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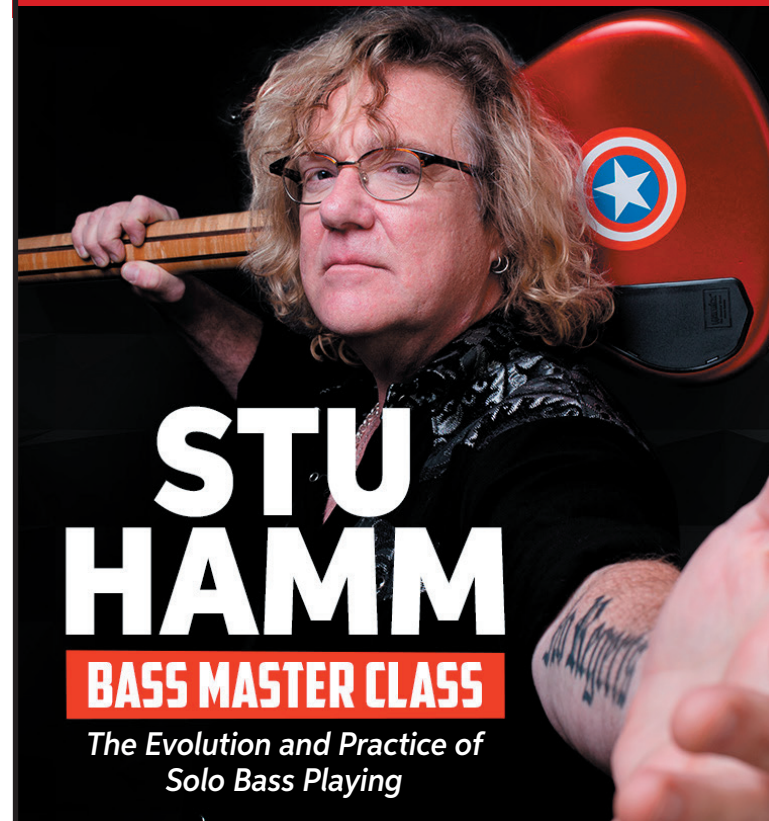
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Warsaw salt cave gives rustic 'flavor' to relaxation

Columnist is 'shaken' by perceived health benefits

My doctor had just told me to cut back on salt. And here I was about to wallow in it.

But I am nothing if not a daredevil. Which is to say, I am nothing if not the sort of person who thinks visiting a salt cave makes him a daredevil.

Since I hit middle age, I have tried to get out of my comfort zone more. But salt is firmly ensconced in my comfort zone. In fact, my doctor believes I need to kick salt out of my comfort zone and extend a dinner invitation to salt substitute.

But the salt you sprinkle on already salty foods because aging seems to have neutralized your taste buds has nothing to do with salt cave therapy.

GETTING SALTY

What? You've never heard of salt cave therapy? Have you been living in a cave? A saltless cave?

I'll tell you this: A salt cave is not the same thing as a salt room. There are a number of so-called salt caves in Indiana that are really more like salt rooms.

For the real deal, you need to travel to Warsaw and visit Himalayan Salts & Scents.

Salt cave therapy was allegedly invented by a 19th century Polish doctor who noticed that salt miners didn't suffer the same respiratory problems as other sorts of miners, which made those other sorts of miners insanely jealous. Luckily, they were too winded to seek revenge.

Thanks in part to that Polish doctor, the accidental act of breathing in fine salt particles is now purposefully called dry salt therapy or halo-therapy. You may feel some skepticism about its efficacy, but chances are you are a firm believer in wet salt therapy, even if you aren't aware of it. Who among us has not gargled with salt water, soaked in a salt bath or used a salty nasal rinse?

Who, I ask you?

Sorry, I got carried away.

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Therapeutic salt is as different from table salt



First Person

STEVE PENHOLLOW



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HIMALAYAN SALTS & SCENTS

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as brie is from Cheez Whiz. Pink Himalayan salt has beneficial minerals that table salt has been cruelly robbed of.

Luckily, table salt is too inanimate to seek revenge.

SHAKEN AND STIRRED

Peg Custer, the owner of Himalayan Salts & Scents, is also a therapeutic salt wholesaler. She sells salt to people who want to sell salt.

To misquote the late Sy Sperling, Custer is not just company president; she is also a client.

Years ago, Custer knew a friend who carried smooth orbs of pink Himalayan salt in her pockets to treat hip pain.

"I thought she was cuckoo," Custer confessed. Confessed to me, not to the friend.

In time, Custer, who was then a bookseller, started experiencing her own hip pain caused by the sort of arduous tasks that common are to the profession of bookselling: putting books in boxes, lifting the boxes, lifting large reference books about the history of boxes, lifting boxes full of large reference books about the histories of boxes and large reference books, etc.

In desperation, she bought smooth orbs of pink salt to carry in her pockets. And they worked.

The benefits of pink Himalayan salt go beyond breathing it in. Himalayan salt devotees believe it emits negative ions, especially when heated.

If you are as old as the same hills that I am as old as, you probably remember the old Harold Arlen standard that went, "You've got to ac-CENT-chu-ate the positive and eliminate the negative."

That's good advice for life, but it's not good advice for ions.

Negative ions are the accentuate-able ions. Only a Negative Nelly would doubt it. They are molecules charged with electricity. And there

is compelling research to suggest that they convey real health benefits although perhaps not as many benefits as some devotees claim.

So I was forced to conclude that doing almost anything with salt is good for you as long as it doesn't involve swallowing a lot of it.

REASON FOR THE SEASONING

What makes Custer's cave unique is that it was made to resemble a natural salt cave. Without the mining.

Custer's cave has four thousand pounds of salt in it. The walls are made of salt. Some of the furniture is made of salt. There is crushed salt in the ceiling and on the floor. There is a bed made of salt.

There are salt domes to place your feet on.

Not only does it resemble a natural salt cave, it also evokes an oceanside resort and an Old West set on a Hollywood studio backlot.

All these seemingly disparate elements combine to create a very pleasant place to be for an hour.

There are high-end deck chairs, toys for kids, and a salt "beach" to feel between your toes.

And let me tell you about that bed: You might think a bed made of crushed pink salt would be uncomfortable.

But the minute you lie down on it, you start thinking about launching a bedding company to compete with Purple. I'm calling mine Pink.

If you go with a group of people, you will probably fight them for access to the bed. Luckily, the salt bed seems like it would be a good place to convalesce from injuries.

So what's my final verdict? After an hour in the salt cave, I not only was breathing better but I was euphoric.

I am being serious here. All my middle-aged ailments were quieted, and I felt giddy for hours afterward.

I believe the salt cave works exactly as advertised.

But if you must, take that with a grain of salt.

Allman Betts Band ready to rock out local drive-in

Southern country rock satisfies its fan base

BY STEVE PENHOLLOW
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Devon Allman was on the road a year or so ago with the Allman Betts Band when everything changed.

From the vantage point of a tour bus, the COVID-19 must have seemed especially apocalyptic: gigs in distant cities winking out one by one.

“I woke up to my tour manager shaking me awake, saying, ‘Hey, you were right. Everything’s canceled,’” Allman said in a phone interview with *Whatzup*.

Having no other option, Allman went home to St. Louis.

He stayed busy during the lockdown and the long suspension of live music. He recorded an instrumental album, signed a new artist to his label, Create Records, and traveled to places where travelers were welcomed.

Eventually, he and Duane Betts got on the drive-in theater circuit that materialized after more traditional music venues were shut down.

The Allman Betts Band will perform at the 13-24 Drive-In in Wabash on April 22.

DRIVE-INS TO THE RESCUE

The 13-24 Drive-In is offering an ambitious slate of live music this spring: Chris Janson on April 24, Casting Crowns on May 7, Here Come the Mummies on May 20, Travis Tritt on May 21, and FireHouse with Kip Winger on May 22.

Last year, the 13-24 Drive-In and other drive-in theaters in Indiana and Ohio were beacons during a dark time. They offered live-by-satellite concerts and live-in-the-flesh concerts to people whose entertainment options were severely limited.

These concerts provided a valuable community service and brought regional attention to Wabash.

What they weren’t for the drive-in was lucrative.

“Financially, it was pretty much a wash for us,” said Tod Minnich, president and CEO of the Honeywell Foundation.

The Honeywell Foundation manages the theater for its owner, Inguard Insurance of



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Wabash.

Overcoming barriers to providing entertainment is part of the Honeywell Foundation’s mission, Minnich said, so the concerts were beneficial and satisfying on that level.

Allman said drive-in shows really aren’t all that different from other sorts of outdoor shows.

“It’s really the same dynamic,” he said. “Here’s the band. Here’s the people. Let’s have fun.”

The biggest difference may be that people honk their horns instead of clapping their hands, Allman said.

ALLMAN IN THE FAMILY

Devon Allman is the son of the late Gregg Allman and Duane Betts is the son of the still-kicking Dickey Betts.

The elder Allman and elder Betts were bandmates in the Allman Brothers Band.

Devon Allman didn’t start getting to know his dad until his late teens. He met Duane Betts on the Allman Brothers tour bus.

Both sons enjoyed long and robust music careers before they started discussing the possibility of joining forces.

Allman said he never felt any pressure to make music that sounds like the music his dad made.

“You’re always gonna have people... it’s like the *Star Wars* movies, perfect example,” he said. “You’ll always have those diehards who say, ‘Nothing’s better than the original three *Star Wars* movies.’ And then you’re gonna have another batch of people who say, ‘I’m just glad to have more *Star Wars*, whatever it is.’”



MORE ON THE WEB

Use your phone’s camera to scan the QR code and watch The Allman Betts Band’s video for their single, “Airboats & Cocaine,” and listen to the band on Spotify.

NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP

Last summer, the band decided to go ahead with the release of its second album, *Bless Your Heart*, even though the pandemic had forced the postponement of so much new entertainment.

Bless Your Heart earned universally positive reviews.

“When you hear the first album, you’re hearing the birth of the band,” Allman said. “I think the first album is a postcard that says, ‘Hey. Here we are. We’re figuring this out.’”

Allman describes the second album as “a long love letter.”

“It’s everyone having a love affair with being

“We know where we come from,” Allman said. “I don’t think we carry pressure with that. I have ten records under my belt. I have earned a place where I can do what I want to do. I don’t have to do anything I don’t want to do.”

Discovering “new sounds and new melodies” is one of the primary joys of music-making for Allman.

“And, hey, if one of those new melodies and sounds reminds you of my dad, man, that’s great,” he said. “And if it reminds you of the Rolling Stones, that’s great, too.”

THE ALLMAN BETTS BAND

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in this band,” he said. “It’s a more detailed thing. It goes deeper down the rabbit hole.”

Looking ahead, Allman said he doesn’t know when things will go back to normal and what that will look like. In the meantime, he just plans to do what he’s always done.

“You want to keep the audience engaged,” he said. “If they already love you, don’t give them a reason not to. Give them reasons to fall more deeply in love with you.”

“But you also have to write songs for yourself,” Allman said. “They have to have merit. They have to have meaning. They have to be real. I think if you just keep your head down and play your next batch of songs with all the sincerity that you can, it’ll lead you in the right direction.”

For Minnich, who not only oversees the drive-in but also the Honeywell Center and the Eagles Theatre, a moment of truth is coming when all the creativity in the world won’t be enough to forestall disaster.

“We need business back in the fall,” he said. “We need those indoor shows. We need those first-run films. We need to be at 100 percent capacity.”

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Mitch Maibach — Acoustic at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

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Crooked Lake whets your appetite with music fest

The Crooked Lake Sandbar Music Festival has announced the musical acts that will be hitting the stage at this year's event. The festival is celebrating its eighth year on Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24, with a local and regional lineup that will be sure to satisfy all.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, singer-songwriter **Julia James** takes the stage along with the party band **Rekt**. On Saturday, music begins at 11 a.m. with performances by **The Band Brother**, **The Brothers Footman**, **TBC-The Band Chyenne**, and **Clayton Anderson**.

The event will be hosted by **DJ Double K** and **WANE 15's Natalie Clydesdale**. All together, the fun-filled family event benefits local charities like the Community Humane Shelter of Steuben County. So it's more than just a party, it's for a cause.

CARNEVIL FESTIVAL OF METAL

The Muse on Main is opening its doors to a two-day music festival on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, starting at 5 p.m. CarnEvil is a demonic carnival experience that is themed around horror and metal.

There will be side show acts, costumes, and 20 metal bands including **Cremated Souls**, **Voice of Syllas**, **Pharohound**, **Slokill**, **Sleep Tight**, **Salem's Childe**, **Hidden Dagger**, and **Filth Spewer**.

If you have friends traveling in for CarnEvil, make sure to tell them that both downtown Courtyard and Hampton have special rates for the event. Go to themuseonmain.com for details and tickets.



Out and About
NICK BRAUN

There will be an after party across the street at The Ruin on Saturday beginning around 9 p.m. with even more live music by **Rattlesnake Mafia**, **Slokill**, **9th Circle Symphony**, **Porn Pastor**, and **Split the Sea**.

THE SPIRIT OF THE '80s

Speaking of The Ruin, they are set to host glam rockers **Wildstreet** on Wednesday, April 21, when they bring their "Kings of the World Tour" to town.

These New Yorkers are all about sing-along choruses, blazing guitar solos, and powerful melodies, reminiscent of '80s arena rock.

Since releasing their self-titled debut album in 2009, the band has performed at major festivals such as Rocklahoma, SXSW, and M3 Rock Festival. They even made an appearance on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*. This all-ages show starts at 8 p.m. with local openers **Namen Namen** and **Jonah Leatherman**. There will be a \$15 cover at the door.

PIERE'S BRINGS THE LOCAL ROCK

Have you checked out the newly reopened Piere's yet? With an array of shows on their calendar, you certainly have opportunities to do so.

One show just announced will feature a handful of local rock/metal acts taking the stage on Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m.

The haymaker of a lineup includes **Blood from a Stone**, **Static Fly**, **Moments After**, and **Driven Enemy**. General admission tickets are \$5, reserved balcony \$10, and premium reserved balcony \$15. Those can be purchased via Etix.com.

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Popular farmers market finds new outdoor home

As farmers markets begin to open for the season, there's a big change for one of the most popular stands. After having been indoors at Parkview Field all winter, Fort Wayne's Farmers Market heads outdoors this spring to a new location at McCulloch Park on Broadway near the Electric Works facility.

Starting May 15, the market will offer its usual mix of fresh produce, flowers, plants, and other treats while being able to spread out a bit more. In fact, there's room for entertainment now, and the market's website (ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com) has a call out for musicians and entertainers who would like to be part of the action this spring and summer. The market hours will continue to be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. as they continue to expand its offerings.

COUNTRY HERITAGE UNCORKS MUSIC

With a large indoor tasting room and lots of outdoor space for tables and a stage, Country Heritage Winery in LaOtto has become a popular destination for those looking to purchase wine while kicking back with friends.



News and Venues

MICHELE DEVINNEY

In the coming weeks, visitors have quite a mix of music to anticipate. On tap in the next four weeks are **Mitch Maibach** on Friday, April 9; **Will Certain** on Saturday, April 10; **Adam Strack** on Friday, April 16; **Water 2 Wine** on Saturday, April 17; **Jason Paul** on Friday, April 23; **Karlea & Andy** on Saturday April 24; **Joe Justice** on Friday, April 30; and **Karlea & Andy** on Saturday, May 1. All performances are 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit countryheritagewinery.com.

THE EFFECTS OF WAR AT FWMOA

A new exhibit at Fort Wayne Museum of Art looks into the effects of war through creative expression.

Running through June 13, *Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler* — *Art and War* features 15 of Schueler's pieces which reflect his experiences and the long-term effects which last a lifetime.

Admission fees are available on the museum's website, and all veterans, military personnel and their families can visit at no cost Tuesday-Sunday with a valid military ID. Virtual tours are also available on the museum's website at fwmoa.org.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

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Whoa, Man! — Friday Night Vibes w/Julia Meek at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Chris Worth and Howard Sims — Variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

Dakota Parker — Acoustic at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Damon Williams w/Cody Woods — Comedy at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 9:30 a.m. \$25-\$160, (260) 486-1979

The Decades — Variety at Soul Pig BBQ, Decatur, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 301-9800

The Duosonics — Blues at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Jason Dixie — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Jess Thrower — Americana/indie at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Justin Bailey — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Kody Bryant — Country at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7468

Nick Burks — Variety at 2 Toms Brewing, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 402-7644

Party Boat Band — Trop rock at Eagles Post 985, Kendallville, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 343-9030

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

Pottsie's Pastime — Variety at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 457-7100

Rekt — Variety at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-1311

Shane and Eric — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Sweetwater All Stars — R&B/soul at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

Zero — Rock at The Venue, Angola, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 665-3922

MONDAY, APRIL 12

G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Jeff McDonald — Acoustic oldies at Club Room at the Clyde, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Jon Durnell — Acoustic variety at 469 Sports and Spirits, New Haven, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 749-7207

Kenny Taylor and the Swingset Quartet — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Hillbilly Casino — Rockabilly at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

The 906 Band — Variety at American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

Adam Strack — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Anthem Lights — Pop vocals at Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 7:30 p.m. \$28-\$50, (574) 267-8041

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

Blood of Heroes, Pharohound, Voice of Sylas — Carnevil Festival at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m.-midnight \$13-\$20, (260) 999-4108

California Dreamin' — '60s and '70s at Cottage Event Center, Roanoke, 7:30 p.m. \$12, (260) 414-2015

Farmland Jazz Band — Friday Night Vibes w/Julia Meek at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

He Said She Said — Variety at Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, 9 p.m. no cover,

Jess Thrower — Americana/indie at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Lee Carter Cook — Variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Mark Garr — Acoustic at Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-7543

McKenna — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Tracey MacDonald and jus Will — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Austin Marsh — Variety at Edwin Coe Spirits, Churubusco, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 212-8827

Bradley Boxell — Variety at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 457-7100

Celebrations — Pops concert at Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 7 p.m. \$10, (574) 267-8041

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-2988

The Harp Condition — Variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Jason Paul — Acoustic at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Jon Shoulders — Acoustic variety at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Kaitlyn Schmit and The Move — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m. \$5-\$10, (260) 486-1979

Olde 441 — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

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

Randy Spencer — Variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Salem's Childre, Rattlesnake Mafia, Demons of Wrathica — Carnevil Festival at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m.-midnight \$13-\$20, (260) 999-4108

Sweetwater All Stars — R&B/soul at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Symphony of the Lakes — Classical at Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Winona Lake, 7-9 p.m. \$10, (574) 267-8041

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

Tracey MacDonald and jus Will — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Water 2 Wine — Contemporary Christian at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

The Wingmen — Variety at American Legion Post 409, Leo, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 627-2628

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Jesse James Dupree & Dixie Inc — Rock at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$75, (260) 486-1979

MONDAY, APRIL 19

G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Adam Strack — Acoustic variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Debutants — Americana at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Chris Worth — Variety at D&J Events Center, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. \$5, (260) 446-9098

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

Lindsey Konkler — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

The Allman Betts Band — Blues rock at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8 p.m. \$99-\$399 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-5745

Darryl Worley, Bryan White, Wade Hayes — Country at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$37.71-\$341.92, (260) 444-2442

Swick and Jones — Acoustic at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Adam Strack — Variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Big Daddy Dupree — Friday Night Vibes w/Julia Meek at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Blood from a Stone w/Static Fly, Moments After — Rock at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$5-\$10, (260) 486-1979

Chris Robison — Acoustic at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7468

Drew Thomas and Neil Rubenstein — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Jason Paul — Acoustic at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Joe Justice — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Sunny Taylor — Variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Thunderstruck — AC/DC tribute at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$20-\$35, (260) 444-2442

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Dreamers Hookah Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-0442

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Black Stone Cherry — Rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30 p.m. \$22, (269) 625-8817

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Casual Friday — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Chris Janson — Country at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8 p.m. \$119-\$499 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-5745

Chris Robinson — Acoustic at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Damage, Southbound Beretta, Scrooge Mandella, Quasi — Heavy metal at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$8-\$10, (260) 999-4108

Drew Thomas and Neil Rubenstein — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Josh Ayers — Acoustic at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Karlea & Andy — Acoustic variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Matt Record — Folk at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

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

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

Rocket — Classic rock at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 457-7100

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7468

Smells Like Nirvana — Nirvana tribute at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$10-\$20, (260) 486-1979

Sunny Taylor — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

MONDAY, APRIL 26

G Money — Blues at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Jon Durnell Trio — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

Marbin — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

85 United — Worship at Eagles Theatre, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$10, (260) 563-1102

Jason Paul — Acoustic at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

38 Special — Classic rock at Honeywell Center Ford Theater, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$35-\$115, (260) 563-1102

BackWater — Country/classic rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-1311

Cinco de Loco — Comedy at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 9 a.m. \$25, (260) 486-1979

Gray Matter — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Jeff Shaw — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

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

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

Jordan West Band — Friday Night Vibes w/Julia Meek at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Josh Ayers — Variety at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7468

Julia James — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Todd Harrold Trio — Variety at Two-EE's Winery, , 7:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 672-2000

Whoa, Man! — Rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Adam Calvert — Country at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 7-9:30 p.m. \$10, (260) 665-6699

BackWater — Country/classic rock at Wacky Jac's, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 665-9071

Jeff Shaw — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Jon Durnell — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Karlea & Andy — Acoustic variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Mike Almon — Acoustic at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at American Legion Post 381, Rome City, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-2477

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

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Edwin Coe Spirits, Churubusco, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 212-8827

Saliva — Rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$295, (269) 625-8817

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Ryan Stevenson — Christian contemporary at Eagles Theatre, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$20, (260) 563-1102

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

Melisa McCann — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Hubie Ashcraft and Travis Gow — Country at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Alyssa Enright — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Casting Crowns — Christian rock at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8 p.m. \$129-\$299 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-5745

Dakota Parker — Acoustic at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 5:30-8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Framing Hanley — Alternative rock at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$20-\$35, (260) 444-2442

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, 9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Party Boat Band — Trop rock at American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

Q and the Coldfusion — Friday Night Vibes w/Julia Meek at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Ron Feingold and Vikram Balji — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy — Jazz/swing at Honeywell Center Ford Theater, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$29-\$100, (260) 563-1102

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at Eagles Post 985, Kendallville, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 343-9030

Jon Shoulders — Acoustic variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Los Aztecas — Variety at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$10, (260) 444-2442

Pat Godwin w/Coco — Comedy at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. \$25, (260) 486-1979

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

Pete Dio and Carter Ryan — Variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Ron Feingold and Vikram Balji — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Steve Michaels — Acoustic at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

Under the Covers — Variety at Vinnie's Bar, Decatur, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 417-7523

Wallen Road — Country at American Legion Post 409, Leo, 2:30-5:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 627-2628

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

A Killer's Confession — Metal at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$13-\$30, (260) 486-1979

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

Mike Gronsky — Jazz at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

World Series of Comedy Wildcard — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Joe Justice — Variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Struggle Jennings w/Brianna Harness, Nuke Bushner — Southern Rap at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$20-\$35, (260) 444-2442

World Series of Comedy — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Adam Baker w/The Kickbacks, Red Queen Project — Album release show at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Black Cat Blues — Blues/soul at American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

Jess Thrower — Americana/indie at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

The Mersey Beatles — Tribute at Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$40, (574) 267-8041

World Series of Comedy — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Don Smith — Jazz/variety at Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-0111

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at American Legion Post 49, Warsaw, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-7851

The Kickbacks — Rock at Happy's Place, Berne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 589-8585

Mason Dixon Line — Country at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

McKenna Parks — Variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

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

The Rescue Band — Contemporary Christian at Sweetwater Performance Theatre, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m. \$5, (800) 222-4700

Todd Harrold Duo — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Under the Covers — Variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 417-7523

World Series of Comedy Top Six — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

World Series of Comedy Top Three — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 9:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Wallen Road — Country at Old Fort Motorcycle Club, Columbia City, noon-5 p.m. \$20, (260) 504-6388

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Black Canyon, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 203-5900

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Laughs at the Mambo Room — Comedy at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 449-9761

Monica Morris and Andy Pauquette — Jazz / Etta James covers at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Here Come the Mummies — Funk at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8:30 p.m. \$99-\$279 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-5745

Logan Bouwers — Variety at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Terry McNeely and Adam Gabel — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. \$20, (260) 426-6339

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Travis Tritt — Country at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8:30 p.m. \$149-\$499 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-5745



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Dave Martin (Bass — Ricky Skaggs, Eric Johnson, Steve Vai)

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TOP SELLERS

WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 2021

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- 1 - **STURGILL SIMPSON**
Cuttin' Grass Vol. 2
- 2 5 **LANA DEL REY**
Chemtrails Over the Country Club
- 3 2 **NEIL YOUNG**
Young Shakespeare
- 4 3 **TOMAHAWK**
Tonic Immobility
- 5 - **GODSPEED YOU! BLACK EMPEROR**
G_d's Pee at State's End!
- 6 9 **PAUL STANLEY'S SOUL STATION**
Now and Then
- 7 1 **EVANESCENCE**
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- 8 8 **CARRIE UNDERWOOD**
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Mogwai

As the Love
Continues

Mogwai are one of the OG post-rock bands. Their blend of quiet interludes that swell into cascades of momentous noise are the hallmarks of post-rock. Far more than just a genre creator, they bounce around in noise rock, art rock, film scores, and post-punk as well.

But what this Scottish band has bestowed on our ears more than anything is the importance of dynamics. Their songs feature building momentum and slow-churning emotional release. The mix of electronics, distortion, dissonance, and melody over the course of 25 years and ten albums has made for an engaging discography.

The band's tenth album, *As the Love Continues*, is a dynamic album that combines everything that has come before with precision and thoughtful composition. This is yet another hour of grand musical annihilation.

"Here We, Here We, Here We Go On Forever," on first listen, feels the most evolved in terms of sonic expansion. Electronic rhythm, synth structures, and delicate keys intermingle with almost soulful guitar lines. While not a "mellow" sound, this track feels almost melancholic even in the crunchiest of guitar parts. That's the magic of Mogwai. Those clean guitar leads could've been played by the late great Stevie Ray Vaughan.

They follow that up with the electronic blips and bleeps of "Dry Fantasy," a coming together of ambient sounds, '80s electro pop, and Berlin School magic.

Elsewhere, "Drive the Nail" has a vast feel to it, as if Mogwai set up shop in West Texas and had a window view of miles of monochrome horizon and endless sky. If Ry Cooder ever made a post-rock album, I'd imagine it would sound like this. There are even touches of My Bloody Valentine's wall of noise here, giving the track a healthy dose of ear-ringing bliss.

From "Pat Stains" to "Supposedly, We Were Nightmares" to album closer "It's What I Want To Do, Mum," Mogwai lock into both classic and new sounds, making *As the Love Continues* a future classic in their canon. — J. Hubner

Loretta Lynn

Still Woman
Enough

Earlier this year, 87-year-old Willie Nelson released an album of covers of songs famously sung by Frank Sinatra. It was an unsurprising move from Nelson, who has explored different genres throughout his career and can't be expected to do anything different as he looks back on his musical life.

Equally unsurprising is the new album from 88-year-old Loretta Lynn. Lynn has made her career doing the opposite of exploring, instead

focusing on her own mythology from deep within her comfort zone. This collection of new versions of traditional country songs (several of them her own hits) is set on proving Lynn is still who she's always been, even at this late date.

The album's title and opening title track (a new original) make the point right away. Not just a reference to one of Lynn's biggest hits, "Still Woman Enough" is also the title of her 2002 memoir, pointing out that Lynn's been trading on her biography for decades already. We've been served the character of the steel-willed coal miner's daughter for at least a half century, so it's hard to imagine why we need another homage to Lynn's reputation.

That said, Lynn is hardly off her game for most of the album, and she's still a joy to listen to. On a version of her 1971 hit "One's on the Way," Lynn has no problem keeping up with her much-younger duet partner, Margo Price.

A version of "You Ain't Woman Enough," however, is much less interested in the idea of baton-passing. Here Lynn teams up with Tanya Tucker for a double dose of '70s nostalgia that, despite Tucker's involvement, shows that Lynn is not yet ready to give up the image she's spent so long constructing. — Evan Gillespie

Joel Hoekstra's
13

Running Games



You might not know the name, but Joel Hoekstra is one of the current guitarists for Whitesnake and Trans-Siberian Orchestra, as well as part of Cher's band when she is on the road. Hoekstra was also a member of Night Ranger for several years not too long ago.

Running Games is the second album from Hoekstra's solo project Joel Hoekstra's 13. The first album featured several guest singers, making it more of an all-star album. *Running Games* is more cohesive as Hoekstra uses the fantastic voice of Russell Allen throughout. The rest of the band isn't too bad either with Vinny Appice, formerly of Black Sabbath and Dio, on drums; former Blue Murder bassist Tony Franklin on the low end; and former Dream Theater keyboardist Derek Sherinian adding the fifth element.

In a press release about the album, Hoekstra described his solo music as "Dio-ish at its heaviest and Foreigner-ish at its lightest." But there's more to it than that. There are a couple of tunes, "Fantasy" and "Finish Line," that see the guitarist wearing his Whitesnake hat proudly, while "Cried Enough For You" is reminiscent of TSO.

There are also plenty of times where you hear Hoekstra spreading his wings and developing his own style. Though Hoekstra wrote the songs here, he doesn't try to overshadow the rest of the band, choosing mostly to be content as one of the driving forces behind the songs rather than the star. The best moments come when Hoekstra and Sherinian trade licks, creating memorable moments in multiple songs. "Take What's Mine,"

Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

King Kurt

Ooh Wallah
Wallah (1983)

This is one of those moments that freezes my music history. I never got to see this band, but the novelty of their gigs is legendary. The music was channeled through producer Dave Edmunds and his trademark rockabilly sphere of influence. This was the only release from this band that I owned (on cassette), but it got some serious wear during my first year at college.

The album opens with "Zulu Beat," a heavy, percussion-based tune that blends Ska with punk. It sounds very early '80s but still has sensibility almost 40 years later. "Destination Zulu Land" has the same rockabilly vibe and has the similar angst as The Damned, yet it has a unique commercial appeal about it. "Bo Diddly Goes East" also carries the punk torch, but the band has a tighter sound and the production is higher quality. "Wreck-a-Party Rock" is more of a psychabilly sound, but the guitars and backing harmonies make this one of the better party songs on the album that you could really crank up. They do a raucous cover of the 1948 western fable "Ghost Riders in The Sky." It practically sounds like a version Primus or The Butthole Surfers would have given us toward the end of the decade. And "Lonesome Train" is punkabilly that struts around for just over two minutes. They also cover "Mack the Knife" with a groovy horn and an energy that can be described as do-woop-meets-jazz-meets-punk. The record crawls to a close with the '50s sounding punk rocker in "Do The Rat."

The band was very talented, and the record had Edmunds' touch all over it. I would have loved to have seen them live, but their small catalog is still good enough to experience the uniqueness of this group. — Dennis Donahue

the penultimate track, pulls everything together, showing off the talents of each member magnificently, while the somber title track takes us out in style. The whole disc is solid from top to bottom, but you'll want to start by streaming "Take What's Mine," "How Do You," and "Heart Attack" to get an idea of what we are working with.

2020 was an awful year in a lot of ways, but we are seeing great music released in 2021 because of it. It's fun to see what can happen when a bunch of artists have a lot of time on their hands. This is another one to add to the list of impressive releases so far this year, a year that is only about a quarter of the way done. — Chris Hupe

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Hagar's band on tour with Van Halen's guitarist son

An interesting pairing of forces has shown up on the fall touring schedule as **Sammy Hagar and The Circle** have announced dates with special guests **Mammoth WVH**. The WVH stands for **Wolfgang Van Halen**, the son of late guitarist **Eddie Van Halen**, whom Hagar used to be joined with in a band you might have heard of called **Van Halen**.



Road Notes

CHRIS HUPE

Hagar and The Circle have some new tunes to play from their recently released album *Lockdown 2020* while Mammoth WVH will release their debut on June 11.

Is there a chance the two will play some Van Halen tunes together? It's highly likely and something you are going want to see if you were or are a fan of that band.

The tour stops at Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre in Chicago on Oct. 2, the Music Center in Dayton on Oct. 16, and the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Mich., on Oct. 22. There are plenty of dates still available and we will keep you posted as shows are added.

IMPALA MAKING AN IMPACT

Tame Impala have announced that they have solidified dates for their rescheduled 2020 tour.

The tour is in support of the band's newest album, *The Slow Rush*, which came out in February 2020 and yielded a Top 10 Rock single in "Is It True."

The tour kicks off in late July but doesn't get around to our region until it hits Little Caesars Arena in Detroit on Oct. 5 and the United Center in Chicago on Oct. 7. **Per-fume Genius** will open the shows.

FLOYD TRIBUTE

Brit Floyd bills themselves as the "World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show." From the clips I've seen, I'd have to

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On the Road NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

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38 Special	Apr. 30	Honeywell Center	Wabash
5 Seconds of Summer	June 6	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
5 Seconds of Summer	June 16	White River State Park	Indianapolis
5 Seconds of Summer	June 18	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
A Killer's Confession	May 12	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
A Killer's Confession	May 13	Emerson Theatre	Indianapolis
Agnostic Front, Sick Of It All, Crown of Thornz	Apr. 25	Subterranean	Chicago
Air Supply	June 11 '22	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Airborne Toxic Event	Oct. 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Alabama	Aug. 28	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Alan Jackson	July 10	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Alan Jackson	Sept. 17	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Alanis Morissette w/Garbage and Liz Phair	Sept. 8	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Alanis Morissette w/Garbage and Liz Phair	Sept. 10	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Alanis Morissette w/Garbage and Liz Phair	Sept. 11	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Alanis Morissette w/Garbage and Liz Phair	Sept. 12	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Alanis Morissette w/Garbage and Liz Phair	Sept. 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Alec Benjamin	Sept. 25	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Alec Benjamin	Sept. 26	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Alicia Keys	Aug. 17	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Alicia Keys	Aug. 18	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Alicia Keys	Aug. 20	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
The Allman Betts Band	Apr. 22	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Amy Grant	Sept. 18	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Andrew Dice Clay	July 15	The Sound Board	Detroit
Andy Woodhull	Dec. 18	469 Comedy	New Haven
Anthem Lights	Apr. 16	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Anthem Lights	May 7	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Anthony Gomes	May 22	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Aries Spears	Aug. 19-21	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Armor for Sleep	July 22	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Atlanta Rhythm Section	June 12	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Bachman Cummings	Aug. 22	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Backstreet Boys	July 22	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Backstreet Boys	July 27	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Backstreet Boys	July 30	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Backstreet Boys	July 31	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Barenaked Ladies w/Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket	June 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Barenaked Ladies w/Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket	July 2	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Barenaked Ladies w/Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket	July 3	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Barenaked Ladies w/Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket	July 4	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Barenaked Ladies w/Gin Blossoms, Toad the Wet Sprocket	July 20	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
The Beach Boys	July 25	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bettye LaVette	Sept. 19	The Sound Board	Detroit
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	May 8	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Bill Anderson	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Blue Gate Music Hall	Shipshewana
Bill Bushart and Billy Reno	June 11-12	469 Comedy	New Haven
Billy Joel	June 26	Notre Dame Stadium	South Bend
Billy Joel	July 9	Comerica Park	Detroit
The Black Crowes	July 29	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
The Black Crowes	Aug. 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
The Black Crowes	Aug. 3	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
The Black Crowes	Aug. 4	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Black Crowes	Aug. 7	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Black Pumas	Apr. 28	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Black Stone Cherry	Apr. 24	Eclectic Room	Angola
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	July 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	July 18	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	July 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	July 30	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	July 31	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Blackhawk	May 1	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana

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Boney James	Sept. 23	The Sound Board	Detroit
Boney James	Oct. 1	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Boney James	Oct. 2	Lincoln Theatre	Columbus, OH
Boney James	Oct. 7	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Boney James	Oct. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Boz Scaggs	Oct. 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Brian Culbertson	Nov. 19	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Brooks & Dunn	Sept. 2	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Bruce Bruce	May 7-9	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers	June 16	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Buckcherry w/Saliva	Aug. 19	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Building 429	July 9	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Building 429	Aug. 6	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Built to Spill	Aug. 8	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Béla Fleck and the Flecktones	Apr. 13	Southern Theatre	Columbus, OH
Carol Burnett	May 26	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Casting Crowns	May 7	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Chicago	July 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Chicago	July 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chicago	Aug. 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Chicano Batman	June 11	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Chris Janson	Apr. 24	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Chris Stapleton	July 17	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Chris Stapleton	Aug. 5	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Christianee Porter	June 10	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Clannad	Sept. 21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Clint Black	Sept. 11	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 17	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Creed Fisher	Aug. 13	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Crowder	Sept. 17	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
D.L. Hughley	Oct. 8-10	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Dailey & Vincent Bluegrass	June 18	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Damon Williams w/Cody Woods	Apr. 10	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Dan + Shay	Oct. 1	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Dan + Shay	Oct. 2	United Center	Chicago
Dan + Shay	Oct. 3	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Dance Gavin Dance	Sept. 18	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Dance Gavin Dance	Sept. 21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dance Gavin Dance	Sept. 25	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Dark Star Jubilation	May 28-29	Legend Valley	Thornville, OH
Darryl Worley, Bryan White, Wade Hayes	Apr. 22	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Daryl Hall & John Oates	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Daryl Hall & John Oates	Aug. 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Daryl Hall & John Oates	Aug. 21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Daryl Hall & John Oates	Aug. 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Daryl Hall & John Oates	Aug. 26	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Dave Landau	May 28-29	469 Comedy	New Haven
Dave Matthews Band	June 15	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dave Matthews Band	June 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dave Matthews Band	June 18-19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Matthews Band	June 22	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 29	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Dave Matthews Band	July 2-3	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Davi Crimmins and jus Will	July 24	469 Comedy	New Haven
David Gray	July 17	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
David Gray	July 19	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
David Sanborn	Sept. 30	The Sound Board	Detroit
David Spade	Aug. 6	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dead Can Dance	Oct. 7	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dead Can Dance	Oct. 8	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
The Dead South	Aug. 20	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
The Dead South	Sept. 30	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Dead South	Oct. 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Deftones	Aug. 17	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Deftones	Sept. 2	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Deftones, Gojira, Poppy	Aug. 15	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Del McCoury Band	July 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana

Road Notes

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say they are pretty darn good.

The band is gearing up for a long 2021 tour that kicks off in May and finds its way to several cities in our region this summer. The tour stops in Cleveland on July 30, Dayton on July 31, Indianapolis on Aug. 1, Cincinnati on Aug. 7-8, South Bend on Aug. 10, Detroit on Aug. 11, Columbus on Aug. 13, Chicago on Aug. 14, and Toledo on Aug. 16.

COUNTRY IN HAMILTON

Double H Farms in Hamilton will host **John Michel Montgomery** on June 12.

The country singer has had more than 30 singles on the Billboard Country charts with seven reaching No. 1. You might remember his version of All-4-One's "I Swear" was one of the top country songs of the '90s along with "Sold" and "I Can Love You Like That." Montgomery has ten studio albums worth of material in all, but seems to be due for some new songs as his last album was released way back in 2008.

Mason Dixon Line will open.

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Dennis DeYoung	Feb. 19 '22	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Deon Cole	May 29	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dermot Kennedy	July 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dermot Kennedy	Aug. 17	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Dick Fox's Golden Boys	June 26	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Dick Fox's Golden Boys	Aug. 14	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
Dierks Bentley	July 9	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
Dinosaur Jr.	Oct. 1	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Disciple	June 19	Howard Co. Viet. Vets Grounds	Greentown
Disturbed	Aug. 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	July 12	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	July 13	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	July 18	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	Aug. 8	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	Aug. 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
DMX	May 28	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Aug. 29	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 2	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 5	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 8	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Doobie Brothers w/Michael McDonald	Sept. 12	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Drew Thomas and Neil Rubenstein	Apr. 23-24	469 Comedy	New Haven
Dry Bar Comedy w/Mike Paramore	June 25-26	469 Comedy	New Haven
DSL	Aug. 29	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Duke Tatum and the Power Trio	Oct. 28	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Ekali	Oct. 2	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Ekoostik Hookah	May 14	Legend Valley	Thornville, OH
Enrique Iglesias & Ricky Martin	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Ernie Haase + Signature Sound & The Hoppers	Sept. 3	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
The Fab Four	Aug. 29	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Farewell Angelina	June 25	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
FireHouse w/Kip Winger	May 22	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Flora Cash	June 18	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
For King & Country	Oct. 8	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
The Format	July 23-25	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Fozzy	Sept. 2	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Fozzy w/Through Fire, Royal Bliss, Black Satellite	Sept. 16	Eclectic Room	Angola
The Frames	Sept. 23	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Framing Hanley	May 7	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Frank Marino & Mahogany Rush	Sept. 26	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	Oct. 2	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
The Frontmen	Nov. 14	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Gaither Vocal Band	June 10	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Gary Allan	May 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Gary Owen	June 18-20	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Gary Puckett & Union Gap	Sept. 16	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Gene Watson	July 10	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic	June 24	The Sound Board	Detroit
Gladys Knight	May 21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Gladys Knight	Aug. 21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
The Glenn Miller Orchestra	Aug. 31	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Gold Franchise & Myrrh	July 23	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 6	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 8	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Gordon Lightfoot	May 14	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Gordon Lightfoot	July 15-16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Grand Funk Railroad	Oct. 8	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, the Interrupters	Aug. 10	Comerica Park	Detroit
Greg Howe w/Stu Hamm, Joel Taylor	Aug. 27	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Guns N' Roses	July 18	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis
Guns N' Roses	July 21	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Guns N' Roses	July 24	Comerica Park	Detroit
Guy Penrod & The Browns	Sept. 4	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH

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Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 21	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 26	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Halsey	June 23	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Halsey	June 26	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Harry Hudson	Sept. 25	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Harry Styles	Sept. 20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Harry Styles	Sept. 24-25	United Center	Chicago
Heart by Heart	July 30	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Here Come the Mummies	May 20	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Hot Mulligan	June 26	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Isaacs	Oct. 7	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
J.B. Smoove	May 27	The Sound Board	Detroit
Jake Owen	Aug. 21	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	July 29	United Center	Chicago
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	July 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	Aug. 1	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	Aug. 4	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jamey Johnson w/Whiskey Myers	June 25	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Jamey Johnson w/Whiskey Myers, Folk Uke	June 26	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Jamey Johnson	Aug. 8	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Jason Dixie	Apr. 9-10	469 Comedy	New Haven
Jeanne Robertson	June 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Jeanne Robertson	Sept. 16	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Jeanne Robertson	Sept. 18	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Jeff Dunham	July 7	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jeff Foxworthy	June 5	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Jeff Shaw	Apr. 30-May 1	469 Comedy	New Haven
Jeremy Piven	May 13	Hobart Art Theater	Hobart
Jess Hilarious	July 23-24	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Jesse James Dupree & Dixie Inc	Apr. 18	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Jim Stafford	May 28-29	Blue Gate Music Hall	Shipshewana
Jimmy Buffett	July 10	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Jimmy Buffett	July 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jimin w/Suicide Silence	Nov. 10	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Jo Koy	Sept. 17	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Joe Russo's Almost Dead	Aug. 19	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Joe Satriani	Oct. 15	Honeywell Center	Wabash
John Conlee	July 8	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
John Legend	Sept. 2	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
John Michael Montgomery	June 12	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Johnny Mathis	June 11	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
JoJo Siwa	July 16	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
JoJo Siwa	July 17	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
JoJo Siwa	July 18	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Josh Turner	June 4	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Joywave	June 16	Subterranean	Chicago
Justin Bieber	June 22-23	United Center	Chicago
Justin Bieber	June 25	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Justin Bieber	June 28	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Justin Bieber	June 29	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Kaleo	June 23	The Fillmore	Detroit
Kaleo w/Matt Maeson, Belle MT	June 19	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Ken Davis	Aug. 31	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds	Apr. 25	The Sound Board	Detroit
Kenny Chesney	Aug. 14	Ford Field	Detroit
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	Sept. 1	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Ke\$ha	Sept. 24-26	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Kidz Bop	July 30	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Kidz Bop	Aug. 27	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Kidz Bop	Aug. 28	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
King's Brass	Aug. 12	Blue Gate Music Hall	Shipshewana
Kingston Trio	June 3	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 1	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 2	Nutter Center	Dayton
KISS w/David Lee Roth	Sept. 4	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Kool & The Gang w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Sept. 3	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Lady Gaga	Aug. 27	Wrigley Field	Chicago

Lane 8	Sept. 18	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Larry the Cable Guy	Sept. 4	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
Larry Reeb	June 4-5	469 Comedy	New Haven
Lauren Daigle	Sept. 24	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Leanne Morgan	Sept. 9	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Leonid & Friends	July 17	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Leonid & Friends w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Oct. 27	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
The Letter Black	June 18	Howard Co. Viet. Vets Grounds	Greentown
Lilly Hiatt	Apr. 15	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 6	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 10	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 11	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 12	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 14	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Little River Band	Aug. 13	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Little River Band	Sept. 11	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The Lonely Ones	Aug. 19	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Lonely Ones	Aug. 20	The Music Factory	Battle Creek, MI
The Lonely Ones w/Sunflower Dead	Aug. 22	Smokestack Brew	Mishawaka
The Lonely Ones	Aug. 28	The Basement	Columbus, OH
The Lonely Ones	Sept. 3	The Empire Concert Club	Akron, OH
The Lonely Ones	Sept. 12	Top Fuel Saloon	Braidwood, IL
The Lonely Ones	Nov. 27	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Los Aztecas	May 8	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Los Lobos w/The Summit	Nov. 6	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Lost Dog Street Band	June 5	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Louis the Child	Aug. 20	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Louis The Child	Aug. 21	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Lucky Chops	May 13	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Luke Bryan	June 10	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Luttrell	Aug. 13	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Lyfe Jennings and Chrisette Michele	June 10	The Sound Board	Detroit
Maks & Val	June 20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Maren Morris	July 9	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Maren Morris	July 10	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Maria Bamford	Aug. 21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Mark Lowry	Sept. 2	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Maroon 5	Aug. 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Maroon 5	Aug. 23	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Maroon 5	Aug. 26	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Maroon 5	Aug. 28	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Maroon 5	Aug. 30	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Martina McBride	Sept. 25	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 24	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 25	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 27	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Matchbox Twenty w/The Wallflowers	Aug. 29	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Mavericks	July 16	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Maz Jobrani	Sept. 17	The Sound Board	Detroit
Megadeth and Lamb of God	July 27	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Megadeth and Lamb of God	July 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Megadeth and Lamb of God	Aug. 6	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Megadeth, Lamb of God, Trivium, In Flames	July 9	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Megadeth, Lamb of God, Trivium, In Flames	July 14	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Michael Bolton	June 25	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Michael Buble	Aug. 20	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Michael Buble	Aug. 21	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Michael Buble	Sept. 13	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Michael W. Smith	May 14	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Million Dollar Quartet	Oct. 22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ministry w/Helmet, Front Line Assembly	Oct. 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland, OH
Ministry w/Helmet, Front Line Assembly	Oct. 10	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Ministry w/Helmet, Front Line Assembly	Oct. 11	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Monsta X	May 5	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Poison, Joan Jett	July 10	Comerica Park	Detroit
Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Poison, Joan Jett	Aug. 29	Wrigley Field	Chicago
The Mountain Goats	Aug. 26	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Austin Marsh	
Apr. 9	JJ Winns, Montpelier, OH
Strange Waters w/The Tentakills	
May 15	The Garage Arcade Bar, South Bend
The Bulldogs	
June 3	Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
June 13	Callaway Park, Elwood
July 3	East Lake Street, Topeka
July 18	Van Trees Park, Fort Recovery, OH
July 19	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 31	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 6	Bethel Pointe Health & Rehab, Muncie
Aug. 7	State Line Festival, Union City
Aug. 20	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 27	Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 6	Marshall County Blueberry Festival, Plymouth
Sept. 17	Back To The Fifties Festival, Lebanon
Sept. 18	Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 24	Ducktail Run, Gas City
The Hubie Ashcraft Band	
Apr. 3	McSobers Saloon, Coldwater, OH
Apr. 30	Riverside Park, Warren
May 2	The Old Mill Village, Fremont
May 7	Two Bandits Brewery, Coldwater, MI
May 8	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
June 4	Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Shipshewana
June 5	Ribfest, Antwerp, OH
June 11	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
June 12	Splash Swim-Up Bar, Put-In-Bay, OH
June 13	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
June 18	Clocktower Inn, Berne
July 9	The Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
July 11	Clear Lake Kasota Island, Fremont
July 15	Huggy Bear Campground, Middle Point, OH
July 16	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
July 17	Splash Swim-Up Bar, Put-In-Bay, OH
July 18	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
July 30	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 6	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 14	Schweizer Festival, Tell City
Aug. 20	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
Aug. 21	Splash Swim-Up Bar, Put-In-Bay, OH
Aug. 22	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
Sept. 5	Ottoville Park, Ottoville, OH
Oct. 22	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Nov. 12	Rick's Tavern & Grille, Fairfield, OH

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The Musical Box	Nov. 17	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
My Chemical Romance	Sept. 15	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
My Chemical Romance	Sept. 18	Douglas Park	Chicago
Nate Bargatze	Apr. 29-May 1	Toledo Funny Bone	Perrysburg, OH
NateWantsToBattle	Sept. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
New Order w/Pet Shop Boys	Oct. 1	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Nicole Atkins	Aug. 13	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Night Ranger	July 10	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Nikki Glaser	Oct. 9	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	May 22	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Oak Ridge Boys	June 12	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Oak Ridge Boys	Oct. 9	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Omarion, Bow Wow, Ashanti, Pretty Ricky, Ying Yang Twins, Souja Boy, Lloyd, Sammie	May 7	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Palaye Royale	July 10	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Parkway Drive w/Hatebreed, Knocked Loose, Fit For a King	Sept. 12	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Parquet Courts	May 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Pat Hazell	Sept. 21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Paul Conyers	June 18-19	469 Comedy	New Haven
Pauly Shore	Sept. 19	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Phil Vassar	Nov. 13	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Phish	Aug. 6-8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Pigeons Playing Ping Pong	May 21-22	Legend Valley	Thornville, OH
Poco	June 25	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Polaris	June 24	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Postmodern Jukebox	Oct. 2	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Primus	July 15	Express Live	Columbus, OH
Primus	July 16	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Primus	July 17	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Primus	July 19	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Primus	July 20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Primus	July 21	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Pure Prairie League w/The Why Store	Sept. 18	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Rage Against the Machine	July 12-13	United Center	Chicago
Rage Against the Machine	July 26-27	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Rage Against the Machine w/Run the Jewels	Aug. 20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Ralphie Roberts and William Krolowitz	July 30-31	469 Comedy	New Haven
Rammstein	Sept. 1	Soldier Field	Chicago
Reba McEntire	Aug. 7	Huntington Center	Toledo
Reba McEntire	Aug. 13	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Reba McEntire	Aug. 14	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Renée Fleming	Sept. 25	Ohio Theatre	Columbus, OH
REO Speedwagon	July 31	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Residents	May 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Residents	May 8	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
The Revivalists	Sept. 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	Sept. 10	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Robert Cray Band w/Blue Veins	Sept. 15	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Robin Trower	Sept. 14	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Robin Trower	Sept. 15	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 21	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 23	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Ron Feingold and Vikram Balji	May 7-8	469 Comedy	New Haven
Ronnie Milsap	Nov. 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Russ	May 22	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Russ	June 3	Mich. Lottery Amph.	Sterling Heights, MI
Ryan Niemiller	Sept. 30	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Saliva	May 1	Eclectic Room	Angola
Samantha Fish w/Southern Avenue	Aug. 27	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Sammy Hagar w/Mammoth WVH	Oct. 2	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Samuel J. Comroe	July 29-31	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 3	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 5	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 9	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Santana w/Earth, Wind & Fire	July 10	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Sebastian Bach	June 23	Harpos Concert Theatre	Detroit

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Shallow Side	Aug. 20	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Skillet, Jordan Feliz, Colton Dixon	Apr. 24	Van Del Drive-In Theater	Middle Point, OH
Smokey Robinson	July 10	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Snow Patrol	Sept. 30	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Southern Fried Chicks	Aug. 21	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes	Oct. 2	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes	Oct. 3	Southern Theatre	Columbus, OH
Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes	Oct. 5-7	City Winery	Chicago
Steely Dan w/Steve Winwood	June 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Steely Dan w/Steve Winwood	June 25	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Steely Dan w/Steve Winwood	June 26	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Steve Trevino	May 27-30	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Steve Wariner	Sept. 24	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Stokley Williams	July 18	The Sound Board	Detroit
Struggle Jennings w/Brianna Harness, Nuke Bushner	May 13	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Struggle Jennings	May 16	Hobart Art Theater	Hobart
Styx	July 22	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Sunny Sweeney	May 1	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
The Swon Brothers	June 4	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
T.J. Miller	Apr. 16-18	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Tab Benoit	May 29	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Tab Benoit	June 6	City Winery	Chicago
Tame Impala w/Perfume Genius	Oct. 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Tame Impala w/Perfume Genius	Oct. 7	United Center	Chicago
Tanya Tucker w/Walker County	Aug. 10	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Tech N9ne	May 23	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Tech N9ne	May 28	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tech N9ne	May 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Ted Nugent	Aug. 14	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Tedeschi Trucks Band	July 14	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Terry McNeely and Adam Gabel	May 20	469 Comedy	New Haven
Theory of a Deadman	Nov. 30	Eclectic Room	Angola
Thomas Rhett	June 17	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Thomas Rhett	June 18	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Thomas Rhett	June 19	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Three Dog Night	Nov. 27	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Tigran Hamasyan	June 10	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
TobyMac	Nov. 14	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tommy Davidson	June 25-27	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Tommy Emmanuel w/Joe Robinson	July 29	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Tommy Emmanuel	Oct. 6	Riffe Center	Columbus, OH
Tower of Power w/Sweetwater All Stars	Sept. 19	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Tracey MacDonald and Jus Will	Apr. 16-17	469 Comedy	New Haven
Trapt	Aug. 7	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Travis Tritt	May 21	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Travis Tritt	May 21	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
The Turtles w/Chuck Negron, The Association, Mark Lindsay, The Vogues, The Cowsills	Aug. 15	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Ty Segall	Aug. 12-13	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ty Segall and the Freedom Band	Aug. 14	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tyler Toney, Cody Jones, Garrett Hilbert, Coby and Cory Cotton	June 24	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland, OH
Umphrey's McGee	Aug. 28	White River State Park	Indianapolis
The Van Dells	June 18	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Walden	July 16	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Walter Trout w/Papa Kiszka	Oct. 9	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Ward Davis	June 19	The Stache	Grand Rapids
Warrant w/Eric Martin of Mr. Big and P.J. Farley of Trixter	July 31	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Warrant, Firehouse	Aug. 7	Pine View G.C.	Monticello, IN
Watsky	Sept. 21	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Watsky	Sept. 23	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Weezer, Green Day, Fall Out Boy, The Interrupters	Aug. 15	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Whiskey Myers	July 29	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Whiskey Myers w/Bones Owens	July 30	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Wyclef Jean	May 2	The Sound Board	Detroit
Yacht Rock Revue	Aug. 14	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Zach Williams w/We the Kingdom and Cain	Oct. 29	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Zoë Keating	May 19	Thalia Hall	Chicago

CURRENT

Children's Book Swap and Sale — Youth of all ages may swap up to 5 books while purchasing is unlimited and open to everyone, **8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8**, Downtown Community Center, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6467

Color in Motion Live Butterfly Exhibit — Featuring colorful shade sails, spring flowers, ground cover undergird, and large-scale kaleidoscopes, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 10-June 27**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market — Fifty vendors including farm and garden, home-based, natural products, and local artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through May 8**, 216 W. Douglas St., Fort Wayne, free, contact@ftwaynesfarmers-market.com

Historic Southside Farmers Market — Meat and egg counter open, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through April 24**, 3300 S. Warsaw St., Fort Wayne, free, (260) 244-3288

Podcast Meetup — Meet other podcasters, share ideas, and hear from special guests, **7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, free admission, (800) 222-4700

Slightly Used Bulb Sale — Spring tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths from the Botanical Conservatory's spring exhibit,

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Spirit Dancers Ecstatic Dance — Guided meditation, body warm up, and freestyle dance to African, Eastern, and Tribal music from around the world, **6-9 p.m. Sunday, April 11**, Unify Ballroom DanceSport Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 440-6027

Ylni Farmers Market — Fresh local produce, plants, meats, baked goods and homemade crafts in a cultural setting, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through April 24**, 350 Pearl St., Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

Home & Garden Show — More than 650 exhibitors with contemporary home and garden products and services, **11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 15-16; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 17; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 18**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$10, (260) 482-9502

Historic Homes of the Fort Wayne Rich and Famous — Lecture by Karen Richards about the homes of the city's leading families, **11 a.m. Saturday, April 17**, livestream by ARCH, free, (260) 426-5117

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Northeast Indiana Historic Synagogues and Influential Families lecture — Dr. Wendy Soltz speaks on three historic synagogues and highlights families who helped build and create sacred spaces, **2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 18**, free virtual event, (260) 744-4245

Blessing of the Bikes — Motorcycle riders are blessed by a priest, **1 p.m. Saturday, April 24**, St. Patrick Catholic Church of Arcola, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 625-4151

Tales & Trails — Hear a tale and hike a trail with your preschooler to discover natural wonders, **9-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 27**, Merry Lea Sustainable Farm, Albion, free admission, (260) 799-5869

Lucky Duck Consignment Sale — New-born-Junior sized clothing for boys and girls, maternity and a women's clothing, shoes, toys, movies, decor, bikes, books and more, **3-9 p.m. Thursday, April 29; 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 30; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 482-9502

MAY

Great American Cleanup — Volunteers lend a hand to clean up littered roadsides, parks, trails, and riverways, **8 a.m. Saturday, May 1**, various locations around Fort Wayne, (260) 427-1345

Genealogical Search Tools — Stephen P. Morse will present "One-Step Website — a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools," and will cover "Searching the 1950 Census with and without a Name Index", **1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 2**, Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, Fort Wayne, free and online, (260) 625-3693

DJ Group Meetup — Learn from other DJs of all backgrounds and skill levels, **7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, free admission, (800) 222-4700

Nature Fest — Canoeing, hiking, nature crafts, touring the sustainable farm, bird counting, and insect monitoring, **7:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 14; 6:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 15**, Merry Lea - Farmstead Site, Albion, \$5-\$10, (260) 799-5869

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays starting May 15**, McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6000

Remembering the Flood of 1913 — Lecture by Karen Richards about Fort Wayne's most damaging flood, **11 a.m. Saturday, May 15**, livestream by ARCH, free, (260) 426-5117

Hottest In The City — A regional tour in which performers in each city compete for a chance to win that city's prize package, **7-11 p.m. Saturday, May 29**, The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$75, (260) 999-4108

JUNE

Wrestling Legends — See all your favorites throw down in the ring, **6 p.m. Saturday, June 5**, Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$25, (260) 444-2442

Huntington Trails Beer and Wine Festival — Wine and beer tasting event featuring food trucks, photo booth, and prize raffles, **5-10 p.m. Friday, June 11**, Huntington County Fairgrounds, Huntington, \$10-\$35, (260) 355-5103

MINOR LEAGUE SPORTS

HOCKEY

Komets — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
Saturday, Apr. 10, vs. Indy, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 11**, vs. Indy, **5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 16**, vs. Wheeling, **8 p.m. Friday, Apr. 23**, vs. Wheeling, **8 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 24**, vs. Wheeling, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 30**, vs. Wheeling, **8 p.m. Sunday, May 2**, vs. Florida, **5 p.m. Friday, May 7**, vs. Indy, **8 p.m. Saturday, May 8**, vs. Indy, **7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14**, vs. Wheeling, **8 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, vs. Indy, **5 p.m. Friday, May 21**, vs. Wichita, **8 p.m. Saturday, May 22**, vs. Wichita, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23**, vs. Wichita, **5 p.m. Sunday, May 29**, vs. Indy, **5 p.m.**

Stage & Dance

NOW PLAYING

Young Heroes of 2020 — Telling the childhood stories of Ryan White, Ruby Bridges, Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, and Martin Luther King Jr., **available online**, streaming performance, Fort Wayne Youtheatre, \$10, (260) 422-6900

ASIDES

Summer Youth Theater Camp — For children ages 6-10 who want to get involved with stage production, **9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 8-10 and June 15-17**, Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, Ohio, \$100, (419) 542-9553

Summer Academy 2021 — Rehearsals for *Xanadu Jr.*, **9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 22-24, June 29-July 1**, and during the week of July 11, Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, Ohio, \$150, (419) 542-9553

AUDITIONS

Xanadu Jr. — Auditions for ages 10-15, **10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 15; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, Ohio, (419) 542-9553

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

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

APRIL

Lyrical Pursuit — Game show featuring knowledge of lyrics, audience

participation, and a murderous twist, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20, (574) 267-8041

The Color Purple — Legendary musical about a girl trying to remain hopeful when she is given to an abusive husband, **3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25**, Indiana Performing Arts Theatre, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$45, (260) 424-5665

MAY

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe — Peter, Edmund, Susan, and Lucy travel to the magical world of Narnia, **2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$25, (260) 424-5665

American Son — Broadway play about who we are as a nation and how we deal with familial relationships, love, loss, and identity, **7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21; Saturday, May 22; and Tuesday, May 25**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

JUNE

The Wizard of Oz — A Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, **8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2; 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3; 8 p.m. Friday, June 4; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, and Wednesday, June 9; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10; 8 p.m. Friday, June 11; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

Art & Exhibits

CURRENT EXHIBITS

2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards — Featuring the Gold and Silver Key winning art and writing by students in grades 7-12 from Northern Indiana and Northwest Ohio, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through April 10**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

41st National Print Exhibition — 60 contemporary print-makers from across the U.S. showcasing a wide variety of printmaking mediums, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays, through May 2**, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

45th Annual USF Creative Arts Student Exhibition — Works by students enrolled at USF Creative Arts, reception 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 10, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays, through April 28**, Rolland Art Center, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-7999

Bold Assemblage: Mixed Media from the Collection — Bringing together for the first time works that do not have a natural home in a museum's collection though they occupy an important place in the story of American art, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through May 30**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$5-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Bronze: The Artistic Interest — Sculptures from the permanent collection that represent both ends of the artistic spectrum, from traditional religious or mythical figures to contemporary abstract works of art, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through May 30**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$5-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Fort Wayne Artists Guild — Guild members' work on display, **9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through April 17**, Gallery at Three Rivers Luxury Apartments, Fort Wayne, free admission, fortwayneartistsguild.org

Fort Wayne Artists Guild Members' Show — Members' show, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through May 7**, Allen County Public Library main branch, Fort Wayne, free admission, fortwayneartistsguild.org

Glass and Clay by Paula Crill — Clay planters with faces, a.k.a. "Pot Heads," emulating people and their many expressions, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, through May 1**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

Invitational Exhibition — Featuring seven local artists in the newly renovated gallery, **9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through June 5**, The Gallery at Three Rivers Luxury Apartments, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 247-9491

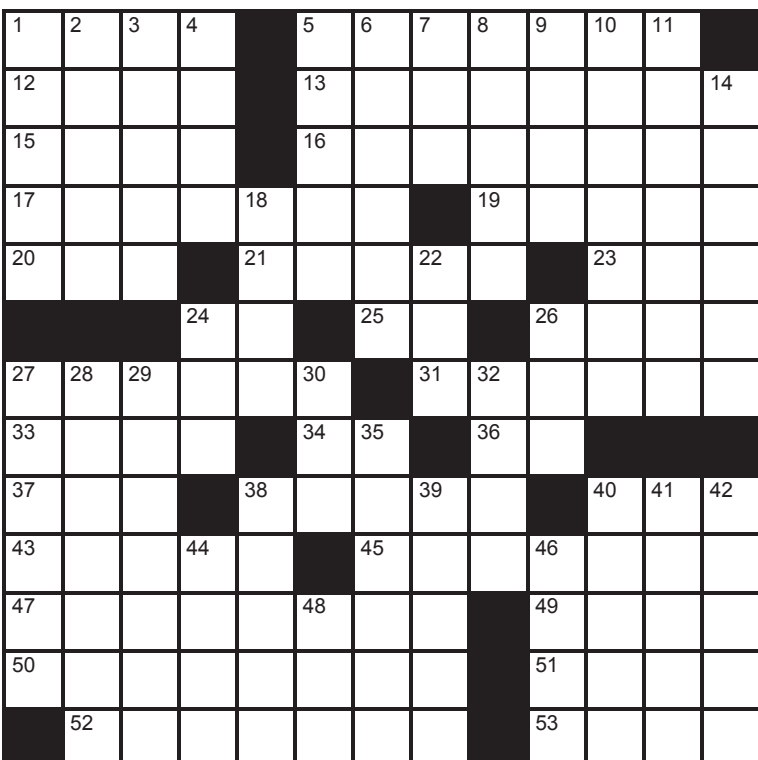
Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler — Art and War — A veteran of World War II wove his war memories and undiagnosed PTSD into his abstract expressionist paintings, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, through June 13**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Nature Calls — Artists from all over the nation whose artwork confronts the environmental issues caused by humans, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, April 8; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, April 9; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10**, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

Porreca + Kesler: Abstract and Tangible — Sculptures and oil paintings of nature, figures, and cityscapes, **5-8 p.m. Fridays, 4-7 p.m. Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. Sundays, through May 16**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, (260) 704-5400

Spring Palette — Artists Forrest Formsma, Susan Suraci, Randall Scott Harden, Jody Hemphill-Smith, CW Mundy, Fred Doloresco, Doug Runyan, Rick Wilson, Michael Poorman, Chuck Marshall, Hilarie Couture, Nancy King Mertz, Donna Shortt, Pam Newell, and Mary Ann Davis, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, through May 1** or by appointment, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6568

Wabash Art Guild — Oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, pastel, ink, mixed media, and fused glass, **11 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, through April 25**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-1102



Across

1. It may be on a log or in the road
 5. ___ Crowns, Christian rock group performing at the 13-24 Drive-In on May 7
 12. Biblical birthright seller
 13. Supervises
 15. Hairpin, for one
 16. Embezzle (usually public funds)
 17. More sour
 19. Admit
 20. Devious
 21. Slang for Natural Light beer
 23. "I Know the ___" single by Phoebe Bridgers
 24. Neighbor of MO and LA
 25. Mellencamp song, "Hurts ___ Good"
 26. Regarding
 27. With 38-Across, country music legend performing at the 13-24 Drive-In on May 21
 31. Retailing family founder Sam

33. Blood pigment
 34. "___ Not the Only One," single by Sam Smith

36. Elevator button choice
 37. Versatile truck, informally
 38. See 27-Across
 40. Reverence
 43. Jollity
 45. State police officer
 47. Certain religious community office or rank
 49. "Ali ___ and the Forty Thieves," movie shown at the 13-24 Drive-In on its opening night in 1951
 50. Oozes or discharges
 51. Vanilla and Cube
 52. Fabrics that have a silk-like softness and shine
 53. Parched

Down

1. The Allman ___ Band, Southern rock group performing at the 13-24 Drive-In in Wabash on April 22
 2. Like some suspects
 3. Get a wife
 4. Fourth-down option
 5. A fellow member in a pod?
 6. Heads off

7. Big Ten Conf. rival
 8. "No kidding"
 9. "Cast Away" setting
 10. Most orderly
 11. Start enjoying something
 14. Forward
 18. Cross inscription
 22. Stranded motorist's need
 24. "___ Maria"
 26. Swiss peak
 27. Wallops
 28. Turns in
 29. Toby Keith hit, "Made in ___"
 30. Elton John, e.g.
 32. Probable theater seat at the 13-24 Drive-In
 35. Hand-holder
 38. '60s and '70s rock band, ___ Dog Night
 39. Head lock?
 40. On the double
 41. Big name in grills
 42. Clear the blackboard
 44. Civil wrong
 46. Guinness and McGregor
 48. Dined

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Answer key on page 14

Let's hear it for big, dumb blockbusters

Welp, it's happening. People are slowly starting to go to the movies again. This past weekend came in at \$44 million. And no, that doesn't sound like much but, considering this time last month the weekend box office was under \$8 million, I think it's safe to say that we're at the beginning of the theater industry's attempt at recovery.

This past weekend saw the release of *Godzilla vs. Kong*, which took in over \$32 million over the weekend and has already sold \$285 million worldwide. Whoa. I hear it's a silly, stupid, fun, even gorgeous film that's very much worth seeing on a huge screen in a loud room. I believe it, and I can't lie, I love a big, loud, cheesy, epic, end-of-the-world blockbuster as much as anyone.

So yeah, I'll probably go see *Godzilla vs. Kong* at some point. In the theater. And it'll probably be pretty fun after a year of watching movies quietly on the TV in my apartment.

Until I do start hitting the theaters again, I'm going to binge on big, dumb summer blockbusters of the past. And yep! You guessed here! Here it is, with no commentary, my Top 10:

10. (tie) *Men In Black* (dir. Barry Sonnenfeld)
10. (tie) *The Rock* (dir. Michael Bay)
10. (tie) *Spider-Man 2* (dir. Sam Raimi)
9. *Jurassic Park* (dir. Steven Spielberg)
8. *Armageddon* (dir. Michael Bay)
7. *Back to the Future* (dir. Robert Zemeckis)
6. *Con Air* (dir. Simon West)
5. *Jaws* (dir. Steven Spielberg)
4. *Ghostbusters* (dir. Ivan Reitman)
3. *The Dark Knight* (dir. Christopher Nolan)
2. *Die Hard with a Vengeance* (dir. John McTiernan)
1. *Terminator 2: Judgement Day* (dir. James Cameron)

Here's hoping we get at least one movie of this degree of entertainment quality sometime this summer. I would love to see, say, "The Next *Con Air*" up on the big screen some hot summer afternoon. Just something big, silly, not-serious, loud, wild, funny, and fun.

Looking forward, here's what we can likely expect this summer: Neil Burger's very promising *Voyagers* (April 9); the maybe somehow-fun *Mortal Kombat* (April 23); Guy Ritchie's latest Jason Statham vehicle, *Wrath of Man* (May 7); *Spiral* (May 14); *A Quiet Place Part II* (May 28); *Cruella* (May 28); Sylvester Stallone superhero flick



Screen Time

GREG W. LOCKE



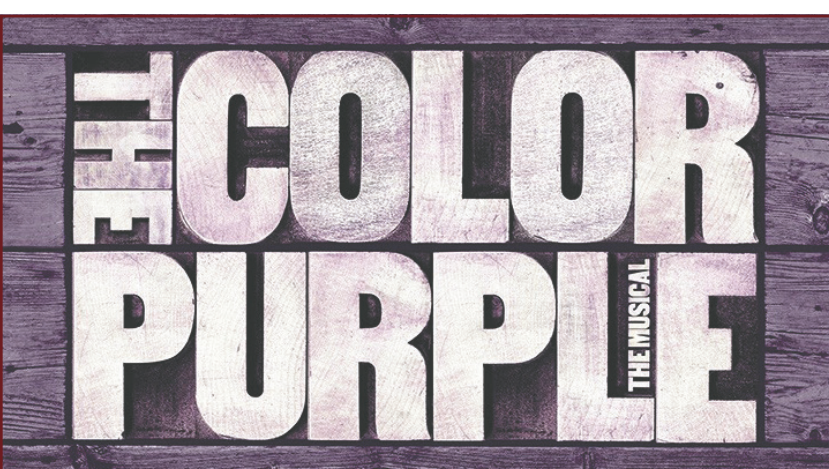
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Michelle Rodriguez and Vin Diesel star in *F9*, the next movie in the *Fast and Furious* franchise.

Samaritan (June 4); *The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard* (June 16); *Fast and Furious* sequel *F9*, directed by Justin Lin (June 25); *Top Gun: Maverick* (July 2); Marvel flick *Black Widow* (July 9); *Space Jam: A New Legacy* (July 16); *Cinderella* (July 16); *Jungle Cruise* (July 30); Tom McCarthy's highlight anti-captivated *Stillwater* (July 30); *The Suicide Squad* (Aug. 6); *Hotel Transylvania 4* (Aug. 6); *Free Guy* (Aug. 13); *Candyman* (Aug. 27); and *Jackass 4* (Sept. 3).

I can get excited about five of those films — can you guess which ones? That being said, none of them have me feeling too excited. I'll be at *Maverick* on release day if the buzz is good; same goes for *Stillwater*. But it's not a great collection of prospects in my opinion.

At this point I'd guess that *F9* is the biggest hit of 2021, with *Top Gun: Maverick* taking the No. 2 spot. I could also see the studios adding more releases in July and August if the weekend grosses keep growing. Something tells me we might get the new Wes Anderson movie sooner than later. Fingers crossed.



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Monster mashup bloated with way too much filler

Starting in 2014 with a boots-on-the-ground reboot of *Godzilla*, Legendary's MonsterVerse now culminates with *Godzilla vs. Kong*, an intermittently fun slugfest that embraces the schlock of past creature features but still has too much thick-headed filler to recommend.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

The franchise's previous entry, *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*, was the kind of wall-to-wall melee that I wanted from this universe, packed with all sorts of mythical baddies for the oversized lizard to tango with. After only one standalone movie to his name, *Kong: Skull Island* in 2017, Kong deserved another sequel to bridge the gap between that film's 1970s setting and present day. Instead, director Adam Wingard hastily shoehorns in decades of dense exposition just so we can see the two beasts duke it out. But the brawl simply doesn't feel earned within this fictional cinematic world.



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the picture as well.

When *Godzilla* attacks the headquarters of Apex Cybernetics, another tech company looking to control the monsters, its founder Walter Simmons (Demián Bichir) seeks out theoretical geologist Dr. Nathan Lind (Alexander Skarsgård) to journey to the center of the Hollow Earth for solutions to their colossal calamity.

It's often said that people don't go into these types of movies to fully invest in the human characters, since the monsters are so obviously the main attraction and the people below them are often casualties in the big showdowns anyway. For a movie that shouldn't care much about them, *Godzilla vs. Kong* spends far too much time setting them up.

The most compelling by a mile are those played by Rebecca Hall and Kaylee Hottle, the former playing a Jane Goodall-type linguist and the latter her adopted daughter who lived with Kong on his native island. These should have been the two main characters in a Kong standalone film, who could have spent the entire movie assimilating the ape to his new surroundings,

GODZILLA VS. KONG

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of creature violence/destruction and brief language

1 hour 53 minutes

Now playing in theaters and on HBO Max



perhaps similarly to the way the MCU did with Captain America in 2014's *The Winter Soldier*.

But of course Warner Bros., perpetually playing catch-up to Disney, rushed this franchise along too quickly and doesn't have any time to set up Kong as his own entity. Instead, we have to spend time with *King of the Monsters* characters reprised by Millie Bobby Brown and Kyle Chandler, who are here to consider Godzilla's motives and defend him against the shady Apex corporation. Along on that B-plot are *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* standout Julian Dennison and the always welcome Brian Tyree Henry, playing a conspiratorial podcaster who manages a few funny lines along the way. If that wasn't enough, we also get an Apex operative played by the stunning Eiza González, who oversees Skarsgård and Hall in their *The Core*-like mission with Kong to the Earth's center.

If you don't care about any of this and just want to see some cool fights, then the film at least delivers on that front but really only on two occasions. The first big set piece, where Kong and Godzilla fight at sea atop aircraft carriers, features spectacular daytime CGI and makes interesting use of its unconventional setting.

The final showdown, comprising most of the film's final act, shows Wingard doubling (tripling?) down on the garish neon aesthetic of his 2014 indie *The Guest* as the titular titans pick off the brightly-lit Hong Kong skyline building by building.

Godzilla vs. Kong technically makes good on its title but would have been much more satisfying had the producers taken their time to build up the stakes and set up the disparities between the competing colossuses.

NEW MOVIES COMING THIS WEEKEND

Streaming on Netflix is *Thunder Force*, a superhero comedy starring Melissa McCarthy and Octavia Spencer about two estranged childhood best friends who reunite after one devises a treatment that gives them superpowers to protect their city.

Opening in theaters is *Voyagers*, a sci-fi drama starring Tye Sheridan and Lily-Rose Depp about a crew of astronauts who succumb to paranoia and madness while on a multi-generational space mission.

Available to rent on demand is *Held*, a horror thriller starring Jill Awbrey and Bart Johnson about a married couple on vacation who is terrorized by an unseen force controlling their smart home.

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