/Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown	Mar. 10	The Fillmore	Detroit
Blue October	Apr. 21	Piere's Entertainment Cente	
Blues Traveler, Los Colognes	Jan. 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Blues Traveler w/Los Colognes	Feb. 16	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Borns (sold out)	Jan. 27	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Borns	Feb. 8	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Bostyx	Apr. 21	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Brain Candy	Mar. 24	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Brains, Avatar, Hellzapoppin Circus SideShow Revue, Old Kerry McKee	Feb. 8	House of Blues	Cleveland
Brains, Avatar, Hellzapoppin Circus SideShow Revue, Old Kerry McKee	Feb. 9	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Brantley Gilbert, Aaron Lewis, Josh Phillips	Apr. 26	Nutter Center	Dayton
Brent Faiyaz, Diana Gordon, Amber Oliver	Jan. 30	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Brett Eldredge, Devin Dawson, Jillian Jacqueline	Apr. 20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Brian Posehn	Jan. 11	CS3	Fort Wayne
Brian Regan	Jan. 18	Firekeepers	Battle Creek
Brian Regan	Jan. 25	Aronoff Center	Cincinnati
Brockhampton	Feb. 13	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
BruhitsZach, Jacob Sartorius, Hayden Summerall	Jan. 26	The Fillmore	Detroit
BruhitsZach, Jacob Sartorius, Hayden Summerall	Feb. 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Bruno Major	Feb. 27	Schubas Tavem	Chicago
Buddy Guy	Apr. 12	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Bunny, Ratboys, Stef Chura, Snail Mail, Lomelda	Jan. 19	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Calexico	Apr. 26	Woodward Theater	Cincinnati
Captain Ivory, Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils	Jan. 12	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Carbon Leaf, Sister Hazel	Feb. 24	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Celtic Woman	Apr. 18	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Celtic Woman	June 10	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Celtic Woman	June 16	Aronoff Center	Cincinnati
Celtic Woman Chastity Brown Andrea Gibson	June 17	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL

Jan. 30

Mar. 4

Deluxe

Clowes Memorial Hall

Chastity Brown, Andrea Gibson

The Chieftains

The concert industry continued to show growing sales in 2017, generating over \$5.65 billion, according to Pollstar. That's a 15.8 percent increase over 2016 sales. There aren't a lot of surprises in the top 10 acts of last year that saw U2 seizing the top spot with 30 shows grossing a total of \$1.76.1 mills.



with 30 shows grossing a total of \$176.1 million. Bruno Mars was second with \$112 million, followed by Metallica, Garth Brooks, Guns N Roses, Roger Waters, Lady Gaga, Coldplay, Billy Joel and Tim McGraw/Faith Hill. As you can see, there are not a lot of new faces in there. What also is not a surprise is the fact that the average ticket price for most of those artists is well above \$100. I guess this shows that people are willing to shell out the big bucks for the right artists. Worldwide, the names look pretty much the same, with U2 claiming the top spot at \$316 million in sales while Guns N Roses come in second with a paltry \$292 million. Coldplay, Metallica and Bruno Mars round out the top 5.

A good way to start off the 2018 concert season may be a trip to that state up north and a visit to the Ann Arbor Folk Festival. This year, the 41st year for the event, takes place January 26-27 and headlines **John Prine** and **Jason Isbell. Stephen Kellogg**, **JJ Grey & Mofro**, **Lori McKenna**, **Aimee Mann** and several others also appear.

**Phil Lesh** and **Bob Weir** have announced their first ever duo shows. The pair, of course, is most famous for their work in **The Grateful Dead**, and it's likely you'll hear some of those songs when they stop by the Chicago Theatre March 10-11.

**Alice in Chains** have announced a short tour this spring that takes them to the Riviera Theatre in Chicago May 15, the Morris Center in South Bend May 16 and Rock on the Range in Columbus, Ohio May 18. The band has started recording the follow-up to 2013's *The Devil Put Dinosaurs Here*, and its likely we will see that new album sometime this year, though no dates have been set in stone as of yet.

Longtime friends and comedy superstars **Martin Short** and **Steve Martin** have posted a few tour dates for the summer. An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life features the duo on stage together trading memories and insults as well as a few musical numbers. The tour hits the Grand Rapids May 20, the Toledo Zoo May 25, Dayton May 26 and Cincinnati May 27. **Steep Canyon Rangers** will open the shows.

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Chloe Agnew	Mar. 17	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Chris Tomlin w/lim Walker Smith, Matt, Maher, Christine D'Clario, Tauren Wells, Pat Barrett	Apr. 13	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Chris Tomlin w/lim Walker Smith, Matt, Maher, Christine D'Clario, Tauren Wells, Pat Barrett	Apr. 14	Huntington Center	Toledo
Chris Tomlin w/lim Walker Smith, Matt, Maher, Christine D'Clario, Tauren Wells, Pat Barrett	Apr. 15	Nutter Center	Dayton
Chris Tomlin w/lim Walker Smith, Matt, Maher, Christine D'Clario, Tauren Wells, Pat Barrett	May 10	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Christin <u>e</u> Lavin	Jan. 14	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Christopher Cross	Mar. 30	Ludlow Garage	Cincinnati
Clean Bandit	Apr. 10	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Clean Bandit	Apr. 11	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Cloud Castle Lake	Feb. 1	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Clownvis Presley	Jan. 13	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Collective Soul	Feb. 15	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Collin Raye	May 12	Wagon Wheel	Warsaw
Cowboy Mouth	Jan. 12	Magic Bag	Femdale, MI
Crooked Colours	Mar. 2	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Dan Auerbach w/Shannon and the Clams, Shannon Shaw, Robert Finley	Mar. 31	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Dan Auerbach w/Shannon and the Clams, Shannon Shaw, Robert Finley	Apr. 2	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Darci Lynne Farmer	Feb. 11	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
The Darkness	Apr. 14	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Dashboard Confessional, Beach Slang	Apr. 3	House of Blues	Cleveland
Dashboard Confessional w/Beach Slang	Apr. 4	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Datsik, Brillz, Space Jesus, Riot Ten, Wooli	Jan. 12	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Daughtry	Apr. 11	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Davy Knowles	Jan. 27	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Davy Knowles	Feb. 23	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Declan McKenna	Mar. 3	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Demi Lovato, DJ Khaled	Mar. 9	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Derek Gripper	Feb. 7	Old Town School	Chicago
Destroyer	Jan. 20	Metro	Chicago
Devil Makes Three	Jan. 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Dirkschneider w/Elm Street	Mar. 3	Agora Ballroom	Cleveland
Dixie Dregs	Mar. 24	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Dreamers, New Politics, The Wrecks	Feb. 16	House of Blues	Cleveland
Dropkick Murphys. Agnostic Front, Bim Skala Bim	Feb. 28	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Dweezil Zappa	May 3	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Earth, Wind & Fire	Mar. 17	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Earth, Wind & Fire	Mar. 21	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
The East Pointers	Mar. 7	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Echosmith	Apr. 14	Metro	Chicago
Echosmith	Apr. 17	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Echosmith, The Score	Apr. 20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Eddie B.	Jan. 13	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ella Vos	Mar. 16	Schubas Tavem	Chicago
Enslaved w/Wolves in the Throne Room, Myrkur, Khemmis	Feb. 21	Agora Ballroom	Cleveland
Eric Johnson	Mar. 13	House of Blues	Cleveland
Europa Galante w/Fabio Biondi	Jan. 11	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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zra Furman	Feb. 27	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis	K.Flay w/Yungblud	Mar. 25	20th Century Theater	Cincinnat
'he Fab Four	Apr. 13	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH	Kalimba	Feb. 8	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
etty Wap	Jan. 26	Deluxe	Indianapolis	Kansas	Mar. 18	Victoria Theatre	Dayton
First Aid Kit w/Van William	Feb. 2	Riviera Theatre	Chicago	Kansas	Mar. 24	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
ive for Fighting	Apr. 8	Cincinnati Music Hall	Cincinnati	Keiko Matsui	May 4	Ludlow Garage	Cincinnati
oreign <u>er</u>	Apr. 7	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI	Keller Williams	Jan. 12	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
ozzy	Mar. 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids	Kenny G	Mar. 24	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
ozzy w/Santa Cruz, Through Fire, Dark Sky Choir	Mar. 31	Oddbody's	Dayton	Kesha, Macklemore	July 11	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
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G-Eazy, Phora, Anthony Russo Band, Trippie Redd	Mar. 9	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago	Kevin Hart	Jan. 27	Nutter Center	Dayton
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 16	20th Century Theater	Cincinnati	Kid Rock	Feb. 24	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 20	House of Blues	Cleveland	The Killers	Jan. 15	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Saelic Storm	Feb. 22	House of Blues	Cleveland	The Killers, Alex Cameron	Jan. 16	United Center	Chicago
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 24	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati	Killswitch Engage, Anthrax	Feb. 3	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Salactic	Feb. 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids	Kiss Army	Jan. 28	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Gang of Youths	Mar. 30	Subterranean	Chicago	The Kooks w/Barns Courtney	May 30	Vic Theatre	Chicago
George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic	Feb. 1	Civic Center	Lima, OH	Kuinka, Wild Skies	Feb. 2	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Glen Hansard Glen Phillips	Mar. 18 May 10	Riviera Theatre The Ark	Chicago Ann Arbor	L.A. Guns, Budderside, Hero Jr.  Ladysmith Black Mambazo	Feb. 28 Feb. 17	The Vogue Old Town School	Indianapolis Chicago
Greensky Bluegrass	Feb. 7	House of Blues	Cleveland	Ladyshiith Black Maribazo  Laith Al-Saadi, Dacota Muckey	Jan. 12	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Greensky Bluegrass	Feb. 9-10	The Fillmore	Detroit	Lalah Hathaway	Jan. 21	House of Blues	Cleveland
Hammerfall, Flotsam & Jetsam	June 1	Agora Ballroom	Cleveland	Lauv, Jeremy Zucker	Feb. 16	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Here Come the Mummies	Feb. 16	The Intersection	Grand Rapids	Led Zeppelin 2	Feb. 17	Deluxe	Indianapolis
Here Come The Mummies	Feb. 17	The Vogue	Indianapolis	Lettuce, Galactic	Feb. 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Heywood Banks	Apr. 28	The Ark	Ann Arbor	Lewis Black	Apr. 7	The Fillmore	Detroit
Hotel California	Mar. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash	Little Big Town w/Kacey Musgraves, Midland	Feb. 16	Allstate Arena Shipshowana Event Contor	Rosemont, IL
Hotel California Howard Jones	Apr. 20 Mar. 10	Shipshewana Event Center Ludlow Garage	Shipshewana Cincinnati	Little Texas  Locash	Jan. 27 Feb. 8	Shipshewana Event Center Honeywell Center	Shipshewana Wabash
DK, A\$ap Ferg, Denzel Curry	Apr. 4	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis	Lonestar	Jan. 27	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
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The Illusionists	Feb. 13	Honeywell Center	Wabash	LP	Feb. 24	Metro	Chicago
n This Moment, P.O.D., New Years Day, DED	Feb. 7	Fillmore	Detroit	Lucy Rose, Charlie Cunningham	Mar. 23	Schubas Tavem	Chicago
n This Moment, P.O.D., New Years Day, DED	Feb. 9	House of Blues	Cleveland	Luke Combs w/Ashley McBryde	Feb. 8	Hobart Arena	Troy, OH
nfamous Stringdusters, Horseshoes & Hand Grenades	Feb. 8	The Vogue	Indianapolis	Luke Combs w/Ashley McBryde	Feb. 9	DeltaPlex	Grand Rapids
nfamous Stringdusters, Horseshoes & Handgrenades	Feb. 13	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland	Lunasa	Mar. 7	Old Town School	Chicago
U's Another Round	Feb. 2	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne	Machine Head	Feb. 16	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
.J. Grey & Mofro w/The Commonheart lake Allen	Feb. 2 Jan. 14	The Vogue C2G Music Hall	Indianapolis Fort Wayne	Majid Jordan  Manic Focus, SunSquabi, Clozee, SoDown, LWKY	Feb. 21 Mar. 10	Vic Theatre Riviera Theatre	Chicago
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Dead Horses, Chastity Brown, Joe Pug	Jan. 26	Hill Auditorium	Ann Arbor	Marilyn Manson	Feb. 7	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
ay Electronica	Feb. 1	Park West	Chicago	Mark Chesnutt, Hubie Ashcraft Band	Mar. 2	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana
eanne Robertson	May 4	Honeywell Center	Wabash	Mark Lowry	Feb. 24	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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eezy	Feb. 24	The Fillmore	Detroit	Martin Carthy	Apr. 14	Old Town School	Chicago
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Papadosio	Mar. 17	The Intersection	Grand Rapids	Tenderloins	Feb. 3	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Parsonsfield w/The Ghost of Paul Revere	Feb. 18	Schubas Tavern	Chicago	Tennis w/Overcoats	Jan. 15	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Passion Pit	Jan. 17	Riviera Theatre	Chicago	Tennis, Overcoats	Jan. 13	Metro	Chicago
Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo	Apr. 4 Feb. 10	Hard Rock Rocksino House of Blues	Northfield Park, OH	Terry Fator	Apr. 20 Mar. 27	Hard Rock Rocksino	Northfield Park, OH
Paul Fayrewether Peter Hook & the Light	May 4	Metro	Cleveland Chicago	Theresa Flores They Might Be Giants	Feb. 7	Niswonger P.A.C. The Voque	Van Wert Indianapolis
Phillips, Craig and Dean	Mar. 9	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana	They Might Be Giants	Feb. 11	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
The Piano Guys	Apr. 27	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati	They Might Be Giants	Mar. 17	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Pink	Mar. 9	United Center	Chicago	Thompson Square, Hubie Ashcraft Band	Jan. 20	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana
Pink	Mar. 10	United Center	Chicago	Three Dog Night	Feb. 2	Honeywell Center	Wabash
PinkPink Droyd	Mar. 17 Feb. 17	Bankers Life Fieldhouse C2G Music Hall	Indianapolis Fort Wayne	Tim Hawkins Tinsley Ellis	Mar. 24 Feb. 3	Honeywell Center C2G Music Hall	Wabash Fort Wayne
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Pokey LaFarge	Jan. 14	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis	Tom Misch	Apr. 26	Metro	Chicago
Pop Evil, Palaye Royale, Black Map	Mar. 28	House of Blues	Cleveland	Tom Papa	Mar. 8	Butler Arts Center	Indianapolis
Pop Evil, Palaye Royale, Black Map	Apr. 6	The Fillmore	Detroit	Tommy Emmanuel, Rodney Crowell	Feb. 9	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Pop Evil w/Palaye Royale, Black Map	Mar. 29	Bogart's	Cincinnati	Tommy Emmanuel & Rodney Crowell	Feb. 15	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
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Portugal. The Man	Feb. 16	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago	Turnover, Camp Cope	Apr. 20	Deluxe	Indianapolis
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Project Pat, DJ DJ	Jan. 19	The Vogue	Indianapolis	Two Feet	Feb. 24	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Propagandhi	Mar. 3	Metro	Chicago	Ty Dolla \$ign	Mar. 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Puddle of Mudd	Mar. 3	Oddbody's	Dayton	Ty Segall	Apr. 8	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Purdue Varsity Glee Club, Purduettes Purple Veins	Apr. 13 Apr. 21	Honeywell Center The Vogue	Wabash Indianapolis	Tyler, The Creator, Vince Staples, Taco Typhoon	Mar. 2-3 Jan. 19	Aragon Ballroom Metro	Chicago Chicago
PVRIS	Feb. 24	The Intersection	Grand Rapids	Umphrey's McGee	Jan. 12	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Radney Foster	Mar. 15	B-Side	Fort Wayne	Under the Streetlamp	Mar. 23	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana
Rag'n'Bone Man	June 12	Park West	Chicago	Uriah Heep	Mar. 4	T. Furth Ctr., Trine Univ.	Angola
Randy <u>Jackson w/Fort Wayne Philharmonic</u>	Apr. 13	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne	Valerie June	Feb. 23	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Rebelution, Raging Fyah	Feb. 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago	Velvet Caravan	Mar. 22	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Rebulation, Raging Fyah Recycled Percussion	Feb. 14 Jan. 26	The Fillmore Honeywell Center	Detroit Wabash	The Verve Pipe Wafia	Apr. 19 Jan. 29	Ludlow Garage Schubas Tavern	Cincinnati Chicago
Resurrection	Jan. 20	The Vogue	Indianapolis	Wailers	Jan. 28	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Richard Shindell	Mar. 10	The Ark	Ann Arbor	Walk The Moon	Jan. 24	The Fillmore	Detroit
Ricky Skaggs	Mar. 4	Old Town School	Chicago	Walk The Moon	Jan. 26	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Rik Emmet w/Dave Dunlop	Jan. 27	Ludlow Garage	Cincinnati	Walk The Moon	Jan. 27	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Robert Cray Band	Feb. 28	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo	Walk Off The Earth	Mar. 16	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Robert Plant & The Sensational Space Shifters, Seth Lakeman Robin Trower	Feb. 20 Apr. 6	Riviera Theatre Hard Rock Rocksino	Chicago Northfield Park, OH	Walker Hayes Wallows	Mar. 15 Feb. 22	House of Blues Lincoln Hall	Cleveland Chicago
Rod Tuffcurls and the Bench Press	Feb. 10	The Vogue	Indianapolis	Warrant, Firehouse	Feb. 3	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ron White	Jan. 11	Civic Center	Lima, OH	The Wedding Present, Terry De Castro	Mar. 26	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Ron White	Apr. 5	Honeywell Center	Wabash	Weezer & The Pixies w/The Wombats	July 6	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Ryan Kinder	Jan. 27	Schubas Tavem	Chicago	Weezer & The Pixies w/The Wombats	July 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Sanctuary, Iced Earth, Kill Ritual	Feb. 22	Deluxe The Filmore	Indianapolis	Weezer & The Pixies w/The Wombats	July 13	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox Scott Bradlees's Postmodern Jukebox	Feb. 2 Feb. 3	The Fillmore Riviera Theatre	Detroit Chicago	Weird Al Yankovic Weird Al Yankovic w/Emo Philips	Mar. 10 Mar. 25	20 Monroe Live Ohio Theatre	Grand Rapids Cleveland
Scotty McCreery, Russell Dickerson	Mar. 22	The Fillmore	Detroit	Weird Al Yankovic	Apr. 6-7	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Scotty McCreery	Mar. 24	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana	Weird Al Yankovic	Apr. 12	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Sebastian Maniscalco	Mar. 3	Chicago Theatre	Chicago	Westover, Skillet, NewSong, Building 429, Mallary Hope, Kari Jobe, KB, Dan B	Bremnes,		
Sebastian Maniscalco	Mar. 9-10	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL	Jordan Feliz, John Crist, Nick Hall	Mar. 30	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
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Sky Harbor, Silent Planet, The Contortionist, Strawberry Girls	Apr. 6	Deluxe	Indianapolis	Whitesnake, Foreigner, Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience	July 10	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
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Starset	Feb. 10	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne	Yacht	Jan. 12	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Starset, Grabbitz, Year of the Locust	Feb. 3	House of Blues	Cleveland	Yanni	May 18	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
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# The Women Make Their Mark

When I first heard that attendees were being asked to wear black to the Golden Globes in support of efforts to acknowledge the epidemic of sexual crimes in the entertainment industry, I winced. It seemed like such a superficial gesture to the ugly revelations of the past year. But response to those events has continued to grow and deepen, and at the ceremony many, many winners made genuine, powerful statements about what we should do next to keep the positive momentum moving forward. In that context, the somber (though still often very sexy) black attire seemed appropriate and dignified.

Host Seth Meyers set just the right tone in his opening monologue, acknowledging how troubling the past year has been, but still making jokes that weren't too political or raunchy. They were funny. Then he got out of the way and let the stars speak, which they did, often with eloquence.

And as the awards were announced, it became clear that the Hollywood Foreign Press Association took to heart the changes afoot. They expressed their support with their votes. The evening was a parade of awards given to the stories of women - some strange, some inspiring, some troubled.

Let's start at the top. Best motion picture drama Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri is a story of a woman fighting for justice for her daughter who was raped and murdered. The movie is tough but has surprising humor and a message of forgiveness and the possibility that humans can change. Writer/director Martin McDonagh also won for his screenplay.

Best picture musical or comedy, Ladybird, is the story of mother and daughter who care deeply about each other, working through their changing relationship as the daughter prepares for college. Ladybird was written and directed by Greta Gerwig.

The best actress awards went to the stars of these two films: Frances McDormand for Three Billboards and Saoirse Ronan for Lady Bird. Best supporting ac-



tress Alison Janney won for her role in I, Tonya. She plays Tonya Harding's very difficult and troubled

The awards for best television shows also featured difficult stories and many of the actresses in those shows won in the acting categories. Winners included The Handmaid's Tale, Big Little Lies and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. So that is a dystopian future; a mysterious and compelling tale of ladies with secret lives; and a woman trying to make it in a man's world. The television acting awards went to Elizabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale), Nicole Kidman and Laura Dern (Big Little Lies) and Rachel Brosnahan (The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel).

The men who won are all nominees I was rooting for. Sam Rockwell, best supporting actor, transforms in Three Billboards from a racist jerk to a repentant tough guy enlightened by the strength and stubborn persistence of Frances McDormand. Best Actor in a musical or comedy went to James Franco, who had a vision that the story of making of the horrible but wonderful The Room could be compelling. He graciously brought the man he played, Tommy Wiseau, to the show and invited him up on stage (and just as graciously prevented him from grabbing the mic). He also brought his brother and co-star up on stage. It was the first time I've seen a winner have his thank you's on his phone, really much less irritating than floppy paper. Gary Oldman has done so much good work during his career, and I am thrilled he won for portraying Winston Churchill in The Darkest Hour.

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# **A Critical Look at Some Winners**

Two things have happened since the last edition of ScreenTime: (1) The Golden Globes; and (2) I watched a whole lot of the movies nominated for and winning – awards right now. So, of course, I have opinions and thoughts and reactions.

For starters, Martin McDonagh's Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri won Best Screenplay (Mc-Donagh), Best Lead Actress in a Drama (Frances McDormand), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Sam Rockwell) and Best Picture (Drama), and it deserved every one of those honors. It's a fun, smart movie full of powerhouse performances. The pacing and structure of the script is definitely the best I saw in 2017, making for not just a smart, artful watch, but a very fun time at the movies (not unlike, say, No Country for Old Men in this regard). McDonagh's film might not end up being the movie I pick as my favorite in 2017, but I think it's perfectly deserving of whatever awards it receives. McDormand is especially worthy, giving here what I believe will be remembered as her signature performance (yes, even more signature than Fargo, which, of course, I love and cherish like every other cinephile type I know).

And then there is Greta Gerwig's Lady Bird. It's a good movie (a memoir film that structures together the highlights of a high school slacker's senior year), the casting is perfect and Gerwig proves to be a funny, observant writer. The film not only won Best Picture (Comedy), but also Best Lead Actress in a Comedy



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(Saoirse Ronan). Gerwig, who was nominated for Best Screenplay, was one of the stars of the night, if mostly because she wasn't nominated for the Best Director award. Not to be a party pooper, but I think this is the kind of film that we'll have to look back on in a few years with some more context. I think it's a very good comedy with perfect casting; does it deserve to be a Best Picture winner or Best Director winner at the Oscars? I don't believe so. Perhaps I'm missing something, or maybe I've just seen a lot of actors have solid first films and not a whole lot after that. The filmmaking, the performances and the storytelling to me feel on par with Juno, a Judd Apatow film, or Garden State. Meanwhile, Gerwig's filmmaker boyfriend, Noah Baumbach (whom she forgot to thank after winning Best Film), released one of the year's least seen (but I'd say all around best) new classics with The Meyerowitz Stories. Zero awards, zero nominations. but very likely the 2017 film I'll return to the most in the year ahead.

The Shape of Water also had a big night, winning

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#### Current

FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW — Farm technology exhibitors, over 11 booths of farm related items, informational presentations, fundraising auctions and more, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free, 483-1111

MLK Day Activities — Discussion with Ketu Oladuwa, call to service/ mass and area service projects to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, free, 399-7700

SAVOR FORT WAYNE — Twelve days of menu deals, all under \$30, from dozens of Fort Wayne-area restaurants, Tuesday-Sunday thru Jan. 21, 424-3700

#### Lectures, Discussions, Authors, Readings &

#### Films

L.I.V.E. FORUM WITH FW UNITED —
Reception, panel discussion
featuring Iric Headley of Fort
Wayne United, Fort Wayne Police
and neighbors, friends and family
members of the African-American
community, 5:30 p.m. Thursday,
Jan. 18, North Campus Auditorium,
University of Saint Francis, Fort
Wayne, free, 399-7700

FIRESIDE BOOK CHAT — ACRES led on Robin Wall Kimmerer's Braiding Sweetgrass, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Tom & Jane Dustin Nature Preserve, Huntertown, free, 637-2273

BACK TO THE FUTURE — Screening of 1985 film with pre-show Grande Page organ performance, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, 424-5665

THE WIZARD OF OZ — Screening of 1939 classic with pre-show Grande Page organ performance, 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, 424-5665
PRESERVING CHURCHES: HISTORIC LEGACIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Leacies for Future Generations
— ARCH lecture presented by
Cornelia Schulz and Judge Charles
Pratt of City of Churches Tour, 10
a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Meeting
Room A, Main Branch, Allen County
Public Library, Fort Wayne, free,
426-5117

#### **Storytimes**

STORYTIMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS AT ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:
ABOITE BRANCH — BORN to Read Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Baby Steps, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1320
DUPONT BRANCH — BORN to Read

Storytime, 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Baby Steps Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Ants in Your Pants Storytime, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Wednesday & Thursdays, PAWS to Read, 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Bookworms Storytime, 11:15 a.m. Thursdays Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-5, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1315 GEORGETOWN BRANCH — Born to Read Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays, Baby Steps Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11:00

a.m. Tuesdays; Family Storytime,

10:15 & 11 a.m. Thursdays, 421-

Grabill Branch — Born to Read, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays; Smart Start Storytime 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1325

LITTLE TURTLE BRANCH — Storytime for toddlers & preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; Babies and Books, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1335

Main Library — Babies and Books, 10 a.m. Fridays; Family Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Storytime for preschoolers, day-cares and other groups, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Toddler Time, 10:30 & 11 a.m. Fridays; 421-1220

New Haven Branch — Babies and books for kids birth to age 2, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1345
Pontiac Branch — Smart Start

Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, PAWS to Read, 5 p.m. Thursdays 421-1350 TECUMSEH BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, YA Day for teens 5

p.m. Wednesdays, Wondertots reading for ages 1-3, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1360 Shawnee Branch — Born to Read Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Teen Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 421-1355

WAYNEDALE BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays & Tuesdays, Born to Read Storytime for babies and toddlers, 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays, 421-1365

WOODBURN BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, 421-1370

#### Instruction

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

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

#### **Tours and Trips**

IRELAND, LONDON AND PARIS — USF School of Creative Arts trip to visit the Rock of Cashel, Dublin City Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum, Eiffel Tower and more; college course credit available, **May** 7-18, , University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, \$4400-\$4650, jnix@ sf.edu

#### **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, 740, 5206

TEAM TRIVIA — Trivia for teams of up to 6 players, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Crazy Pinz/Coconutz, Fort Wayne, free, 969-9336

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

#### **Spectator Sports**

#### **BASKETBALL**

MAD ANTS — Upcoming home games at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne

FRIDAY, JAN. 19 vs. Sioux Falls, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1 vs. Wisconsin, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3 vs. Long Island, 7 p.m.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS — Exhibition basketball game against the Washington Generals, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$66, 483-1111

#### **HOCKEY**

KOMETS — Upcoming home games at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne

Saturday, Jan. 20 vs. Allen, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21 vs. Allen, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 vs. Rapid City, 8 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

SUNDAY SINGLES DANCE — Open dancing, potluck carry-in dinner, DJ and cash bar, 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 28, American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, \$7 704-3669

#### January

MIZPAH SHRINE CIRCUS — Three ring circus featuring clowns, aerial acts, acrobats and more, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26; 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27; 1 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$14-\$22, 483-1111

Outdoor Sports, Lake & Cabin Show — Vacation, travel, hunting, fishing, RV, motorsports and cabin living expowith live music, vendors, kids activities and more, 12-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10, 483-

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER — Indoor backyard party with live music, ziplining, live music, beer, wine and food, 7-11:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$50, 483-1111

WINTERVAL WINTER CARNIVAL — Snow crafts, family activities, ice carving demonstrations, treats, Arctic Inflatables and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, various downtown locations, Fort Wayne, free, 422-7625

#### **February**

FORT WAYNE RV AND CAMPING SHOW— Hundreds of RV, travel trailers, recreational vehicles and toy haulers on display and for sale, vendor booths and raffles, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$10, 483-1111

Fizz Fsst — Craft soda festival featuring over 100 vintage and craft sodas available for sample and purchase, winter carnival and live entertainment, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, USF Robert Goldstein Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$20, 494-6224

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Best director winner Guillermo Del Toro gave a lovely speech about his lifelong affection for monsters. In the *The Shape of Water* and many of his other films, he has tried to remain "faithful to monsters."

Stadiog V. Brayer in his win for heat performance in a talevision

Sterling K. Brown, in his win for best performance in a television drama, made history by being the first African American actor to win this award. His acceptance speech was a generous tribute to the man who created his role for an African American man and how proud he is to be playing a character he can inhabit with pride.

The show was polished if not speedy. The pairing of presenters with categories was inspired. For instance, Kirk Douglas, who broke the blacklist by using Dalton Trumbo's real name in *Spartacus*, was the perfect choice to announce best screenplay, especially paired with his daughter in law, Catherine Zeta-Jones.

But the biggest star of the evening was Oprah Winfrey who thrilled the crowd with her speech as she accepted the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award. Some of the "Time's Up" admonitions sounded a little too rehearsed and repetitive, but Winfrey gave the audience history, hope and a vision of the future. During the monologue, Meyers made jokes about Oprah's qualifications to be president. By the end of her powerful speech, I was convinced she is ready to run in 2020. And I am also convinced she could win. Quite a night for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

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## SCREENTIME - From Page 16

Best Director (Guillermo del Toro) and Best Original Score (Alexandre Desplat). This year saw two of the best living filmmakers, del Toro and P.T. Anderson, give us minor works. Both films lacked in story, though *The Shape of Water* was beautifully crafted. This is something of a legacy award for del Toro, I think. That said, look for this film to get a lot of Oscar nominations.

Dunkirk, a film just about every film critic thought at one time or another would sweep the Oscars in early 2018, won nothing. It should have won Best Director. Look for Nolan's latest opus to win a whole lot of technical awards at the Oscars in a couple months. Likewise, Steven Spielberg's The Post, despite receiving six nominations, won zero awards. Get Out, a very poorly made horror film that uses the theme of civil rights as a shallow plot device, won nothing, nor should it have. It's cool that so many of y'all are finally taking interest in racial equality, but let's not get too excited; a mediocre film, despite it's great intentions, is still a mediocre film.

It was a long show that started slowly with a lot of political tip-toeing then turned into an awkwardly breakneck display of grandstanding. No one really said anything that felt too brave about anything happening in the world, and no one stuck their neck out. It felt, as you would expect like a soft, safe, Hollywood version of activism.

After watching the awards show I took to IMDb and looked over the last 10 years of awards results. Here's the thing: movies are getting worse. The talent and attention is very much turning to TV. That's not to say that there aren't still a whole lot of good movies coming out.

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ARTISTS IN THE CITY - Works from established and lesser known local artists (curated by Karen Thompson), 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday thru Jan. 14, at First Presbyterian Art Gallery, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne,

HE ART OF FORT WAYNE -Collaborative works celebrating the city of Fort Wayne, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15-Feb. 25 (opening reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17), Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery, Main Library, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, 421-1210 ext. 2101

HE ART OF WARNER BROS. CARTOONS - Film shorts, drawings, paintings, animation cels and other memorabilia tracing the development of such cartoon characters as Bugs Bunny, Tweety and The Road Runner, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily thru Feb. 7 (open house 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10), Clark Gallery, Honeywell Center, Wabash, 563-1102

ASH & CARRY HOLIDAY EXHIBIT — A variety of works, all available for immediate purchase, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily thru Jan. 31, Clark Gallery, Honeywell Center, Wabash, 563-1102

CIENFUEGOS — Photographs from IPFW students' trips to impoverished area of the Dominican Republic, **5-8 p.m.** Friday, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday and by appoint-ment thru Jan. 19, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, 704-5400

AVID SHAPIRO: SEER, ACTOR, KNOWER Does — An exhibit of more than 30 abstract works from the museum's largest gift in history, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday thru Feb. 2, Fort Wayne Museum of Art \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

ORT WAYNE ARTISTS GUILD'S EXHIBITIONS - Darlene Selzer-Miller at Active Day of Fort Wayne, Lynne Padget at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Emily Butler at Allen County Retinal Surgeons, Anita Trick at Citizens Square (2nd floor), Valerie McBride at Citizens Square (3rd floor), Dick Hefflefinger at Heritage of Fort Wayne, Jon Detweiler at Ophthalmology Consultants (Southwest), Toni McAlhany at Ophthalmology Consultants (North), Alice Siefert at Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, John Kelty at Town House Retirement, Karen Harvey at Visiting Nurse Hospice and Karen Bixler and Diana Fair at Will Jewelers, thru Jan. 31, fortwayneartistguild.org

GEOFFREY HILLER: DAYBREAK IN MAYANMAR
— Selection of photos from travels to Burma (Mayanmar) dating back to 1987, including excerpts from interviews conducted by the artist, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday and 4-6 p.m. Sunday thru Feb. 18, Franco D'Agostino Art Gallery, Academic Center, Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, 399-2826

GROUP SHOW - Works from over 20 artists working in all mediums, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday thru Feb. 3, Crestwoods Frame Shop & Gallery, Roanoke, 672-2080

HOLIDAY DISPLAYS - Annual holiday displays from Garrett-area residents, 5-8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday and by appointment thru Jan. 19, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, 704-5400

JAZZ ERA PHOTOGRAPHY BY HERMAN LEONARD — Photographs of jazz greats Miles Davis, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker and more, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday thru Jan. 28 Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

JEFFERY WOLIN: STONE COUNTRY Photographs and stories related to Indiana's limestone industry, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday thru Jan. 28, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

Majestic Earth — All-media group exhibition showcasing the beauty of the earth, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-7p.m. Tuesday and Thursday thru Jan. 30, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 436-0927

PETER BREMERS: LOOKING BEYOND THE Mirror — Kiln-cast glass works by Holland-based artist, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday thru Jan. 18, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

REGIONAL EXHIBITION — Juried exhibition featuring artists from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky, 12-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-4 p.m. Saturday thru Feb. 9, Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, 424-7195

STONE COUNTRY: THEN AND Now —
Jeffrey Wolin's original photographs from Stone Country, his 1985 project with writer Scott Russell Sanders documenting the landscape, industry and people of southern Indiana, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday thru Jan. 28, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$6-\$8 (members, free), 422-6467

SUNSET CANYON POTTERY - Exhibition of functional pottery from Austin, Texas-based pottery studio, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. 7p.m. Tuesday and Thursday thru Jan. 30, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 436-0927

WINTER REFLECTIONS — Winter-themed works from local, regional and national artists, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday thru Feb. 3, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, 426-6568

#### Artifacts

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38th National Print Exhibition -Contemporary, limited edition fine arts works in all printmaking mediums accepted for juried 2018 exhibition, Friday, January 26 entry deadline, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, 424-7195, artlinkfw.com

ARTS PLACE CALL FOR EXHIBITORS - Arts Place seeking innovative proposals from regional artists to display two- or three-dimensional works in Portland, Indiana art gallery, electronic submissions (including 10 images of recent work, description of proposed exhibition, current resume and artist statement) due Sunday, Feb. 4, email kanderson@ artsland.org, 866-539-9911

#### **EVENTS**

THE PRINTMAKERS OF NASHVILLE, INDIANA Free presentation by artist Doug Runyan at Fort Wayne Artists Guild's monthly meeting, **6:30 p.m.**Wednesday, Jan. 17, Globe Room, Main Branch, Allen County Public Library, fortwayneartistsguild.org

GRAND OPENING — Grand opening reception at new gallery located in Fort Wayne's North Anthony Corridor, featuring open house, raffles and after party and reception featuring live music, a cash bar and an artist meet-and-greet, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Rhapsody Art Gallery and Studio, 483-6712

#### **Upcoming Exhibits**

#### **JANUARY**

WANDERINGS: MUSINGS AND STORIES FROM OUR TRAILS - Works from Jeremy McFarren and Erin Patton McFarren, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19-Feb. 25 (public reception 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 and congregational reception 12:15-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21), First Presbyterian Art Gallery, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, 426-7421

Don Kruse — Works on paper from local artist, educator and member of the artist group Fort Wayne Six 9 a.m.-5p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. **Sunday, Jan. 20-Feb. 21**, Goldfish Gallery, Rolland Arts Center, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, 399-7700 ext. 8001

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# FPT's Thoughtful Drama

First Presbyterian Theater begins with a riveting performance of John Logan's 2010 Award-winning Tony play Red. This twoweek stint at the venue features a duo of remarkable actors: Thom Hofrichter and Kevin Torwelle. Hofrichter also co-directs this play with Chance Parker.

Readers will no doubt recall the first of these two performers.



#### **Curtain Call** STEVE LIVELY

#### RED

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13 & Jan. 19-20 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 First Presbyterian Theater 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne \$10-\$20, 260-426-7421 ext. 121

Co-starring as prolific American artist Mark Rothko, Hofrichter has been directing and organizing the FPT for 21 years. Torwelle, a nineyear acting veteran, plays Rothko's fictional young assistant, Ken, as Rothko prepares his largest and priciest commission for The Four Seasons restaurant in New York City in the late 1950s.

Audience members may not immediately recognize the name Mark Rothko unless they have been involved in the study of American painting. This review is not going to be a lesson on Rothko, but a slight understanding of his work and legacy can be useful artillery for those who attend this outstanding drama. Regardless of your familiarity with Rothko, his contemporaries or art history in general, the teacher-student dynamic swarms the stage from beginning to end.

In under 90 minutes and with no intermission, Hofrichter and Torwelle successfully challenge a bevy of themes and aspects of human nature. It's irrelevant that the assistant's character of Ken is fictitious because he is clearly representative of Rothko's friends, fans, critics and subconscious. Rothko, at this point in his life, had already enjoyed success and was one of the few artists who could live comfortably solely on the income his artistic work provided. Thus, he has evolved from a "starving artist" to a "hardened artist" who is contemplating what future generations will consider to be his legacy. Hofrichter's performance surges throughout the play in this mentality. Among the early remarks he makes to his new assistant is that art must have "tragedy in every brushstroke," which embodies the artist and the performance. Hofrichter exhibits Rothko as a pained and uncomfortable human being who has no interest in being anyone's father, teacher, mentor or friend.

Torwelle counters as Rothko's fictional foil. His character's mental growth and confidence blossom with each scene, leading up to the culminating discourse of their final moment together.

Through five scenes, the play covers two years of time between artist and assistant. The on-stage action is woven into the drama beautifully, but the powerful, inspiring language is what sets the trajectory for these monumental final few minutes.

What do you see?" Rothko asks Ken at the outset. It becomes suddenly obvious that he's not just talking to the young, enthusiastic artist who cannot believe he's being hired to work with the living legend. The question, it turns out, is for the audience to consider as well. Rothko's character further drops poignant takes such as "You cannot be an artist until you're civilized!" and "That's business, not art!" Torwelle's Ken, however, emerges from the verbal assaults received early on and eventually matures into Rothko's sparring partner about life, art and philosophy.

Later, in a visibly active moment between the two, they discuss the power of color and the connotations we build for the entire spectrum. The assistant's torrid past eventually unfolds and brings new depth to their relationship. These elements are no doubt why the play won a Tony; however, the directors' notes point out that some viewers "see this play as an impenetrable wall of philosophy." Thus, we return to the central question - what do you see? - but now with an emphasis not on the first word, but rather the third.

Hofrichter's co-director Parker, a recent IPFW graduate, directed Ballad 423 and 424, and he has been a performer and stage manager in his young, promising career.

Jeanette Walsh returns as costume designer. In a play about artists, Walsh pieces together a perfect visual rendition of each character's

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#### Now Playing

FAustus — Shakespearemachine's production of Christopher Marlowe tragedy uses masks and puppetry backed by a live heavy metal soundtrack, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13; 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20; 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, PPG ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15 thru artstix.org, 422-4226

PIPPI LONGSTOCKING — Fire & Light Academy presents a Harvey Cockspenned musical production about the "strongest girl in the world," 2 р.m. & 7 р.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Salvation Army Community Center, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$5, fireandlightproductions.com

SHOPKINS LIVE! Shop IT UP! — Family entertainment based on the children's toy brand, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$17-\$37 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665 Rep. — John Logan's drama about an

abstract expressionist artist commissioned to paint a series of murals for New York's Four Seasons Restaurant, a commission that could prove to be his undoing, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, 426-7421 ext. 121

HE SOUND OF MUSIC — Broadway at the Embassy production of the classic musical about the Von Trapp Family Singers, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17 Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$65 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665

#### **Asides**

#### **AUDITIONS**

Who Framed the Lucky Leprechaun?
(March 16-18) — Ages 6 through
adult sought for quirky comedy, 3
p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 3-4
and Saturday, Feb. 10, TekVenture,
750-9013

A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF ROGERS & HAMMERSTEIN AND ANDREW LLOYD WEBER (APRIL 20-21) — FORT Wayne Civic Theatre seeks 2-3 female and 2-3 male solo quality vocalists along with a chorus of 20 to 32 singers for production with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic at the Embassy Theatre, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 (arrive by 5 p.m.; callbacks, if needed, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19), Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 422-4226 ext. 226 or ewadewitz@fwcivic.org to sign up

HONK! JUNIOR (JUNE 23-24) — Children ages 8-18 sought for Wells Community Theater's children production based on Hans Christian Anderson's *The Ugly Duckling*, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Arts, Commerce & Visitors Centre, Bluffton, 824-5222

#### **Upcoming Productions**

#### **JANUARY**

THE STATE BALLET THEATRE OF RUSSIA PRESENTS SLEEPING BEAUTY — Classic Tchaikovsky ballet performed by some of Russia's greatest ballet stars, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$38-\$58 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665

A LIFE IN THE THEATRE — David Mamet's comedy that examines the lives of two actors at different stages of their careers, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, Jan. 19-20, Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 2-3, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40 (includes dinner & show), 424-5622

DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD: KING FOR A DAY — Family entertainment featuring characters from the popular PBS television series, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$19-\$29 (add \$25 for VIP meet-and-greet), 563-1102

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE — Fire & Light Academy production of Jane Austen classic, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Salvation Army Community Center, \$4 (online at fireandlightproductions.com), \$5 at door, 241-3378

#### FERRIIADV

Young Harriet Tubman — Fort Wayne Youtheatre production based on the life of the famed abolitionist and U.S. Army spy, written and directed by Gregory Stieber as part of FWYT's Linda Ruffolo Young Heroes of Conscience series, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2; 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 (special school shows at Wayne High School, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5; \$7/student, one free adult for every 10 students), Black Box Theatre, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, 422-4226

Diavolo — Performance by Fort Wayne Dance Collective's 2018 guest dance company, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Arts United Center, \$20-\$30, 424-6574 DANCING WITH THE STARS: LIVE!— LIGHT UP THE NIGHT — Dancers from the hit TV show perform, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$42.50-\$125 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665

CHICAGO — Broadway at the Embassy production of hit musical by John Kander, Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse about Prohibition-era criminals in the Windy City, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14 Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$65 thru Ticketmaster and Embassy box office, 424-5665

THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE — Interactive stage show based on the popular TV game show, complete with prizes for participating audience members, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29-\$45, 563-1102

Davib — Sam Ward created and stars in all for One productions' world premiere one-man musical about the biblical shepherd boy who became king of Israel, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, PPG ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$11-\$20, 422-4226

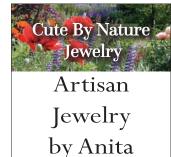
CIRQUE GOES TO THE CINEMA — Fort Wayne Philharmonic Pops Series performance featuring Cirque de la Symphonie's acrobats, jugglers and aerial gymnasts and music from classic films, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29-\$72 thru Philharmonic box office, 481-0770

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personality and mentality. Rae Surface and Sheila O'Rourke are the technical director and dresser/backstage crew, respectively. Austin Berger, who recently performed in last autumn's *Faith Healer*, is the stage manager and board operator.

One of the most tempting opportunities I had with this review was simply to write the words "Go see this play" a few hundred times. Each of the moments spent viewing the action and dialogue between these two performers will remind anyone of the significance of being a mentor, a student, a teacher, a trainee or anything in that realm.

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