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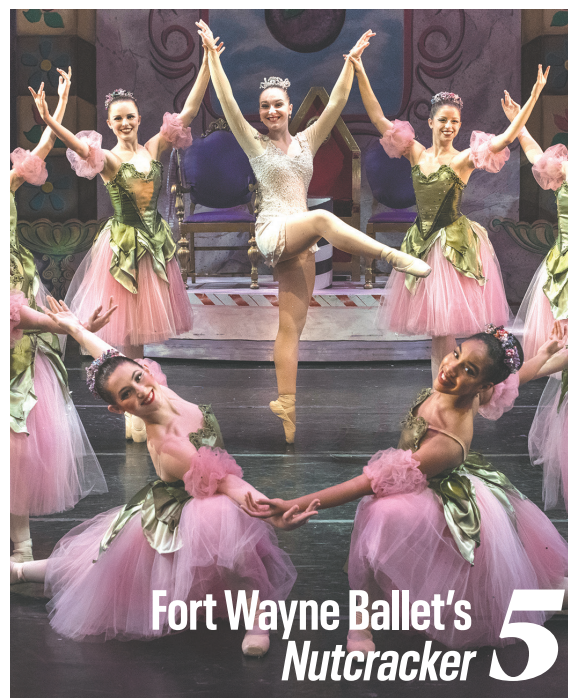


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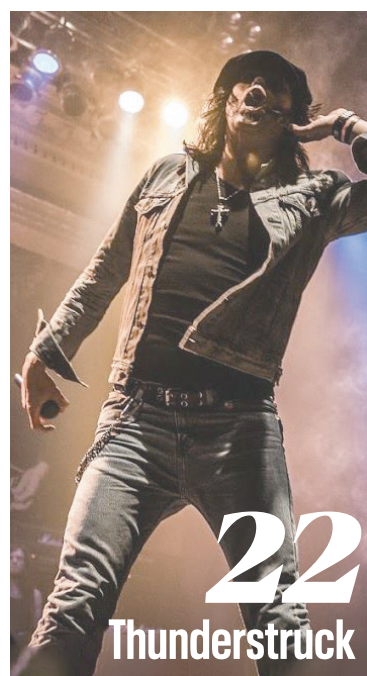
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Singer-songwriter finds his muse in the melancholy

Hear exquisite songcraft at The Brass Rail show

BY STEVE PENHOLLOW

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Dylan LeBlanc spent part of his childhood in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, with his musician father.

As a boy, he'd listened to the music other kids were listening to at the time: pop-punk bands like Blink 182 and Linkin Park.

But the music he was driven to create as a teenage singer-songwriter seemed to have no antecedent.

"I was writing songs that weren't like what the other kids were listening to," he said in a phone interview with *Whatzup*. "It was in my subconscious so much that I couldn't get it out. I couldn't write any other way. I wanted to.

"But I was glad I had that in me. I was always drawn to the more melancholy music. I don't know why that was, really."

Ben Tanner, a cohort of his dad's and a member of Alabama Shakes, began slipping him mix CDs and MP3s of artists that he thought LeBlanc would like, such as Wilco, George Harrison, Ryan Adams, Bruce Springsteen, Jeff Buckley, and My Morning Jacket. It was in this way that LeBlanc found his musical tribe.

APPRECIATING SONGWRITERS

What immediately strikes a person about LeBlanc's songs is how exquisitely well-written they are. They grab a listener straight away and don't let go for four minutes.

One of the benefits of growing up in Muscle Shoals for an aspiring musician is that he learns to appreciate songcraft.

"There were so many great songwriters around," LeBlanc said. "You would never want to play a song for anyone that wasn't your best work because everyone knew what a great song was."

LeBlanc entertained the typical dreams about rock stardom as a boy, but one of his father's many knowledgeable colleagues told him something that shifted his view.

"He said, 'All those people—the reason why they are rock stars and the reason why they made it so far is that they had songs,'" LeBlanc recalled. "They were songwriters before they were any of that."

LeBlanc came to understand that songs were the only currency in the music business: Success was conditional upon the quality of songs.

SLOW AND STEADY SUCCESS

LeBlanc is an enormously respected artist these days, but the journey to this place was slow and arduous. There were many moments when



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almost no one in his life thought he was doing the right thing.

"People were like, 'You need to find a real job. It's time to give up the pipe dream,'" LeBlanc said. "When your girlfriend is working full-time and you're trying to make it, it's embarrassing. There was a lot of humiliation there where I was like, 'Maybe I am just not good enough for this.'"

In LeBlanc's family, there has never been anyone with deep pockets. His first album, *Paupers Field*, was put together with good fortune and favors.

Monty Hitchcock, LeBlanc's manager at the time, convinced Emmylou Harris to come in and duet with him on "If the Creek Don't Rise."

"She told me to tell her if there was anything I didn't like," LeBlanc recalled. "And I was thinking, 'You're Emmylou Harris. There's no (expletive) way I am going to tell you that I don't like something.'"

ONE LAST STAND BEFORE GIVING UP

LeBlanc's extraordinary third album, *Cautionary Tale*, was recorded at a time when LeBlanc was on the verge of giving up on music...and maybe more.

Tanner and John Paul White had scored a

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splashy success (the first album by St. Paul and the Broken Bones) on their nascent record label (Single Lock Records) and this allowed them to record *Cautionary Tale*.

"They took a chance on me," LeBlanc said. "I was very lucky that they were there because I don't think I'd be here right now if it hadn't been for those two people."

As confident and persuasive as *Cautionary Tale* sounds, LeBlanc said it was conceived in "desperation."

"I mean, there was so much desperation in that album," he said. "So much asking the universe for so many things. That record needed to happen. I needed it so badly at that moment in my life."

As great as *Cautionary Tale* clearly was to most sentient humans, it did not lead directly to fame and fortune. LeBlanc has yet to be discovered in the way that, say, Billie Eilish has been. He has never experienced sudden ubiquity.

"There was a long, long, long, long period of time when I wasn't making any money on the shows or records," he said. "It felt like nobody liked it. It was really hard to get people in the room for shows. I've had a very slow career."

"Sometimes you get down about it," LeBlanc said. "People would say, 'Oh, he's Ryan Adams 2.0.' And you'd think, 'You know what? (Expletive) you!' People say (expletive) like that and you've got to get out of your head about that and stay true to yourself, try to find your own thing and stick with it even when people aren't there to support it."

FIGHTING ADDICTION

LeBlanc said it was only about four years ago when he began to feel that his career was making real headway.

"You grow one fan at a time and, before you know it, you have thousands of fans," he said. "It is more gratifying the way I have done it. Because I know every person in the audience of my show, they want to be there."

There were times, LeBlanc admits, when he was one of the biggest barriers to success.

He has struggled with alcohol addiction and was arrested in New Orleans in 2014 for being drunk and disorderly.

"I've had 70 days without a drink," he said. "I had a very painful relapse recently. For me, I can't do it well. I don't drink well. When I am on the road, I have to remember that."

LeBlanc knows two things now about himself "beyond a shadow of a doubt."

"I didn't create myself," he said. "I don't know what did. I know it doesn't matter. And I don't drink worth a (expletive)."

He spat that last part out with self-directed venom in his voice.

"I just don't drink like other people. I pay consequences when I drink," LeBlanc said. "I am a different person when I drink. Anything that is gone in my life that I loved and I don't have anymore, I can trace back to a disturbance inside myself that made me want to drink."

More than a half century of *Nutcracker* in Fort Wayne

Local ballet company's performances Dec. 6-15

BY MICHELE DeVINNEY

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Fort Wayne Ballet's annual performance of *The Nutcracker* is one of the city's favorite holiday traditions. Now 63 years old, Fort Wayne Ballet has performed the full ballet for most of that long history.

"Doing *The Nutcracker* wasn't really in vogue yet," said Karen Gibbons-Brown, Fort Wayne Ballet's Artistic Director. "When the ballet here was first founded, they started by just doing the 'Nutcracker Suite.' We don't have a record of when the first performance of the full ballet was, but a conservative estimate would be 55 years that Fort Wayne Ballet has been doing the full *Nutcracker*."

GROWTH OF LOCAL DANCERS

Gibbons-Brown has been in the city for more than 20 of those performances now. She has brought much to the growth of the ballet which has in turn led to more dazzling performances. For one, it was less than 10 years ago that Fort Wayne Ballet had to hire outside male dancers to handle Sugar Plum Cavalier duties. Now the company includes seven men who are more than capable of handling those duties.

But she's brought other new touches, including "The Muttcracker" program, now in its 10th year and something that has become an inspiration to performance organizations across the country.

"The Muttcracker continues to grow and is a special part of our tradition now," she said. "We are this community's organization, and partnering with Animal Care & Control has been a great way to share our commitment to the community while offering a voice to those who don't have one."

Gibbons-Brown walks the walk and is herself devoted to fostering and adopting dogs in need of a forever home. The program she developed in 2010 has helped her put many other pets into loving homes.

"Last year we helped home our 100th animal," she said. "For many years we just had dogs, but we have since added cats. We don't put them in the party scene like we do the dogs, but we do have them at the Animal Care



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& Control table in the lobby for people to meet and hopefully decide to adopt."

The response to the dogs as they walk across the stage is always heartwarming, but if there's anything that tops that, it's the gasp of children at the end of Act I when the snow begins to fall on the audience in the Arts United Center just as it does on stage. The sense of wonder is palpable.

"It's really beautiful," Gibbons-Brown said. "It's like looking at a beautiful picture or a globe with snow falling."

TRADITION AND CHANGE

While there are many favorite aspects of *The Nutcracker* for those who regularly attend, Gibbons-Brown is sensitive to maintaining tradition while still keeping the show fresh. And keeping things fresh is as much about maintaining the many components of the production as it is about entertaining the audience.

"Of course we always have a change of dancers, and that brings something new to each performance," she said. "We have two adorable Claras, and we'll have three Sugar Plum Fairies. But we also need to refresh the costumes and can't do all of them each year. But we will have new Sugar Plum costumes, new Snow costumes. Our tree is still very new, and we have a new Dragon from two years ago which requires 10 dancers to move it across the stage. The old Dragon took only five dancers. And we do change the choreography a bit. This year the battle scene will be handled by Natalya Vyashenko who is certified by American Ballet Theatre. Tracy Tritz is doing the party scene this year. Even people who see it all the time are going to see things they haven't before."

Fort Wayne Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* has garnered national attention over the years, with the *Wall Street Journal* choosing it as one of the top five productions of the ballet in the United States. Last year Erie, Pa.,

asked the ballet to bring the production to their audiences. The ballet was a hit and will return this year.

"We are going to Erie again, and our last performance there will be December 22," Gibbons-Brown said. "That's going to make for an almost three-week run which includes all of our productions here, the school shows that we're doing, and the week in Erie. It's a lot, but it's such a wonderful time of year. Spirits are high, and everyone wants something a little magical in their lives."

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Fort Wayne Ballet's professional corps has grown dramatically in recent years, but it also continues to be a place where young dancers are trained through the Auer Academy, some of which continue on to careers outside of Fort Wayne. Dance is obviously the main component, but Gibbons-Brown is also aware of how important it is to teach other aspects of their art.

Just as Muttcracker has been a successful outreach aspect for the ballet, so has their stuffed animal drives which each year donate cuddly friends to the Fort Wayne Police Department to support children in traumatic situations. Their efforts alone have led to the collection of almost 4,000 stuffed animals.

"There's always a need out there and ways an organization can serve our community," she said. "When you study dance, you learn more than dance. You learn time management, you learn to be a team member, and you learn about servant leadership. I want our dancers to give back to our community because our community has given so much to us."

PERFORMANCES

One more additional way in which they engage the community is in their now-annual sensory-friendly performance which will take place this year on Tuesday, Dec. 10. In partnership with AWS Foundation, the performance

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is not open to the general public and allows for those on the spectrum, who may be uncomfortable with loud music, bright lights, and special effects.

Gibbons-Brown is emotional when she remembers last year's performance and its aftermath.

"Last year, it was so successful and so inspiring, and at the end the dancers lined up around the theater to greet and acknowledge anyone who wished to interact with them. It was so lovely to watch and to see how much it meant not only to the people in the audience but to our dancers. They were there an extra hour that night, but no one minded. It was just so special to be part of that and to promote inclusiveness, kindness, and tolerance."

The Nutcracker's first three performances — the December 6 opening night and both the matinee and evening performance on December 7 — will feature the Fort Wayne Philharmonic conducted by Caleb Young. The popular Sugar Plum Parties, which Gibbons-Brown promised holds new surprises this year, take place after each of the four matinees.

Each year, Fort Wayne Ballet finds new ways to enchant the audience, both young and young at heart, with its staging of *The Nutcracker*.

"We are always happy and proud to be part of our community's holiday celebration," Gibbons-Brown said.

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Country and rock welcomed at The Clyde

The Clyde Theatre recently hit a milestone in welcoming its 100,000th customer and shows no signs of slowing down. At the rate they're going, it won't be long until they celebrate the 200,000th.

By already booking well into 2020, that feat might be just around the corner. A couple of the recent bookings for The Clyde are country singer **Matt Stell** on Thursday, March 19, and **Zoso: The Ultimate Led Zepplin Experience** on Saturday, May 16.

With 45 million streams of his single "Prayed for You," Stell rides to town on the "Everywhere But On Tour" with special guests **Chris Bandi** and **Ray Fulcher**.

As for Zoso, the stunning homage to Page, Plant, Bonham, and Jones has had its share of visits to the Summit City and continually outdo themselves. *The St. Petersburg Times* call them "the most exacting of the Led Zepelin tribute bands in existence." Just a couple of more shows to add to your calendar. To the folks at the Clyde, keep up the good work!

BRINGING THE ROCK TO THE HONEYWELL

The two-hour arena rock extravaganza **Hairball** is returning to the area on the evening of Saturday, April 4, this time at the Honeywell Center.

With outfit changes, pyrotechnics, guitar wizardry, and crowd interaction, these cats bring the party. The last time I saw Hairball, I was treated to tunes from Guns N' Roses, Van Halen, Kiss, Queen, Twisted Sister, Quiet Riot, and many more. Definitely a fun time!

Tickets for Hairball go on sale Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. If it is anything like their last couple of engagements, expect a full house.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN AT BLACKHAWK

Following last year's successful "Great Big Family Christmas Tour," the contemporary Christian act **Side-walk Prophets** is making it another go this holiday season. The tour will hit several Midwest and southern markets including Blackhawk Ministries, 7400 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

The stop will include many holiday classics and Side-walk Prophets originals, some of which can be found on their latest effort, *Merry Christmas To You (Great Big Family Edition)*.

Also, just like last year's tour, the band is collaborating



Out and About

NICK BRAUN



Matt Stell

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with Olivet Nazarene University, using six of the school's students as the horns and strings section. Tickets for this show are available through Eventbrite.

C2G OPEN MIC NIGHT...

Here's a friendly reminder that you can show off your musical talents the first Monday of every month at C2G Music Hall's Open Mic night. Hosted by **Sunny Taylor**, the evening allows musicians to come out and perform their own material in an intimate setting. Signups begin at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free, but everyone is encouraged to bring a canned food donation for Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County Food Banks. See you at the next one on Monday, Dec. 2!

... AND MAD ANTHONY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Speaking of open mic nights, **Mike Conley** will be hosting a special one coming up on Monday, Dec. 23, at Mad Anthony Brewing. The focus on this one will be Christmas carols. The place will be filled that evening with some of your favorite local performers letting out their Christmas spirit.

Things get under way around 7 p.m. so make it a point to come out for a bite to eat, a couple of cold Madbrews, and Christmas tunes.

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Swick & Jones — Acoustic variety at Mad Anthony's Lake City Tap House, Warsaw, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 268-2537

Todd Harrold Band — R&B/blues at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 407-8530

WilFrey — Acoustic variety at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 908-1391

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 432-8966

DJ Tony — Top 40, country, pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jazz Jam — Open jam at Crescendo Club, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m. no cover, (800) 222-4700

Jeff McDonald — Oldies at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Kevin Derrow — Variety at The Green Frog, Fort Wayne, 6:30-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 445-4506

Open Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Open Stage Jam — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 478-5827

Tronic — EDM at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The Band Brother — Variety at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. cover, (260) 387-5063

The Bel Airs, David Todoran, C.A.B., Tuesday Atlas, Flamingo Nosebleed — Variety at Neat Neat Neat Records and Music, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. no cover, (260) 755-5559

Big Daddy Caddy — Variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. , (260) 483-1311

Blue Pluto — Jazz/variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 426-3442

Buffalo Nichols — Blues/variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 490-6488

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m. cover, (260) 422-5055

Decade Divide — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:45 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

The DeeBees — Variety/oldies at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Gray Matter — Variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. , (260) 483-1311

Hubie & Travis — Country at HT2, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 616-0444

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Joe Five Band — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

Joe Justice — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

Jon Durnell — Acoustic at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Karaoke — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

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Nightlife

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

Dupont Bar & Grill

Sports Bar • 10336 Leo Road, Fort Wayne • (260) 483-1311
EXPECT: Great daily drink specials, 3 pool tables, your NFL headquarters, 16'x10' Megatron, three 6'x4' Minitrons, 15 flat screen TVs; \$8.99 daily lunch specials; 60¢ wings Wednesdays; Three Rivers Karaoke 9 p.m. Wednesdays. **GETTING THERE:** North of Fort Wayne at Leo Crossing (Dupont & Clinton). **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. daily. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Amex

Flashback Live

Dancing/Music • Behind Evans Toyota, Fort Wayne • (260) 483-1979
EXPECT: The city's only retro dance club with 80s, 90s and today's music. Live entertainment every Friday & Saturday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. as well as the city's hottest DJ between sets and into the late night! Family friendly from 4-9 p.m. with full menu of appetizers, wings, pizzas and sandwiches. Outdoor patio with a full service bar and dance area! **GETTING THERE:** Behind Evans Toyota at Coliseum Blvd. and Lima Rd. **HOURS:** Open 4 p.m. Thurs.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, ATM on site

Hamilton House

Neighborhood Bar • 3950 E. Bellefontaine, Hamilton • (260) 488-3344
EXPECT: Great atmosphere with a beautiful view of lake; 20 beers on tap, 6 large HDTVs w/DirecTV (NFL Package during season), internet juke, pool table, karaoke every Friday (9 p.m.), live bands every Saturday (8 p.m.) Memorial Day thru Labor Day. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of roads 1 and 427. **HOURS:** 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-12 midnight Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa

JD Lounge

Pubs & Taverns • 10366 Dupont Road, Fort Wayne • (260) 483-1311
EXPECT: Upscale non-smoking atmosphere, craft beers and local wines, NFL Ticket, acoustic music on Thursdays, carryout, lottery, drink and food specials. **GETTING THERE:** North of Fort Wayne at Leo Crossing (Dupont and Clinton), next to Dupont Bar & Grill. **HOURS:** Open 5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

Latch String Bar & Grill

Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne • (260) 483-5526
EXPECT: Fun, friendly, rustic atmosphere. Daily drink specials. Mondays, \$2.75 imports; Tuesdays, \$3 margaritas & \$1 tacos; Wednesdays, \$2.50 well drinks and 59¢ bone-in wings; Sundays, \$2.50 bloody Marys. Live bands Friday, Sunday, & Tuesday; open mic Wednesday; karaoke Monday, Thursday & Saturday. No cover. **GETTING THERE:** Where Clinton and Lima roads meet. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa

Mad Anthony Brewing Company

Brew Pub/Micro Brewery • 2002 S. Broadway, Fort Wayne • (260) 426-2537
EXPECT: 20-plus beers freshly hand-crafted on premises with a full bar featuring craft cocktails and more. Expanded menu full of old favorites and exciting new entrees, "One of the best pizzas in America," large vegetarian menu. Sunday Carry-out available. **GETTING THERE:** Southwest of downtown Fort Wayne at Taylor Street and Broadway. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon-Thurs; 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri-Sat; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mad Anthony Lake City Tap House

Music/Rock • 113 E. Center St., Warsaw • (574) 268-2537
EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Carry-out handcrafted brews available. Live music on Saturdays. Expanded menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** From U.S. 30, turn southwest on East Center Street; go 2 miles. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

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Live Music & Comedy

LOCAL CALENDAR

Mark Garr — Acoustic variety at Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 705-0165

Melvin Mullins — Variety at American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. \$5, (260) 456-2988

Middle Names — Indie Rock at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 9-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Randy Spencer — Acoustic variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Renegade — Variety at American Legion Post 241, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 1-4 p.m. no cover, (260) 458-4500

Samuel Harness — Variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Todd Harrold Band — R&B/blues at Ruhu 152, Nappanee, 6 p.m. no cover, (574) 832-7843

Turkey Day Leftovers comedy revue — Comedy at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Free, (260) 399-6336

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Austin Marsh — Acoustic variety at Mad Anthony Tap Room, Auburn, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 927-0500

The Band Brother — Variety at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. cover, (260) 387-5063

Picks

GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

Selah

with the Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale
6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center
2101 Coliseum Blvd. E., Fort Wayne
\$15-\$35 • (260) 484-1029

Christian vocal trio Selah have recorded hits like "You Raise Me Up" and "Wonderful, Merciful Savior." Their soaring talent, a passion for ministry, and a deep love for the church has been this group's calling card for over two decades.

Their harmonies and arrangements will highlight a special Christmas Tour that stops at the Rhinehart Music Center on the campus of PFW in Fort Wayne.

Amassing more than 4 million units in sales, eight Dove Awards, a Gold-certified album, and eight No. 1 singles, Todd Smith, Allan Hall, and Amy Perry, better known as Selah, have together graced the stage of Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium and the Grand Ole Opry while touring with such artists as Casting Crowns, Point of Grace, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Michael W. Smith.

The band's newest album, *Firm Foundation*, was



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released on Nov. 1. While you may hear a number or two from that album when they visit the Summit City, along with a selection of some of their other hits, the evening will be devoted to celebrating the Christmas season with some traditional and festive songs. It'll undoubtedly be an evening of warm, holiday worship in an intimate concert setting. — *Chris Hupe*

Josh Arnold

7:15 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
@2104/Fort Wayne Comedy Club
2104 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne
\$20-\$30 • (260) 426-6440

In 2016, Josh Arnold was added to the cast of the nationally syndicated radio program *The Bob & Tom Show*, joining show creator Tom Griswold and regulars Chick McGee and Kristi Lee. Since his debut there, Arnold has seen demand for his stand-up routine increase to become a highly sought-after headliner and getting the chance to perform in some of the best comedy clubs in the country.

Now he makes a stop in the Summit City with two performances at the Fort Wayne Comedy Club.

A St. Louis native, Arnold was voted St. Louis' Best Male Comic by the *Riverfront Times* and his material can be heard in regular rotation on Sirius Satellite Radio. Arnold often uses self-deprecating humor during his routine and chooses to describe himself as "half-fat" rather than overweight because, he says, he's just fat from his face to his waist; his lower half is above average



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with "legs that deer have admired from afar," according to his website. In addition to his work on *The Bob & Tom Show*, Arnold has provided material for Comedy Central's *@Midnight* and *The Burn* and movies *The Impersonators* and *Voice Over*. Arnold was also a featured actor in *The Impersonators* and the underground classic *Space Babes From Outer Space*. — *Chris Hupe*



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Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., (260) 422-5055

Helicon's Peak — Country/classic rock at Warsaw VFW Post 1126, Warsaw, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (574) 267-2768

James Baker Quartet — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

KT3 — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

The Midtown Men — Christmas vocal at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$35-\$100, (260) 563-1102

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at The Bell, Huntington, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 359-1777

Music Lover's Lounge — Hip hop, R&B at Wunderkammer, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. \$10, (260) 399-6336

Olde 441 — Blues/variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Randy Spencer — at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — R&B/blues at Oakwood Resort on Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, 8 p.m. no cover, (574) 457-7100

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Belmont High School, Decatur, 2 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 481-0770

Heartland Sings — Handel's *Messiah* at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 3 p.m. \$15-\$25, (260) 481-0777

The Mo Show — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

The Swingles — Christmas vocal at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 3 p.m. \$20-\$40, (419) 238-6722

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Fort Wayne Children's Choir — Holiday sing-a-long at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 6-7 p.m. \$4-\$8 (includes admission to Festival of Trees), (260) 424-5665

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Open Mic hosted by Shelly Dixon & Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

Tuesday Atlas, Shake the Baby 'Til the Love Comes Out — Punk pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Free, (260) 399-6336

USF Student Electronic Music Concert — Electro at University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. free, (260) 399-7700

Woodwind Studio Recital — Woodwind at Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Chilly's Talent & Tacos — Open mic at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 483-5526

Drum Circle — Open drumming at Conference Hall 1, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, 7-8 p.m. no cover, (800) 222-4700

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Central Noble High School, Albion, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 481-0770

Giggly Wrigley — Comedy open mic at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 485-1038

USF Student Guitar Ensemble Concert — Variety at USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. free, (260) 399-7700

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Carolyn Martin — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Guitar Studio Recital — Guitar at Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

Kevin Piekarski Jazz Trio w/David Streeter — Christmas/jazz at South Whitley Public Library, South Whitley, 6:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 723-5321

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Shut Up and Sing — Karaoke at Duesy's Sports Bar and Grille, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5681

USF University Singers Christmas Concert — Christmas vocal at USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. free, (260) 399-7700

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Auburn Community Band — Holiday Concert at Steuben County Community Center, Angola, 7 p.m. donations, (260) 665-9191

Bands Concert w/Jennifer Jolley — Variety at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 432-8966

DJ Tony — Top 40, country, pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jeff McDonald — Oldies at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Joey Beltram — Country at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. Free, (260) 399-6336

Kevin Darrow — Variety at The Green Frog, Fort Wayne, 6:30-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 445-4506

Open Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Open Stage Jam — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 478-5827

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 458-4500

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EXPECT: Twelve handcrafted beers on tap; also featuring Indiana craft beers and local wines. Patio with seating for 100; seven dock slips; 150-seat banquet facility. Expanded menu, including famous gourmet pizza, unique eats and vegetarian fare. **GETTING THERE:** Located on beautiful Lake James above Bledsoe's Beach. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mad Anthony Tap Room

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

EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Expanded menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** Take I-69 to State Road 8 (Auburn exit); downtown, just north of courthouse. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 a.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill

Sports & Music • 6179 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 387-5063

EXPECT: Family-friendly atmosphere, great food, all sports packages on over 40 TVs, craft beers and more. Great food from wings and pizza to gourmet sandwiches and entrees; breakfast and blood Mary bar Saturdays & Sundays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **GETTING THERE:** On the corner of Getz Road and West Jefferson Boulevard, southwest Fort Wayne. **HOURS:** 4 p.m.-close Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-close Friday-Saturday. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

State Grill

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Teds Beer Hall & Wine Bar

Pub/Tavern • 12628 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne • (888) 260-0357

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

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USF Jazz Ensemble Concert — Jazz at USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. free, (260) 399-7700

The Wizards of Winter — Holiday rock at T. Furth Center, Trine University, Angola, 7 p.m. \$30-\$50, (260) 665-4990

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Aleena York Quartet — Toys for Tots Holiday Concert at Cottage Event Center, Roanoke, 6:30 p.m. \$12, (260) 414-2015

The Beef Manhattans — Acoustic variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Chelsea Erickson — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m. cover, (260) 422-5055

Dylan LeBlanc w/SG Goodman — Acoustic at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 267-5303

Djpt, Death on Fire, Knee Deep in the Dead, Severed Headshop, Catalytic, Coffin Witch — Metal at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m. \$5 adv, \$7 day of, (260) 399-6336

Fireball Matinee — Variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., (260) 483-1311

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

Karaoke — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

Minda — Acoustic variety at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 908-1391

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 273-7169

Smooth Edge 2 — A Cappella at Le Chic Holiday Market at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, 5-8 p.m. \$5 at the door, (260) 410-0276

Picks

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If you're having trouble getting into the spirit of Christmas this year, then maybe *The Christmas Post* has exactly what you need to remind you of the reason for the season. The musical will be presented Dec. 6-7 at First Assembly of God in Fort Wayne.

Since its debut in 1998, *The Christmas Post* has delighted audiences with its original book and score inspired by two of Norman Rockwell's best-known *Life Magazine* covers, recalling the days when *The Saturday Evening Post* found its way into American homes on a regular basis. This Broadway-style musical is fast and fun while offering a clear message of the true meaning of Christmas in its entertaining dialogue and drama. Set in fictional Homesboro, Ind., and taking place on Christmas Eve 1947, *The Christmas Post* transports audiences into a world of ordinary Americans who, just like people today, need to rediscover their faith and be reminded of what Christmas is all about.

Attendees are asked to bring a "single-serving" food donation for students at Smith Academy for Excellence.

Messiah Sing-Along

2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

917 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne

\$5 • (260) 485-2143

Handel's *Messiah* is synonymous with Christmas, representing the season with some of the most recognizable music ever created. It is, in short, the standard bearer of the holidays.

The Bach Collegium will help bring this timeless classic to life again this year — with a little help from some friends — when they offer a chance for anybody and



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Smith Academy for Excellence is a tuition-free, all-boys charter school located in Fort Wayne. The school takes advantage of family and community support to administer a strong comprehensive academic curriculum that includes character education and service-learning projects, which develops young men into lifelong leaders. — *Chris Hupe*

everybody to join in the fun with their annual Messiah Sing-Along, taking place Dec. 8 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Wayne.

Join in the fun as collegium president Thomas Remenschneider directs the piece that dates back to 1741. This is an event where professionals, amateurs, and first-timers come together to celebrate Handel's masterpiece and help kick off the holiday season. Bring your own score or borrow a copy that the collegium will have available. Audience members are not required to sing, but all are invited to join in. They know singing makes you hungry, so as a bonus for attending, coffee and cookies will be available. — *Chris Hupe*

James Baker Quartet — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jason Paul — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

John Curran & Renegade — Country at Koozie's Pub & Grub, Markle, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 758-2300

Jon Durnell — Acoustic variety at Mad Anthony's Lake City Tap House, Warsaw, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 268-2537

Josh Arnold — Comedy at @2104/Fort Wayne Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, 7:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Love Hustler w/Gramps the Vamp — Electro Funk at The Tiger Room @ Welch's Ale House, Fort Wayne, 10-11:30 p.m. \$5, 21+, (260) 456-6542

Motor Folkers — Variety at American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-3960

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 824-0455

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Thunderstruck — AC/DC tribute at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$15-\$18, (260) 747-0989

Todd Harrold Trio — R&B/blues at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, 21+, (260) 489-2524

Walking Papers — Variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., (260) 483-1311

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Bach Collegium — Messiah Sing-Along at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. \$5, (260) 485-2143

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Dekalb High School Auditorium, Waterloo, 2 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 920-1012

Heartland Sings — Holiday vocal jazz at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. \$10-\$25, (260) 436-8080

The Mo Show — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Selah, Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale — Christian Christmas at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 6-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$35, (260) 484-1029

Smooth Edge 2 — A Cappella at Anchor Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN, 6:30-8 p.m. free, (260) 312-5241

Will Certain — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 1-5 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Worship Arts Christmas Concert w/ King's Brass, Lancer and Lakeland Chorus and Festival Orchestra, Tim Zimmerman — Christmas at Grace College, Winona Lake, 7:30 p.m. \$10, (866) 823-2618

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Five Finger Death Punch w/Three Days Grace, Bad Wolves, Fire from the Gods — Heavy metal at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m. \$37-\$94, (260) 483-1111

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Open Mic hosted by Shelly Dixon & Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

Purdue Fort Wayne Community Orchestra — Holiday choral at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Acoustic Jam — Open jam at Crescendo Club, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (800) 222-4700

Chilly's Talent & Tacos — Open mic at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 483-5526

Fort Wayne Community Band — Holiday Concert at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$7-\$8, (260) 481-6555

Giggly Wrigley — Comedy open mic at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 485-1038

Straight No Chaser — A Capella at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$36.50-\$61.50, (260) 424-5665

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Carolyn Martin — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Shut Up and Sing — Karaoke at Duesy's Sports Bar and Grille, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5681

Smooth Edge 2 — A Cappella at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m. free, (260) 312-5241

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Ace Frehley — Rock at Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30 p.m. \$36-\$41, (269) 625-8817

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 432-8966

DJ Tony — Top 40, country, pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Home Free — Country at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$29-\$70, (260) 563-1102

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jeff McDonald — Oldies at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Jerod Bolt — Acoustic country at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Jim Brickman — Christmas at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Purdue Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$21-\$76, (260) 481-0777

Kevin Derrow — Variety at The Green Frog, Fort Wayne, 6:30-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 445-4506

Open Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Open Stage Jam — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 478-5827

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety at Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 341-1688

Tronic — EDM at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896



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Kids invited to spread holiday cheer at animal shelter

Kids and Christmas are an irresistible combination, and there are many ways to enjoy the experience and feel a little bit more like a child at Christmas yourself.

In the next coming weeks, there are a few extra-special ways to make Christmas meaningful for the young people in your life.

Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control is hosting “Deck the Howls” on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m.-noon. Kids ages 5-12 are invited to stop by in their jammies and enjoy making dog treats in Santa's Barkery, creating toys for the dogs and cats in the Elf Workshop, and decorating the shelter to get the dogs, cats, and small animals in the holiday spirit.

There will be some treats available, but



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MICHELE DEVINNEY

perhaps the biggest treat of all will come when the kids read holiday stories to the shelter animals.

As demonstrated by the Paws to Read program, a nationwide initiative that the Allen County Library has been offering for years, reading to pets provides great reinforcement for childhood literacy. It may be that kids are a bit less self-conscious and more open to sharing a story with a dog. The shelter animals also benefit from the effort.

The cost for Deck the Howls is only \$10 per child, and registration at cityoffortwayne.org/education/deck-the-howls is encouraged.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT LUTHERAN

For children and families facing medical challenges, Christmas can be a time of mixed emotions. Fortunately, the children at Lutheran Children's Hospital and Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House will get to enjoy a little holiday magic on Thursday, Dec. 19,

when visitors are invited to bring a flashlight from home and provide some Christmas caroling and a light display to provide cheer.

Head down to Lutheran's Children's Hospital at 6:30 p.m. for some refreshments then at 7 the singing and light show begins. Dubbed “Love Light Shine Bright,” the evening will bring a smile to the kids and parents inside but undoubtedly also to those providing the music and light from outside.

HONORING MISTER ROGERS

Fred Rogers is in everyone's hearts and minds these days with the release of the new Tom Hanks biopic last weekend. His kindness and gentle spirit are well-remembered, and his legacy continues today with *Daniel Tiger's* popularity and equally kind messages.

To honor Mister Rogers at this time of year, when the fun of the holidays is paralleled with the cooler temps and challenges for children who may not have adequate outerwear for the

season, PBS 39 is launching a drive to collect clothing.

From now until Friday, Dec. 6, PBS39 — local home for *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* for much of his career — asks that you please drop off your new or gently used sweaters and/or sweatshirts during normal business hours to ACPL branch locations (including downtown, Georgetown, Tecumseh, New Haven, Grabill, Hessen Castle, Pontiac, Shawnee, and Aboite), Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, South Whitley Community Public Library in South Whitley, Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, Angola, Wabash County Historical Museum in Wabash, and Whitley County Historical Museum in Columbia City.

Help keep children in our area safe and warm for the upcoming frigid weather.

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Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m. cover, (260) 422-5055

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$80, (260) 481-0770

Hubie Ashcraft Trio — Country rock at Brevin's, Churubusco, 8:30-11:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 693-9340

James Baker Trio — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jason Paul — at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 908-1391

Jazz Ensemble Holiday Swing Concert — Holiday jazz at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

Karaoke — Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

Pottsie's Pastime — Variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., (260) 483-1311

Siberian Solstice Concert — Holiday Concert at Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, OH, 7 p.m. free will offering, (419) 542-9553

Sweetwater All Stars — Variety/jazz at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety at Chapman's Brewing Co., southwest, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-5048

Will Certain — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Adam Baker — Singer-Songwriter at 6 Autumns Food & Spirits, Angola, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 580-5641

Dance Party w/DJ Rich — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., (260) 422-5055

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. \$30-\$80, (260) 481-0770

Grand Funk Railroad — Classic rock at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$39.50-\$79.50, (260) 747-0989

Grateful Groove — Grateful Dead tribute at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5, (260) 483-1311

Helicon's Peak — Country/classic rock at Market Street, Huntington, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. No cover, (260) 356-9997

James Baker Quartet — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Joe Stabelli — Jazz at Don Hall's Gas House, Fort Wayne, 5:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3411

John Curran & Renegade — Country at Duff's Bar, Columbia City, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 244-6978

Kyle Haller Band, Alyssa Enright, The Beef Manhattans w/Mike Conley, Sunny Taylor Band, Smooth Edge 2 — Holiday Concert at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. \$8-\$15 (please bring canned good), (260) 426-6434

Mountain Dewe Boys — Country at Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 273-7169

The Oak Ridge Boys — Country at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$35-\$75, (260) 563-1102

Paul and Nick — Acoustic variety at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 908-1391

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

PrimeTime — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 458-4500

Satanic Hispanic — Darkwave at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$5, (260) 399-6336

Sideband — '80s and '90s Acoustic at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. No cover, (260) 312-8420

Susan Mae and the New Yesterday — Variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., (260) 483-1311

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday pops at T. Furth Center, Trine University, Angola, 2 p.m. \$35-\$45, (260) 665-4990

The Midtown Men — Christmas vocal at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 7:30 p.m. \$45-\$65, (419) 238-6722

The Mo Show — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Smooth Edge 2 — A cappella at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, IN, 6 p.m. \$10, (260) 312-5241

The Wizards of Winter — Holiday rock at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$75, (260) 563-1102

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Karaoke at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Monday Blues Jam Sessions with G Money — Blues at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Old Crown Brass Band — Holiday Concert at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 710-2908

Open Mic hosted by Shelly Dixon & Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

Open Mic Night — Variety at Crescendo Club, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8:30 p.m. no cover, (800) 222-4700

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Chilly's Talent & Tacos — Open mic at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 483-5526

Giggly Wrigley — Comedy open mic at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 485-1038

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) & Friends — Jazz at Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Carolyn Martin — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Comedy Buffet — comedy at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Holiday Pops at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$18, (260) 563-1102

Paul New Stewart & Charles Rhen — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Shut Up and Sing — Karaoke at Duesy's Sports Bar and Grille, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5681

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Antwerp Community Band Concert — Holiday Concert at Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, OH, 7:30 p.m. free will offering, (419) 542-9553

Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca — Variety at Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 432-8966

DJ Tony — Top 40, country, pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

Fort Wayne Philharmonic & Chorus — *Messiah* by Candlelight at First Wayne Street United Methodist, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$35, (260) 481-0770

Fort Wayne Karaoke — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

Herman's Hermits — Holiday pop at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$39-\$69, (260) 747-0989

James Baker Duo — Jazz at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 444-5898

Jeff McDonald — Oldies at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 489-2524

Kevin Derraw — Variety at The Green Frog, Fort Wayne, 6:30-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 445-4506

Mannheim Steamroller — Holiday rock at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 3 p.m. \$38-\$65, (260) 563-1102

Motor Folkers — Variety at Adams Lake Pub, Wolcottville, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-3463

Open Mic — Hosted by Mike Conley at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Open Stage Jam — Hosted by Pop 'n' Fresh at Office Tavern, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 478-5827

Tom Koenig — Acoustic Variety at El Azteca, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 341-1688

Tronic — EDM at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

Rockin' around for Christmas

The Wizards of Winter bring show to region

BY CHRIS HUPE
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

While not as well known as Trans-Siberian Orchestra, The Wizards of Winter have been around nearly as long, celebrating their tenth anniversary this year.

Led by music director Scott Kelly and fronted by his wife Sharon, The Wizards of Winter have four albums under their belts, including the ten-song *The Christmas Dream*, released earlier this year.

BLAZING THEIR OWN TRAIL

The band currently has two former members of TSO in it and has actually counted six former members at one time or another through the years.

It would be really easy to describe The Wizards of Winter as a TSO clone or, at least, a similar band that does similar things, but that would be doing Gorhau's band a disservice. The Wizards of Winter are blazing their own trail in the Christmas music world by leaning more toward a fully focused Christmas show as opposed to the show that TSO typically puts on featuring half a show with a Christmas story line and half a show of other stuff.

"Obviously we don't have \$50 million worth of lights or anything like that, so it's a little more intimate with us," said guitarist Fred Gorhau in an interview with *Whatzup*. "But they kind of have to stay with telling *Christmas Eve and Other Stories* every year because that's basically what they were founded on and what they are all about. The cool thing about our show and our storyline is that it takes place inside of a snow globe, so the places and locations and times can change every year based on where our imagination happens to be and what songs we like. We have a narrator that was the narrator for TSO for 12 years and



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we use him to weave the songs in a way that makes sense and helps us tell our tale. "

ALBUM RUNS FROM ROCK TO JAZZ

The Christmas Dream was released in September and has gotten great reviews. As you can imagine with former members of Rainbow, Blue Oyster Cult, and Ted Nugent's band laying down tracks, the album has its fair share of rock moments. But the album also ventures into straightforward pop/rock and even jazz and blues on occasion.

Gorhau says the song variety was a conscious decision made by the band, not only because the storyline of the album dictated it, but also because they want to have something on the album that appeals to everyone, regardless of musical taste.

"We kind of run the gamut on this album because Christmas can be a happy time for a lot of people, but it isn't for everyone," Gorhau said.

"Some people are really desperate this time of year and some people can get really depressed, so we touch on all those things throughout the album and we mix up the

sound to fit the emotions we are trying to convey."

The addition of Trixter's Steve Brown to the band added a new songwriting perspective, helping them create what is possibly their most complete album yet.

"Steve was quite involved with it," Gorhau said. "I've known him for thirty something years and I'm excited to have him. He obviously brings a huge pedigree to the band and he's a great guy. When we were kids in our teens or early twenties, Trixter got signed and I was so excited for him going out with Scorpions and Poison and Kiss. And then when he started doing gigs with Def Leppard, to see him play at Wembley Stadium, I said, 'Look at that, man, there's my pal.' We're so excited to have him with us now."

GET FILLED UP WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Gorhau wants you to know you're going to have a great time with The Wizards of Winter and will absolutely leave the venue with plenty of Christmas Spirit in your heart.

"It's a very family-oriented show," he said. "Our audience typically ranges from 8-80, so

THE WIZARDS OF WINTER

ANGOLA SHOW

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5
T. Furth Center, Trine University
500 W. Maumee St., Angola
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WABASH SHOW

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15
Ford Theater at Honeywell Center
275 W. Market St., Wabash
\$25-\$75 • (260) 563-1102

it's part rock concert, part Christmas show, and part Broadway show. We'll make it snow inside the venue, throw out some beach balls and have a lot of audience participation. It's really a good time and it goes by pretty quickly, even though it's about a two-hour show.

"I'm always surprised at the end of the show when it's like, 'Oh wow, we're done already.' And since we're in more intimate theaters, it definitely feels like you are part of the show. I think that's kind of been the key to our success. I really enjoy it. I wouldn't be doing it this long if I didn't."



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Elton John adds final dates to final tour

Elton John has added the final 24 North American dates to his “Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour,” his last tour ever. John announced the end of his touring days by stating that his priorities had changed and he wanted to focus on his family. The new wave of dates includes Columbus, Ohio, on April 25 and Chicago on June 19-20. The final show on this continent is scheduled for July 8 in Kansas City and the three-year farewell tour is set to end sometime in 2021.

His kids will likely be fully grown by then, but at least John will have given as many fans as possible a chance to say goodbye. Expect more “final” dates to be announced next year because, well, that’s how final tours seem to go these days.



Road Notes
CHRIS HUPE

CHICAGO WELCOMES WILCO
Wilco, the band that has still never played the Summit City despite the best efforts of some of the city’s biggest players a few years ago, will hit the road in 2020 in continued support of their newest album *Ode To Joy*.

Frontman Jeff Tweedy and friends give a healthy dose of what the band has to offer with a four-night stay at the Chicago Theatre on Dec. 15-19 with a break on Dec. 17. Robyn Hitchcock is set to open the first two shows while Sharon Van Etten opens the other two.

CELEBRATING ALBUM
They Might Be Giants will embark on a U.S. tour to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their album *Flood*. Each show will feature two distinct sets including one in which the band plays *Flood* in its entirety. Check it out when TMBG stop in

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Aaron Watson	Feb. 28 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
AC Slater	Feb. 28 '20	Park West	Chicago
Ace Frehley	Dec. 12	Eclectic Room	Angola
Adam Corolla	Jan. 25 '20	Park West	Chicago
Adam Green	Mar. 13 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Airborne Toxic Event	June 19 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
AJR	May 22 '20	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Albert Lee	Jan. 6 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Ali Gatie	Feb. 4 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Alice Merton w/the Strumbellas	Dec. 8	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Allen Stone	Mar. 14 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Allman Betts Band	Feb. 7 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Allman Betts Band w/JD Simo and Jackson Stokes	Feb. 8 '20	Michigan Theater	Ann Arbor
Alter Bridge	Feb. 9 '20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Alter Bridge w/Clint Lowery and Deepfall	Feb. 12 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
America	Jan. 18 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
American Authors and Magic Giant w/Public	Feb. 16 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith	Dec. 1	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith	Dec. 2	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Ana Gabriel	Feb. 14 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Andrew Bird	Dec. 9-12	Fourth Presbyterian Church	Chicago
Andrew McMahon	Dec. 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Andy Frasco and the U.N.	Feb. 21 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Art Alexakis	Dec. 8	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Awolnation w/Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Bleeker, The Beaches	June 6 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Bad Bunny	Nov. 29	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Badbadnotgood w/Junius Paul	Dec. 30	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Badbadnotgood w/Angel Bat Dawid & Tha Brothahood	Dec. 31	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Badfish	Feb. 15 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bailen	Jan. 24-25 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Bailen	Jan. 30 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Ballroom Thieves	Apr. 23 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Band Royale	Jan. 22 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Barns Courtney	May 6 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Basia Bulat	Apr. 4 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Battles	Dec. 8	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
BBNO\$	Mar. 14 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Begonia	Mar. 7 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Ben Vereen	Jan. 18 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Bert Kreischer	Feb. 21 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	Dec. 18	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	Mar. 28 '20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Big Head Todd & the Monsters	Feb. 22 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Big Head Todd & the Monsters	Feb. 25 '20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Big Something & Andy Frasco and the U.N.	Feb. 22 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Bikini Kill	May 22 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Bikini Kill	May 23 '20	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Billie Eilish	Mar. 23 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Billie Eilish	Mar. 24 '20	United Center	Chicago
Billie Eilish	Mar. 25 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Billy Joel	June 20 '20	Notre Dame Stadium	South Bend
Billy Joel	July 10 '20	Comerica Park	Detroit
Billy Raffoul	Mar. 8 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Black Crowes	July 29 '20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Black Crowes	Aug. 15 '20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Black Crowes	Aug. 16 '20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Black Crowes	Aug. 18 '20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Black Crowes	Aug. 20 '20	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Black Tiger Sex Machine	Apr. 4 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Blake Shelton	Mar. 19 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Blake Shelton	Mar. 21 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Blockhead w/Arms and Sleepers and IL:LO	Jan. 23 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Blue Man Group	Apr. 30 '20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Blue Oyster Cult	Dec. 27	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bob Moses w/Allan Rayman, the 1975	Dec. 12	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Boosie Badazz	Jan. 25 '20	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo

Born of Osiris	Dec. 14	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Brantley Gilbert	Dec. 6	Ohio State Fair	Columbus, OH
Brantley Gilbert w/Chase Rice, Dylan Scott, Brandon Lay	Feb. 20 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
Brantley Gilbert w/Chase Rice, Dylan Scott, Brandon Lay	Feb. 27 '20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Brendan & Jake	Dec. 7	Park West	Chicago
Bret Michaels	Dec. 26	Canton Palace Theatre	Canton, OH
Brian Culbertson	Apr. 15 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Brockhampton w/Slowthai and 100 geecs	Dec. 1	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Brockhampton w/Slowthai	Dec. 6	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Brubeck Brothers Quartet	Apr. 26 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Bruce McCulloch	Jan. 26 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Buck Meek w/Twain	Jan. 19 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Buckcherry	Dec. 28	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Buddy Guy	Apr. 1 '20	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Caamp	Mar. 18 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Caamp w/Bendigo Fletcher	Mar. 14 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Cage the Elephant w/the Federal Empire	Dec. 11	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Calexico + Iron & Wine, Ingrid Michaelson, The Lone Bellow, Cedric Burnside, Rainbow Girls, Elliott Brood, Willy Porter	Jan. 31 '20	Hill Auditorium	Ann Arbor
Calexico and Iron & Wine	Feb. 1 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Caribou	Mar. 20 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Carrie Newcomer	Feb. 7 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Carrie Newcomer	Apr. 3 '20	Old Town School	Chicago
Cash Cash w/R3hab	Jan. 18 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Cattle Decapitation	Dec. 5	Metro	Chicago
Celine Dion	Dec. 1	United Center	Chicago
Celine Dion	Dec. 3	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Celtic Women	Apr. 11 '20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Chance the Rapper w/Lil Yachty and Taylor Bennett	Feb. 4 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Chance the Rapper	Feb. 6 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Charlie Wilson	Jan. 18-19 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Charly Bliss and Cherry Glazerr w/Girl K	Dec. 27-28	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Cheekface	Feb. 13 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Chelsea Cutler w/Alexander 23	Mar. 10 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Chevelle w/Convey, The Band Royale	Dec. 10	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
Chicago	Apr. 16 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Chris Botti	Feb. 9 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Chris D'Elia	Dec. 30-31	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Chris Lane w/Blanco Brown, Ernest	Jan. 16 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Chris Lane w/Blanco Brown	Feb. 20 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Chris Lane w/Ernest	Feb. 22 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chris Redd	Nov. 30	Park West	Chicago
Chris Tomlin	Dec. 12	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Chris Tucker	Feb. 7 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Chromee (DJ) w/Goldroom and DJ Holographic	Dec. 28	Park West	Chicago
Circa Survive	May 9 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Circa Survive	June 2 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Claudia Oshry	Dec. 19-21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Cody Johnson	Mar. 26 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	Mar. 21 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Cold War Kids	Jan. 25 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Colin Hay	Mar. 29 '20	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Colin Mochrie and Asad Mecci	Feb. 15 '20	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Colony House w/Tyson Motsenbocker	Mar. 15 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Common Holly	Dec. 11	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Connie Kaldor & Garnet Rogers	Jan. 12 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Cracker w/Camper Van Beethoven	Jan. 12 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Crowder w/Hillsong Young & Free, Passion, Louie Giglio, Andy Mineo, Building 429, RED, Austin French, NewSong, Greg Stier, Zane Black, Riley Clemmons, Billy Ballenger, Zaunttee	Feb. 20 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Dan + Shay	Apr. 17 '20	United Center	Chicago
Dan Navarro	Feb. 14 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Dan Rodriguez	Dec. 15	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Danny Gokey	May 15 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Darci Lynne	Jan. 26 '20	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Dave Bruzza	Feb. 27 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Dave Koz	Dec. 11	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Dave Koz	Dec. 12	KeyBank State Theater	Cleveland

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Dave Koz	Dec. 13	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dave Koz	Dec. 15	The Palladium	Carmel
David Foster	May 9 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
David Gray	July 14 '20	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
David Phelps	Dec. 20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
David Wilcox	Mar. 20 '20	Old Town School	Chicago
Dead Can Dance w/Agnes Obel	Apr. 29 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dermot Kennedy	Mar. 11 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Dermot Kennedy	Mar. 18 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dirty Honey	Feb. 7 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Disco Biscuits	Jan. 2-4 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Divino Nino, Barrie, Major Murphy, Amy O	Jan. 10 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Doobie Brothers	July 22 '20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Doobie Brothers	July 30 '20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Doobie Brothers	Aug. 2 '20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Doobie Brothers	Aug. 4 '20	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Doobie Brothers	Aug. 8 '20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Doolin'	Mar. 27 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Dotan	Mar. 25 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Drew Lynch	Mar. 8 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Drive-By Truckers	Mar. 13 '20	Metro	Chicago
The Driver Era	Apr. 25 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Dweezil Zappa	Mar. 25 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Dwight Yoakam	Jan. 19 '20	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Dylan LeBlanc w/SG Goodman	Dec. 6	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Echosmith	Feb. 20 '20	Park West	Chicago
Ed Maverick	Nov. 29	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Electric Guest	Feb. 17 '20	Metro	Chicago
Elton John	Mar. 26 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Elton John	Apr. 23 '20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Elton John	Apr. 25 '20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Elton John	May 1-2 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Elton John	June 19-20 '20	United Center	Chicago
Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular	Jan. 19 '20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Emily Blue & Carlie, Thair, Flora, Superknova, Girlbofriend	Dec. 6	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
En Vogue	Mar. 7 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Engine Summer w/Burr Oak, Jungle Green, Sick Day, Rookie	Jan. 4 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Eric Johnson	Feb. 23 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Erykah Badu & Nas	Dec. 7	United Center	Chicago
Esther Povitsky	Dec. 4	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Excision	Feb. 28 '20	DeltaPlex	Grand Rapids
Face to Face	Jan. 11 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Family Crest	Feb. 12 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Fisher	Dec. 27	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Fitz and the Tantrums w/Twin XL	Feb. 28 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Five Finger Death Punch w/Three Days Grace, Bad Wolves, Fire from the Gods	Dec. 9	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
The Fixx	Dec. 17	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
The Fixx	Dec. 19	Kent Stage	Kent, OH
The Fixx	Dec. 20	Arcada Theatre	St. Charles, IL
For King & Country	Apr. 16 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
For King & Country	Apr. 17 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
For King & Country	Apr. 30 '20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Fort Frances	Dec. 5	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Frank Caliendo	Dec. 6	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Freddy Jones Band	Nov. 29	Park West	Chicago
Funtcase	Dec. 6	Park West	Chicago
Gaelic Storm	Mar. 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Gaither Vocal Band	May 16 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Garth Brooks	Feb. 24 '20	Ford Field	Detroit
Gary Gulman	Dec. 6	Schrott Center for the Arts	Indianapolis
Gary Gulman	Mar. 28 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Gary Hoey	Dec. 13	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Gashi	Mar. 13 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Gatin Brothers	May 8 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
GGooldd w/Seasaw	Dec. 18	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Gladys Knight	May 9 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI



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Chicago on March 6-7 and May 14, Detroit on March 8-9, and Cleveland on May 12-13.

SETZER NOT SO BUBBLY
Brian Setzer was forced to cancel his annual Christmas tour this year as the musician is battling tinnitus. Under a doctor's order, the three-time Grammy winner was forced to shut it down, meaning twenty-plus cities had to find their Christmas cheer elsewhere this year.

Unfortunately for Setzer, the tour was set to be his best-selling Christmas tour ever based on presales.

COLDPLAY CHILLS OUT
In news to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving week, **Coldplay** have announced the band won't tour again until it's environmentally beneficial to do so. Vocalist **Chris Martin** says in a press release that it is Coldplay's "dream to have a show with no single use plastic and to have it largely solar powered."

With a new album, *Everyday Life*, on the charts, fans will still have a way to quickly fall asleep at night as the never-ending drone of Martin's whining is 100 times better than any melatonin you can buy, but the band is not planning a tour for this LP and actually plan on taking a year or two to plan out their environmentally conscious future tours.

A lofty goal and a welcome break for people who feel this is one of the most overrated bands in history, right behind **Guns N Roses**.

Road Notes covers concerts within driving distance of Northeast Indiana. Send your news items to info@whatzup.com.

Road Trips
LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Bulldogs
Apr. 7 '20 Marshall Co. REMC, Plymouth, IN
Apr. 10 '20 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana, IN
June 4 '20 Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone, IN
June 5 '20 Berne Clock Tower, Berne, IN

Hobie Ashcraft Band
Nov. 30 The Distillery, Toldeo
Dec. 27 Rulli's Bella Luna, Middlebury
Jan. 11 '20 Overdrive, Lansing, MI
Jan. 17-18 '20 Cowboy Up, Mendon, MI
Feb. 21 '20 Rulli's Bella Luna, Middlebury, IN
Mar. 7 '20 The Distillery, Toledo
Apr. 3-4 '20 Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Apr. 11 '20 Wing Fest, New Bremen, OH
May 9 '20 Kelly Jae's, Goshen, IN
June 6 '20 Rib Fest, Antwerp, OH
June 12-13 '20 T&J's Smokehouse, Put-in-Bay, OH

Smooth Edge 2
Dec. 7 Delta Church of Christ, Delta, OH

The Why Store
Dec. 7 State Theatre, Logansport

Todd Harrold and Nick Bobay
Dec. 28 The Coterie, Kokomo

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Glass Cannon	Apr. 25 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Glorious Sons w/311, Highly Suspect	Dec. 15	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Goose	Dec. 12	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Gordon Lightfoot	Mar. 27 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Gordon Lightfoot	Apr. 2 '20	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Gordon Lightfoot	May 14 '20	Wharton Center	East Lansing
Grace Potter	Jan. 22 '20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Grace Potter	Feb. 4 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Grace Potter	Feb. 5 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Grace Potter	Feb. 7 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Grand Funk Railroad	Dec. 14	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Grand Funk Railroad	Dec. 27	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Grayscale	Feb. 18 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Great White and Slaughter	Feb. 22 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
The Greatest Love	Feb. 14 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, the Interrupters	Aug. 13 '20	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, the Interrupters	Aug. 19 '20	Comerica Park	Detroit
Greensky Bluegrass	Jan. 17 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Guess Who	Mar. 6 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys	Dec. 7	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Hairball	Apr. 4 '20	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Half Moon Run	Jan. 24 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Harry Styles w/Jenny Lewis	July 15 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Harry Styles	July 17 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Harry Styles	July 24 '20	United Center	Chicago
Hayley Kiyoko	Feb. 26 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Hayley Kiyoko	Feb. 28 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Heavy	Feb. 6 '20	Park West	Chicago
Heilung	Jan. 20 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Henhouse Prowlers	Dec. 27	Martyrs'	Chicago
Here Come the Mummies	Apr. 25 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Here Come the Mummies	May 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Herman's Hermits	Dec. 19	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Heywood Banks	Dec. 31	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Heywood Banks	Jan. 18 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Highly Suspect	Feb. 17 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Hollow Coves	Feb. 17 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Holly, w/Leah Jean and French Police	Jan. 10 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Home Free	Dec. 12	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Hot Tuna	Dec. 13	Park West	Chicago
Hyryder	Dec. 6	The Vogue	Indianapolis
I Am I Said	Mar. 21 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
I Fight Dragons	Dec. 21	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
ian dior	Feb. 5 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
IL VOLO	Feb. 15 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Illiterate Light	Feb. 5 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
In This Moment & Black Veil Brides w/DED & Raven Black	Apr. 14 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Infamous Stringdusters w/Horseshoes & Hand Grenades	Feb. 7 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Isaacs & Terry Bradshaw	Apr. 17 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Issues	Nov. 30	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
J. Robbins	Dec. 13	Sleeping Village	Chicago
Jacob Collier	May 22 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jaden & Willow	Nov. 30	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
James Arthur w/Delacey	Apr. 11 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Jams the Flava Child	Dec. 10	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Jauz	Feb. 29 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Jax Anderson	Feb. 1 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Jeanne Robertson	Jan. 26 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Jeff Dunham	Dec. 28	Huntington Center	Toledo
Jeff Dunham	Dec. 30	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jeff Dunham	Jan. 10 '20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Jeff Dunham	Jan. 12 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Jeff Dunham	Mar. 19 '20	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jill Jack	Jan. 11 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Jim Brickman	Dec. 12	Rhinehart Music Center	Fort Wayne
Jim Brickman & Melissa Manchester	Feb. 23 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Jimmy Eat World	May 6 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne

Jo Koy	Apr. 10 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Jo Koy	Apr. 11 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Joan w/Ralph	Feb. 16 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Joe Russo's Almost Dead	June 18 '20	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
John Berry	Nov. 29	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana, IN
John Berry	Nov. 30	Washington High School	Washington, IN
John Berry	Dec. 5	Jeffersonville Plaza	Jeffersonville, IN
John McCutcheon	Apr. 18 '20	Old Town School	Chicago
Jolo Siwa	Apr. 14 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Jolo Siwa	Apr. 23 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Jolo Siwa	Apr. 25 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
Jolo Siwa	Apr. 27 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Jonas Brothers w/Jordan McGraw	Dec. 3	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Jonny Lang	Apr. 30 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jordy	Jan. 21 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Josh Arnold	Dec. 7	@2104/FW Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Josh Turner	May 30 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Journey w/The Pretenders	June 27 '20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Journey w/The Pretenders	June 29 '20	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Journey w/The Pretenders	June 30 '20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Journey w/The Pretenders	July 5 '20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Journey w/The Pretenders	July 10 '20	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Judy Banker	Jan. 9 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
The Jungle Giants	Feb. 13 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Kamaal Williams	Nov. 29	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Kane Brown w/Seaforth, Chris Janson, Lindsay Eli, Scotty McCreery	Dec. 8	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Kansas	Apr. 24 '20	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Katy Perry w/Monsta X, Marshmello, Camila Cabello, AJ Mitchell, MCT 127, Normani, Lil Tecca	Dec. 7	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
KC & the Sunshine Band	Dec. 28	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Keller Williams	Jan. 24 '20	Park West	Chicago
Keller Williams	Jan. 25 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Kenny Chesney	June 20 '20	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Kenny Chesney	July 25 '20	Soldier Field	Chicago
King Krule	Apr. 15 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
King Princess	Feb. 5 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
KISS	Feb. 16 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
KISS	Sept. 11 '20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
KISS	Sept. 12 '20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
KISS	Sept. 14 '20	Nutter Center	Dayton
Kitchen Dwellers	Dec. 7	Martyrs'	Chicago
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/Bones UK	Jan. 30 '20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/Bones UK	Jan. 31 '20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/Bones UK	Feb. 3 '20	The Ford Center	Evansville
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/Bones UK	Feb. 4 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
L'Imperatrice	Apr. 2 '20	Park West	Chicago
La Roux	Mar. 13 '20	Park West	Chicago
Ladytron	Dec. 11-12	Metro	Chicago
Lanco	Feb. 13 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Lane 8	Mar. 28 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	Mar. 13 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	Mar. 15 '20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	June 18 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Lauren Daigle w/Johnnyswim	June 19 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Letterkenny	Mar. 10 '20	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Letterkenny	Mar. 27 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Letterkenny	Mar. 28 '20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Lewberger	Dec. 17	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Lewis Black	Mar. 13 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Little Big Town	Feb. 14 '20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Little Big Town	Feb. 15 '20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Little Big Town	Feb. 21-22 '20	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Little Big Town	Mar. 12 '20	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Little Big Town	Mar. 13-14 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Little Dragon	Apr. 28 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Little People w/Frameworks and YPPAH	Mar. 20 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Little River Band	May 23 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Little Texas	Feb. 29 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert

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Lizzo w/Why Don't We	Dec. 10	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Lonestar & Phil Vassar	Dec. 21	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Los Lobos	Mar. 26 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lotus	Jan. 17-18 '20	Park West	Chicago
Lower Dens	Mar. 9 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Lucidious	Feb. 8 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Lucky Chops	Mar. 6 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Lumineers	Feb. 18 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
The Lumineers	Feb. 22 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
The Lumineers w/Joseph	Dec. 7	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Lumineers w/Mt. Joy	Feb. 4 '20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
The Lumineers w/Mt. Joy	Feb. 7 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
The Lumineers w/Mt. Joy	Feb. 8 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
The Lumineers w/Mt. Joy	Feb. 11 '20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Machine Head	Feb. 9 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Machine Head	Feb. 11 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Machine Head	Feb. 15 '20	Metro	Chicago
Madball	Dec. 10	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Madison McFerrin	Dec. 13	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Manchester Orchestra	Dec. 2	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Manchester Orchestra	Dec. 4	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 19	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Marc E. Bassy	Feb. 28 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Marc Roberge	Dec. 17	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Mariachi Herencia de Mexico	May 1 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Martin Sexton	Feb. 21 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Martina McBride	Dec. 19	Wharton Center	East Lansing
Martina McBride	Dec. 20	Rialto Square Theatre	Chicago
Matoma w/Two Friends	Feb. 8 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Matoma w/Two Friends	Feb. 14 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Matt Stell w/Chris Bandi and Ray Fulcher	Mar. 19 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Mavis Staples	Feb. 15 '20	Michigan Theater	Ann Arbor
Megan Davies	Jan. 9 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Melli w/Summer Walker	Nov. 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Melissa Etheridge	Mar. 28 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Merkules	Nov. 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Metallica	May 15, 17 '20	MAPFRE Stadium	Columbus
Michael Bolton	Dec. 12	Firekeepers	Battle Creek
Michael Feinstein w/Melissa Manchester	May 8 '20	The Palladium	Carmel
Michael Menert	Jan. 24 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Michael Ray w/Walker County, Jimmie Allen	Dec. 4	The Fillmore	Detroit
Michael Stanley & the Resonators w/Donnie Iris and the Cruisers	Dec. 14 & 21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Michael W. Smith	Apr. 17 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Michigan Rattlers	Dec. 27	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
The Midtown Men	Nov. 30	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The Midtown Men	Dec. 15	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Mike Marshall & Darol Anger	Feb. 27 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Miniature Tigers	Feb. 5 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Minnesota w/Eastghost, Thelem, Abelation	Apr. 10 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Miranda Lambert w/Cody Johnson, LANCO	Jan. 25 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
Mitchell Tenpenny	Dec. 13	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Mitchell Tenpenny	Jan. 31 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Moody Good	Jan. 31 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Morgan Wallen w/Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 3 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Morgan Wallen w/Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 4 '20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Morgan Wallen w/Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 15-16 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
The Motels, When in Rome II, Bow Wow Wow	Feb. 8 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
The Motels, When in Rome II, Bow Wow Wow	Feb. 14 '20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Motionless in White + Beartooth	Jan. 18 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Movement	Jan. 31 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Mr. B	Nov. 30	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Mumford & Sons w/Local Natives	Dec. 14	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Mura Masa	Apr. 29 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Murder Capital	Apr. 1 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Music of Cream	Apr. 26 '20	Park West	Chicago
The Musical Box	Apr. 9 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
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My Folky Valentine	Feb. 14 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Nate Bargatze	Feb. 29 '20	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Nate Bargatze	Mar. 1 '20	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Nathaniel Rateliff, Mandolin Orange, Bettie Lavette, John Moreland, Cold Tone Harvest, Willy Porter	Feb. 1 '20	Hill Auditorium	Ann Arbor
Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats	Mar. 17 '20	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Neil deGrasse Tyson	Mar. 17 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Feb. 13 '20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Feb. 14 '20	Coronado Performing Arts Center	Rockford, IL
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Mar. 8 '20	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Apr. 17 '20	Mt. Zion	Clarkston, MI
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Apr. 18 '20	Fair Haven Church	Hudsonville, MI
Newsboys w/Mandisa	Apr. 23 '20	Northview Church	Carmel, IN
NF	Apr. 17 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
NF	May 8 '20	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
NGHTMRE w/Kompany, Wavedash, Black A.M.	Feb. 12 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Nghtmre w/Whipped Cream, Wavedash, Zomboy	Dec. 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Night Ranger	Dec. 7	MGM Northfield	Northfield, OH
Night Ranger	Mar. 14 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Nikki Glaser	Mar. 21 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Nikki Glaser	Apr. 11 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Noah Reid w/Matthew Barber	Mar. 10 '20	Park West	Chicago
The Oak Ridge Boys	Dec. 14	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Of Good Nature	Dec. 6	Martyrs'	Chicago
Oh Wonder	Apr. 14 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Old 97s	Dec. 12	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Omega Moos	Dec. 13	Vic Theatre	Chicago
OneRepublic w/American Authors, The Bergamot	Apr. 25 '20	Purcell Pavilion at Notre Dame	South Bend
Opeth w/Graveyard	Feb. 13 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Opeth w/Graveyard	Feb. 14 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Over the Rhine	Dec. 4	Lincoln Theatre	Columbus, OH
Over the Rhine	Dec. 5	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Over the Rhine	Dec. 6	Calvin College Chapel	Grand Rapids, MI
Over the Rhine	Dec. 7	Old Town School	Chicago
Over the Rhine	Dec. 20-22	Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
Peekaboo w/Moody Good and ISOxo	Feb. 29 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Pentatonix	Dec. 18-19	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Pete Davidson	Nov. 30	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Pigface	Nov. 30	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pink Talking Fish	Mar. 6 '20	Park West	Chicago
Point of Grace w/Aaron Shust, Mallary Hope	Dec. 21	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Poppy	Jan. 31 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Post Malone w/Swae Lee	Feb. 11 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Prince Royce	Apr. 17 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Prince Royce	Apr. 18 '20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Prince Royce	Apr. 19 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Queensryche w/Eve to Adam	Feb. 13 '20	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Queensryche w/John 5, Eve to Adam	Feb. 12 '20	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
Railroad Earth	Mar. 4 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Railroad Earth	Mar. 7 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Ratboys w/Slow Mass	Feb. 28 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Real Estate w/Palm	Apr. 16 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Reba McEntire	Apr. 24 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Rebirth Brass Band	Jan. 20 '20	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Red Hot Chili Peppers	Jan. 31 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Refused	Feb. 26 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Refused	Feb. 27 '20	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
The Residents	Apr. 24 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Restless Heart and Shenandoah	June 12 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Reuben and the Dark	Feb. 18 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Revelers	Mar. 18 '20	Old Town School	Chicago
Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	Nov. 29	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Revivalists	Mar. 6 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Revivalists	Mar. 14 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Rex Orange County	Jan. 27 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Richard Marx	Feb. 13 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rick Springfield	Feb. 15 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Rick Steves	Dec. 1	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Rita Moreno	Dec. 6	The Palladium	Carmel

Roger Hodgson	Feb. 22 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Ron Pope	Jan. 11 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Ron White	Feb. 20 '20	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Ron White	June 6 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
The Roots	Dec. 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Roots	Dec. 30	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Roy Kinsey w/Eli Major, Semiratruth	Dec. 17	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Saint Motel	Feb. 27 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Sampa the Great	Apr. 3 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Secret Sisters and Logan Ledger	Apr. 2 '20	Old Town School	Chicago
Shovels & Rope	Apr. 10 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Sinbad	Apr. 18 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Sinead O'Conner	Mar. 14-16 '20	City Winery	Chicago
Sing! An Irish Christmas	Dec. 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Ski Mask the Slump God w/Pouya, DJ Scheme, Danny Towers	Nov. 30	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Sleep On It w/Bearings, Young Culture, Better Love	Dec. 14	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Sleeping with Sirens	Feb. 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Slow Pulp w/Ruins, Sports Boyfriend	Dec. 14	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Small Glories	Jan. 15 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Smokey Robinson	Feb. 7 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Snails w/Jayceeoh, Hi I'm Ghost	Dec. 5	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Snails w/Rusko, Kompany	Dec. 28	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Snoop Dogg w/Trae Tha Truth	Jan. 24 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Snoop Dogg w/Trae Tha Truth	Jan. 26 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Sofi Tukker	Apr. 11 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Sons of Apollo	Jan. 31 '20	Arcada Theater	St. Charles, IL
Sons of Apollo	Feb. 1 '20	Music Factory	Battle Creek, MI
Stacy Mitchhart w/Nick Harless	Nov. 30	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
State Champs w/Belmont, Sleep On It, Hot Mulligan, Grayscale	Dec. 20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Nov. 29	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Nov. 30	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 3	House of Blues	Cleveland
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 4	Bogart's	Cincinnati
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Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Steve Hackett	Mar. 4 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Straight No Chaser	Nov. 29	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 7-8	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 10	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 14	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Sturgill Simpson w/Tyler Childers	Mar. 1 '20	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Sturgill Simpson w/Tyler Childers	Mar. 20 '20	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Sturgill Simpson w/Tyler Childers	Apr. 3 '20	United Center	Chicago
Subtronics	Dec. 21	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Subtronics w/Bommer, Chee, He\$h	Mar. 19 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Subtronics w/Level Up, Bommer, Charlesthefirst, Digital Ethos, Chee, Al Ross, He\$h	Feb. 8 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Sullivan King w/Yakz, Grabbitz, Flats Stanlie	Dec. 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Sullivan King	Jan. 10 '20	Park West	Chicago
Sum 41	Dec. 20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Susan Werner	May 9 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Susto	Feb. 20 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Swingles	Dec. 1	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Tallies	Dec. 12	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Tasha w/V.V. Lightbody, Bunny	Nov. 30	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Tedeschi Trucks Band	Jan. 18 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Tedeschi Trucks Band	Jan. 24-25 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Tennis	Apr. 18 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Terry Farmer Band	Dec. 16	The Ark	Ann Arbor
They Might Be Giants	Mar. 6 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
They Might Be Giants	Mar. 7 '20	Geek Bowl XIV	Chicago
They Might Be Giants	Mar. 8-9 '20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
They Might Be Giants	May 12-13 '20	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
They Might Be Giants	May 14 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Thom York	Apr. 4 '20	United Center	Chicago
Three Dog Night	Apr. 24 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Thunderstruck	Dec. 7	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne

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Tigran Hamasyan w/Arthur Hnatek, Evan Marien	May 2 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Tim and Eric	Feb. 18 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tim and Eric	Feb. 20 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Tim and Eric	Feb. 22 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
TobyMac w/Cochren & Co.	May 7 '20	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Todd Berry	Feb. 20 '20	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Tori Kelly	Jan. 28 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Tori Kelly	Feb. 16 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tove Lo	Feb. 19 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tracy Lawrence w/Justin Moore	Feb. 28 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Tracy Lawrence w/Justin Moore	Feb. 29 '20	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Tracy Morgan	Feb. 29 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Trampled By Turtles w/Them Coulee Boys	Jan. 26 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Nov. 29	U.S. Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 26	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 27	Rocket Mortgage Arena	Cleveland
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 28	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 30	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Tribute to Buddy Holly, Richie Valens & the Big Bopper	Feb. 1 '20	Niswonger P.A.C.	Van Wert
Trippie Redd	Feb. 8 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Trippie Redd	Feb. 15 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trixie Mattel	Feb. 14 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trixie Mattel	Feb. 19 '20	Park West	Chicago
Tucker Beathard	Dec. 12	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Turkuaz	Dec. 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Turkuaz	Jan. 31 '20	Park West	Chicago
Turnover	Dec. 6	Metro	Chicago
The Turtles w/Chuck Negron, The Association, Mark Lindsay, The Vogues, The Cowsills	Aug. 16 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Twenty One Pilots	Dec. 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Twiddle	Feb. 22 '20	Park West	Chicago
Tyler Childers, Liz Cooper & The Stampede	Dec. 6	The Fillmore	Detroit
Tyler Childers	Dec. 5	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Umphrey's McGee w/the New Deal	Jan. 29 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Umphrey's McGee	Jan. 30 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Umphrey's McGee w/The New Deal	Jan. 31-Feb. 1	The Fillmore	Detroit
Under the Streetlamp	Dec. 19	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Verite	Mar. 26 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Vince Neil	Jan. 10 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Vintage Trouble	Dec. 3	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Wailers	Feb. 20 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Waterparks	Nov. 29	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Watsky	Apr. 21 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Watsky	Apr. 24 '20	Metro	Chicago
Way Down Wanderers	Dec. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
We Came as Romans	Mar. 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Whindersson Nunes	Mar. 5 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Widespread Panic	Apr. 2-4 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wilco w/Robyn Hitchcock	Dec. 15-16	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wilco w/Sharon Van Etten	Dec. 18-19	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wild Rivers w/Allman Brown	May 9 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Wire	Mar. 4 '20	Metro	Chicago
The Wizards of Winter	Dec. 5	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
The Wizards of Winter	Dec. 15	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The Wood Brothers	Apr. 4 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
X Ambassadors w/Mondo Cozmo	Dec. 6	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Xavier Omar w/Elhae	Dec. 16	Metro	Chicago
YBN Cordae	Feb. 6 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Yellow Room Gang	Jan. 4 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Young Dolph w/ Key Glock	Mar. 7 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Young Dolph w/ Key Glock	Mar. 11 '20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Young Dolph w/Key Glock	Mar. 15 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Yvonne Orji	Feb. 1 '20	Park West	Chicago
Zachariah Malachi & the Hillbilly Executives	Dec. 17	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Zeds Dead	Dec. 20-21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
ZoSo	May 16 '20	Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne



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TOP SELLERS

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

TW	LW	ARTIST/Album
1	-	COLDPLAY Everyday Life
2	-	LEONARD COHEN Thanks for the Dance
3	-	BECK Hyperspace
4	-	DANNY BROWN unknowhatimsaying
5	-	JASON ALDEAN 9
6	3	FALL OUT BOY Believers Never Die Volume Two
7	6	JOE BONAMASSA Live at the Sydney Opera House
8	-	GRATEFUL DEAD Ready or Not
9	1	JEEZY TM104: The Legend of the Snowman
10	2	SLAYER The Repentless Killology

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Flying Colors

Third Degree

This prog rock/pop "supergroup" produced a hook-laden self-titled debut and a prog-heavy follow-up in *Second Nature*.

Would this third album return to the pop sensibilities of the debut?

Third Degree opens with solid rocker, "The Loss Inside," reminiscent of Kings X's best heaviness, combined with a bluesy vocal element and keyboardist Neal Morse (Neal Morse Band, Spock's Beard, Transatlantic) celebrating the best distorted Hammond B3 runs, a la Deep Purple.

"More" follows up as another solid pop-rocker, showcasing the solid vocal range of Casey McPherson (Alpha Rev), reminiscent of Chris Martin's vocals, without the pretentiousness.

"Guardian" comes in with Mike Portnoy (Neal Morse Band, Dream Theater, Transatlantic) playing a 7/4 meter on the snare, which is a lousy beat you can't dance to. But the real gem in this song is LaRue's excellent and completely melodic bass lead. At 10 and a half minutes, "Last Train Home" is unapologetically prog, to the point it almost sounds out of place in the context of this album.

In a total departure, Portnoy and bassist LaRue break in with their best Bernard Purdie Shuffle in "Geronimo," lightening the mood up in a way only maybe a happy groovin' Toto-esque song could do. This is that rarified prog song that has a whole lotta' soul to it.

The band considers my favorite song on this album, "Love Letter," a "guilty pleasure" because of its tip of the hat to the Beach Boys and The Beatles. But I see no reason to apologize for relishing the best that the *Pet Sounds* era had to offer. It's one great ear worm of a love song. The album closes with over 11 minutes of appropriately proggy goodness in the epic "Crawl."

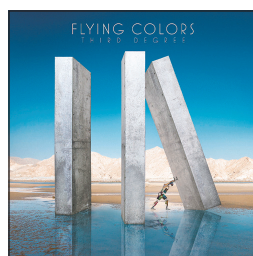
Some people may have complained that Flying Colors' first album was too poppy. Others complained that the second album got lost in the progstorm. *Third Degree* is a perfect fusion of both. The understated instrumental virtuosity will show itself more prominently each time the play button is pushed. — *Keith Roman*

Luke Combs

What You See Is
What You Get

It's not easy for anyone outside of country-music fandom to understand all the fuss about Luke Combs. He just took home CMA awards for song of the year and male vocalist of the year. But to the untrained ear, his music sounds just like that of dozens of other pop country vocalists.

Yet there's something about Combs that's driving a bit of mania at the moment. Unfortunately, his second full-length album isn't going to reveal



the secret to outsiders.

Unquestionably, most of the trick is in Combs' presentation. In a world where redneck cred is essential, the fact that Combs is portly and scruffy means a lot. He doesn't wear tight jeans and T-shirts, and he doesn't use drum loops (much) or rap. That separates him from the bulk of bro country, even if most of his music doesn't.

Much of his new album is tightly in line with today's pop country clichés. "Beer Never Broke My Heart," "Blue Collar Boys," and "What You See Is What You Get" are all stereotypical list songs, their lyrics the usual litany of all things country.

But there's something more subtle going on here, at least sometimes. On "Does to Me," Combs (along with Eric Church) adds some more believable items to the list, like bailing his brother out of jail. He's still fixated on bragging about how country he is, but at least he's a little more honest about what it all means.

There's also an engagingly sincere affection for '90s country. "1, 2 Many" draws Brooks & Dunn into its boozy party, and it borrows the lyrical joke from Tracy Byrd's "Ten Rounds with Jose Cuervo." None of this is going to make any sense to someone who doesn't like country music, and it might not keep Combs' star shining for long. But for the moment, it works. — *Evan Gillespie*

Andrew Bird

Hark!

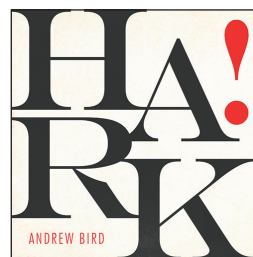
Andrew Bird, the violin virtuoso and indie rock dandy has thrown his Santa hat into the holiday cheer mix this year with his first Christmas album.

Hark! is a six-song EP that contains four classic Christmas tunes as well as two Andrew Bird originals. The results are an upbeat and jazzy mix of Christmas songs that will surely be a favorite holiday spin for years to come.

I'm honestly surprised it's taken Bird this long to make a Christmas album. Given that he came up being sort of a old-timey revivalist in the Squirrel Nut Zippers, then in his own band Bowl of Fire, the guy has been up to his eyeballs in the traditional American songbook. Christmas standards seem like the perfect spot for him to land. *Hark!* is a most welcome addition to the stack of CDs that collect dust up in the cupboard 10 months out of the year.

The album opens with the Andrew Bird original "Alabaster," and it has all the Bird hallmarks: a dream-like atmosphere thanks to plucked violin, delicate piano, and strummed acoustic. His lilting vocals add a longing to the proceedings. Bird also takes a shot at the classic Vince Guaraldi tracks "Skating" and "Christmas Is Coming," which he slides into beautifully. Bird's jazzy style melds beautifully with the now traditional Guaraldi-penned tunes.

Bird also covers the classics "White Christmas" and "Oh Holy Night" to perfection, with "White Christmas" given an old-time country flavor while "Oh Holy Night" brings a tear to the eye with



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Matthew Sweet

Girlfriend (1991)



Matthew Sweet was born in Nebraska in the mid-'60s and started producing music while he attended high school. He went to college in Athens, Ga., during the peak of its music scene and worked with Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) on some tracks before releasing several albums that weren't commercially successful. This was his third album and was a breakthrough for his career. It's one of my favorite records from 1991.

Written on the heels of his divorce, *Girlfriend* has flashy pop hooks that straddle the line between alternative rock and pop music. Although Sweet wrote all of the tracks, guitarist Richard Lloyd (from Television) and sessions prodigy Robert Quine do most of the handiwork on lead guitar.

The album opens with "Divine Intervention," a track that throws down guitars in the same vein as Tom Petty and Wilco and goes for almost six minutes. "I've Been Waiting" has a Gin Blossoms vibe with better lyrics, and was poppy enough for college radio. "Girlfriend" is still his biggest hit to date and blends straight up rock n' roll with forgiving harmonies in front of some super guitars and classic percussion.

Other notable tracks are the alt-country classic in "Winona" and a great Gram Parsons-sounding number in "Thought I Knew You." One of my favorites is the hidden gem "Does She Talk?" a guitar-driven number that has all of the stylings of early '90s rock (or the blended '70s recordings from Big Star), but it still has some legs almost 30 years later. The pain of his break-up is exemplified in the final track "Nothing Lasts," which closes a very good record from a great songwriter.

Sweet continues to record and tour, and will be releasing *Wicked System of Things* on Black Friday. — *Dennis Donahue*

lilting strings and Bird's theremin-like perfect whistling. "Night's Falling" is the final track and another Andrew Bird original, another future holiday classic done up in folksy sepia tones waiting to soundtrack a fireside family get-together.

If you're looking for a new Christmas album to score a Christmas Eve get-together or just a quiet, snowy afternoon at home, then Andrew Bird has you covered. *Hark!* is a welcome addition to your stack of Christmas CDs. — *J. Hubner*

Local bands: Send two copies of new CD releases to Whatzup, 5501 U.S. Hwy 30 West, Fort Wayne, IN 46818. Or send links to downloadable files to jon@whatzup.com. Also email any bio information, publicity photos, and cover art. Only professionally produced CDs or EPs are accepted. Submitted materials cannot be returned.

Bringing art to the holidays

The Art Farm hosts its annual pop-up gallery

BY MICHELE DeVINNEY

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

When Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert met almost 30 years ago, sharing a farm in Spencerville and making art for a living wasn't exactly the plan.

But this year's Art Farm Holiday Pop-Up Gallery marks more than a decade in their permanent location and continues to draw art lovers and holiday shoppers from around the region.

THE HISTORY OF THE ART FARM

There were a lot of twists and turns that brought them to this particular annual tradition. The couple, now married for more than 20 years, each evolved professionally and artistically to get to this point.

"We met through mutual friends," Vetter said. "Paul was working as a land surveyor, and I was waiting tables. I had made jewelry in high school and studied interior design, worked in the corporate world for awhile. I was always doing something creative. Then in the early '90s I started getting back into making jewelry, and Paul started making bracelets with leather."

Vetter's jewelry began as more traditional but intricate little sculptures made from wire and beads. These days both have moved into using repurposed materials, taking recycling to a new and beautiful level.

"For years I was making my jewelry with silver and beads basically," Vetter said. "But in the last 10 years we've been working with found materials, using tin to fabricate pieces for our work."

Vetter and Siefert began collecting the tin they use for everything from Vetter's jewelry to some pretty funky and fantastic lamps, wall hangings, light pulls, magnets, and many other fun and functional items.

"I love the challenge and love that no two pairs of earrings are alike," Vetter said. "They may be the same design, the same shape, but it's all done by hand so they're all a bit different. We find the tins all over the place. Thrift stores, estate sales, garage sales, junk shops. Now our friends will tell us that they have some tin, but we have so many now that we really don't need any more unless it's something really old or unusual."

MEETING A NEED

The idea for the Holiday Pop-Up Gallery began when the couple were still living in Fort Wayne and was a response to a need for artists to sell their work.

They joined efforts with Dawn DeSanto of Hand Jive for a time with a pop-up shop at Covington Plaza, and they even hosted the shop in their home a few years. But in 2003 they closed



COURTESY PHOTO

HOLIDAY POP-UP GALLERY

Noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 7-29

Opening reception 5-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

The Art Farm

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on the home now known as the Art Farm.

"The house was small but it had good bones," Vetter said. "It had a building behind it that would be good for our studio, and it also has a big barn in the back and five acres of land. But the house had no heat and no running water so it was going to be a project. When we first moved there, I contacted ARCH to find out how old it was, and they sent us all this great information including that the house was built in 1860. So our farm was built when Abraham Lincoln was running for president."

Bringing the house out of the Civil War era and into the 21st century took time. During the home renovations, Vetter and Siefert lived and worked in the studio. But by 2009 they were ready to open the studio doors to the first Holiday Pop-Up Gallery. The following year they remained open for the full month of December for the first time. This year the gallery will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 7-29 (Wednesdays-Sundays) with the opening night reception on Friday, Dec. 6.

People have become remarkably devoted, and some come from well outside the area.

"Every year more and more people come out here," Vetter said. "It just amazes me. We have had at least one person come to buy something everyday we've been open. One year we got a lot of snow, and it was quiet so I thought 'Is this the

day that no one comes?'" But we got a call from a woman who lived in North Carolina, but she was visiting her family in Ohio and wanted to come. I told her I wasn't sure about the roads, and she said she wasn't worried because she was driving a truck."

INVITING FROM OUT-OF-TOWN

The main difference between the early versions of the Holiday Pop-Up Gallery and now is the artists who participate.

With so many other art fairs and pop-up shops available — not to mention platforms like Etsy to sell their wares — the Art Farm now features artists from outside the area, works that might not otherwise be available for purchase to those in Indiana and the surrounding area.

Vetter and Siefert travel the country in the summer, participating in 15-20 art fairs per year. In their travels they meet other artists whom they invite to participate.

This year there will be 14, including Vetter and Siefert, and the work includes their found object art as well as glass, fiber, 3D mixed media, and photography.

A full list of the artists and their work is available on the Art Farm Facebook page where Vetter also provides photos throughout the month of some of the items available for holiday purchase. That would also be the place to learn if the Art Farm stays open for another bonus weekend after the holidays.

"With Thanksgiving so late this year, we're having our first weekend almost a week into December," Vetter said. "So we may just end up deciding to open up one more weekend at the beginning of January. We'll see."

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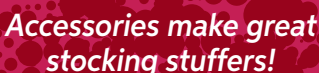
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Having a passion for the type of music that frees the soul and rids you of your inhibitions is refreshing in this day and age.



Katherine Langford, Toni Collette, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Riki Lindhome, and Jaeden Martell are among the many stars of the new mystery *Knives Out*.

COURTESY PHOTO

A refreshing update on the classic whodunnit

Writer/director Rian Johnson follows up his divisive Star Wars entry, *The Last Jedi*, with *Knives Out*, a venomous and vivacious modern update on the classic whodunnit genre.

Indebted equally to the work of Agatha Christie and Alfred Hitchcock, this throwback murder-mystery is packed with just the right amount of twists and turns to keep audiences guessing while still keeping things relatively plausible.

Not only does the film wield the most qualified cast of any movie this year, but it provides each actor and actress a role suited perfectly to their capabilities and strengths as a performer. Add in bits of scathing humor and (mostly) incisive social commentary and you have one of the year's most purely enjoyable spectacles.

The day after his 85th birthday party, the lifeless body of prolific mystery writer Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found in his labyrinthine mansion. While it initially appears to be a suicide, renown detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) suspects there's more to the story and calls back the guests from the previous evening for interrogation.

That includes an eccentric ensemble of family members: Harlan's sardonic eldest daughter Linda (Jamie Lee Curtis), his meek youngest son Walt (Michael Shannon), and free-spirited daughter-in-law Joni (Toni Collette), among others. Also called for questioning is Harlan's faithful caretaker Marta (Ana de Armas), whose perspective outside of the family may hold the key to solving the case.

The Thrombey clan, which also includes Harlan's haughty grandson Ransom (Chris Evans) and his shifty son-in-law Richard (Don Johnson), is filled with the fiendish motives and shaky alibis that we've come to expect from this type of story. Kicking off with a superbly edited sequence that introduces us to each of the players, Johnson uses subjective narration and conflicting claims to keep us on our toes as we try to keep track of the constantly moving pieces. His script, which crackles with sharp-tongued dialogue that suits each character perfectly, also includes enough red herrings to throw even the most astute viewers for a loop.

The performances from the excellent ensemble cast



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

KNIVES OUT

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references, and drug material
2 hours 10 minutes



are consistently stellar, mainly because each performer seems to be having so much darn fun with their respective roles. Coming across as Hercule Poirot by way of Colonel Sanders, Craig's peculiar PI postulates with a ridiculous Southern drawl that recalls his madcap character in 2017's *Logan Lucky*. Now in the post-Captain America phase of his career, Evans is freed up to channel a deviant energy that gives the film most of its biggest laughs. Even in a more straight-laced heroine role, Ana de Armas gives her protagonist the grace and soulfulness to make her sympathetic from the start.

If there's disappointment in *Knives Out*, it's that we don't get to spend quite enough time with each of the sharply-drawn characters, especially in the third act as the web of lies and deceit becomes untangled. The stacked cast tends to shine brightest as they're shuffled between questioning at the outset but their presence becomes more sparse as the clues start to narrow on just a few suspects.

Still, each of the actors gets their licks in as they vie for screen time. Even Frank Oz shows up as Harlan's beleaguered lawyer who heads up a spirited reading of the mogul's will.

Knives Out is yet another successful attempt of genre experimentation from one of our most earnestly passionate filmmakers.

ALSO COMING TO THEATERS THIS WEEKEND

Queen & Slim, starring Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith, is a modern-day Bonnie & Clyde story about a couple who go on the run after a minor traffic violation leads to the shooting of a police officer.

Playing at Cinema Center this weekend only is the cult classic *Dial Code Santa Claus*, a French thriller that came out a year before *Home Alone* but shares a similar plot about a child staving off a burglar on Christmas Eve.

Coming to Netflix is the long-awaited Martin Scorsese epic *The Irishman*, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, about an aging mob hitman who recalls his possible involvement with the murder of Jimmy Hoffa.

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FRIDAY, DEC 27 | 8:00PM

vs. BRAMPTON BEAST

KIDS CLUB NIGHT

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SUNDAY, DEC 29 | 5:00PM

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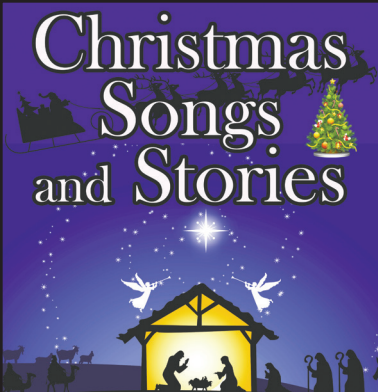
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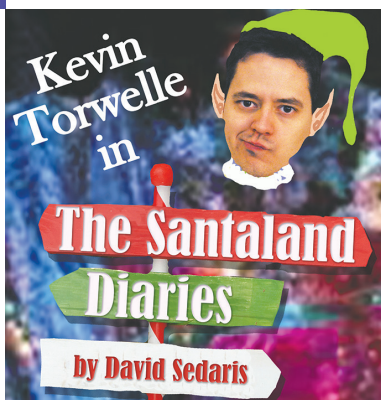
DECEMBER 20-21

A man recounts working as an elf at Macy's Santaland in NYC.

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Philip Seymour Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix star in the P.T. Anderson film *The Master*, Greg W. Locke's pick for the best movie of the decade.

COURTESY PHOTO

Time to talk the top 50 movies of the decade

Somehow we've already found ourselves at the end of another decade. In just a few weeks it will be 2020, and so here we all are, making our end-of-the-decade lists of the things we love. Below you'll find my Top 50 Favorite Films of the Decade: 2010-19:



Screen Time

GREG W. LOCKE

1. *The Master* (dir. P.T. Anderson)
2. *The Tree of Life* (dir. Terrence Malick)
3. *Moonlight* (dir. Barry Jenkins)
4. *The Place Beyond the Pines* (dir. Derek Cianfrance)
5. *Only God Forgives* (dir. Nic Refn)
6. *Mother* (dir. Darren Aronofsky)
7. *The Skin I Live In* (dir. Pedro Almodovar)
8. *Birdman* (dir. Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu)
9. *The Wolf of Wall Street* (dir. Martin Scorsese)
10. *Boyhood* (dir. Richard Linklater)
11. *Isle of Dogs* (dir. Wes Anderson)
12. *Manchester By the Sea* (dir. Kenneth Lonergan)
13. *Melancholia* (dir. Lars Von Trier)
14. *The Revenant* (dir. Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu)
15. *Her* (dir. Spike Jonze)
16. *Drive* (dir. Nic Refn)
17. *The Fighter* (dir. David O. Russell)
18. *Not Fade Away* (dir. David Chase)
19. *The Killing of a Sacred Deer* (dir. Yorgos Lanthimos)
20. *Joker* (dir. Todd Phillips)
21. *Margaret* (dir. Kenneth Lonergan)
22. *The Meyerowitz Stories* (dir. Noah Baumbach)
23. *The House that Jack Built* (dir. Lars Von Trier)
24. *Rust and Bone* (dir. Jacques Auidard)
25. *The Beach Bum* (dir. Harmony Korine)
26. *Foxcatcher* (dir. Bennett Miller)
27. *Nocturnal Animals* (dir. Tom Ford)
28. *The Florida Project* (dir. Sean Baker)
29. *Nightcrawler* (dir. Dan Gilroy)
30. *Minding the Gap* (dir. Bing Liu)
31. *Warrior* (dir. Gavin O'Connor)
32. *American Hustle* (dir. David O. Russell)
33. *Inherent Vice* (dir. P.T. Anderson)
34. *Maps to the Stars* (dir. David Cronenberg)
35. *Inside Llewyn Davis* (dir. Coen Brothers)
36. *Interstellar* (dir. Christopher Nolan)
37. *Contagion* (dir. Steven Soderbergh)
38. *Frances Ha* (dir. Noah Baumbach)
39. *Wild* (dir. Jean-Marc Valle)
40. *Midnight Special* (dir. Jeff Nichols)
41. *Once Upon a Time In Hollywood* (dir. Quentin Tarantino)
42. *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (dir. Wes Anderson)
43. *Blue Valentine* (dir. Derek Cianfrance)
44. *Moneyball* (dir. Bennett Miller)
45. *Certain Women* (dir. Kelly Reichardt)
46. *The Kid With a Bike* (dir. Dardenne Brothers)
47. *Popstar* (dir. Jorma Taccone & Akiva Schaffer)
48. *Beats, Rhymes & Life* (dir. Michael Rappaport)
49. *The Disaster Artist* (dir. James Franco)
50. *Under the Skin* (dir. Jonathan Glazer)

So there are clearly a lot of movies I've not yet seen from the past decade (including most of this year's most-talked-about films).

That being said, I did my research — I had a list of 273 other contenders. Send your own list my way via email at gregwlocke@gmail.com.

NOW PLAYING

The Odd Couple — Female version of classic Neil Simon play about two possibly mismatched roommates, **7 p.m. dinner/8 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14; 1 p.m. dinner/2 p.m. curtain, Sunday, Dec. 15, Dec. 20-21**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40 (includes dinner), (260) 422-4226

Christmas Songs and Stories — Best loved sacred and secular songs and stories of Christmas, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1; 7:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14-15**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 422-6329

Dances of Universal Peace — Led by guest leader Naomi Wilansky and musician Dan Leichty and drawing upon the many spiritual traditions of the earth, **6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Fort Wayne, free will donation, (260) 424-6574

AUDITIONS

Bach Collegium — Auditions for new collegium members, by appointment, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, (260) 485-2143

Singin' in the Rain (Feb. 22-23) — Auditions for upcoming production, **6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 4-5**, Huber Opera House, Hicksville, (419) 542-9553

Flanagan's Wake (Mar. 13-17) — Auditions for interactive comedy, must have a natural sounding Irish dialect, ability to sing on key with a piano, and comfort with basic improv and audience interaction, **6-9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5**, Harper's Community Funeral Home, New Haven, (260) 493-4433

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

DECEMBER

The Christmas Post — On Christmas 1947, a mother and daughter work against the clock to make each other's holiday dreams come true, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7**, First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$14, (260) 490-8585

Christmas Spectacular — Cabaret performances of classic holiday songs, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7 and Dec. 13-14**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 498-2652

Disney's Frozen Jr. — Fort Wayne Youtheatre's production of a story of true love and acceptance between Princess Anna and Queen Elsa, **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 7-8; 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; noon Saturday, Dec. 14**, including Breakfast with Santa at **10 a.m. \$25-\$30 includes show**; and **2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-4226

Madrigal Dinner Theater — Dinner theater with live comedy, music, and more, **6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$47, includes dinner, (260) 563-1102

Annie — Broadway musical based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray featuring Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks, Mrs. Hannigan, and Sandy, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15;**

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$12-\$38, (574) 267-8041

The Nutcracker — Fort Wayne Ballet's holiday tradition featuring young Clara, the Nutcracker prince, and the evil Mouse King, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 12-13, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$55, (260) 422-4226

The Nutcracker — Project Ballet presents the holiday classic about Clara, the Nutcracker Prince, and the Mouse King, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$30, (260) 424-5665

Twas the Night Before Christmas — Musical retelling of the holiday classic, **2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Niswonger P.A.C., Van Wert, \$20-\$45, (419) 238-6722

The 24-Hour Plays — Original works written, rehearsed, and performed by students over the course of 24 hours, **8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Studio Theatre, Kettler Hall, Purdue University Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 481-5665

Dance Dolls Nuts & Crackers — Fourth annual holiday showcase, **2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Huber Opera House, Hicksville, \$5-\$10, (419) 542-9553

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever — Fire and Light productions presents the story of a holiday performance threatened by a family of kids looking to disrupt the festivities, **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, Canterbury High School, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, fireandlightproductions.com

The Nutcracker — Excelsior Arts Academy and Youth Theater presents the play based on the E.T.A. Hoffman classic book, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15**, DeKalb County Fairgrounds, Auburn, \$10-\$12, ExcelsiorArtsAcademy.com

Santa at Tippy Creek Winery — Adults only welcome to meet and greet Santa Claus at the winery, **noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, Tippy Creek Winery, Leesburg, free (21+), (574) 453-9003

Cirque Dreams Holiday — Circus-like holiday themed show with ornaments, acrobatics, aerial artists, and more, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$75 (260) 424-5665

A Very Electric Christmas — Lightwire Theater electroluminescent holiday performance, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$10-\$35, (260) 563-1102

The Santaland Diaries — A man recounts working as an elf at Macy's Santaland in NYC, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 22**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 426-7421 ext. 121

JANUARY 2020

Beyond Glory — Eight veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam tell firsthand accounts of their actions which resulted in them receiving the Medal of Honor, **7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 2-4; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12;**

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 426-7421 ext. 121

Bandstand, WWII soldiers return home and form a band to compete on a television talent search, **7:30 p.m. Jan. 8**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$45-\$58 (260) 563-1102

At the Movies: Songs of the Silver Screen — Cabaret performances of film's greatest songs, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 498-2652

The Music Man — Fire and Light presents the story of fast-talking Harold Hill, Marian the Librarian, and River City, Iowa, **7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18**, Canterbury High School, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, fireandlightproductions.com

Who's in Bed with the Butler — Mystery surrounds the will of a California billionaire, his three lovers, and his determined daughter in this comedy, **7 p.m. dinner/8 p.m. curtain Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18, 24-25, and Jan. 31-Feb. 1**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40 (includes dinner), (260) 422-4226

Bandstand, WWII soldiers return home and form a band to compete on a television talent search, **7:30 p.m. Jan. 23**, Niswonger P.A.C., Van Wert, \$50-\$75 (419) 238-6722

Mark Nizer's 4-D Theatre — Multi dimensional theater featuring juggling, humor, and technology, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$25, (260) 563-1102

FEBRUARY 2020

Fiddler on the Roof — Broadway at the Embassy presents the story of Tevye, a Jewish milkman in early 1900s Russia, sees his three eldest daughters married, each moving further away from traditional ways, and must cope to the growing anti-Jewish sentiment, **7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$70, (260) 424-5665

Building the Dream: MLK Jr. — The story of how Martin Luther King Jr.'s early years shaped his dream, **7 p.m. Friday Feb. 7; 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9; sensory-friendly performance 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, with Touch Tour at 4 p.m.**, PPG ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$18, (260) 422-4226

The Simon & Garfunkel Story — A multimedia tribute concert featuring the iconic hits of Simon & Garfunkel, **7:30 p.m. Feb. 7**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, (260) 563-1102

Love Notes — Fort Wayne Ballet's annual Valentine's Day performance with romance and passion, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15**, Arts Lab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$50, (260) 422-4226

Matilda — Roald Dahl's story of the spirited Matilda, the anarchy of childhood, and the power of imagination, presented by Fort Wayne Civic Theatre and Fort Wayne Youtheatre, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 1**; Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 422-4226



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Things To Do LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT

2019 ACPL Local Author Book Sale — Local authors will be signing, discussing and selling their books, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, ACPL downtown, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 421-1200

Amanda Arthur Krill book signing and discussion — Regional author discusses and signs her book *Mom Vs. Debt: How I Paid off \$64K in Credit Card Debt in Under 3 Years Without Becoming a Stripper*, light refreshments provided, **5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Hyde Brothers Booksellers, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0197

The Blackout 3 Masquerade — Dress in black and grab a mask for champagne, food, dessert, and guest DJs, **9:30 p.m.-3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29**, Red Moon, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25/VIP \$120 for 4, (260) 418-7849

Breakfast with Santa — Breakfast, sing-a-long and storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus, limited seating, **9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29-Sunday, Dec. 1**, Embassy Theatre, \$20, (260) 424-5665

Christmas Connections — Holiday exhibit incorporates video interviews and poinsettia displays, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday (4-8 p.m. Thanksgiving), noon-4 p.m. Sunday (closed Mondays and Christmas Day) through Jan. 5**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Christmas in the City — Arrival of Santa, tree lighting ceremony, live reindeer, pony rides and petting zoo, trackless train rides, face painting, ornament painting, story time, and favorite Christmas characters from TV and film, **3-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Jefferson Street, downtown Huntington, free, huntington-countychamber.com

Christmas in the Park — Outdoor activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, live nativity scene, and live camels while indoor activities include balloon sculptures, Christmas trees, displays, and interactive booths, hosted by Christ Child Festival, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 44-9437

Fantasy of Lights — Blue Jacket hosts the popular annual event, **6-9 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Dec. 31**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, \$10 per car, (260) 744-1900

Festival of Gingerbread — More than 100 gingerbread creations to benefit the History Center, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 15**, special preview **3-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27**, History Center, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$6 (\$3 at preview), (260) 426-2882

Festival of Trains — Observe model train sets in action, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1**, Science Central, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-2400

Festival of Trees — The historic theater is filled with decorated trees in the Embassy's largest fundraiser of the year, **4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28; noon-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 3-4**, Thanksgiving screening of *White Christmas* **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28**, sing-a-long with Fort Wayne

Children's Choir 6-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$8, (260) 424-5665

Holiday Train Block Party — Snacks, vendors, and light entertainment as visitors await the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train to make its annual pass through Waterloo around midnight, **8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29**, Historic Depot, Waterloo, free, (260) 837-7428

Holly Trolley Shopping — Free trolley rides to shop for unique gifts at local shops, **11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, various downtown locations, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-3266

Old-Time Horse-Drawn Christmas Parade — More than 40 horse-drawn wagons decorated for Christmas and Santa greets the kids, **6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, downtown Hamilton, free, (260) 668-5029

One Small Step: The 50th Anniversary of Landing on the Moon — Exhibit includes photographs of the historic mission where men from Earth first set foot on the Moon, a theater where visitors can learn more about the other manned Moon missions, and popular culture artifacts, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 5 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays)**, Science Central, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-2400

Santa Arrives in Downtown Angola — Photo op with Santa and chance to share wish lists, **5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29**, Brokaw Theater, Angola, free, (260) 665-3912

Santa at Tippy Creek Winery — All ages welcome to meet and greet Santa Claus at the winery, **noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Tippy Creek Winery, Leesburg, free (all ages), (574) 453-9003

Tree Lighting Ceremony — Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, train rides, caroling and a campfire as well as a visit from Santa, bring new and unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots for admission, **3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Village at Winona, Winona Lake, (574) 268-9888

White Christmas — Thanksgiving Day screening of classic film starring Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney and Danny Kaye, **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$8 (includes admission to Festival of Trees), (260) 424-5665

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Brunch with Santa — Waffles, carving station, desserts, and photos with Santa, **10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 and Dec. 22**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$8.69-\$18.69, (260) 563-1102

Della's Super Fabulous Drag Show and Bingo Brunch — Brunch, bingo, and drag show to benefit Positive Resource Connection and Community Harvest Food Bank, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1**, Welch's Ale House, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 456-6542

Christmas in the Castle — See historic Brookside decorated for Christmas by local florists and designers, **4-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 9, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Sunday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 10**, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$8, (260) 399-7700

Christmas Open House — Pictures with Santa, Christmas crafts, story time, decorating contest, photo booth and more, **4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Whitley County Family YMCA, Columbia City, free, (260) 244-9622

Christmas Tea at Home with the Swinney Sisters — Visit the elegantly decorated home with syllabub, sweets, savories, a pot of tea, music, and a program on Christmas traditions, reservations required, tables seat four, **2-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 637-8622

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza — Local artisans, live music, door prizes, and vendors to benefit charity, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 750-2800

City of Churches Tour — Participating churches include Bethlehem Lutheran, Pilgrim Baptist, Zion Lutheran, St. Peter's Catholic, Faith United Methodist, Fort Wayne Baptist, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal Church, Plymouth Congregational, First Presbyterian, Trinity English Lutheran, and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, **6-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Fort Wayne, free

December First Friday — Ice sculptures, Optimist Santa House, Twinkle Light Parade, floats with different themes and carriage rides, **7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Downtown Warsaw, free, (574) 376-0233

Holiday Wagon Rides — Meet near Brokaw Theater on the public square to catch a ride through the streets of Angola, **5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Downtown Angola, free, (260) 665-2514

Light Up the Night — Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painters, balloon artists, games, activities and the lighting of the Central Park Holiday Light Display, **6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, Center Lake Pavilion, Warsaw, free, (574) 372-9554

Christmas at the Forks — Decorated trees and wreaths enhance the museum park Forks of the Wabash, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8** (Breakfast with Santa **9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**), Forks of the Wabash, Huntington, free will donations, (260) 356-1903

Christmas Open House & Home Tours, Visit eight houses in Decatur and Adams County which are decorated for the holidays, **1-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Decatur, \$10, decaturchamber.org

Christmas Ornaments Get Away Day — Gain new woodshop skills making Christmas ornaments that can be stained, painted or wood burned, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Camp Mack, Milford, \$20 (includes lunch), (574) 658-4831

Christmas Parade and Santa's Arrival — Santa visits with kids immediately following parade, **5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Downtown Fremont, free, (260) 495-9010

Festival of Trees — Visit almost 100 trees sponsored by local businesses, hot cocoa and cookies available, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester, free, (260) 982-2118

Festival of Wreaths — Holiday event featuring live entertainment, concessions, and wreath auction, **1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Huber Opera House, Hicksville, \$3, (419) 542-9553

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Art for the Holidays — Includes ornaments from over 20 artists, nativities, clay angels, and trees, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 31 (closed Sundays)** open house **Dec. 7**, holiday hours **10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday Dec. 9-23, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1-22, (10 a.m.-3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve)** Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 436-0927

The Art of Illustration — An exhibit with a variety of illustrative works and narrative images by local artists, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Dec. 18**, artists' reception 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, Purdue Fort Wayne Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 481-6977

An Artful Fall — Featured artists include Catherine Blyth, Austin Cartwright, Gwen Gutwein, John Hrehov, and Barbara Nohinek, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment through Nov. 30**, Crestwoods Gallery, Roanoke, (260) 672-2080

Autumn Ablaze — Paintings from national and local artists including Patricia Bartels, Robin Cheers, Kirk Larsen, Pamela Newell, Donna Shortt, Randall Scott Harden, Jody Hemphill-Smith, CW Mundy, Susan Suraci, Fred Doloresco, Doug Runyan, Rick Wilson, Joseph Orr, Michael Poorman, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, through Nov. 30**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6568

Capturing Fort Wayne from a New Perspective — Exhibit and sale of framed photographs and canvas prints of Fort Wayne bridges, parks, and landscapes, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, through Dec. 15** (by appointment Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays), Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 744-1867

Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos — A community-centered exhibit featuring Mexican altars, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) through Jan. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

Decatur Sculpture Tour — Sculptures by Greg Mendez, Alex Snyder, Ben Pierce, Nathan Pierce, Craig Snyder, Neil Wiffell, and more throughout downtown in a free public art gallery setting, **8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through April 1, 2020**, downtown Decatur, free, decatursculpturetour.com

Fort Wayne Artists Guild Exhibitions — Linda Flatley at Active Day, Suzie Emley at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Carolyn Stachera at Allen County Retinal Surgeons, Eunice Scully at American Red Cross, Valerie McBride at Citizens Square, Fort Wayne Artists Guild Members Winter Show at Heritage Pointe of Fort Wayne, Daniel Bourbonnais at Ophthalmology Consultants (Southwest), Carey Collie at Ophthalmology Consultants (North), Sandra Bonner-Robinson at Pat Bryan Insurance Agency, David Hudson at Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, Mary Lou Hutter at Town House Retirement, Natalia Yenza at Visiting Nurse Hospice, Dick Heffelfinger and Tom

DeSomer at Will Jewelers, **hours vary per location through Dec. 31**, fortwayneartistsguild.org

Human Interest — A collection of photographs from the collection of Fort Wayne Museum of Art brings together contemporary artists representing individual self through appearance, beliefs, experiences, and forms of social belonging, **8 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, and 3-9 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 13**, D'Agostino Art Gallery, Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-2826

The Mexican Mask Collection of Helmut and Terrie Goede — Exhibit featuring more than 200 masks from the collection of the Michigan couple who collected masks over 30 years of travel in Mexico, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) through Jan. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

More than Four Walls: Photographs by Lucy Bell Seaton — Exhibit of photography by Lucy Bell Seaton and her search for home and its place in our hearts and memories, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) Nov. 30-Feb. 16**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

Seth Green and John Hrehov: New Works — Paintings and ceramic vessels from two PFV professors, **5-8 p.m. Fridays, 4-7 p.m. Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 22 (by appointment Mondays-Thursdays)**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free, (260) 704-5400

Strings of the Holocaust — An exhibition of instruments that survived the Holocaust as part of the Violins of Hope project, **9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. through Dec. 1**, Rolland Art Gallery, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-7700

ART EVENTS

Arts & Crafts Market — Vendors offer unique items on historic West Main Street, **noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 999-4108

Art Farm Holiday Pop Up Gallery — Artists Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert host their annual holiday gallery featuring varied art work from artists around the country including their own found object functional art and jewelry, **noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 7-29**, opening reception **5-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, The Art Farm, Spencerville, (260) 740-8725

Art on Broadway: Holiday Edition — Celebrate Small Business Saturday and support local artists with a variety of vendor pop-ups, new exhibits from local artists, food, and sweet treats, **4-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, 1124½ Broadway, Fort Wayne, free

Holiday Art Sale — Annual holiday sale with various artists including Hot House Glass and Olive Twist, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, artist reception **11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, with refreshments, 4 Corners Gallery, Angola, free, (419) 769-4271

Holiday Pop-Up Art Gallery — Fort Wayne Artists Guild hosts holiday shop, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 28**, sneak peek **5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27**, City Exchange Shops, Fort Wayne, free, fortwayneartistsguild.org

Women's Winter Art Fair — Sophia's Portico sponsors its 19th annual event featuring local women artists and a variety of items, soups and breads also available for purchase, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 482-7402

ARTrageous Gala & Art Auction — Live and silent auctions featuring art, jewelry, travel, and luxury packages to benefit the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, **6-10 p.m. Friday, March 6**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$250-\$300, (260) 422-6467

COMING EXHIBITS

DECEMBER

Holiday Invitational — Special exhibit including Chuck Marshall, Patricia Bartels, Doreen St. John, Pamela Newell, Donna Shortt, Randall Scott Harden, Jody Hemphill-Smith, CW Mundy, Fred Doloresco, Doug Runyan, Rick Wilson, Joseph Orr, and Michael Poorman, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Dec. 5-Jan. 4**, opening reception 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Castle Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

Unreal Empire: Robert McCann — Paintings of elaborate fictional spaces featuring pop culture characters, **noon-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5-Jan. 5** (opening reception **5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**), Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-7195

Transparency & Toxicity: Meganne Rosen — Mixed media pieces and installations focusing on the sociopolitical, cultural context of the times, **noon-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5-Jan. 5** (opening reception **5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**), Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-7195

Fall 2019 BFA Exhibition — Seniors graduating from the Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Art and Design display their senior thesis projects, **5-7 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 6-20**, opening reception 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Wunderkammer Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 481-6709

Griest Family Rare Books Exhibit — Donated collection of more than 250 rare books including visual arts, poetry, classic literature, history, and politics featuring bound prints that illustrate the narratives by numerous historic artists, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 7-Jan. 10 (closed Dec. 21-Jan. 1)**, opening reception **6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, USF School of the Creative Arts, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-7700

Margaret Burroughs: Faces of My People — Celebrating the artist's many contributions to Chicago's cultural life, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) Dec. 7-Feb. 23**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8, (260) 422-6467

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