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Country music veteran brings his live show to Wabash drive-in

Tritt rejuvenated with album of new songs

BY MACKENZIE McDIRMIT

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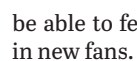
After 13 years of strictly touring, country artist Travis Tritt has recorded a new studio album and is hitting the road once again. On May 21, he will take the stage at 13-24 Drive-In.

Tritt made a conscious decision 13 years ago to focus on the live performance aspect of music. He historically had a hard time multitasking; switching modes from being laser-focused on the writing phase, to the recording phase, and then the touring phase.

"I realized I had been blessed with enough hits in my career that I could do a 90- to 120-minute show filled with nothing but songs people recognize," Tritt said in a phone interview with *Whatzup*.

LISTEN ON THE WEB

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above to watch Travis Tritt's video of "Smoke in a Bar" on YouTube and listen to his album *Set in Stone* on Spotify.



WRITING MORE MUSIC

Two years ago, though, Tritt hired a new manager who offered a different perspective. "When I hired him, one of the first things he brought to my attention was that I had a great career and a lot of success, but he still thought I had a lot of great music left in me," Tritt said.

By doing this, Tritt's management predicted he would be able to feed his loyal fans, while also drawing in new fans.

Prior to recording his new album, Tritt was nervous because the way most producers record has changed over the past decade. His producer Dave Cobb put his mind at ease.

"As soon as he and I first started discussing the opportunity to do an album together, he told me he takes a group of musicians into the studio and they record everything live at the same time in the same room," Tritt said. "He said he was going to capture as many of my live vocals as possible."

On this tour, Tritt plans to perform both songs people will recognize and new songs from his latest studio album, *Set in Stone*, released May 7.

STICKING TO TRADITION

Tritt's music is primarily based in traditional



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TRAVIS TRITT

8:30 p.m. Friday, May 21

13-24 Drive-In

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country music, however, he does have influences from southern rock, blues, and bluegrass.

"If you take traditional country music and mix it with southern rock, a little bit of blues, a little bit of bluegrass, and sprinkle some southern gospel over the top of it, that pretty much describes me to a T," Tritt said.

His new album encompasses these genres. His single "Smoke in a Bar" is one he's greatly looking forward to singing in front of a crowd.

"Every time we've had a chance to do that song live, the response has been phenomenal," Tritt said. "I think primarily because there are so many people hungry for a bit of nostalgia. Country music tells a story that they can relate to."

Performing live is the only thing Tritt said he knows how to do. There's an excitement level involved with live performance, and nothing replaces that for him.

"There's a ball of energy that goes from the stage to the audience, and back to the stage," Tritt said.

Tritt has never been one to just stand in one spot on stage. He likes to move around and engage with his audience.

"We want to take people on a musical journey,"

Tritt said. "We don't just want to get up and play."

Tritt's show will be an exciting night of experiencing music live, which is the way he believes it was intended to be played.

"I can't believe I'm lucky enough to be in the position to be out there playing these songs people recognize, night after night," Tritt said.

HITTING THE ROAD AGAIN

During his stretch of only touring, his plans came to a screeching halt due to the pandemic, following suit with most of the country.

Tritt spent the majority of 2020 staying home with family. According to him, that was the only silver lining.

"That was great, but even after being home for an extended period, I think my family was ready for me to be back on the road," Tritt said. "I'm an old musician, and if I don't get a chance to go out and tour for a while, I start getting cabin fever."

Though his main tours were canceled, Tritt still had the opportunity to do a few drive-in shows during the fall of 2020. He had one of the busiest Decembers he's had in his career.

Now, as venues are reopening, he is starting to see more opportunities coming his way.

"Soon, we're going to be back on tour like the old days," Tritt said. "After being off for such a long time, that's going to be a welcomed sight."

Since people have been denied the opportunity to attend live shows for a year, Tritt is looking forward to the audience being equally as excited to experience live music as artists are to bring it.

"I think that's going to create an explosion on both sides like nothing we've ever seen before, and I cannot wait," Tritt said.

Glam rockers to fire up fans with '90s hits at 13-24 show

FireHouse celebrating 30 years of hit debut

BY CHRIS HUPE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

While often lumped in with the '80s glam rock explosion, FireHouse didn't release their debut album until 1990, at the tail end of that genre's widespread popularity. That album sold over two million copies, largely due to the popularity of the ballad "Love of a Lifetime," which reached No. 3 on the Billboard Singles chart.

The video for that song, along with accompanying videos for "Don't Treat Me Bad" and "All She Wrote," helped FireHouse become a fixture on MTV, giving them an edge in winning Favorite New Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Band at the American Music Awards in 1992.

A CONCERT FAVORITE

Thirty years later, FireHouse are still a live concert favorite, playing 50 to 60 dates a year in non-COVID-19 times. Guitarist Bill Leverty, who was just named one of the top guitarists of the genre by SiriusXM Hair Nation, says his band owes their longevity mostly to the fans. In a recent interview with *Whatzup*, he gave credit to the fans who have followed the band all these years by saying that he's glad people have stuck to the music for so long, and liking it well enough to want to continue to see it played live.

"We are still celebrating the 30-year anniversary of our first record, which came out in September of 1990," he said.

So FireHouse will mark the occasion by playing through the album. Besides, most of those songs are the ones fans really want to hear.

"We're going to play as much as we can from that album during these upcoming shows, from front to back in running order," he said.

The FireHouse setlist has mostly consisted of songs from that debut album over the years, as well as a few from the follow-up *Hold Your Fire*. But even though they have played them thousands of times at this point, Leverty says the band never gets tired of them.

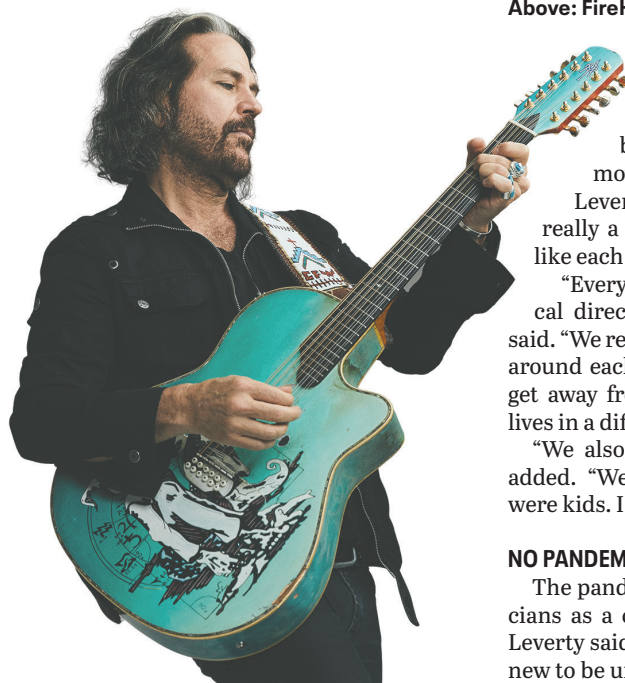
"They're our babies," he said. "We love them."

He added that when they were writing for that first album, the members all agreed with great foresight that they would put songs on it



Above: FireHouse. Left: Kip Winger

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that they would enjoy playing all the time.

"I'm really glad that we get to play these songs," he said. "Every one of them is a lot of fun and a lot of them are challenging, very challenging in many ways."

THEY REALLY LIKE EACH OTHER

To have the chance to be around each other long enough to celebrate three decades together, the members of a band must be in tune in just about every aspect of their lives.

Unlike many bands from the era who have replaced members on a regular basis, the

FireHouse you will see on May 22 at the 13-24 Drive-In is 75 percent original, with just bassist Perry Richardson having moved on two decades ago.

Leverty said the band's secret is not really a secret at all. They just genuinely like each other and have similar goals.

"Everybody is headed in the same musical direction and personal direction," he said. "We respect one another and enjoy being around each other, but we also have time to get away from one another," since everyone lives in a different part of the country.

"We also have similar personal lives," he added. "We all had good parents when we were kids. I think that's important."

NO PANDEMIC ALBUM

The pandemic was viewed by a lot of musicians as a chance to create new music. But Leverty said FireHouse doesn't have anything new to be unleashed on fans wanting more.

Though Leverty was able to release his fifth solo album, *Divided We Fall*, late last year, the FireHouse members couldn't put anything new together.

"We didn't think it was going to last this long," Leverty said. "We thought it was going to last about month or two, so we looked at our scheduling and said we were just going to take care of all the things we need to take care of in our personal lives."

"If we knew we were going to get a year or 14 months off, we probably would have planned things differently."

This show will be the band's first drive-in

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concert and is being looked upon with much anticipation, Leverty said.

"On a scale of one to 10, our excitement would be at 11," he said. "We've seen a lot of other bands play this concept, so we're looking forward to doing it, too. I think it's a wonderful, innovative idea that promoters had to create so we can still have live music and keep everybody safe."

Leverty also lauded the other artist on the bill, someone FireHouse fans

should be familiar with.

"We've all been locked down for so long, it's going to be great to just get out and rock and roll," he said. "Kip Winger is such a great artist, coming out to just see him is worth the price of admission alone."

"We'll come on after him, play the first record, sneak a couple of others in there, and just have a great time hanging out with everybody. It's going to be a great night at the drive-in."

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Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at The Venue, Angola, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 665-3922
Chris Worth and Howard Sims — Variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751
Daryl Felsberg — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

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Jess Thrower — Americana/indie at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351
Jiggs Hendrixson — Variety at Hideaway Lounge, Bluffton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 824-0455
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Jonah Leatherman, Austin & the Avenue, Bonsai — Rock at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$5, (260) 399-6336

Lunch on the Square returns with full summer lineup

A favorite lunchtime event is set to return downtown next month. Lunch on the Square will take over Freimann Square every Thursday from June 3 to Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

This summertime tradition brings co-workers, friends, and families together to enjoy food and live music outdoors. Simply grab yourself some grub from one of the food trucks or a downtown eatery and forget about work for a bit.

Lunch on the Square will be implementing practices recommended by the CDC. Those include tables set up according to social distancing recommendations, a six-foot distance while in any queue, and face coverings when not actively eating or drinking. The schedule:

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CRUISING AT THE RAIL

Left Lane Cruiser will be taking over the Brass Rail 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. It seems like a while



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

since we've seen LLC out on the scene despite an abundant amount of livestreams they did throughout the pandemic. Their Rail performance will have original Cruiser **Brenn Beck** back on drums, **Johnny Revers** on guitar, and, of course, **Joe Evans** on vocals/guitar.

In other LLC news, the band is offering an eight-LP box set bundled with an autograph, bumper sticker, badge, and a unique poster created just for this set. The LPs in the set include "Dirty Spiff Blues," "Junkyard Speedball," and "Claw Machine Wizard." The box set is available at www.bompstore.com.

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Pink Droyd — Pink Floyd tribute at Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$15-\$30, (260) 426-6434

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Dreamers Hookah Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 424-0442

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety at Garrett Eagles, Garrett, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 357-4295

Ty Causey and The Real Deal — Jazz/variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Adam and Nefy — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) — Jazz at Two EE's Winery, Huntington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 672-2000

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

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at The Venue, Angola, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 665-3922

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

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

Crooked Root — Variety at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 7 p.m. \$10-\$20, (260) 665-6699

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

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

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

Fort Wayne Children's Choir — Spring Concert at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m. \$12-\$15, (260) 482-6400

Good Night Gracie — Variety at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 8-11:30 p.m. cover, (260) 387-5063

He Said She Said — Variety at Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (574) 267-5066

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

Juandissimo Buxtaplenties, Upstanding Gents, Six Feet to Salvation — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11:15 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

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

Left Lane Cruiser — Blues rock/Americana at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. \$7, (260) 267-5303

Lisa McDavid Duo — Funk at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

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Mason Dixon Line — Country at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

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

Morning After — Rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-1311

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

Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty — Variety at Ambrosia Orchard, Cidery & Meadery, Hoagland, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 639-4101

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

The Rock Show — Journey tribute at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$20-\$295, (269) 625-8817

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

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety at Pat & Larry's Bar & Grill, Woodburn, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 632-4017

Tony Norton and Jimmy Rossington — Acoustic variety at Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-1088

We Are CheckMark — R&B/funk at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

SUNDAY, MAY 16

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

MONDAY, MAY 17

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

TUESDAY, MAY 18

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

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Adam Strack — Variety at 469 Sports & Spirits, New Haven, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 749-7207

Jake Gamble — Variety at Astral at Auburn, Auburn, noon-4 p.m. no cover, (260) 200-5355

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

Michael Patterson — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

The World Series of Comedy Satellite 2021 — Comedy at Fort Wayne Comedy Too @ Piere's, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$75, (260) 267-5546

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) 563-1102

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

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

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

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

8420 Band — Classic rock at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (574) 457-7100

Adam Baker, Dave Pagan, Jeff McRae, Lee Cook — Rock/Americana at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

Aleena York Duo — Tropical at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

The Band Brother — Rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

Chris Worth and Howard Sims — Variety at Dreamers Hookah Lounge, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-0442

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

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

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country at Commons Park, Angola, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 665-1588

Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty — Rock at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

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

Rehab After Party, Corporate Circus, My Darling Death — Rock/variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11:15 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

Travis Tritt — Country at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8:30 p.m. \$149-\$499 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-1102

The Y's Guys — Rock at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. cover, (260) 387-5063

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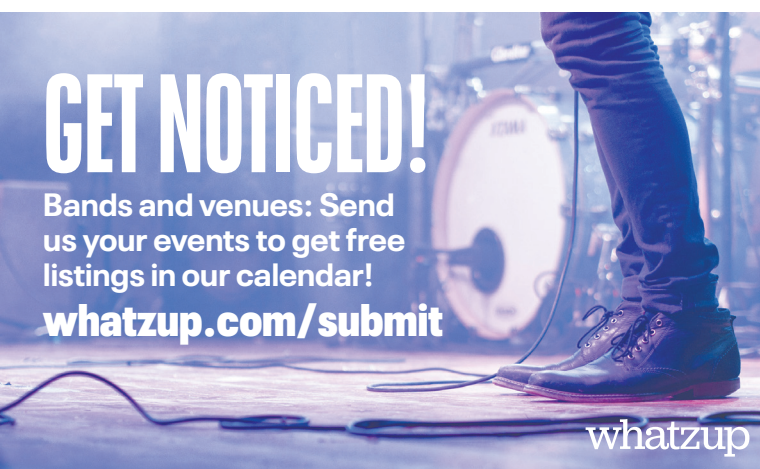
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Civic Theatre opens curtain on its 2021-22 season

The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre has announced its 2021-22 season. A *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* will be July 24-Aug. 8, *Every Brilliant Thing* will be Sept. 11-26, *Celebrities Act Up!* will be Oct. 8, *The Christmas Schooner* will be Nov. 6-21, *Seussical* will be Feb. 12-27, *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits* will be March 25-April 3, and *Noises Off* will be May 13-22, 2022.

COVID-19 protocols will be determined closer to the dates of each event.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

be holding a "Second Saturday Art Market" this June through September from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The events will be open to the public and will include food trucks and live musical entertainment by Garry Jones.

Those wishing to provide art, produce, plants, crafts, or anything homemade or home grown can register by emailing info@2floorart.com.

PARKS AND PODS

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation are holding Summer Activity PODS for ages 4-14. The PODs include eight weeks of activities with 22 different themes, including morning and afternoon sessions, and can be registered for individually. The program features a wide variety of arts and crafts, sports, puzzles, and cooking themes. Register for PODs at www.fortwayneparks.org.

CELEBRATE FIBER ART

Salomon Farm Park will hold a Fiber Arts Celebration Friday, May 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 817 W. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

The annual festival promotes the heritage of natural fiber production and traditional textile art with hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations.

FLIT INTO THE CONSERVATORY

The 19th annual Live Butterfly Exhibit will be held at the Botanical Conservatory through June 27 during regular public hours.

The conservatory will also hold Color Craft Sessions May 20-22 and June 17-19.

These sessions are included with regular admission. No registration is required.

News and Venues covers Northeast Indiana's music and arts organizations, venues, and colleges, from large to small. Send your news items to info@whatzup.com.

GO OVER YOUR VOICEOVERS

Professional voiceover artist Ed Bednarczyk will conduct a voiceover workshop at the Sweetwater campus. Two sessions are available (May 21 and May 22 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.). The cost is \$250 per person.

HEART OF THE CITY DEADLINE APPROACHES

HeART of the City is sponsoring a non-juried art show at Three Rivers Festival on Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, July 11, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Freimann Square parking lot.

The deadline for artists to submit is this Saturday, May 15.

Each vendor is required to submit a COVID-19 Response Plan to the festival office by June 15 and is required to submit a daily health screening questionnaire for each artist and/or employee of the booth to the Art in the Park Committee. The show is open to the first 30 paid applicants.

ART MARKET IN 'BUSCO

The 2nd Floor Gallery & Studio in Churubusco will

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LOCAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Band Reload — Techno at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-midnight cover, (260) 387-5063

BigMeow — Acoustic '80s at Whitley County Farmer's Market, Columbia City, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 229-7840

Drop Dead Dangerous — Country rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

FireHouse w/Kip Winger — Rock at 13-24 Drive-In, Wabash, 8:30 p.m. \$99-\$399 per vehicle for up to six people, (260) 563-1102

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

Island Vibe — Party band at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Jana Debusk and Carly Ingalls — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

Jiant — Ambient electronic at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at Eagles Post 3760, Syracuse, 8 p.m. no cover,

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Joe Justice — Variety at YLNI Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. no cover,

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

Matt Record — Folk at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Hartland Winery, Ashley, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 587-3301

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

Rough House — Blues rock at Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-1311

S.O.D.A., Element Indigo, Cremated Souls — Rock/metal at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11:15 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Speakeasy Comedy w/Mandee McKelvey — Comedy at Three Rivers Distilling Company, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20, (260) 745-9355

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Lisa McDavid — Funk at Mambo Room, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m. \$5, (260) 449-9761

School of Rock Talent Showcase — Rock/variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Chris Worth — Variety at Four D's Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 490-6488

Hubie Ashcraft and Missy Burgess — Country at Mad Anthony Lakeview Ale House, Angola, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 833-2537

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

Michael Patterson — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Addison Agen — Pop at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 925-1444

Grace Scott Band — Country at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Hubie Ashcraft and Travis Gow — Americana at Monument Pizza Pub, Angola, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 319-4489

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Red Eye Gravy — Bluegrass at teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

Steve Hofstetter — Comedy at Fort Wayne Comedy Too @ Piere's, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$25-\$50, (260) 267-5546

Steve Holloway's Next Gen Jammers — Acoustic rock at American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-2988

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FRIDAY, MAY 28

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

Boy Band Review — Tribute band at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$7, (260) 486-1979

Dry Bar Comedy w/Mike Paramore and Billy Reno — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Joe Justice — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5 p.m.-8 a.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

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

Sweetwater All Stars — R&B/soul at Riverside Park, Warren, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 375-6199

Ted Yoder Band — Rock at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

We Are CheckMark — R&B/funk at American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-3960

The Y's Guys — Rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8420 Band — Classic rock at Camp Sack-In, Angola, 6:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 665-5166

Adam Baker — Americana/indie at YLNI Farmer's Market, Fort Wayne, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. no cover,

AFU — Classic rock at Mitchell's Sports Bar & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, 8-11:30 p.m. cover, (260) 387-5063

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

Country Junction — Country at American Legion 296, Fort Wayne, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-2988

Dry Bar Comedy w/Mike Paramore and Billy Reno — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Hottest in the City — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11 a.m. \$5-\$75, (260) 999-4108

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country at Cold Springs Resort, Hamilton, 8 p.m.-midnight \$8, (260) 488-2920

I Love Saturdays — R&B/soul/funk/pop at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at Wacky Jac's, Angola, 9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 665-9071

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

Pantheon w/Filth Spewer — Metal at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$10, (260) 399-6336

Shannon Persinger and Michael Patterson — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

Simply Elton — Elton John tribute at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$5-\$50, (260) 486-1979

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



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Zombies might have the cultural spotlight, but the members of the world's oldest band are here to remind you that mummies are the OG undead.

It's been a long road since a 1922 desert dig unearthed the ruins of an ancient discotheque and revealed a bunch of Egyptian mummies throwing down "Terrifying Funk From Beyond the Grave." Here Come the Mummies are reportedly doomed to walk the Earth in search of the ultimate riff that will finally allow their spirits to rest.

HCTM will claim the title of "kings of the undead" when they storm the stage at the 13-24 Drive-In in Wabash on May 20. Armed with guitars, horns, drums, sticks, and a mean setlist of songs, they owe much of their popularity to the "Bob & Tom Show," centuries of hard work, and one of the deadliest live shows you're likely to ever see and, hopefully, live to tell about.

While their real identities remain under wraps (ha!), these ancient musicians are rumored to be world-class



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performers who simply want to remain anonymous, dress in cloth, and play music like their heroes. These include legends like Sly Stone, James Brown, Ray Charles, and Billy Preston.

Over the past 20 years, they have delivered ten full-length studio albums rife with comedic lyrics, double entendres, and suggestive innuendos. They are a perfect fit for audiences looking for a night full of fun, laughs, surprises, and terrifying grooves. — *Chris Hupe*

Whiskey Highway — Country at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 7 p.m. \$10-\$20, (260) 665-6699

Whoa, Man! — Rock at Art's Country Park, North Manchester, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 982-4790

SUNDAY, MAY 30

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country at Kelly Jae's Lakeside, Syracuse, 6:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (574) 537-1027

MONDAY, MAY 31

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Jackson Vibe — Variety at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Pierce Baczynski — Blues rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

The Bulldogs — '50s & '60s rock at Muensterberg Plaza and Clock Tower, Berne, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 589-3139

He Said She Said — Variety at Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (574) 457-7100

J Tubbs, Casey The Kid, Carter, Aloe — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

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

Mason Dixon Line — Country at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

Melisa's Latin Beat — Latin fusion dance at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

The Swon Brothers — Country at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Hat Trick, The Wilde Giants, Lumity — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Here Nor There — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

The Jiggs Hendrixson Band — Variety at Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-7543

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

LiveWire — Classic rock at Scotty's Tavern, Wabash, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 563-3246

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

Wallen Road — Country at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Riff Raff — Rap at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. , (260) 486-1979

MONDAY, JUNE 7

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Alicia Pyle Quartet (APQ) — Jazz at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

He Said She Said — Variety at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-1102

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Ted Vigil — John Denver tribute at Eagles Theatre, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$15, (260) 563-1102

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

The 906 Band — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. , (260) 483-5526

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10 cover, (260) 854-9463

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

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

Mantra of Morta w/Hate Unbound — Metal at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 399-6336

Michael Kelsey — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Mikel James Watkins, Status the Artist, Kash, John W@yne, Amy Bane, Misha — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Rumours — Fleetwood Mac tribute at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Adam Baker — Americana/indie at 2 Toms Brewing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 402-7644

BigMeow — Acoustic '80s at Whitley County Farmer's Market, Columbia City, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 229-7840

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

Farmland Band — Jazz at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

Grateful Groove w/Jangatha, LSTree, Funk You Inc. — Dance/electronic at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.-3 a.m. no cover, (260) 399-6336

John Michael Montgomery — Country at Double H Farms, Hamilton, 4-11:30 p.m. \$30-\$100, (260) 316-9868

Kerwin Claiborne — Comedy at Fort Wayne Comedy Too @ Piere's, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. \$35-\$200, (260) 267-5546

Murmurations, Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty, Rob Lindsay and His Supergroup, K. Edward Smith and the Thrift Store Orchestra — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

SoulShot — Variety at Riverside Park, Warren, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 375-6199

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

MONDAY, JUNE 14

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Andy Mauch Band — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Jen and the Foggy Creek Band — Americana/bluegrass at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

He Said She Said — Variety at The Frog Tavern, Syracuse, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (574) 457-4324

Legendary Trainhoppers — Variety at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

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

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

The Van Dells — Rock/variety at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Canaan Cox — Variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$5, (260) 422-5292



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Jake Kershaw — Acoustic variety at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 7 p.m. \$10-\$20, (260) 665-6699

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

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 21

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Night to Remember — Variety at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 925-1444

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

The Bulldogs — '50s and '60s rock at Fremont Music Festival, Fremont, 7 p.m. no cover, (510) 795-2244

Farewell Angelina — Country at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

HeartStone Crossing — Classic rock at Riverside Park, Warren, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 375-6199

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

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

Not My Kids — Rock at The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 407-8530

Poco — Country rock at T. Furth Center, Trine University, Angola, 8 p.m. \$25-\$40, (260) 665-4990

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Anthony Gomes — Blues rock at Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$40, (260) 426-6434

Eliza Toth — Rock at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$15, (260) 424-5665

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver — Bluegrass at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 1-2:30 p.m. \$30-\$50, (260) 665-6699

MONDAY, JUNE 28

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

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

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Kyle Kinane — Comedy at The Tiger Room, Welch's Ale House, Fort Wayne, 7-11:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-6542

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

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The Nutcracker in May Project Ballet

7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 13-14
2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15
1 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16
Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne
\$29-\$42 • (260) 424-5665

Year after year, *The Nutcracker* is Project Ballet's biggest annual event, normally featuring more than one hundred local children and bringing in thousands of spectators. The classic production is a traditional Christmas time favorite, but last year's performances were unable to be staged due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Things are now opening up enough for us to witness some very special presentations. Postponed for five months, *The Nutcracker in May* will now take place on May 13-16 on the stage of the historic Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne.

It will feature a modified production in order to meet pandemic protocols. The cast size has been reduced by 40 percent and the choreography has been altered. Rehearsals were often conducted remotely and musical interludes have been added to aid in safety behind-the-scenes, but all the magic remains.

Follow along with this magnificent tale as a little girl falls asleep on Christmas Eve after a party at her home and dreams herself into a fantastic world where toys become larger than life. Her beloved Nutcracker comes



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to life and defends her from the Mouse King.

Project Ballet is a Fort Wayne-based not-for-profit organization offering a full youth ballet curriculum for 3- to 18-year-old dancers. It is often recognized as one of the finest ballet schools in the country with accolades from some of the top ballet companies, universities, choreographers, and master teachers in the field. — *Chris Hupe*



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Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 1

Chris Robison — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 854-9463

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Saving Abel — Rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$20-\$295, (269) 625-8817

Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy — Variety at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

FRIDAY, JULY 2

The Bulldogs — '50s and '60s rock at Modoc's Market, Wabash, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 569-1281

Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra — Blues/jazz at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

The Y's Guys — Rock at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8-11 p.m. \$10, (260) 854-9463

SATURDAY, JULY 3

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country at Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, 6-9:30 p.m. \$10, (260) 665-6699

Imposters in Effect — Beastie Boys tribute at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. , (260) 486-1979

Wagon Wheel Symphony of the Lakes — Orchestral at Spring Fountain Park, Winona Lake, 8 p.m. no cover, (574) 268-9888

MONDAY, JULY 5

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

TUESDAY, JULY 6

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

Sevendust — Rock at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 a.m. , (260) 486-1979

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Open Jam with Dylan Roldan — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8

Open Mic Night w/Mike Conley — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

Sunny Taylor — Variety at Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

FRIDAY, JULY 9

The Dead Daisies — Hard rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 9 p.m. \$20-\$295, (269) 625-8817

Kolby Cooper — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. , (260) 486-1979

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

Shining Star — Earth, Wind & Fire tribute at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

Whoa, Man! — Rock at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$5, (260) 426-5556

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Adrian Adee McCovy & Heather Jay — Comedy at Fort Wayne Comedy Too @ Piere's, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. \$25, (260) 267-5546

Building 429 — Contemporary Christian at T. Furth Center, Trine University, Angola, 8 p.m. \$15-\$35, (260) 665-4990

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Hartland Winery, Ashley, 5 p.m. no cover, (260) 587-3301

Night Ranger — Rock at Honeywell Center Ford Theatre, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$35-\$100, (260) 563-1102

Set for the Fall, To Breathe Again, Echoes from Oblivion, and Withered Veins — Variety at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$10, (260) 999-4108

Who's Bad — Michael Jackson tribute at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 426-5556

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Building 429 w/City Wide Worship, Terrian, Cochren & Co., Rhett's Walker — Contemporary Christian at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m. \$5-\$20, (260) 426-5556

MONDAY, JULY 12

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

TUESDAY, JULY 13

The Band Brother — Rock at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$2, (260) 426-5556

Open Mic Tuesdays w/Jeff McRae — Variety at Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, 7-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 747-9964

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

Picks GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

The Rescue Band with Britt & Dylan

6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 15
Sweetwater Performance Theatre
5501 U.S. 30 West, Fort Wayne
\$5 • (800) 222-4700

The Rescue Band was formed a few years ago in order to spread the Word of the Gospel to the community through the power of music. Led by Randy Hood, the band also consists of Brad Kamphus, Scott Booker, and Chuck Thomas. The Rescue Band has a noble mission of helping the poor, the homeless, and the down and out in our community by using their talents as musicians to spread the Word.

That mission comes from real-life experiences since Hood once counted himself among the homeless population. Losing everything to drug and alcohol addiction, he turned to God to help him out of his seemingly impossible situation. Since then, he has devoted his life to helping others.

Throughout their high energy, passionate, and emotional shows, The Rescue Band use songs and prayer to help point people to the way of Jesus Christ. They also raise awareness about God's work at The Rescue Mission



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where they provide rehabilitation, emergency shelter, and community and resident meals throughout the year.

The band will appear at the Sweetwater Performance Theatre on May 15 with special guests Britt & Dylan, collecting donations and needed items that will support the men, women, and children at the Rescue Mission and its ministries.

The band is non-profit and every penny collected goes to the homeless at The Rescue Mission & Charis House for Women. — *Chris Hupe*

Confirm with the venue about any event you plan to attend.

38 Special	Oct. 16	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
38 Special	Dec. 11	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 13	Emerson Theatre	Indianapolis
Adrian Adee McCovy & Heather Jay	July 10	Fort Wayne Comedy @ Piere's	Fort Wayne
Air Supply	June 11 '22	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Airborne Toxic Event	Oct. 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Airborne Toxic Event	Oct. 17	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
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
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	Nov. 6	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Anthony Gomes	May 22	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Anthony Gomes	June 26	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Aries Spears	Aug. 19-21	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Armor for Sleep	July 22	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
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
The Beach Boys	July 25	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bettye LaVette	Sept. 19	The Sound Board	Detroit
Bikini Kill	Oct. 15	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Bikini Kill	Oct. 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Bill Anderson	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Blue Gate Music Hall	Shipshewana
Bill Burr	Nov. 11-12	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Bill Bushart and Billy Reno	June 11-12	469 Comedy	New Haven
Bill Maher	Nov. 7	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Billy Joel	July 9	Comerica Park	Detroit
Billy Joel	Sept. 10	Great American Ball Park	Cincinnati
Biomassive	May 14	Lansing Brewing Company	Lansing, MI
Biomassive	May 15	Tip Top Deluxe Bar & Grill	Grand Rapids, MI
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
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
Bob Zany & Costaki Economopoulos	Sept. 16	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
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
Boyz Scaggs	Oct. 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Brian Culbertson	Nov. 18	The Sound Board	Detroit

Hey hey, it's the surviving Monkees on farewell tour

Micky Dolenz and **Michael Nesmith**, the last two surviving members of **The Monkees**, have announced a farewell tour for 2021, putting a nearly six-decade career as part of one of America's most beloved bands to bed.

The pair promise "a magical night of music, all the hits, deep cuts, and fan favorites," according to a press release about the tour.



Road Notes

CHRIS HUPE

The two-month trek begins in September, and, unfortunately, includes only one date within our immediate region at this time. Things could change as there are plenty of open slots along the way.

With their farewell tour, Dolenz and Nesmith will be closing the book on a career that, at its late-'60s peak, rivaled those of **The Beatles** and **The Rolling Stones**. Originally formed as a made-for-TV band, **The Monkees** instantly exploded in popularity, netting four consecutive No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 between 1966 and 1967.

If you're interested, you'll want to head to Detroit on Nov. 2 to catch the magic one last time.

SMILE ON YOUR LIPS

The Flaming Lips have announced dates for a massive tour that is slated to last well into next year. The band, who played at Middle Waves in Fort Wayne just a few years ago, will start their tour in August, finding their way to Detroit on Nov. 20, Cincinnati on April 5, and Chicago on April 6.

On June 12 they release *The Soft Bulletin Companion* on vinyl as part of Record Store Day.

WANTED LIVE ON A SCREEN

Instead of appearing live at drive-ins like many bands have chosen to do, **Bon Jovi** will instead follow

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Brian Culbertson	Nov. 19	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Brian McKnight	Nov. 4	The Sound Board	Detroit
Brooks & Dunn	Sept. 2	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Brothers Osborne	Aug. 4	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Brothers Osborne	Sept. 2	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Brothers Osborne	Sept. 3	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Brothers Osborne	Sept. 4	Mich. Lottery Amphi.	Sterling Heights, MI
Brothers Osborne	Sept. 9	ICON Music Center	Cincinnati
Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers	Sept. 19	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Buckcherry w/Saliva	Aug. 19	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Buddy Guy w/Ally Venable	Oct. 16	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Building 429	July 10	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, Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas, Stuart Duncan, Edgar Meyer, and Bryan Sutton	Nov. 28	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Carol Burnett	May 26	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Chanté Moore	Nov. 11	The Sound Board	Detroit
Chicago	July 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Chicago	July 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chicago	Aug. 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Chicago	Nov. 4	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Chicago	Nov. 5	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
Chicano Batman	June 11	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Chris Janson	Oct. 23	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Chris Lane and Cam	Sept. 4	Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds	Van Wert, Ohio
Chris Stapleton	July 17	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Chris Stapleton	Aug. 5	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Chris Tucker	Nov. 19	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Christianee Porter	June 10	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Clannad	Sept. 21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Clint Black	Sept. 11	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 8	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 11	Redford Theatre	Detroit
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 17	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Cody Ko & Noel Miller	July 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Coin	Oct. 29	House of Blues Chicago	Chicago
Colt Ford	Nov. 18	Eclectic Room	Angola
Creed Fisher	Aug. 13	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Crowder	Sept. 17	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
The Cybertronic Spree	Nov. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
D.L. Hughley	Oct. 8-10	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
D.L. Hughley	Oct. 21	The Sound Board	Detroit
Dailey & Vincent Bluegrass	June 18	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
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
Daryl Felsberg	May 14-15	469 Comedy	New Haven
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 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 Foster	Oct. 20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
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

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in the footsteps of superstars like **Garth Brooks**, **Blake Shelton**, **Gwen Stefani**, and **Metallica**, whose 2020 drive-in concerts collectively drew nearly a million fans across North America.

The New Jersey rockers have authorized a one-night showing of a recorded live concert, so tickets should be in high demand. You can check it out May 22 at the Auburn-Garrett Drive-In, the GQT Huntington Drive-In, the Tri-Way Drive-In in Plymouth, the Van-Del Drive-In in Middle Point, Ohio, and the Capri Drive-In in Coldwater, Mich.

GENESIS EXODUS

Legendary British rockers **Genesis** have announced the “The Last Domino? Tour” for Fall 2021. The dates will have **Phil Collins**, **Mike Rutherford**, and **Tony Banks** playing all the hits as they tour together for the first time since 2007, and, possibly, for the last time.

Genesis have sold over 100 million albums with numerous Top 20 hits including “Invisible Touch,” “Turn Me On Again,” and “In Too Deep.” The tickets are a bit pricey, but this will be a great chance to catch some Rock and Roll Hall of Famers before they call it day.

The tour kicks off on Nov. 15 in Chicago, visits Detroit on Nov. 29, Cleveland on Nov. 30, and Columbus on Dec. 8.

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The Dead Daisies	June 30	The Token Lounge	Detroit
The Dead Daisies	July 2	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
The Dead Daisies	July 7	The Music Factory	Battle Creek, MI
The Dead Daisies	July 9	Eclectic Room	Angola
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.	Shipshewana
Dennis DeYoung	Feb. 19 '22	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Deon Cole	May 29	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Deon Cole	Nov. 7	The Sound Board	Detroit
Dermot Kennedy	July 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dermot Kennedy	Aug. 17	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
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	Aug. 8	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Disturbed w/Staind, Bad Wolves	Aug. 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
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
The Driver Era	Nov. 17	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Driver Era	Nov. 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Driver Era	Nov. 20	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Dry Bar Comedy w/Mike Paramore, Billy Reno	May 28-29	469 Comedy	New Haven
DSL	Aug. 29	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Duke Tumatoe and the Power Trio	Oct. 28	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Eddie Griffin	Nov. 20	The Sound Board	Detroit
Ekali	Oct. 2	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Ekostik Hookah	May 14	Legend Valley	Thornville, OH
Enrique Iglesias & Ricky Martin	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Eric Church	Sept. 18	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Eric Church	Sept. 24	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Ernie Haase + Signature Sound & The Hoppers	Sept. 3	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound	Dec. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Etta May	Oct. 21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
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
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
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
The G--d--- Gallows	July 18	Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Gabriel Iglesias	Oct. 14	United Center	Chicago
Gaither Vocal Band	June 10	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Gary Allan	May 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Gary Owen	June 18-20	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Gary Puckett & Union Gap	Sept. 16	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Gene Watson	July 10	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Geoff Tate	Nov. 18	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
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

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Chris Worth	May 13	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater Lake, MI
Kaitlyn Schmit and The Move	June 6	Celina Moose Lodge, Celina, OH
	June 10	Defiance Concert in the Park, Defiance, OH
	June 12	Poultry Days, Versailles, OH
	June 18-20	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
	June 25	AmVets Post 698, Middle Point, OH
	June 26	Celina Pride March, Celina, OH
	July 2	Auglaize Demolition Derby, Wapakoneta, OH
	July 4	Delphos 4th of July, Delphos, OH
	July 22	Wetzelland, Grover Hill, OH
	July 23-25	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
	Aug. 8	Coldwater Community Picnic, Coldwater, OH
	Aug. 13-15	T&J's Smokehouse, Put-In-Bay, OH
	Aug. 28	Bluewater Campground, Grover Hill, OH
	Aug. 29	Celina Moose Lodge, Celina, OH

LiveWire	May 15	Jonesboro American Legion Post 95, Jonesboro
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Strange Waters w/The Tentakills	May 15	The Garage Arcade Bar, South Bend
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The Bulldogs	June 3	Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
	June 11	Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
	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

The Hubie Ashcraft Band	June 4	Blue Gate Performing Arts Center, Shipshewana
	June 5	The Bent Prop, Coldwater, MI
	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

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Gold Frankincense & 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
Greater Vision	Aug. 26	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
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
Gretchen Wilson	Nov. 13	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
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.	Shipshewana
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
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
Harry Hudson	Sept. 25	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Harry Styles	Sept. 20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Harry Styles	Sept. 24-25	United Center	Chicago
Harry Styles	Oct. 18	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Heart by Heart	July 30	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Heather McMahan	Oct. 23	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Henry Cho	Nov. 13	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Here Come the Mummies	May 20	13-24 Drive-In	Wabash
Hot Mulligan	June 26	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Iliza	Nov. 5	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Iliza	Nov. 20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
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
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
Jeanne Robertson	Oct. 28	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Jeff Allen	Aug. 26	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Jeff Dunham	Nov. 18	Nutter Center	Dayton
Jeff Foxworthy	June 5	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Jeremy Piven	May 13	Hobart Art Theater	Hobart
Jess Hilarious	July 23-24	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
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
Jinjer w/Suicide Silence	Nov. 10	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Jo Koy	Sept. 17	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Jo Koy	Oct. 15-17	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Jo Koy	Oct. 24	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
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 Hiatt & The Jerry Douglas Band	Nov. 13	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
John Legend	Sept. 2	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
John Michael Montgomery	June 12	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Jolo Siwa	Feb. 15 '22	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Josh Turner	June 4	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Juvenile and Twista	Nov. 14	The Sound Board	Detroit
Kane Brown	Nov. 20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Ken Davis	Aug. 31	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana

Kenny Chesney	Aug. 14	Ford Field	Detroit
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	Sept. 1	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Kerwin Claiborne	June 12	Fort Wayne Comedy @ Piere's	Fort Wayne
Kesha, AJR, The Band Camino, The Knocks	Aug. 28	WonderBus Music Fest	Columbus, OH
KevOnStage	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 Gizzard & the Lizard Wizard	Oct. 17	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
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
Kolby Cooper	July 9	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Kool & The Gang w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Sept. 3	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
The Lacs	Oct. 21	Eclectic Room	Angola
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
Lee Roy Parnell	Aug. 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Leonid & Friends	July 17	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Leonid & Friends	Oct. 22	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Leonid & Friends w/The Sweetwater All Stars	Oct. 27	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
The Letter Black	June 18	Howard Co. Viet. Vets Grounds	Greentown
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 Lone Bellow	Nov. 7	Thalia Hall	Chicago
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 Lobos w/The Summit	Nov. 6	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
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	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Luke Bryan	Aug. 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Luke Bryan	Aug. 21	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
Luke Combs	Nov. 4-5	United Center	Chicago
Luttrell	Aug. 13	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Lyfe Jennings and Chrisette Michele	June 10	The Sound Board	Detroit
Maluma	Oct. 24	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Maria Bamford	Aug. 21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Mark Farner's American Band w/John Corabi	May 15	BMI Event Center	Versailles, OH
Mark Lowry	Sept. 2	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Mark Lowry	Nov. 6	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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

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Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Matt Braunger	Nov. 19	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
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
MercyMe	Nov. 12	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
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
Mike Birbiglia	Nov. 4	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
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
Moe Bandy	Aug. 19	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
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
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
Nada Surf	Nov. 14	Thalia Hall	Chicago
NateWantsToBattle	Sept. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Needtobreathe w/Switchfoot, The New Respect	Sept. 26	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Needtobreathe w/Switchfoot, The New Respect	Sept. 28	ICON Music Center	Cincinnati
Needtobreathe w/Switchfoot, The New Respect	Oct. 1	Mich. Lottery Amphi.	Sterling Heights, MI
Needtobreathe w/Switchfoot, The New Respect	Oct. 2	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
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
Nikki Glaser	Nov. 12	Southern Theatre	Columbus, OH
Nile	Nov. 5	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	May 22	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
O-Town w/LFO	Oct. 27	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Oak Ridge Boys	June 12	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Oak Ridge Boys	Oct. 9	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Oak Ridge Boys	Feb. 13 '22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Olafur Arnalds	Oct. 27	Rubloff Auditorium	Chicago
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
Passenger	Nov. 3	Thalia Hall	Chicago
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Phish	Aug. 6-8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Pigeons Playing Ping Pong	May 21-22	Legend Valley	Thornville, OH
Pink Droyd	May 14	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
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
Preacher Lawson	Nov. 5-6	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
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
Purity Ring	Nov. 5	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Rain	Nov. 4	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ralphie Roberts and William Krolowitz	May 21-22	469 Comedy	New Haven
Rammstein	Sept. 1	Soldier Field	Chicago
Randy Houser	Oct. 16	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
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
REO Speedwagon	Oct. 29	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
The Revivalists	Sept. 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Ricky Gervais	Oct. 25-26	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	Sept. 10	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Riff Raff	June 6	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
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
The Rock Show	May 15	Eclectic Room	Angola
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
Ronnie Milsap	Nov. 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Russ	May 22	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Russ	June 3	Mich. Lottery Amphi.	Sterling Heights, MI
Ryan Niemiller	Sept. 30	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Samantha Fish w/Southern Avenue	Aug. 27	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Sammy Hagar w/Mammoth WVH	Oct. 2	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Sammy Hagar w/Mammoth WVH	Oct. 16	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Sammy Hagar w/Mammoth WVH	Oct. 22	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Samuel J. Comroe	July 29-31	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
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
Saving Abel	July 1	Eclectic Room	Angola
Scotty McCreery	Oct. 29	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Sevendust	July 6	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Shallow Side	Aug. 20	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Silverstein	Nov. 5	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Silverstein	Nov. 9	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Slipknot, Mudvayne, and Rob Zombie w/Mastadon, Killswitch Engage, Steel Panther, A Day to Remember, Chevelle, and Halestorm	Sept. 10-13	Incarceration Festival	Mansfield, 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
Steve Hofstetter	May 27	Fort Wayne Comedy @ Piere's	Fort Wayne
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
The Swon Brothers	June 4	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
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
Tennis	Nov. 13	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Tennis	Nov. 15	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Terry Fator	Oct. 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Terry McNeely and Adam Gabel	May 20	469 Comedy	New Haven
The Teskey Brothers	Oct. 15	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Theory of a Deadman	Nov. 30	Eclectic Room	Angola
Thomas Rhett	Aug. 29	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Thomas Rhett	Sept. 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Thomas Rhett	Sept. 24	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Thomas Rhett	Sept. 25	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Three Dog Night	Oct. 21	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Three Dog Night	Nov. 27	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Tigran Hamasyan	June 10	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Tim Bae	July 23	Fort Wayne Comedy @ Piere's	Fort Wayne
TobyMac	Nov. 9	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
TobyMac	Nov. 14	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Todd Snider	Nov. 18	The Vogue	Indianapolis
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
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
Travis Tritt	Oct. 21	Hobart Arena	Troy, OH
Trevor Noah	Nov. 19	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
The Turtles w/Chuck Negron, The Association, Mark Lindsay, The Vogues, The Cowsills	Aug. 15	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Tusk	Aug. 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ty Segall	Aug. 12-13	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ty Segall and the Freedom Band	Aug. 14	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tyler Henry	Nov. 18	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
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
Walter Trout w/Papa Kiszka	Oct. 9	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
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
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
Widespread Panic	Nov. 17-19	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wilco, Grouplove, Black Pumas, Bob Moses	Aug. 29	WonderBus Music Fest	Columbus, OH
The Wood Brothers	Nov. 6	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Wreking Crue	Aug. 28	Eclectic Room	Angola
Yacht Rock Revue	Aug. 14	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Zach Williams w/We the Kingdom and Cain	Oct. 29	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
ZoSo	Aug. 14	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Zoë Keating	May 19	Thalia Hall	Chicago

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- 3 7 **GOJIRA**
Fortitude
- 4 1 **PINK FLOYD**
Live at Knebworth 1990
- 5 8 **PETER FRAMPTON**
Frampton Forgets the Words
- 6 5 **DROPKICK MURPHYS**
Turn Up That Dial
- 7 4 **GRETA VAN FLEET**
The Battle at Garden's Gate
- 8 2 **ROYAL BLOOD**
Typhoons
- 9 - **MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES**
When God Was Great
- 10 - **NANCY WILSON**
You and Me

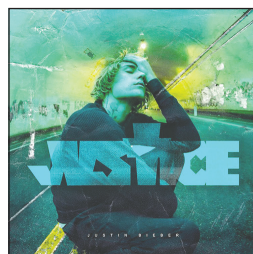
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Justin Bieber

Justice



It's tough to sort out which kind of Justin Bieber album would induce more cringe, one in which he earnestly tried to confront racial injustice, or one in which he used the language of racial injustice to make yet another lightweight pop album.

The answer is probably the latter, and that's the way he went. *Justice* is a solid, if predictable, pop album wrapped in extremely skimpy, woke clothing.

The album contains at least two what-was-he-thinking moments, if you don't count the album title itself. It would have been bad enough if Bieber had used clips of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to introduce superficial corporate songs about justice and unity. Instead, he uses the clips to introduce songs about post-adolescent love ("2 Much") and "Die for You").

Where were the friends and colleagues who should have talked Bieber out of making such a jaw-dropping move?

If you can get past the desperate shot at being relevant, you'll find a perfectly adequate pop album. Bieber doesn't go for anything particularly original, whether he's trying a Sheeran-like guitar ballad like "Off My Face" or the heavily autotuned pop/R&B of "As I Am."

He doesn't have the vocal chops to keep up with the best of his pop peers, but he does just fine with these songs about how much he loves his wife and his Christianity.

As decent as *Justice* may be, it's destined to be remembered as a cynically misnamed album that has nothing to do with justice at all.

In an attempt to capitalize on the cultural moment, Bieber has shown us what the pinnacle of clumsiness looks like. — *Evan Gillespie*

George Lynch
and Jeff Pilson

Heavy Hitters



It would be easy for former Dokken members George Lynch and Jeff Pilson to take advantage of a concept like *Heavy Hitters* and simply regurgitate some metal songs from the '80s and call it a day. People would buy it because it had the names Lynch and Pilson on it.

So, it's to the duo's credit that they surprise us around just about every turn, forming a nice collection of songs that are not only unexpected, but give the duo new life during the process.

The album starts off with a bang with the Joan Osbourne classic "One Of Us." Yes, really. Tastelessly done and a bit heavier than the original, "One Of Us" is the best song among the ten. It's just the first in a line of songs you've undoubtedly heard before but probably hadn't imagined being

reinvented by a couple of aging rockers.

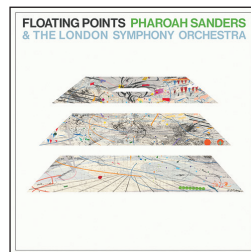
Next up is Rufus & Chaka Kahn's "You Got The Love," the Carole King classic "I Feel The Earth Move," and Duran Duran's "Ordinary World." How's that for variety?

Madonna is represented here with "Music" alongside hits by Prince, R.E.M., Oasis, Martha Reeves, and OneRepublic. That's right, not a metal song in the bunch. Standouts next to "One of Us" are Prince's "Kiss," a restrained version of "Champagne Supernova," and "Apologize."

Overall, this is album is a nice surprise. Usually, cover albums aren't worth the weight of the disc, but *Heavy Hitters* is refreshing and a successful curveball thrown by these two legends with help from former Whitesnake drummer Brian Tichy and Earshot vocalist Wil Martin. — *Chris Hupe*

Floating Points

Promises



Promises is an album I never would have imagined being created, yet here I am talking about it. British producer Sam Shepherd, aka Floating Points, and experimental jazz legend Pharoah Sanders coming together to create a collaborative ambient album seems like something of a strange dream. But this is no dream.

Shepherd wrote the nine movements that make up *Promises*, which is a quiet record built of synth and electronic textures, as well as Sanders' tenor sax playing. And in-between these two are cushioned string arrangements performed by the London Symphony Orchestra. It's an extraordinary album that stays subtle when it could have gone over the top.

Floating Points is no stranger to working and writing for an ensemble, having put together the 16-piece Floating Points Ensemble to perform Floating Points works live. And the jazz legend Sanders, now 80 years old, has performed in ensembles with John Coltrane, Don Cherry, Alice Coltrane, and McCoy Tyner, not to mention as a band leader for his own ensembles.

Sanders had heard Floating Points' *Elaenia* in 2015. Sanders and Shepherd became friends, and Sanders brought up the idea of collaborating. Shepherd wrote *Promises* as that collaboration.

The sonic world built in *Promises* is a mysterious one. Shaded and dream-like, strings intermingle with electronics and Sanders' eloquent, lush saxophone.

"Movement 1" carries the weight of decades of spiritual jazz and forward-thinking new school composers. It has the lush texturing of Philip Glass with the open-hearted sensibility of Coltrane, Andrew Hill, and of course Sanders himself.

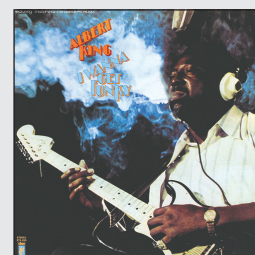
Experimental jazz legend Albert Ayler once said, "Trane was the Father, Pharoah was the Son. I was the Holy Ghost." You can hear a "bigger than us" quality here.

Throughout these nine movements, the instruments ebb and flow, with Sanders even using his

Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Albert King

I Wanna Get Funky (1974)



It's hard to imagine rock n' roll without Albert King. The Mississippi-born blues guitarist, well known for his song "Born Under a Bad Sign," is one of the best guitarists that ever lived.

On this album, he took some blues standards, got extremely groovy with them, and produced one of the cooler albums in my collection.

It opens with the title track, a chubby, funk number featuring The Memphis Horns that struts around with blues in one hand and funk in the other. He covers Sir Mack Rice's "Playing On Me" with the wonderful Stax Records house band and The Bar-Kays jamming away as the rhythm section.

The Eddie Floyd number "Til My Back Ain't Got No More" is also wonderfully covered. King softly strums his guitar while navigating the blues track with a cool arrangement on both the guitar and a reverent electric piano that tip-toes softly in the background. Its narration is genius, and it carries on for almost eight minutes.

More horns and the exquisite Hammond B3 appear on Henry Bush's "I Can't Hear Nothing But the Blues." This jazzy number has a B.B. King vibe to it. As soft and tender as it sounds, it does have the weight of a heavy guitar-driven blues song. King penned and arranged "Travelin' Man" and it is straight up blues with funk sprinkled in through horns and a very subtle bass. The best track is R.G. Ford's "Crosscut Saw" with an emphasis on the funk.

Albert King was the ultimate guitarist. Although noted primarily for the blues, he could handle any genre.

King, who lived in Indiana in the early '50s, produced over a dozen albums, was part of the Stax family, and actually played with The Doors. His career spanned over fifty years. He passed away in 1992. — *Dennis Donahue*

voice in "Movement 4," bringing to mind Coltrane's *A Love Supreme*.

The album keeps its original motif throughout until the last two movements, which morph into subtle psychedelia and almost noir touches.

Promises is modern classical, experimental, and ambient all rolled into one. The collaboration of Floating Points and Pharoah Sanders is a triumph of creativity and spiritual connectivity. — *J Hubner*

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The Nutcracker in May — A production for children, by children, and about children, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 13-14; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15; 1 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Project Ballet, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$29-\$42, (260) 424-5665

Progressions21 — An evening of new and original choreography, **7 p.m. Friday, May 14**, Masonic Temple, Fort Wayne, \$20, (313) 832-7100

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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

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MAY

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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

Guys and Dolls — A gambler tries to set up the biggest craps game in town with authorities breathing down his neck while his girlfriend pushes for marriage and a fellow gambler has love intricacies of his own, **8 p.m. Wednesday, June 16; 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17; 8 p.m. Friday, June 18; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, and Wednesday, June 23; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24; 8 p.m. Friday, June 25; 7 p.m. Saturday, June**

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True Colors: A Celebration of Pride — Honoring Fort Wayne's LGBTQIA+ community with iconic hits of pop, music, stage, and screen, **8 p.m. Friday, June 18**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$30, (260) 424-5665

Hellzapoppin — Circus sideshow revue with death-defying stunts and live rock n' roll, **8 p.m. Saturday, June 19**, The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$295, (269) 625-8871

The Music Man — Without knowing a lick about music, fast-talking salesman Harold Hill cons the citizens of River City, Iowa, **8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30; 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1; 8 p.m. Friday, July 2; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, and Wednesday, July 7; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8; 8 p.m. Friday, July 9; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

JULY

Big the Musical — Josh Baskin makes a wish to the Zoltar machine to become "big," **8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14; 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15; 8 p.m. Friday, July 16; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 17; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 20-21; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22; 8 p.m. Friday, July 23; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 24**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$12-\$38, (574) 267-8041

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum — A crafty slave tries to win the hand of a courtesan for his master, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 30-31; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7; and 2 p.m. Aug. 8**, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Fort Wayne, season tickets available, (260) 424-5220

Pride & Prejudice — This new adaptation explores the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match, **8 p.m. Wednesday, July 28; 7**

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AUGUST

Newsies — A band of teenaged "newsies" rally against unfair job conditions, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8**, Fire & Light Productions, Life Community Church, Bluffton, \$8-\$10, (260) 824-2252

Nunsense — A convent stages a fundraiser so they may bury the last four nuns of their order who died in a cooking accident, **8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11; 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 17-18; 2 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

Blue Man Group — A show full of joy, art, music, and hilarious absurdity, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17**, Honeywell Center, Warsaw, \$44-\$100, (260) 563-1102

SEPTEMBER

Buckets N Boards — A high-energy show full of percussion, ridiculous songs, tap dancing, and more, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$15, (260) 563-1102

The Nerd — A young architect is visited by a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was wounded in Vietnam, **7:30-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sep. 9-12**, Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts, Warsaw, (574) 267-8041

Theresa Caputo — America's favorite Long Island medium entertains with her psychic abilities, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$39.75 & up, (260) 424-5665

The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church — The ladies of the Charitable Sisterhood sort a mountain of donations for a relief effort, **7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 17-18 and 24-25, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 19 and 26**, all for One Productions, ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$11-\$20, (260) 745-4364

OCTOBER

Artrageous — Creative collision of the arts on one stage, combining live performance painting and vocals, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$60, (260) 563-1102

Million Dollar Quartet — Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins gather at Sun Studios in 1956 for one of the most famous jam sessions ever, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22**, Honeywell Center, Warsaw, \$38-\$54, (260) 563-1102

The Rocky Horror Show — An engaged couple's lives get turned upside down by Frank 'n Furter and his household of strange Transylvanians on a stormy night, **7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, October 26-31**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

NOVEMBER

Great Expectations — Charles Dickens' famous coming-of-age novel adapted for the stage, **7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 12-13 and 19-20, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21**, all for One Productions, ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$11-\$20, (260) 745-4364

DECEMBER

Elf the Musical — An orphan mistakenly transported to the North Pole is raised as an elf then embarks on a journey to find his birth father, **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5; 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12; 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17; 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

CURRENT EXHIBITS

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

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

New Exhibitions and Food Drive — Presenting concurrent solo exhibitions by Rita Grendze and Lauren Scavo-Fulk during which food donations will be accepted for community food pantries, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays, May 13-June 6**, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

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

Revival by Fire — Exhibit featuring 36 pieces by the late ceramist Michael Minick, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, May 13-June 12, or by appointment; reception 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 13**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6568

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 31 or by appointment**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6568

Wax and Weavings by Ruth Koomler — Encaustic paintings and contemporary 3D weavings, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, through May 29**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

ART EVENTS

Bloom Fest: Local Arts & Nature — Local artists and artisans, indoor/outdoor plant starts, children's activities, live music, and food trucks, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, August 14**, Riverside Gardens Park, Leo-Cedarville, free admission, (260) 503-4264

COMING EXHIBITS

Requiem of the Divine — Artwork by artists inspired by spirituality and who incorporate their personal faith, **5-8 p.m. Fridays; 4-7 p.m. Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays, other hours by appointment, May 21-June 20**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, (260) 704-5400

Unity by Sam — Printmaking, oil paintings, and charcoal drawings by Sam Parker, **6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 22**, Art22 Academy, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 715-4990

Ventures in Creativity — A juried exhibition that showcases local oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, pastel, and other works, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, then 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 1-5 p.m. Saturdays, May 24-June 24**, Rolland Art Center at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 399-7999

Alphonse Mucha: Master of Art Nouveau — Most remembered for his role in shaping French Art Nouveau, featuring lithographs and proofs, drawings, an oil painting, a pastel, and more, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, closed Mondays, June 5-Sept. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

CURRENT

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, through June 27**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market — Fresh produce, meats, dairy products, home goods, plants, arts, and artisan wares, **8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Sept. 26**, Wabash, free admission, (260) 610-6247

Eco Fest — A daylong event with workshops, local nonprofit and retail vendors, food, drinks, and music, **noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 422-7625

Fiber Arts Celebration — Celebration of fiber arts crafting, virtual demonstrations, and in-person shopping with local artists, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 14-15**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6790

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**, McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6000

Garden Preschool: Planting a Garden — Encourages the basics of garden exploration for ages 3-5, **10 a.m. Tuesday, May 18**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$12, (260) 427-6440

Gun and Knife Show — Guns, knives, archery, military collectibles, army surplus, survival gear, and related items, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$7, (260) 482-9502

Healing Hands Night Market — Artisans, performers, and spectators celebrate the joys of creativity, **5 p.m.-midnight Saturdays, May 15, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 4 and 18, Oct. 16 and 30, plus Thursday, Oct. 7**, Healing Hands Spa & Boutique, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 459-4325

Historic Southside Farmers Market — Fort Wayne's oldest continuously operating farmers market, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Dec. 18**, 3300 S. Warsaw St., Fort Wayne, free, (260) 244-3288

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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

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

Spring Bonsai Display — Meet with members of the local bonsai club and stroll through a miniature forest, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 15**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Trek the Trails — Meet in the parking lot for an eight-mile ride, **6 p.m. Tuesday, May 18**, SportONE Parkview Fieldhouse, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-1112

Union 12 Sip & Shop — A full day of sales and drinks with a cash bar and local vendors, **noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Union 12, Columbia City, free admission, (260) 203-0239

Wedding Walk — An outdoor, walkable bridal show with up to 20 different vendors of wedding related products, **1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 16**, Historic Downtown Wabash, \$5, (260) 563-6565

COMING EVENTS

MAY

Color Craft Sessions — Explore the world of color through various activities, crafts, and demonstrations, **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$5, (260) 427-6440

Voice-Over Workshop with Ed Bednarczyk — Career-launching topics from working in the industry on a day-to-day basis to studio development and business management, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 21-22**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, \$250, (800) 222-4700

Rain Garden Workshop — Detailed guidance on planting a garden, **9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturday, May 22**, Salomon Farm, Fort Wayne, free admission, pre-registration required, (260) 427-8311

Model Rocket Launch — Come to watch, or bring your own rockets, motors, and supplies, **1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23**, Concordia Theological Seminary Soccer Fields, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 710-6176

Trek the Trails — Meet at trail head near Coliseum Boulevard for an eight-mile ride, **6 p.m. Tuesday, May 25**, Johnny Appleseed Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-1112

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

Adult Prom — Black-tie event with hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, cash bars, photographer, and a prom king and queen, **8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, June 5**, Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 422-5292

Nature Play Day — A variety of guided and self-guided activities to choose from, dip for tadpoles, create a nature craft, go on a hike, and work on a scavenger hunt, **1-4 p.m. Thursday, June 10**, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Albion, free admission, (260) 799-5869

Let's Get Mucky! — Explore firsthand what lives in the aquatic ecosystems of Merry Lea, including a vernal pond, wetland, and lake, **9-11 a.m. Wednesday, June 16**, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Albion, \$3.50 per child, (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 and, starting on June 16, 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays**, McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6000

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

Germanfest Drive Thru — Sending the flavor home with you this year with traditional food and drink, **noon-5 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, two drive through locations include the Fort Wayne Sport Club and the Student Life Center on the Ivy Tech Community College North Campus, germanfestfortwayne@gmail.com

Model Rocket Launch — Come to watch, or bring your own rockets, motors, and supplies, **1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20**, Concordia Theological Seminary Soccer Fields, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 710-6176

JULY

Piano Workshop w/Melody Bober — Composer Melody Bober highlights practice and teaching tips, demonstrates her own compositions, and offers feedback, **9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, July 14**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, free admission, (800) 222-4700

Rocking with Rocks — Descend into a gravel pit and hike along a glacier-made hill, **9-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 14**, Merry Lea Glacial Retreat Center, Kim-mell, \$3.50 per child, (260) 799-5869

Model Rocket Launch — Come and watch, or bring your own model, motors, and supplies, **1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18**, Concordia Theological Seminary Soccer Fields, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 710-6176

Fill the Field — Yoga in the outfield, live music, food trucks, silent auction, and raffles, **5:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$20, (260) 424-9642

Junior Achievement Wine & Beer Festival — Samples from popular Indiana wineries, breweries, and distilleries, live music, activities, and a silent online auction, **5-9 p.m. Friday, July 30**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$90, (260) 407-2820

33rd Annual Duck Race — Watch 20,000 plastic ducks being dropped into St. Mary's River and see who wins our \$5,000 top prize and others, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 31**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 421-5000

DAY CAMPS

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

SCORE! Summer Theater Workshop — Students who have completed grades 6-8 or SCORE! alumni can immerse themselves in all elements of theater, culminating in a final performance, **8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, July 6-25**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$325, (260) 424-6287

Summer Tykes — Story-theater, fun crafts, and a final performance for grades 1-2, **9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16**, Wagon Wheel Education Center, Warsaw, \$150, (574) 267-8041

FAME Arts Day Camp — Campers explore the arts and learn about Planet Earth with music, theater, visual arts, and dance, **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23**, registration date is **June 30**, payment date is **July 1**, scholarship application deadline is **June 18**, Salvation Army Community Center, Fort Wayne, \$145, (260) 247-2735

Summer Play — Students grades 3-4 go through acting and movement exercises, culminating in a final performance, **9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$150, (574) 267-8041

MINOR LEAGUE SPORTS

HOCKEY

Kometts — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
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.**

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne
Tuesday, May 18, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, May 20, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m.
Friday, May 21, vs. Lansing, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, May 22, vs. Lansing, 6:35 p.m.
Sunday, May 23, vs. Lansing, 1:05 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1, vs. Cedar Rapids, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2, vs. Cedar Rapids, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, June 3, vs. Cedar Rapids, 7:05 p.m.
Friday, June 4, vs. Cedar Rapids, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, June 5, vs. Cedar Rapids, 6:35 p.m.

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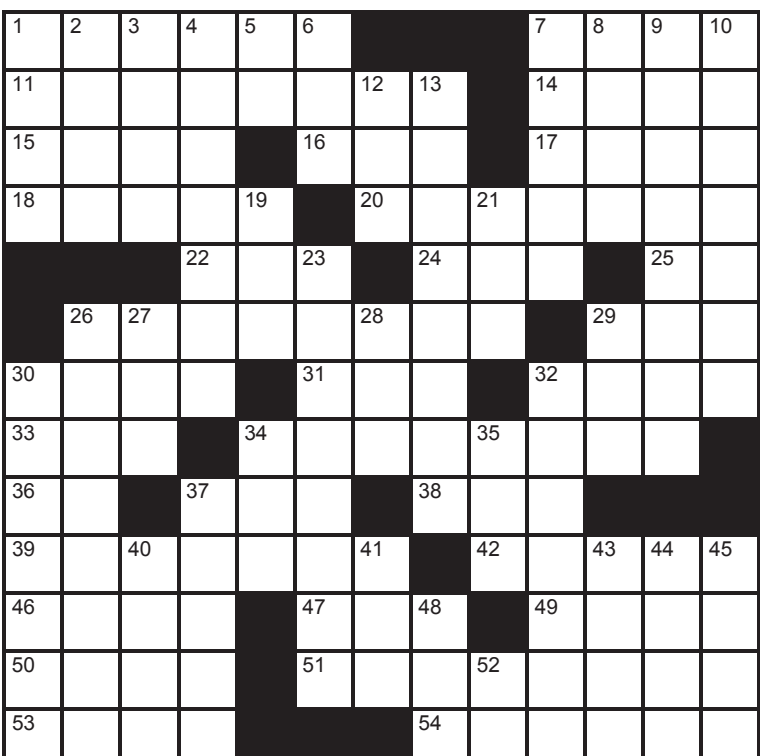
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1. *It's All About To* __, best selling album by 37-Down which went triple platinum
7. Waikiki wiggle
11. League of the Reds or Cubs, but not the White Sox
14. Stars have big ones
15. Smudge
16. Chain letters?
17. "Woe is me!"
18. Benefits for high rollers in 13-Down, often
20. With one leg on each side of 22. The "I" in T.G.I.F.
24. Port vessel
25. "Smoke __ a Bar", recently released single by 37-Down that appears on 42-Across
26. Rode a two-wheeler
29. Orkin target
30. Half of half-and-half
31. Sleazy paper
32. Pads
33. "That's __ folks"
34. Reducers of value or quality
36. __ and *Lois*, comic strip that debuted in 1954
37. Chatter

38. Household cleaner Pine-__

39. At a moderately slow tempo in music
42. *Set In* __, latest album released by 37-Down (first one in 14 years)
46. Pacers or Colts
47. Food scrap
49. Length x width, for a rectangle
50. Foal's mother
51. Vower
53. Local org __ United
54. Missions for advanced scouts

Down

1. Business news network
2. Angel's headwear
3. Kind of bomb
4. Engage in fussy fault-finding
5. Move along
6. Epilogue
7. "Can I Trust You With My __," former No. 1 hit by 37-Down
8. Wrinkly fruit
9. Freighters or cargoes
10. Some nods
12. Alicia of *Falcon Crest*

13. "Sin City" or the "Capital of Second Chances"

19. Hog haven
21. Sci-fi and fantasy writer Williams
23. Cork alternative for a wine bottle
26. Reference to two lines, as in mathematic coordinates
27. Down with the flu
28. Family dog, for short
29. Cause of inflation?
30. Gandhi
32. Relating to river flood plains
34. *The Da Vinci Code* author Brown
35. Brillo rival
37. Given first name of Travis Tritt, performing at the 13-24 Drive-In on May 21
40. Blowgun missile
41. Blunder
43. Estimate follower
44. Light on Broadway
45. Rabbit __
48. Blue Jays on the scoreboard
52. "Start __ Up," Rolling Stones hit

Answer key on page 15

Tough-guy flicks help anemic box office numbers

With the movie theater industry doing everything it can to get things up and running again before summer hits, I figured it was time to see what a column covering the box office and new releases would look like in 2021.

This week we start with Guy Ritchie's new action-thriller *Wrath of Man*, starring the King of Cockney, Jason Statham. Also along for the ride are Holt McCallany, Jeffrey Donovan, John Hartnett, Laz Alonso, Eddie Marsan, and Scott Eastwood. This one is a bit of a reunion film, as Ritchie and Statham, who more or less kicked off their careers together, are working together again for the first time since 2005's ho-hum *Revolver*.

Reviews for this one so far are mixed, but I get the impression this is a fun one. Statham and Ritchie together, if you like tough-guy content, is always pretty watchable. Over its first week at the theater *Wrath* took the No. 1 spot at the box office with \$8 million in sales. So no, friends, the movie theaters are not back in business yet. Eight million in sales for a widely released No. 1 film is not something to get excited about.



MORE ON THE WEB

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above and watch the trailers for *Wrath of Man* and *Demon Slayer: Mugen Train*.

ALSO AT THE BOX

Taking the No. 2 spot at last weekend's box office was *Demon Slayer: Mugen Train* with just over \$3 million in sales. This one is notable. Already the highest-grossing film of all time in Japan, the highest-grossing anime film of all time, and the highest-grossing R-rated animated film of all time. If there weren't a pandemic happening, *Demon Slayer* being released in the U.S. would be a massive deal. But, instead, we get a No. 2 opening with just \$3 million in sales. Once again, the movies aren't back.

Taking the No. 3 spot at last weekend's domestic box office with a whopping \$2.3 million in sales was video game action flick *Mortal Kombat*, which has now sold just under \$38 million in the U.S. since opening three weeks ago. Add in foreign market sales and the movie has made just \$72 million. Oof. There's a chance a movie like this will ultimately become profitable once all is said and done with streaming profits, but maybe not?

Godzilla vs. King Kong, the movie that was supposed to bring the theaters back to life when it was released six weeks ago, took the No. 4 spot at last weekend's box office. With another \$1.9 million in sales, it brings the monster flick's so-far domestic sales total up to just under \$93 million. Add in foreign ticket sales and *Godzilla vs. King Kong* has now made a solid \$422 million. Imagine what this one would have made during a period of normalcy. Well over \$1 billion, I would wager.

Finally, at the No. 5 spot, we have the animated children's flick *Raya and the Last Dragon*, which has now sold \$44 million in the U.S. and \$106 million worldwide during its 10-week run. Atta girl, slow and steady.

ALSO OF NOTE

Typically after the Oscars air, the theaters rerelease several of the films and they make a decent amount of



Screen Time

GREG W. LOCKE



COURTESY PHOTO

Jason Statham stars in the Guy Ritchie-directed action movie *Wrath of Man*.

money. Sometimes they make a lot of money. Sometimes they even make more than they did when they were initially released.

Not this year.

Sure, the theaters put many of the movies back up on the screen, but people did not go to them. In fact, none of the big Oscar films cracked the Top 15 at last weekend's incredibly weak box office.

What does this mean for the movie industry? Has prestige television replaced prestige film? Are movies now mostly for kids' films and action heroes? Did COVID kill cinema? A whole lot of pundits seem to think that's the case.

NEW THIS WEEK

Despite terrible box office receipts, this week will see a number of promising new films released in both wide and limited capacities.

First up among the wide releases is *Finding You*, a cheesy, cute love story for fans of Nicholas Sparks. Starring Katherine McNamara, Jedidiah Goodacre, Vanessa Redgrave, and Tom Everett Scott, it's definitely one you can wait for and watch at home.

Next up is low budget thriller *Profile*, which is about an undercover British journalist who gets sucked into her investigation by her recruiter. Word is this one is extremely watchable, if not especially cinematic.

Then we have the *Saw* spin-off *Spiral*, starring Chris Rock, Samuel L. Jackson, Max Minghella, and Morgan David Jones. I love the poster for the film and, after revisiting Rock's incredible performance in 1991's *New Jack City*, I'm excited that he's digging into tougher material these days. I get the feeling this one will sell some tickets. Don't be surprised if *Spiral* is the No. 1 movie next week.

Finally, we have the main event: *Those Who Wish Me Dead*, written by Taylor Sheridan (*Sicario*, *Hell or High Water*, *Wind River*, *Without Remorse*, and *Yellowstone*), who also directs.

Those Who Wish Me Dead was shot by Ben Richardson (*Beasts of the Southern Wild*, *Drinking Buddies*, *Digging for Fire*) and stars Angelina Jolie as our heroine, a smoke jumper who helps a young boy escape two assassins played by Nicholas Hoult and Aidan Gillen.

It sure sounds like a Taylor Sheridan film. Count me in on this one!

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MORE ON THE WEB

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The vocal talents of Danny McBride, Maya Rudolph, Abbi Jacobson, Michael Rianda, and Doug the Pug star as the eponymous family in *The Mitchells vs. The Machines*.

COURTESY IMAGE

Delightful family film delivers quick-witted laughs

Originally titled *Connected* and slated to arrive in theaters last fall, the superb new animated comedy *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* is now available on Netflix for families everywhere to binge. It's a movie packed with so many laughs and warm moments that rewatches will feel warranted.

It comes courtesy of Sony Pictures Animation and Lord/Miller Productions, the same collaboration that yielded amazing results with *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* a few years ago. Like that film, *Mitchells* starts off with concepts and characters that feel very familiar. It also demonstrates a willingness early on to dig deeper with some exceptionally sharp writing and direction.

The titular family is, by their own admission, a bit of an odd bunch. There's Katie (Abbi Jacobson), an aspiring film student who makes goofy but inspired movies starring her younger brother Aaron (Mike Rianda) and their derpy pug Monchi ("voiced" by celebrity pet Doug the Pug). Her mother Linda (Maya Rudolph) is supportive of their endeavors, but her techno-resistant father Rick (Danny McBride) finds himself growing distant from his smartphone-addicted daughter, made worse after he accidentally totals her laptop.

In a well-intentioned but blatantly impulsive act of repentance, he cancels Katie's California-bound flight and packs up the family for one last cross-country road trip over orientation week. As bad luck would have it, their trek coincides with a robot uprising brought on by out-of-control virtual assistant PAL (Olivia Colman).

Rianda, who also serves as director and co-writer with Jeff Rowe, tackles well-worn subjects like reliance on glowing devices and "quirky" dysfunctional families through a completely fresh lens. Cross-generational attitudes about the prevalence of technology are often portrayed one-dimensionally in the media, but *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* doesn't settle for an easy conversation about it.

Katie's preference to live her life through a screen bothers her dad, and Rick's helplessness in navigating the internet embarrasses his daughter, but the film seeks to bridge the gap with empathy between the two camps. The virtues and pitfalls of the natural world and the AI-driven technoscape are explored with a welcome amount of even-handedness and intelligence.

Humor also helps solidify these bonds, and this movie has enough gags to keep viewers of all ages laughing.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

THE MITCHELLS VS. THE MACHINES

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1 hour 53 minutes

Streaming on Netflix



What family can't relate to Rick's plea that everyone put their phones down for 10 seconds of uninterrupted eye contact with one another, only to find that it's more awkward and unnatural than it sounds?

With references to works that range from the more recognizable *The Dukes of Hazzard* and *Kill Bill* to more niche picks like *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* and *They Live*, there's an unquestionable amount of inspiration behind the innumerable jokes.

This is also one of the first films I've seen that manages to keep up the breakneck pace of Gen Z comedy, implementing TikTok rhythm and meme culture in a way that doesn't feel condescending or contrived.

The stacked voice cast ties everything together, with Jacobson and McBride effortlessly selling the heartfelt father-daughter dynamic while scoring huge laughs along the way. *SNL* alum Fred Armisen and Beck Bennett are downright hilarious as a pair of defective robots who unwittingly guide the Mitchells, while Eric André finds himself in a rare straight-man role as a foil to Colman's exceedingly witty PAL.

Chrissy Teigen and John Legend naturally play the picture-perfect Posey family next door, whose seemingly obvious fate is subverted in a nicely choreographed punchline.

Set to a raucous and upbeat soundtrack that perfectly matches its idiosyncratic verve, *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* is wise and weird in all the best ways.

NEW MOVIES COMING THIS WEEKEND

Playing only in theaters is *Spiral: From The Book of Saw*, the ninth installment in the *Saw* horror series, starring Chris Rock and Samuel L. Jackson about a new crew of detectives tracking down the Jigsaw Killer.

Also opening in theaters and streaming on HBO Max is *Those Who Wish Me Dead*, a neo-Western starring Angelina Jolie and Nicholas Hoult about a teenage murder witness who finds himself pursued by twin assassins in the Montana wilderness.

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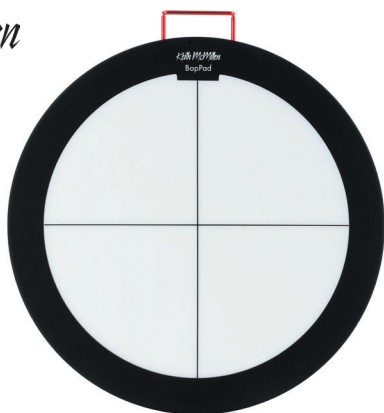
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