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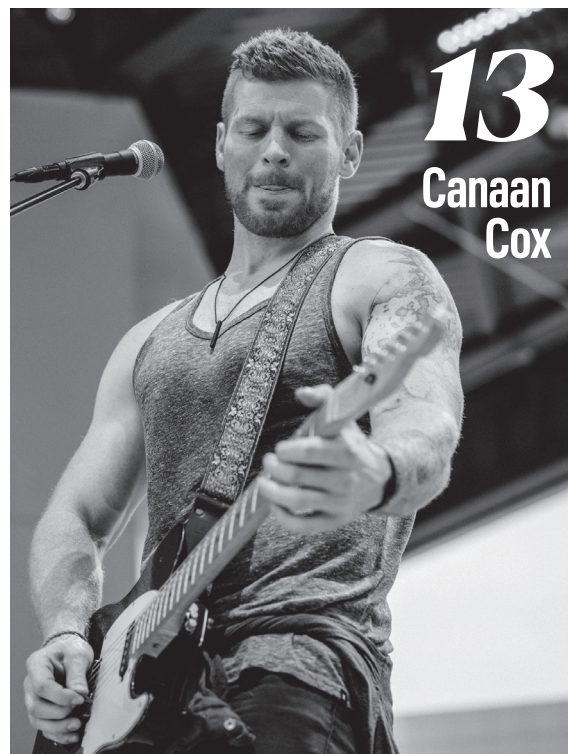
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No slowing down the country punk from ex-Left Lane Cruiser drummer

New band with Pete Dio accelerates into summer

BY J. HUBNER

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Pete Dio grew up in a musical household, starting out with a Mickey Mouse drum as a toddler, then moving up to a makeshift kit consisting of buckets and trash cans that his dad put together.

His musical influences ranged from the Muppets and Smurf records to Michael Jackson, Fat Boys, and LL Cool J. Everything changed when, as a teen, Dio discovered The Dead Milkmen.

But there is one influence that he never left behind.

“The one thing that remained constant was Frank Zappa,” Dio said in an interview with *Whatzup*. “The only thing my old man was really passionate about, music wise. Frank Zappa really is the starting point.”

LEAVING LEFT LANE

Pete Dio was the drummer for Left Lane Cruiser for the past several years, recording three records and playing more than 150 shows overseas.

Though it was an amazing tenure, he wanted to step out on his own. This desire led to creating his own band: Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty.

“Old and Dirty was originally formed in 2012 by myself and my old friend Tim Melton from the Staggerers on mandolin,” Dio said. “He brought in ‘Banjo Dan’ McBride on banjo and I kinda nudged my then-girlfriend, Jana Johnson, into acquiring an upright and playing bass. After a gig or two, we were introduced to Hope Royce on fiddle and our lineup was complete.”

BRAND NEW ALBUM

Now, with a brand new album out called *Yall Trying To Kill Me*, Pete Dio and the band have a fresh lineup.

“The new lineup was put together once I left LLC and started the recording process for *Yall* in 2019, pre-COVID,” he said. “First up was John Warner on banjo and DJ Riley on upright, both good friends of mine. I recruited Felix Moxter after that, which was a no brainer.

“The lead guitar spot was a bit tougher to fill. So I used some of my connections over the years and enlisted the band Barstool Brown, originally from Dayton, to act as my ‘hired guns,’ both good utility players and experienced road dogs that can do a bit of everything. Lead guitar, electric bass, mandolin and dobro. Dillon Brown and Steve Reif are really the missing pieces I’d been searching for to



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achieve the true Honky Tonk sound I heard in my head, but could never put together previously.”

The album was recorded with Jason Davis at Off The Cuff Sound, getting that warm, analog feel you get when you record to tape.

Besides the new lineup, Kyle Morris provided pedal steel in the studio, which added that finishing touch to Dio’s country-punk flavor.

GIGS ... AND MORE RECORDING

With *Yall Trying To Kill Me* finished and on all major streaming services, Pete Dio and the Old & Dirty are in gig mode.

“We are at the Muse on June 12,” he said. “I’m doing a solo set on June 26 at Trubble Brewing on Broadway, opening for my good friends The Waymores. July and August, we’re looking to hit the road a bit. Potential routes include either to



MORE ON THE WEB

Use your phone’s camera to scan the QR code and listen to Pete Dio’s album, *Y’all Trying To Kill Me*, on Spotify.

New Orleans or Colorado. I’ve made a lot of good friends on the road during my time in LLC and I miss a ton of those friendly faces.”

With a new album and gigs lined up through summer, Pete Dio has no plans to slow down.

“The year is gonna be devoted to working on a follow-up to *Yall*,” Dio said. “We just re-entered the studio this past weekend and laid down two new tracks, which I feel is our best material yet. With the addition of Diamond

Wyrembelski on vocals this spring, we are really finding our groove. The goal is to get everything tracked before Off The Cuff relocates this fall.”

Jason Davis recently purchased a new space for his Off The Cuff studio, relocating from the house he’s used as his home base for nearly 20 years.

“That old farm house we’ve all used over the past 18 years has been magical to the local music community, and I want one more batch in there before it’s all said and done,” Dio said.

Yall Trying To Kill Me is available now on all streaming platforms. CDs are available at all live shows and by mail.

Keep up with Dio’s live dates in Whatzup, either in our print edition, our app, or whatzup.com.

New downtown events entice lovers of local entertainment

Enjoy more outdoor music this summer

BY CHRIS HUPE
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

As the weather gets warmer and the threat of COVID-19 wanes, there's no doubt that folks are itching for live music.

With that in mind, the Downtown Improvement District has introduced a series of free performances every Friday and Saturday evening in June, July, and August called Downtown Live!

According to Rick Zolman, events and programming manager for the Downtown Improvement District (DID), the goals of the weekly events are to give people a reason to go out, showcase the improvements made at The Landing, and raise awareness of other fantastic downtown spots.

MUSIC ALL SUMMER LONG

The organization has booked about 30 bands for the summer. The bands will be performing 13 Fridays in a row at The Landing on Columbia Street and 13 Saturdays in a row at a series of rotating downtown locations, such as the Porch off Calhoun and a couple of surprises to keep you on your toes.

"We're really excited about it," Zolman said in an interview with *Whatzup*. "With The Landing opening up with more restaurants, it's going to be a great place to come hang out."

Zolman said that the DID doesn't intend the concert series to be similar to Rock the Plaza, where people come specifically for the music and bring their own chairs. Instead, he hopes the music of Downtown Live! will add a nice background vibe as people walk from venue to venue and enjoy what The Landing and other hot spots have to offer.

"We want people to be able to enjoy music while they are strolling on their way to or from dinner," he said.

Part of the inspiration for the series encompasses the great restaurants and retail shops that have popped up in the area. Zolman thinks this series will open a lot of people's eyes to how downtown has continued to develop, even through the pandemic.

"These events give more and more people a reason to come down and see the new Landing," he said. "They're going to realize that even in the last year there's been stuff that's opened that they probably don't know about



A large crowd gathers on The Landing to hear the first evening of Downtown Live! with the Alicia Pyle Quartet on June 4.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN J. BAILEY

because they haven't been able to come out."

Zolman said they want people to enjoy the location and the music at the same time.

"We want it to be an organic feel, but a planned organic feel," he said. "We did focus specifically on local musicians, but one of the things we are working on for July is a little bit larger," although that's not yet confirmed.

A YEAR IN THE MAKING

The concept of Downtown Live! began almost a year ago as COVID-19 brought uncertainty to the world, especially to organizations like DID with an entertainment focus.

Zolman said the events they would normally offer draw anywhere from 1,200 to 2,500 people, so they wanted to come up with something that would be smaller but no less enjoyable.

He and Downtown Improvement District President Michael Galbraith came up with the idea for the Saturday night concerts. They then engaged in discussion with representatives at The Landing to incorporate the First Friday celebrations into the mix. The result was Downtown Live!

"It's been a lot of work, but now is when the fun starts," Zolman said. "We are going to have music Thursday afternoons at Lunch on the Square, Friday nights on The Landing, and Saturday nights at different locations

throughout downtown. So, if there are music lovers in Fort Wayne, which I'm assuming there are, we would love them to come out."

The first scheduled artists performed June 4 and 5. Jana DeBusk follows June 11, C. Ray Harvey performs June 12, and Basketcase and Shannon Persinger Band perform June 19 and June 20 respectively.

Some of the other acts currently booked include Pop N' Fresh, Rosalind and The Way, Will Certain, Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy, Barry Minniefield, Adam Baker & The Heartache, and El Camino Hot Tub.

There will even be salsa dance lessons when Melisa's Latin Beat take the stage on Aug. 6.

ANOTHER REASON TO LOVE DOWNTOWN

While there are already a lot of great things happening in downtown Fort Wayne, including ball games, concerts, and festivals, Downtown Live! gives us one more reason to head there.

"We realize that we are coming out of this pandemic and there is a built-up demand or desire to go do something because we have all been held back or stayed in our homes for such a long time," Zolman said. "We're so excited to program this and have people actually come and enjoy it. The true joy comes from being able to listen to the music and see the accomplishment of what we planned."

DOWNTOWN LIVE! ON THE LANDING

6-8 p.m. Fridays

June 11: Jana DeBusk

June 18: Basketcase

June 25: O'Sister Brother

July 2: Rosalind & The Way

July 9: Barry Minniefield

July 16: Overlook

July 23: Lisa McDavid Duo

July 30: Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy

Aug. 6: Melisa's Latin Beat

Aug. 13: Aleena York & Blue Pluto

Aug. 20: Plum Dingo

Aug. 27: Adam Baker & The Heartache

DOWNTOWN

Saturdays at various times and locations

June 12: C. Ray Harvey

June 19: Shannon Persinger Band

June 26: Pop N' Fresh

July 3: The Goat's Beard

July 10: Smooth Edge II

July 17: Ross Kinsey

July 24: Will Certain

July 31: Barry Minniefield

Aug. 7: Jana DeBusk

Aug. 14: KelsiCote

Aug. 21: Lydia Tremaine & Jordan Bridges

Aug. 28: DJ TenEightyP and El Camino Hot Tub

Nightlife

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10

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Put him in, coach: Fogerty ready to play at Foellinger

As concert announcements roll in, the Foellinger Theatre knocked one out of the park with the news that **John Fogerty** was coming to town. The legendary rocker will kick off the Foellinger's summer concert series on Thursday, July 15.

As leader of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Fogerty forged a groundbreaking sound all his own, equal parts blues, country, pop, rockabilly, R&B, swamp boogie, and Southern fried rock n' roll.

With American treasures like "Centerfield," "Proud Mary," "Susie Q," "Fortunate Son," and "Bad Moon Rising," this show is a must see. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.com or in person at the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices, 705 E. State Blvd.

DECATUR MUSIC

Take a short jaunt to Decatur every Thursday this summer to catch some great live music. The Decatur Summer Concert Series returns to the Madison Street Plaza with a solid lineup each Thursday evening. Come hungry because there will be vendors for food and adult beverages.

The series includes **Sweetwater All Stars** on June 10, **Big Caddy Daddy** on June 17, **Best of Times** (Styx tribute band) on June 24, **Brandon Whyde & the Devil's Keep** on July 1, **Hubie Ashcraft Band** on July 4, **Annie's Band** on July 8, **Duke Tumatoo** on July 15, **MoRockinz** on July 22, **Island Vibe** on July 29, **Sweetwater All Stars** again



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

on Aug. 5, **Aleena York & Blue Pluto** on Aug. 19, and **Derek Jones** on Aug. 26.

Hubie Ashcraft's Independence Day performance will take place a couple blocks over at the Riverside Center as part of a Fourth of July celebration including fireworks.

HOP RIVER OPENS PATIO

Hop River Brewing has a nifty outside patio lined with picnic tables, fire pits, cornhole, and Edison-style lighting, all in a pup-friendly environment.

Soon, they will be opening up their patio to live music. The first performers to hit the patio will be **Secret Mezzanine** at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 19. The band is fresh off the release of their new album, *No Context*, so expect to hear new numbers as well as some favorites.

Hop River is seeking more musicians to perform on the patio from July through September, so if that's something that interests you, hit them up.

LAMPING RETURNS FOR SHOW

Fort Wayne-bred **Joey Lamping** will perform on the Crescendo Club Stage at the Sweetwater campus from 11 a.m.-noon Friday, June 11.

Just this year, Lamping moved to Nashville to take his songwriting to the next level, but he returns for this intimate performance.

His writing style combines the high-energetic pop-punk vibe of All Time Low and Yellowcard with the pop-country feel of Florida Georgia Line and Chase Rice. Check out Lamping's new single, "What Happens Next," on all major streaming platforms.

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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. and 9:15 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

Carolyn Martin Duo — Jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

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

The Insider — Tom Petty tribute at Kehoe Park, Bluffton, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-6069

Jiggs Hendrixson — Variety at Happy's Place, Berne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 589-8585

Joe Justice — Variety at HT2, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, 92606160444

Joey Lamping — Variety at Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, noon-1 p.m. no cover, (260) 557-2422

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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

She Shed w/Orey Hamrick — Variety at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

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

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety at Brewskies Bar & Grill, Angola, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 833-9676

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Adam Baker — Acoustic variety at 2 Toms Brewing, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 402-7644

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

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 637-2980

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

Black Cat Moan — Variety at Cricket's 7th St. Bar & Grille, Auburn, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 925-9980

C. Ray Harvey — Electronic at The Porch off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

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

Craig Eakright — Acoustic at Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market, McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. free, (260) 403-3251

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

The Folk n Rollers — Folk/rock n' roll at Briali Winery, Fremont, 3-6 p.m. no cover, (734) 277-4195

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

Jake Gamble & Michael Patterson — Variety at Three Rivers Distilling Co., Fort Wayne, 8:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 745-9355

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

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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

Tim Ripper Owens — Heavy metal at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$18-\$22, (260) 444-2442

To Breathe Again w/The Kickbacks, HazenSol — Rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 8 p.m.-midnight no cover, (269) 625-8817

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

Ty Causey — R&B/soul at American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-3960

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

The American Legion Band of Fort Wayne — Riverfront Sunday Heritage Concert Series at Sweetwater Bandshell East, Fort Wayne, 1-2 p.m. no cover, (260) 427-6000

Gospel Celebration — Contemporary Christian at Kehoe Park, Bluffton, 7-8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-6069

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

Casual Friday — Tunes and Trucks event at Boys and Girls Club, Fort Wayne, 5:30-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 213-6117

Chris Worth — Variety at Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7337

Michael Patterson — Jazz 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

Todd Harrold Band — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

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

Big Caddy Daddy — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 5-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-1102

Country Junction — Country at American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-2988

The Dutchman — Variety at Cricket's 7th St. Bar & Grille, Auburn, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 925-9980

Gasoline Gypsies — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 9-10:30 p.m. \$3-\$6, (260) 422-7625

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

Kara Grainger Band — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m. \$3-\$6, (260) 422-7625

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Adam Baker, Lydia Cash, Zach Comer, and Tony Didier — Variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 580-5641

Basketcase — Variety at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Chris Worth & Company — Variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight cover, (260) 422-5292

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

Joe Justice — Variety at Fish Creek Trail Park, Hamilton, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 212-8827



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THURSDAY, JUNE 17

The Wailhounds
Kara Grainger
Gasoline Gypsies

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

The Out of Favor Boys
Petty and the
Heartshakers

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

The Soul Men
Lee Lewis Jam
Boggy Branch Band
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SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Black Cat Moan
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GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

Juneteenth Fort Wayne

Sunday, June 13-Saturday, June 19

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates the day the last African American slaves in the United States gained their freedom.

Though President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, slaves in Texas were not freed until June 19, 1865, when the Union army finally had enough presence to enforce the proclamation.

This year's celebration in Fort Wayne consists of a week-long series of events starting on Sunday, June 13, and concluding with a gathering at McMillen Park on Saturday, June 19.

Fort Wayne City Liaison Palermo Galindo will be on hand to read the Proclamation at the Elder Jubilee, honoring six community elders who are aged 90 and up, as the week kicks off from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

Then Sowing Seeds, gardening with Smiley's Garden, will be 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 14. The Power of Black Economics, a lecture of utmost importance to the community, will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15.

Freedom Fest: A Day of Remembrance, showcasing local black artists, will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. Lawn & Learn, an interactive community discussion at the Urban League, will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 17. And Under the

Tent, a young adult night at Ayahso Nice Jamaican Grill & Creamery, will be 8 p.m.-midnight Friday, June 18.

The Art Leadership Center Promenade Passing of the Torch Ceremony starts things off on the final day from 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, June 19. At noon, a parade will start at the corner of Warsaw and Oxford streets. It will proceed down Oxford and end at McMillen Park around 1:30 p.m.

Several musical acts will perform in McMillen Park, and a basketball game featuring New York Giants wide receiver Austin Mack will take place. Merch booths, information booths, plenty of food options, and a bounce house for kids will be available. — *Chris Hupe*



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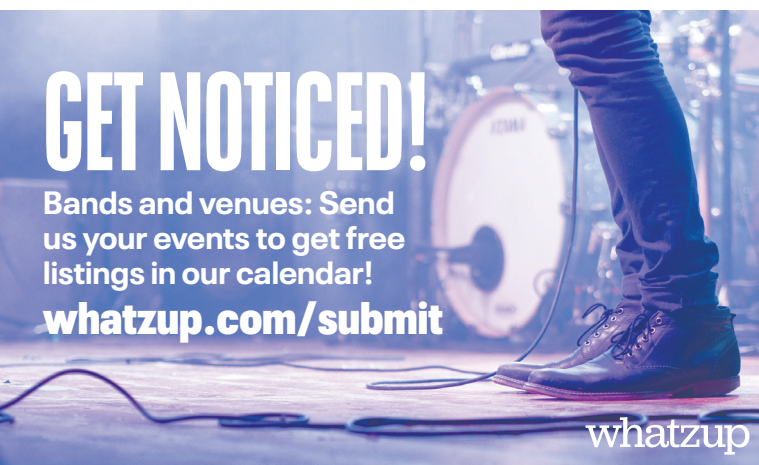
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Time to get your fill of the Philharmonic

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will return to the stage this summer and next season following ratification of a new contract agreement between the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Local 58, Fort Wayne Musicians Association.

The contract begins with seven weeks of work this summer, followed by a 28-week season in 2021-22. The agreement maintains the number of core musicians and per-service musicians. The Philharmonic will begin planning summer concerts immediately that will fill the region with music during the post-pandemic recovery.

The first performances will be the community's cherished Patriotic Pops, including a Parkview Field concert on June 26 at 8:30 p.m. Other Patriotic Pops concerts will be held on June 25 through July 4 throughout the region, as well as July 17 and August 15 at Foellinger Theatre and the Music of Queen on July 25 at the Sweetwater Pavilion.

WEDNESDAYS ON WAYNE STREET

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church is known for its spectacular acoustics. Their active concert series, Wednesdays on Wayne Street: WOWS, is open to the public.

Every Wednesday June through October, at 12:15 p.m., First Wayne Street and AIMA — Adventures in Musical Arts — showcase a 30-minute musical performance from a talented local performer or group of performers.

ARCH WALKING TOURS

ARCH offers a variety of walking tours every Thursday evening from June through October, with bonus tours on the second and fourth Saturday afternoons and four



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bicycle tours.

Advanced tickets are \$15 (adults) and \$10 (12 and under). On the day of the tour, they are \$20 (adults) and \$10 (12 and under), cash and correct change only.

Upcoming tours in June include Built Heritage of West Central on June 17, Haunted Wells Street on June 24, and Jazz Age on June 26.

PAINT YOUR PET FUNDRAISER

Humane Fort Wayne (formerly the Allen County SPCA) is holding a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser on Saturday, June 7, at 1 and 4:30 p.m., at the brand new Studio7 art studio at 3414 Fairfield Ave.

Bring a photo of your pet as reference, and they will supply canvas, brushes, and acrylic paints, as well as trained art instructors, to assist with mixing colors and other techniques. Tickets are \$45, and a cash bar with cold drinks provided by Hop River Brewing Company will also be available. Be on the lookout for the special appearance of a few adoptable new friends.

Pre-registration is required. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite.com (search "Paint Your Pet with Humane Fort Wayne").

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AUDITIONS

The First Presbyterian Church Theater announced open auditions for its 2021 opening production, *God's Favorite*, written by Neil Simon and directed by Dr. John Tolley.

Auditions will be held Sunday, June 20, from 4-6 p.m. and Tuesday, June 22, from 6-8 p.m. If necessary, callbacks will be held Wednesday, June 23, from 6-8 p.m.

The production will run two weekends, Aug. 20-22 and Aug. 27-29.

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Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Boggy Branch Band — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m. \$3-\$6, (260) 422-7625

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

Chris Worth — Variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 920-4377

FM — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 9-11 p.m. \$3-\$6, (260) 602-1831

Here Nor There — Variety at Cricket's 7th St. Bar & Grille, Auburn, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 925-9980

The Illegals w/Adam the Influence, The Kickbacks — Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

Into Pandemonium, SleepTight, Bhopal Assault, Nova Blast — Metal at The Muse on Main, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 999-4108

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

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

Lance Hoepfner — Ambient at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10, (260) 399-6336

Lee Lewis Jam — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 1:30-6:30 p.m. \$3-\$6, (260) 422-7625

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

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

Shannon Persinger Band — Variety at The Porch off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

The Soul Men — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 1-5 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-7625

The Wingmen — Classic rock at American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-3960

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Black Cat Moan — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, noon-1:30 p.m. \$3, (260) 422-7625

Boggy Branch Band — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 2-3:30 p.m. \$3, (260) 422-7625

Chris Worth and Howard Sims — Variety at A & O Sweet Shop Tavern, Fort Wayne, 3-6 p.m. no cover, (260) 467-1679

Lee Lewis Jam — BBQ Ribfest at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 4-8 p.m. \$3, (260) 422-7625

New Horizons Band — Riverfront Sunday Heritage Concert Series at Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, 1-2 p.m. no cover, (260) 427-6028

Todd Harrold Band — Variety at Jeff Fest, Huntington, 6-8:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 359-8687

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

8420 Band — Classic rock at Sonrise Church, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 469-3700

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

Adam Strack Band — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

Jon Durnell Band — Tunes and Trucks event at Boys and Girls Club, Fort Wayne, 5:30-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 213-6117

Michael Patterson — Jazz 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, JUNE 24

Best of Times — Styx tribute band at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

Dirty Honey w/Joyous Wolf — Rock at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$22, (260) 486-1979

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

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

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5292

Sparrow 5 — Christian/folk rock at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-1102

Todd Harrold and Dan Mowan — Variety at Sylvan Cellars Event Center, Rome City, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 760-1421

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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

8420 Band — Classic rock at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 749-5396

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

The DeeBees — Variety/oldies at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

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

Helicon's Peak — Variety, Old Settlers Days at Whitley County Courthouse, Columbia City, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 247-5119

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

Jared Schneider — Variety at Chapman's Brewing, Columbia City, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 244-6252

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

Nick Harless Band — Blues rock at Kehoe Park, Bluffton, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-6069

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

O' Sister, Brother — Folk at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Patriotic Pops — Fort Wayne Philharmonic at DeKalb Outdoor Theatre, Auburn, 7:30-9 p.m. free, (260) 952-2611

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Andy Paquette and Monica Morris — Jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

Bad Boy Bill — Disc jockey at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$20-\$250, (260) 486-1979

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

Jake Gamble and Michael Patterson — Variety at Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 426-1088

Jiggs Hendrixson — Variety at Scotty's Tavern, Wabash, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 563-3246

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

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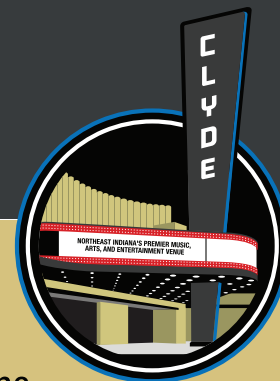
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Todd Harrold Duo — Variety at Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-2537

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

Chris Worth — Variety at Four D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-1102

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

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

Mississinewa Valley Band — Swing at Carpenter Plaza, Honeywell Center, Wabash, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-1102

Patriotic Pops — Fort Wayne Philharmonic at Pokagon State Park, Angola, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$7-\$9 park admission, (260) 952-2611

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Brewskies Bar & Grill, Angola, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 833-9676

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

Seventh Day Slumber — Christian rock at Life Church Huntington, Huntington, 6:45-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 355-0055

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 906 Band — Rock at Huntertown First Fridays Concert Series, Huntertown, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 437-8358

The Bulldogs — '50s & '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

Rosalind and The Way — Americana at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

We Are CheckMark — R&B/funk at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 423-4751

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Craig Eakright — Acoustic variety at Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market, McCulloch Park, Fort Wayne, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. no cover, (260) 403-3251

Fitz and The Tantrums — Pop at The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$30-\$35, (260) 747-0989

The Goat's Beard — Variety at The Porch off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Hubie Ashcraft — Acoustic at Riverside Center, Decatur, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

Patriotic Pops — Fort Wayne Philharmonic at Bixler Lake Park, Kendallville, 8:30-10 p.m. free, (260) 952-2611

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 p.m., (260) 486-1979

Picks GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

Jake Kershaw

7 p.m. Saturday, June 19

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Michigan-based blues guitarist Jake Kershaw released his first album, *Piece of My Mind*, while still in high school. It quickly caused the industry to take notice of the budding young guitarist, allowing him to share the stage with other blues greats such as Walter Trout, Jonny Lang, Larry McCray, Albert Cummings, and Anthony Gomes.

Even though he's still not old enough to legally buy a beer, Kershaw has already established himself as a "must see" live act.

During the recent lockdown, he put his time to good use by expanding his horizons and releasing new music in the form of stand-alone singles.

He delved into the world of country, rock, and even



Jake Kershaw

some pop music, but there's no doubt that blues remains at his core.

Although he connects weekly with fans through livestreaming concerts, Kershaw is itching to get back to the road and experience real-time audience reactions in person.

He will get that chance when he visits Buck Lake Ranch in Angola on June 19. Expect a high-energy show, much on the level of Gomes or Lang, with some

great songs and stellar musicianship.

Kershaw will pay homage to the blues greats he grew up emulating, all on the grounds of one of the oldest outdoor music venues in the country. — *Chris Hupe*

The Illegals' release album; 906 needs a guitarist

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

Just Prentis and Friends — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

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

Addison Agen — Americana at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 7-8:15 p.m. \$15, (260) 424-0646

Annie's Band — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

Jackyl w/The Kickbacks, Helltowne — Rock at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7:30-11 p.m. \$25-\$295, (269) 625-8817

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

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Barry Minniefield — R&B/soul at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

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

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

Kolby Cooper — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 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! w/Keegan Ferrell and Fatima Washington — Rock at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$5, (260) 426-5556

Introducing Local Band Beat, a new monthly column that clues you in on recent goings-on within the local music community.

Just think, this time last year all we had were livestreams. Now, in the midst of COVID-19 recovery, the local scene is beginning to resurge.

A quick glance at our weekly calendars and one can see there are good times ahead.



Local Band Beat
NICK BRAUN

ALBUM RELEASE SHOW TO ROCK O'SULLIVAN'S

Local rockers **The Illegals** are geared up for the release of their debut album, *Ghost Dream*.

The majority of this ten-track gem was recorded, mixed, and mastered in lead guitarist **Arthur Mock**'s home studio, Mock'd Up Production Studios.

However, the title track was recorded by **Dan Middleton** at Soundbar Studios, which was part of their prize package when they won 98.9 The Bear's House Band Search in 2018.

To celebrate their hard efforts, they will host a release party at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at O'Sullivan's. Joining them will be **Swish, The Kickbacks**, and **Adam the Influence**.

Even more exciting, The Illegals' headlining spot will feature original drummer **Ben Walker** and bassist **Jimmy Baker**, who both now reside out of state.

"Ben and Jimmy are both on this album, and we actually haven't performed together since January 2019," Mock said. "So not only will this be a CD release, but it will also be a rare one-night reunion performance with original members. A must see!"

To hold you over until the release show, you can find one of the new tracks, "Love Strike," on all streaming platforms.



RELOAD IS RELOADED

The rock cover act **Reload** recently welcomed a couple of new members into the fold.

Meredith "Radar" Yoder takes over frontman duties and brings more than 25 years of experience with him. He played in **Magpie, Life Sentence, Disclaimer**, and **Dedication Zero**.

"Radar can sing Bon Scott just like Bon Scott," guitarist Matt Overbay said. "He can also play guitar. (He's an) overall great rocker and great personality."

Taking over on bass is **Jack Allen** who has also paid his dues in bands over the years, including **Renegade** and **He Said She Said**.

"Jack replaces our former bass player, who semi-retired, and will add more harmonies to the band on top of his awesome bass skills," Overbay said.

If you like Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Tom Petty, Guns N' Roses, and The Black Crowes, you must check out Reload. A few of their upcoming dates include Shockers in Celina, Ohio, on June 19, Redwood Inn on July 23, and Mitchell's Sports Bar on July 31.

KICKBACKS, HELLTOWNE OPEN FOR JACKYL

On Thursday, July 8, the one and only **Jackyl** will perform at The Eclectic Room in Angola. They will deliver what they do best: High-energy rock 'n' roll, plenty of attitude and raunch, and many drinking sing-a-longs.

They will also have two of the areas hard-hitting acts opening the show, **The Kickbacks** and **Helltowne**.

The Kickbacks were set to open for Jackyl a couple of years ago at a venue in Michigan, but because of issues with the venue's sound system leading to a two-hour delay, they were bumped from the show. A bummer indeed, especially for frontman **Eric Williams** who is a big Jackyl fan. But the band now has the opportunity to make it up.

The excitement for the upcoming gig can also be felt from the guys of Helltowne.

"We are excited for the opportunity. It's going to be a full night of high-energy rock," vocalist **Gary Wayne** said. "We can hardly wait to hang with everyone and hear some good music. We will also have some new merch with us."

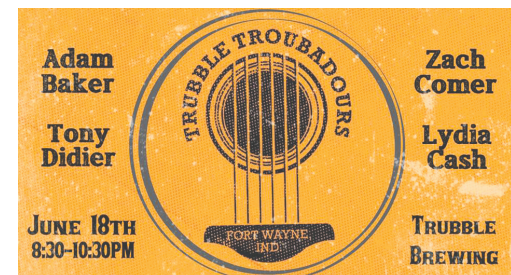
Tickets for this show are available now via TicketWeb. Like always, make it a point to show up on time to catch the openers.

906 AUDITIONS

Calling all guitarists, the **906 Band** is setting up auditions for a new lead guitarist.

The band has been performing with some fill-ins for the last couple of months, but as COVID-19 numbers are going down and the number of live gigs are going up, it's time to fill the spot permanently.

The band performs a wide variety of hits ranging from the '60s to the 2000s, crossing a number of different genres. If interested, hit them up on their Facebook page.



TRUBBLE AT TRUBBLE

Trubble Brewing is again hosting the Trubble Troubadour Showcase once a month. Each evening will include a solo artist, or sometimes a duo or trio, with a focus on original songwriting.

It's a new show every time as **Adam Baker** kicks things off with a short intro set and then introduces the featured artists for the month.

Shows begin at 8:30 p.m. with each artist performing a 30-minute set. On Friday, June 18, you can catch **Tony Didier**, **Zach Comer**, and **Lydia Cash**. On Friday, July 16, the showcase includes **Mickyle James**, **Cassie Beer**, and **Michael Morgan**.

Although the showcase is booked for the next few months, they are always looking for new songwriters from the area. If you have enough material to cover half an hour, you can message them through the Summit City Songwriter Showcase Facebook page.

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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

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

Jordan Brooker w/Jensen Snyder — Country at James Cultural Plaza, Auburn, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 333-7500

Matt Stell — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$25-\$99, (260) 486-1979

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

The Murphy Wrecks — Rock at Art's County Park, North Manchester, 8-11:35 p.m. \$7, (260) 982-4790

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

Strange Waters and The Tentakills — Rock at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 486-1979

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

SUNDAY, JULY 11

Alexandra Kay and Cooper Alan — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25, (260) 486-1979

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

Jordan Brooker — Country at Four D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 490-6488

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 w/The Y's Guys and Daily Driver — 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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

Mason Dixon Line — Country at LaGrange County 4-H Fair, LaGrange, 6-9 p.m. no cover,

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

Q and the Cold Fusion — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

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

THURSDAY, JULY 15

Duke Tumatote — Blues at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

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

John Fogerty — Country rock at Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$59-\$159, (260) 427-6715

Toy Factory w/Music Lovers Lounge — Variety at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$5, (260) 426-5556

FRIDAY, JULY 16

The Bulldogs — '50s & '60s rock at DeKalb Outdoor Theatre, Auburn, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 952-2611

Completely Unchained — Van Halen tribute at Kehoe Park, Bluffton, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 824-6069

Dry Bar Comedy w/Warren B Hall — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 9:15 p.m. \$25, (260) 426-6339

Face to Face w/Aleena York and Blue Pluto — Elton John/Billy Joel tribute at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$15, (260) 426-5556

Jared Schneider — Variety at Chapman's Brewing Company, Huntington, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 200-1375

Kenny Cetera's Chicago Experience — Rock/pop at Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$28.50, (260) 427-6715

Michael Patterson and Shannon Persinger — Blues/jazz at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

Overlook — Rock at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Shayne Smith — Comedy at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. \$20, (260) 399-6336

Whoa, Man! w/Kaitlyn Schmit and The Move — Rock/country at The Eclectic Room, Angola, 7 p.m. no cover, (269) 625-8817

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Ana Popovic — R&B/soul at Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$40, (260) 426-6434

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

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

Everclear, Hoobastank, Living Colour, Wheatus — Variety at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m. \$20-\$299, (260) 486-1979

Here Come the Mummies w/Good Night Gracie and The Sweetwater All Stars — Funk at Three Rivers Festival Plaza, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$15, (260) 426-5556

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

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

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Porch on Calhoun, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The American Legion Band of Fort Wayne — Riverfront Sunday Heritage Concert Series at Sweetwater Bandshell East, Fort Wayne, 1-2 p.m. no cover, (260) 427-6000

The G---d--- Gallows — Variety at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m. \$10, (260) 267-5303

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Tommy Vext — Heavy metal at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$75, (260) 486-1979

MONDAY, JULY 19

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 20

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, JULY 21

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

Shelly Dixon and Company — Summer Nights at the Embassy at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. \$5, (260) 424-5665

Todd Harrold Band — Tunes and Trucks event at Boys and Girls Club, Fort Wayne, 5:30-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 213-6117

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

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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

Chanticleer String Quartet — Chamber music at Honeywell House, Wabash, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 563-2326

Drake White — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$75, (260) 486-1979

MoRockinz — Variety at Madison Street Plaza, Decatur, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-7171

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5292

Styx — Pop rock at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$52.50 - \$399, (260) 432-8176

FRIDAY, JULY 23

Billy Currington — Country at The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$37.50-\$42.50, (260) 747-0989

Gold Frankincense & Myrrh — Variety at Rockstar Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$15-\$30, (260) 444-2442

Lisa McDavid Duo — Variety at The Landing, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 420-3266

Reload — Rock at Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-7543

That Arena Rock Show — Classic rock at Fountain Park, Van Wert, Ohio, 7:30 p.m. no cover, (419) 852-7353

Tim Bae — Comedy at Fort Wayne Comedy Too @ Piere's, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m. \$25-\$160, (260) 267-5546

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Davi Crimmins and jus Will — Comedy at 469 Comedy: Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

Four Horsemen — Metallica tribute at The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.-midnight \$15-\$20, (260) 747-0989

Iliza Shlesinger — Comedy at Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$39-\$65, (260) 427-6715

Motor Folkers — Acoustic variety at Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 920-4377

Muscadine Bloodline — Country at Piere's Entertainment Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. cover, (260) 486-1979

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25

The Beach Boys — Classic pop at Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$47.50, (260) 427-6715



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Up-and-coming country artist puts his theater training to use

Canaan Cox lives for his live performances

BY CHRIS HUPE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Raised in the mountains of North Carolina by music-loving parents, Canaan Cox was probably destined to somehow end up making a living in country music.

An emerging star on the brink of breaking big, Cox stops in Fort Wayne for the first time to bring his music and his band to Flashback Live on June 19.

SURROUNDED BY MUSIC

Cox has been surrounded by music since birth. His grandma played piano at church, his mom had a band, and his dad contributed to albums from country greats like Conway Twitty, Joe Diffie, and some other classic artists of the genre.

Cox picked up the mandolin around the age of 9 while listening to Ricky Skaggs. He then evolved into playing the fiddle and guitar while taking advantage of his surroundings and learning to play his grandma's piano.

"I actually grew up playing a lot of bluegrass," Cox said in an interview with *Whatzup*.

But he listened to a variety of music as he got older and now claims influences from a diverse set of artists that includes Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, and even '90s pop sensations Hanson.

After high school, Cox decided to further his education at Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., studying everything from piano and aural skills to dance and ballet, eventually obtaining a BFA in musical theater.

He attributes his choice of degree to growing up in a large family with seven sisters and a brother.

"I was just the one who would entertain everybody," he said. "I liked to be the center of attention. My sisters and I were in theater growing up, so I think it just kind of stuck. I had two choices on opposite ends of the spectrum — go to school for football or musical theater. I just love to perform and that's just kind of where it went."

Cox believes his degree has paid tremendous dividends, helping him elevate the performance aspect of his shows by impressing upon him the importance of stage presence. He brings a lot of energy to his live shows,



COURTESY PHOTO

likes to have fun, and enjoys bantering with the audience between songs.

"One of my favorite compliments I get after I get done playing is when someone will say, 'I hate country music, but I love you.' It's a show. We have lot of fun up there and I enjoy what I'm doing. I think they appreciate that it's a little bit more than just some guy standing up there behind a ballcap singing about the same old stuff for three hours."

SIGHTS ON THE SCREEN

While music is the main focus for Cox at the moment, he has his sights set on adding other mediums of entertainment to his portfolio in the future.

Take a look his videos for "Take My Time," "Lie," and the powerful "She's Sorry," the latter of which he also directs, and you'll see why feature films are likely to be a big part of his life as he has an uncanny ability to tell gripping stories within the confines of a three- to four-minute song.

"To be completely transparent, I have a degree in musical theater, so I don't think it's a big surprise that acting would be a nice goal," he said. "But I'm not necessarily going to drop music completely, move to L.A., and do that thing."

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He does, however, hope to follow a path similar to someone like Nick Jonas who consistently performs music and still finds time to take part in two or three movies a year.

"I love being creative while performing and writing music, but I think visually, that's the top piece of creativity. My music has been the core, so I don't necessarily want to stray completely away from it, but I wouldn't be surprised if I moved into acting or directing in movies someday."

BUSY RECORDING

Cox stayed busy during the pandemic by recording and releasing a new EP, releasing a few videos to accompany the singles from that album, and finding a way to still fit in some live performances. He said he likes to plan his year out ahead of time. But like most of us, he had to alter his plans a bit when the pandemic hit.

He didn't let that deter him. He was still able to do scaled-down versions of some of



MORE ON THE WEB

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to watch Canaan Cox's video "She's Sorry" and listen to his music on Spotify.

a little bit different, all while maintaining the true heart of a country musician at his core.

He brings those songs to life on stage because he thrives on performance. At the end of the day, he just wants to entertain people. Now that venues are opening up with higher capacities, he's grateful that he will be able to do that more often.

"Thank God it's mostly over," he said of the pandemic. "We're back kicking it full band, so the show should be a lot of fun. Just make sure to bring your dancing shoes."

the shows he had already booked and actually released more music in 2020 than any year prior.

"Of course, the budget at the venues I had booked weren't at full band capacity," he said, "but I was able to go and at least do some acoustic shows."

As it has evolved and gained in popularity, country music has taken on many facets. Cox incorporates deep emotion and unique influences into his songs to create something

Slipknot ties up a big U.S. tour for all metal lovers

Slipknot have announced a 25-date U.S. tour. The Knotfest Roadshow kicks off on Sept. 28 in Tinley Park, Ill., near Chicago and ends in Phoenix on Nov. 2.

Support comes from **Killswitch Engage**, **Fever 333**, and **Code Orange**, making it a metal lovers' must-see event.

In the press release about the tour, Slipknot singer Corey Taylor, who sold out a solo show at Piere's on June 15, said, "With the world opening up, it's time to get excited about life again and to get back to life again. This tour is a long time coming and we hope you're as excited to see it as we are to play it."

In addition to touring, Slipknot are working on new music that will likely come out either at the end of this year or in early 2022.

Check out the Knotfest Roadshow in Chicago on Sept. 28, or at stops in Indianapolis on Oct. 1 and Detroit on Oct. 2.

GNR AND MAMMOTH

Guns N' Roses have announced their rescheduled 2020 tour dates and added 14 new ones with **Wolf Gang Van Halen's** band **Mammoth** nestled in the support slot.

The tour will kick off on July 31 in Hershey, Pa., with a stop in Detroit on Aug. 8, Indianapolis on Sept. 8, Chicago on Sept. 16, and Columbus on Sept. 23.

While there is reportedly no new GNR music on the horizon, Mammoth's debut album is due out on June 11 and includes the single "Distance," which hit No. 1 on six different Billboard charts.

ALICE AND ACE

Rock icon **Alice Cooper** is heading out on the road to support his newest album, *Detroit Stories*. The tour, which kicks off Sept. 17 in

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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 16	White River State Park	Indianapolis
5 Seconds of Summer	June 18	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Adrian Adeo 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
Alexandra Kay and Cooper Alan	July 11	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
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
Ana Popovic	July 17	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
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	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
Arrival from Sweden	Mar. 17 '22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Bachman Cummings	Aug. 12	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
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	
Bad Boy Bill	June 26	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Barry Minniefeld	July 9	The Landing	Fort Wayne
The Beach Boys	July 24	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
The Beach Boys	July 25	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Bettye LaVette	Sept. 19	The Sound Board	Detroit
Bianca Del Rio	Oct. 13	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
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 Bushart and Billy Reno	June 11-12	469 Comedy	New Haven
Billy Currington	July 23	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Billy Joel	July 9	Comerica Park	Detroit
Billy Joel	Sept. 10	Great American Ball Park	Cincinnati
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	Aug. 1	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	Aug. 19	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	Sept. 23	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	Sept. 24	Michigan Lottery Amph.	Sterling Heights, MI
Blackberry Smoke w/The Allman Betts Band	Sept. 25	Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica	Cleveland
Blake Shelton w/Runaway June, Cale Dodds	Aug. 25	Put-in-Bay Resort Hotel	Put-in-Bay, OH
Blues Traveler	Aug. 27	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Bob Zany & Costaki Economopoulos	Sept. 16	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Bobcat Goldthwait	Sept. 10	Welch's Ale House	Fort Wayne

Bobcat Goldthwait	Sept. 11	White Rabbit Cabaret	Indianapolis
Boney James	Sept. 23	The Sound Board	Detroit
Boney James	Oct. 1	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Boney James	Oct. 2	Lincoln Theatre	Columbus, OH
Boney James	Oct. 7	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Boney James	Oct. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Boz Scaggs	Oct. 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Brent Terhune	July 30-31	469 Comedy	New Haven
Brett Dennen	July 9	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Brian Culbertson	Nov. 19	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Brian Regan	Jan. 20 '22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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	White River State Park	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
Run B and Project Pat	June 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Béla Fleck, Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas, Stuart Duncan, Edgar Meyer, and Bryan Sutton	Nov. 28	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
The Cactus Blossoms w/Aaron Lee Tasjan	July 17	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Chicago	July 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Chicago	July 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Chicago	Aug. 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Chicano Batman	June 11	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Chris Janson	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
Christiane 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
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
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

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David Sanborn	Sept. 30	The Sound Board	Detroit
David Spade	Aug. 6	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dead Can Dance	Oct. 7	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dead Can Dance	Oct. 8	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
The Dead 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, Gogir, Poppy	Aug. 15	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Del McCoury Band	July 9	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Dennis DeYoung	Feb. 19 '22	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
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
Dirty Honey w/Joyous Wolf	June 24	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Disciple	June 19	Howard Co. Viet. Vets Grounds	Greentown
Disturbed	Aug. 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Disturbed w/Stained, Bad Wolves	Aug. 8	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Disturbed w/Stained, 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
Drive-By Truckers	Oct. 6	The Vogue	Indianapolis
DSL	Aug. 29	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Duke Tatum and the Power Trio	Oct. 28	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Dustin Sims	Aug. 12	Fort Wayne Comedy @ Piere's	Fort Wayne
Eddie Griffin	Nov. 19	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Ekali	Oct. 2	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
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.	Shipshevana
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound	Dec. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Erykah Badu, Flying Lotus, and Thundercat	Sept. 12	Union Park	Chicago
Etta May	Oct. 21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Everclear, Hoobastank, Living Colour, Wheatus	July 17	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
The Fab Four	Aug. 29	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Farewell Angelina	June 25	Fountain Park	Van Wert, Ohio
Fitz and The Tantrums	July 3	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Flora Cash	June 18	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
For King & Country	Oct. 8	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Four Horsemen	July 24	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Fozzy	Sept. 2	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Fozzy w/Through Fire, Royal Bliss	Sept. 16	Eclectic Room	Angola
The Frames	Sept. 23	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Frank Marino & Mahogany Rush	Sept. 26	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Frank Marino and Mahogany Rush	Oct. 2	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	Oct. 2	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
The Frontmen	Nov. 14	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Future Islands	Sept. 26	The Vogue	Indianapolis
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.	Shipshevana
Gary Owen	June 18-20	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Gary Puckett & Union Gap	Sept. 16	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Gemini Syndrome	Aug. 3	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Gene Watson	July 10	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana

Geoff Tate	Nov. 18	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic	June 24	The Sound Board	Detroit
Ginger Billy	Nov. 3	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
Gladys Knight	Aug. 21	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
The Glenn Miller Orchestra	Aug. 31	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
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	July 15-16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Grand Funk Railroad and Little River Band	Sept. 5	Fulton County Fair	Wauseon, OH
Grand Funk Railroad	Oct. 8	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Greater Vision	Aug. 26	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, Interrupters	Aug. 10	Comerica Park	Detroit
Greg Howe w/Stu Hamm, Joel Taylor	Aug. 27	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Guns N' Roses	Aug. 8	Comerica Park	Detroit
Guns N' Roses	Sept. 8	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis
Guns N' Roses	Sept. 16	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Guy Penrod & The Browns	Sept. 4	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Hall and Oates w/KT Tunstall, Squeeze	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
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	
Happy Together	Aug. 13	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
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
Hed PE	Aug. 6	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Hinder	Aug. 1	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Hot Mulligan	June 26	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Iliza Shlesinger	July 24	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Isaacs	Oct. 7	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Jackyl w/The Kickbacks, Helltowne	July 8	Eclectic Room	Angola
Jake Owen	Aug. 21	FireKeepers	Battle Creek, MI
Jake Owen	Sept. 6	Fulton County Fair	Wauseon, OH
James Taylor w/Jackson Browne	July 29	United Center	
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.	Shipshevana
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 Bodart	July 9-10	469 Comedy	New Haven
Jess Hilarious	July 23-24	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Jimmie Vaughan	Oct. 20	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
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.	Shipshevana
John Crist	Oct. 14	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
John Fogerty	July 15	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
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
JoJo Siwa	Feb. 15 '22	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne

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Atlantic City, will feature former Kiss guitarist **Ace Frehley** as a guest, making it a really special occasion.

The pair will be out on tour for about two months, hitting Chicago on Sept. 24, Detroit on Sept. 25, Dayton on Sept. 28, and the Lawn at White River in Indianapolis on Sept. 29.

FGL REGROUP

The members of **Florida Georgia Line**, **Tyler Hubbard** and **Brian Kelley**, are regrouping after spending a little time away from each other to pursue solo projects.

The "I Love My Country Tour 2021," named for a song off FGL's latest album, *Life Rolls On*, kicks off in September and rolls through 29 cities, including Cincinnati on Sept. 30, Cleveland on Oct. 1, Indianapolis on Oct. 2, Detroit on Oct. 28, and Chicago on Oct. 29.

Russell Dickerson, **Lauren Alaina**, and **Redferrin** will open the shows.

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Jordan Brooker w/Jensen Snyder	July 10	James Cultural Plaza	Auburn
Jordan Brooker	July 11	Four D's Bar & Grill	Fort Wayne
Keith Urban w/Carly Pearce, Walker Hayes	Aug. 26	Put-in-Bay Resort Hotel	Put-in-Bay, OH
Ken Davis	Aug. 31	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
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	Shipshevana
Kings of Leon	Aug. 15	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Kings of Leon	Aug. 19	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Kings of Leon	Aug. 20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Kings of Leon	Aug. 22	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kings of Leon	Aug. 31	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Kip Moore w/Triston Marez	Oct. 21	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
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
Korn w/Staind	Aug. 27	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Korn w/Staind	Aug. 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Korn w/Staind	Aug. 31	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Korn w/Staind	Sept. 2	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Kyle Kinane	June 30	The Tiger Room	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
Lauren Daigle	Sept. 24	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Leanne Morgan	Sept. 9	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Lee Brice	Oct. 1	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Lee Roy Parnell	Aug. 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
Leonid & Friends	July 17	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshevana
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
Lil Tjay	Oct. 15	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
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.	Shipshevana
Little River Band	Sept. 11	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Lollapalooza: Foo Fighters, Post Malone, Tyler, the Creator, and Miley Cyrus	July 29-Aug. 1	Grant Park	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
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	
Luttrell	Aug. 13	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Lyfe Jennings and Chrissette Michele	June 10	The Sound Board	Detroit
Maluma	Oct. 24	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Chris Worth and Dave Riethmiller

June 24 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

Helicon's Peak

June 12 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Piercetown
June 26 Hicksville Day in the Park Festival, Hicksville, OH
July 3 Rising Sun Campground, Monterey

Joe Justice

June 12 Burnworth-Zollars Cruise, Nappanee
June 26 Leisure Time Winery, Napoleon, OH

Kaitlyn Schmit and The Move

June 10 Triangle 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. 28 Celina Moose Lodge, Celina, OH

The Bulldogs

June 11 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
June 13 Callaway Park, Elwood
June 17 Old Town Junction Summer Concert Series, Daleville
July 3 East Lake Street, Topeka
July 18 Van Trees Park, Fort Recovery, OH
July 19 Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 31 Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 6 Bethel Pointe Health & Rehab, Muncie
Aug. 7 State Line Festival, Union City
Aug. 20 Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 27 Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 6 Marshall County Blueberry Festival, Plymouth
Sept. 17 Back To The Fifties Festival, Lebanon
Sept. 18 Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee

The Hubie Ashcraft Band

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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On the Road

150 MILE TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

Marc Roberge	July 10	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Maria Bamford	Aug. 21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
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
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Matt Stell	July 10	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
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 and Lamb of God	Sept. 19	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
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 Palascak	Oct. 7	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Million Dollar Quartet	Oct. 22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ministry w/Helmet, Front Line Assembly	Oct. 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
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
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

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NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

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
Old Crow Medicine Show	Aug. 12	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
OverTime	Aug. 12	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
Palaye Royale	July 10	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Parkway Drive w/Hatebreed, Knocked Loose	Sept. 12	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Pat Hazell	Sept. 21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Paul Conyers	June 18-19	469 Comedy	New Haven
Pauly Shore	Sept. 19	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Phil Vassar	Nov. 13	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Phish	Aug. 6-8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Phoebe Bridgers, Big Thief, Animal Collective	Sept. 10	Union Park	Chicago
Poco	June 25	T. Furth Center, Trine University	Angola
Polaris	June 24	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Postmodern Jukebox	Oct. 2	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Primus	July 15	Express Live	Columbus, OH
Primus	July 16	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Primus	July 17	Mich. Lottery Amphitheatre	Sterling Heights
Primus	July 19	PNC Pavilion	Cincinnati
Primus	July 20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Primus	July 21	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Pure Prairie League w/The Why Store	Sept. 18	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Ra	Aug. 21	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Rain	Nov. 4	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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
Riot Fest: The Smashing Pumpkins, Coheed and Cambria, Lupe Fiasco, and Nofx	Sept. 17	Douglass Park	Chicago
Riot Fest: Run the Jewels, Faith No More, Dropkick Murphys, Rancid, Taking Back Sunday	Sept. 18	Douglass Park	Chicago
Riot Fest: Nine Inch Nails, Pixies, Machine Gun Kelly	Sept. 19	Douglass Park	Chicago
Rob Zombie	Sept. 18	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Robert Cray Band w/Blue Veins	Sept. 15	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Robin Trower	Sept. 14	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Robin Trower	Sept. 15	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 21	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre Tinley Park, IL	
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 23	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Rod Stewart w/Cheap Trick	July 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Ronnie Milsap	Nov. 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ryan Niemiller	Sept. 30	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Ryan Stevenson	Oct. 10	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 Harness	Aug. 4	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
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

Shayne Smith	July 16	The Ruin	Fort Wayne
Slipknot, Mudvayne, and Rob Zombie w/Mastadon, Killswitch Engage, Steel Panther, A Day to Remember, Chevelle, Halestorm	Sept. 10-12	Inkcarceration Festival	Mansfield, OH
Smile Empty Soul	July 18	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Smokey Robinson	July 10	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Smokey Robinson	Aug. 27	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
St. Vincent, Angel Olsen, and Kim Gordon	Sept. 11	Union Park	Chicago
St. Vincent	Oct. 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Steve Wariner	Sept. 24	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
Stokley Williams	July 18	The Sound Board	Detroit
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 16	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Styx	July 22	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
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
Ted Nugent	Aug. 14	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Terry Fator	Oct. 28	Blue Gate P.A.C.	Shipshewana
The Teskey Brothers	Oct. 15	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Theory of a Deadman	Aug. 5	The Clyde	Fort Wayne
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
Tim Ripper Owens	June 12	Rockstar Lounge	Fort Wayne
TobyMac	Nov. 14	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tommy Davidson	June 25-27	Chicago Improv	Schaumburg, IL
Tommy Emmanuel w/Joe Robinson	July 29	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Tommy Emmanuel	Oct. 6	Riffe Center	Columbus, OH
Tommy Vext	July 18	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Tower of Power w/Sweetwater All Stars	Sept. 19	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Trapt	Aug. 7	Token Lounge	Westland, MI
Travis Tritt	Oct. 21	Hobart Arena	Troy, OH
The Turtles w/Chuck Negron, The Association	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 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, IN
Watsky	Sept. 21	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Watsky	Sept. 23	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Weezer, Green Day, Fall Out Boy, The Interrupters	Aug. 15	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Whiskey Myers	July 29	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Whiskey Myers w/Bones Owens	July 30	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Wilco, Grouplove, Black Pumas, Bob Moses	Aug. 29	WonderBus Music Fest	Columbus, OH
Wreking Crue	Aug. 28	Eclectic Room	Angola
Wynonna Judd	June 13	The Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Wynonna Judd	July 30-31	Evanston Space	Evanston, IL
Yacht Rock Revue	Aug. 14	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Yächtley Crëw	July 29	Piere's Entertainment Center	Fort Wayne
Zach Williams w/We the Kingdom and Cain	Oct. 29	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Zainab Johnson	Aug. 6	Welch's Ale House	Fort Wayne
Zainab Johnson	Aug. 7	White Rabbit Cabaret	Indianapolis
ZoSo	Aug. 14	The Clyde	Fort Wayne

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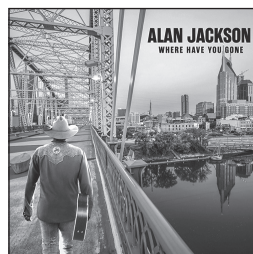
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Fortitude |
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Evermore |
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Alan Jackson

Where Have
You Gone

While pop country artist Thomas Rhett is releasing an album where he claims to be getting back to the traditions of '90s country, '90s country superstar Alan Jackson is lamenting the loss of that tradition among pop artists.

Rhett refers to Jackson's "Chattahoochee" on his new album, but Jackson can be forgiven for taking the new traditionalism with a grain of salt. Jackson's old enough to have experienced traditional country directly and to have had a hand in creating it.

Jackson wastes no time getting serious about his nostalgia on the lengthy *Where Have You Gone*.

The album-opening title track, with its equally mournful fiddle and vocal, opts to channel George Jones directly rather than just name-check the legend over a pop-country beat. Jackson could have gotten away with merely looking back to his own '90s heyday, but he casts his gaze back even farther.

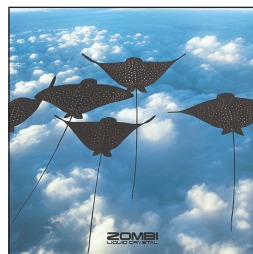
"Wishful Drinkin'" and "Way Down in My Whiskey" are more hard-core traditional country than most of what he did during his chart-topping period. Even a more '90s-esque song like "Where the Cottonwood Grows" has a world-weariness about it that's boosted by the fiddle and steel guitar.

Jackson understands that the key to traditionalism is tone, not clichés. *Where Have You Gone* is full of formulaic country themes. Whiskey flows and dirt roads are traversed, but you'll never mistake any of the songs for a Florida Georgia Line or Luke Bryan tune.

Thomas Rhett was born in 1990, the same year that Jackson had his first number-one hit. Rhett can't remember a time when country wasn't influenced by rock or hip hop, but Jackson can. Jackson can remember it so well that he has no problem writing 21 new songs that effectively resurrect a long-gone era. — *Evan Gillespie*

Zombi

Liquid Crystal



One of the highlights in music for 2020 was Zombi's 2020. The album saw the prog drum/synth duo Steve Moore and AE Paterra turning in one of their heaviest and honed-in collections of songs yet. It was a high point in a year full of lows.

Wasting no time, Moore and Paterra have also just released a new EP called *Liquid Crystal*. Still heavy sonically, these tunes are more introspective, though they still retain the rock-solid Zombi veneer. In other words, your 2021 just got a little more interesting.

The slow burn of "Mangler" opens the album

with a sort of looming dread. It features layered synths and a slow-build rhythm section. The song feels like we're creeping toward something ominous and otherworldly.

"Chant" puts me in mind of some lost cue from an '80s action flick. It has sort of a "walking through the gates of Hell guns-a-blazin'" vibe, or the feeling of a hero's last stand. Title track "Liquid Crystal" is much more contemplative and forlorn. There's a pretty stellar guitar solo as well, almost giving the song a David Gilmour vibe.

"Turning Points" and "Black Forest" finish out the EP with pure Zombi style.

Starting out in John Carpenter territory but building into a full-on Zombi epic, "Turning Points" has the feel of a classic Moore/Paterra sonic wall of noise: Epic, grand, and impenetrable.

"Black Forest" kicks the vibe up, turning in a kinetic track with a drum/synth/guitar trifecta that sounds like a more muscular *Alan Parsons Project*. Think "Sirius" after crushing a case of Red Bulls: Absolute 100-mph music.

Liquid Crystal, the EP, is another stellar set of tunes from the masters of space synth/prog rock Zombi. Moore and Paterra continue to evolve and hone their sound after nearly 20 years.

Between solo albums, film scores, funky collaborations, and of course the Zombi discography, Moore and Paterra take up quite a bit of real estate in my record collection. I wouldn't have it any other way. — *J Hubner*

John Hiatt
with the Jerry
Douglas Band
Leftover Feelings

A collaboration between bluesy singer-songwriter John Hiatt and dobro legend Jerry Douglas isn't necessarily a no-brainer.

On one hand, you have the gritty sound of Hiatt, whose gravelly vocals take their time to get where they're going. On the other hand, you've got the mellifluous sound of Douglas, whose dobro and lap steel are sweet and spritely. It's not a foregone conclusion that the two artists would fit well together.

The songs on *Leftover Feelings* are built around Hiatt's homey tales, both personal and fictional.

"You've got a story 'bout 20 miles long," he tells the subject of "The Music is Hot," but he might as well be talking to himself.

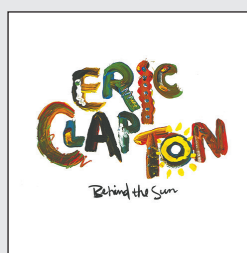
Some of the stories are wry, like the friendly pep talk that is "Buddy." Then some are painfully frank, like "Light of the Burning Sun," which tells the very personal and specific story of the death of Hiatt's brother.

The album is produced by Douglas, and he handles the job expertly. He mostly lets Hiatt tell his stories without excess adornment, but Douglas also finds ample space for his own and his band's musicianship.

When "All the Lilacs in Ohio" flirts with bluegrass, Douglas is in familiar territory. But even when Hiatt moves "Long Black Electric Cadillac"

Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Eric Clapton

Behind the Sun
(1985)

At the time this record came out, Eric Clapton had been around 20 years and was in the higher realm of blues guitarists.

The '80s had some mainstream blues going on with artists like Robert Cray and Stevie Ray Vaughn, but Clapton took a different approach.

This record blends modern blues with pop and was part of the fabric of FM radio in the summer of 1985.

"She's Waiting" kicks it off with radio-friendly guitars in front of lazy synthesizers and the uplifting background vocals from Shaun Murphy. Phil Collins was also featured along with some of the best musicians of the time.

"See What Love Can Do" is reminiscent of Clapton's work with Derek & The Dominos. The eight-minute "Same Old Blues" makes it clear who you're listening to.

Clapton covers Eddie Floyd's "Knock on Wood" with the splendid Donald "Duck" Dunn and his pronounced bass guitar.

Another radio hit from the record was the modern blues track "Forever Man," where Clapton lets his guitar do the talking.

"It All Depends" is another snappy jazz/blues number, which is one of the better tracks on a release. It has some deep cuts that really should have been recognized more by rock radio during the '80s.

"Never Make You Cry" also fit that mold, even though it slows the record down to a leisurely crawl.

Although it's a little heavy on the synth, side two finishes up with the blues tracks "Just Like a Prisoner" and the title track.

Clapton has produced a dozen mostly good records since, but my opinion is this was his last great one.

Clapton is currently planning a 2022 tour in Europe and Russia. — *Dennis Donahue*

and "Mississippi Phone Booth" deep into the land of Delta blues, Douglas has no problem keeping up with him.

The juxtaposition of Hiatt's grit and Douglas' smoothness never misses the mark. Sometimes, like in the homesick folk of "Sweet Dream," the pair create something unexpected that is not too far from perfection. — *Evan Gillespie*

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Musical Theater Workshop — Students grades 8-12 will mount a full-length Broadway musical in 11 days, **9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday-Monday, Sunday evening rehearsal, June 16-26**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$250, (574) 267-8041

AUDITIONS

The Nerd — Auditions for varying ages, **6:30-8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, June 13-14**, Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts, Warsaw, (574) 267-8041

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

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS JUNE

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 10**

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, \$15-\$40, (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 p.m. Thursday, July 29; 8 p.m. Friday, July 30; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 31; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 3-4; 2 and 8**

p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$15-\$40, (574) 267-8041

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

Nonsense — 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

Every Brilliant Thing — This one-man, interactive play looks at depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday**

and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-0646

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

Buckets N Boards — A high-energy show full of percussion, ridiculous songs, tap dancing, and more, **3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26**, Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio, \$15, (419) 238-6722

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

The Christmas Schooner — The story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the Christmas spirit, **7:30 p.m.**

Saturday, Nov. 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19 and 20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-0646

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

FEBRUARY

Seussical — Dr. Seuss characters come to life, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, and Lazy Mayzie, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-0646

Mary's Wedding — Drawn together by their mutual love for horses, Charlie and Mary's friendship blooms but is overshadowed by The Great War, **7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 20 and 27**, all for One Productions, ArtsLab, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$11-\$20, (260) 745-4364

Art & Exhibits

CURRENT EXHIBITS

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, through Sept. 26, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Art That Will Make You Smile — Mixed media collages done with hand painted or mono-printed papers, acrylic paint, oil pastels, and pencil by Susan Kline, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, through June 30**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

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.-8 p.m. Thursday, June 10; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 11-12; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 13**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$20, (260) 422-6467

Odds and Ends and Oddities — A mixed media collection of works using reclaimed and reinvented materials by Cappi Phillips, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, through June 30**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

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, through June 20, 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. Thursday-Saturday, June 10-12, or by appointment**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6568

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

ART EVENTS

Oakwood Fine Arts Festival — Featuring 30 local and regional artists from around the northern Indiana area, food vendors with outside seating available, and children's activities, **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, free admission, (574) 457-7100

Bilingual Tour — Guests will experience a discussion of our current exhibitions through FWMoA and Fort Wayne-based Language Services Spanish/English tour, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, free admission, (260) 422-6467

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

43rd Annual Members' Showcase — Celebrating artists that make Artlink possible and opportunity for emerging and well-established artists to exhibit new work, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 17-July 18**, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195



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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

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

Haunted West Central Tour — Part of the ARCH Walking Tours Series, this popular tour includes some of Fort Wayne's best ghost stories along with some of its most delightful architecture, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 10**, meet on the Wayne Street side of Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

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

R.A.I.S.E Retreat — For anyone who wants or needs a day to themselves and some encouragement, lunch will be provided, free childcare, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, Bridge of Grace Compassionate Ministries, Fort Wayne, free admission, registration required, (260) 338-8939

History of Downtown Tour — Part of the ARCH Walking Tours Series, learn to see the city's origins from the sidewalks of today's downtown, **10 a.m. Saturday, June 12**, meet on the One Summit Square plaza at Calhoun and Wayne streets, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

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

Plant Party — Gather among like-minded people, share some starts, and enjoy live music and beer, **noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, 2 Toms Brewing, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 402-7644

Bicycle Tour of West Central — Part of the ARCH Walking Tours Series, visit the built heritage of West Central on wheels for a combination of learning and light exercise, **7 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, meet on the Wayne Street side of Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

The Return of the Jedi screening — Outdoor screening of the 1983 classic, themed desserts, cold drinks, popcorn, and a trivia contest with prizes, **7:15 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, Sweets So Geek in Georgetown Square, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 312-5758

Operation Enduring Freedom Ride and Rally — Vendors, a bounce house, rock walls, gaming trailers, a dunk tank, superheroes and princesses for your kids to take pictures with, and live music, all proceeds help area veterans, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 13**, Schnelker Park, New Haven, free admission, (260) 333-5852

Community Chess — Join local chess clubs Fort Chess and Take a Stan Chess Club to learn and play chess, open to all ages and skill levels, chess instructors will be on-site to teach anyone interested in learning, players may bring their own board or use a board provided, **noon-6 p.m. Sundays, June 13 and 27; July 25; Aug. 29; Sept. 26; and Oct. 31**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6028

Elder Jubilee — Honor elders 80-years-old and older with the reading of the proclamation of Juneteenth, live music, a performance by the Art Leadership Center, and soul food brunch, **2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 13**, Turner Chapel AME Church, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 348-0267

Candle Making Class — Teens and adults are invited to learn about and create scented candles, **3-4 p.m. Monday, June 14**, Bijou Gift Boutique, \$20, (260) 824-6069, class size is limited to 10 so preregister

Sowing Seeds — Learn about the importance of Juneteenth history and the local community garden, **6-8 p.m. Monday, June 14**, 2500 Tillman Road, next to Fellowship Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Power of Black Economics — Discussion about the importance of Black Economics, **6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15**, Turner Chapel AME Church, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Chick's Run 5K — A 5k Fun Run just for women, includes T-shirt and after-party, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 15**, Pickett's Run Park, Bluffton, \$20, (260) 824-6069

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

Egg Drop Challenge — For ages 7-18, build a contraption to protect your egg from a second-floor drop, **2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 16**, Bluffton City Gym, Bluffton, free admission, (260) 824-6069

Freedom Fest: A Day of Remembrance — African-American literary, visual, and performing arts, **6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 16**, Health Hut Wellness Center, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 348-0267

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

Story Time on the Riverfront — A story time session for some fresh and children's literature, **session one 10-11 a.m.; session two 11 a.m.-noon Mondays, through Aug. 30**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6028

FARMERS AND ART MARKETS

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

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

Healing Hands Night Market — Artisans, performers, and spectators celebrate the joys of creativity, **5 p.m.-midnight Saturdays, June 19, July 17, 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

Outdoor Wellness Social and Farmers Market — Wine tasting, local food and music, market specials, and discounts, **6-8 p.m. every third Thursday through Sept. 16**, The Wellness Barn, New Haven, free admission, (260) 433-0024

Salomon Farmers' Market — Baked goods, honey, handmade crafts, food, entertainment, and children's activities, **4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 1**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6790

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Urban Birdwatching — Learn about identification, ornithology, and how to use binoculars, **10-11 a.m. Thursday, June 17**, meet at the Convergence Sculpture at Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-6028

BBQ Ribfest — Four days of barbeque featuring brisket, ribs, pulled pork, rib sandwiches, and bbq chicken, as well as live music, **11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 17, through 9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$6, (260) 422-7625

Lawn and Learn — A community panel to discuss the importance of supporting the Black community, music and light refreshments, **6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 17**, Fort Wayne Urban League, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Built Heritage of West Central Tour — Part of the ARCH Walking Tours Series, dive deep into the styles and stories of Fort Wayne's signature historic district, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 17**, meet on the Wayne Street side of Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

Under the Tent — Celebrate Afro-Caribbean culture through music and dance, food and drinks, **8 p.m.-midnight Friday, June 18**, Ayahso Nice Jamaican Grill & Creamery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Mudtastic Classic — This mud run features several challenging obstacles along trails near Lake Wawasee, both adults and kids (ages 7-14) will have the opportunity to participate in teams or as individuals, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 19**, Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, Syracuse, \$15-\$25, (574) 457-3440

PreK Outdoor Classroom Workshop — See where the learning happens at the Merry Lea Nature Preschool, **9 a.m.-noon Thursday, June 17**, Merry Lea Farmstead, Albion, \$40, (260) 799-5869

Rock Painting — For ages 3-15, paint on rocks and hide them for others to find in our parks, **10-10:30 a.m. Friday, June 18**, Roush Park, Bluffton, free admission, (260) 824-6069

Dirty Dog Off-Road Challenge — Four-mile bike ride, three-mile run, plus 3-mile pup run, **bike ride 8 a.m.; run 9 a.m.; pup-run 9:15 a.m., Saturday, June 19**, White Bridge Picnic Area, Bluffton, \$15-\$20, (260) 824-6069

Art Leadership Center Promenade — A Passing of the Torch Ceremony followed by a public procession that consists of businesses, dance teams, car clubs, bands, and floats, **Passing of the Torch Ceremony 10:30-11 a.m.; Promenade 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19**, Weisser Park Youth Center, free admission, (260) 348-0267

Freedom Day Juneteenth Collaborative — Games and activities for youth including bounce houses, face painting, and balloon twisting, vendors, **2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 19**, McMillen Park Community Center, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 427-2420

Father's Day Brunch — A chef-attended brunch buffet featuring breakfast classics, entrée selections, carving station, side accompaniments, and desserts, **10:30 a.m.-noon Sunday, June 20**, Eugenia's Restaurant, Wabash, \$8.95-\$16.95, (260) 563-1102

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

Haunted Wells Street Tour — Part of the ARCH Walking Tours Series, mystery, tragedy, and plenty of thrilling stories are packed into the few blocks of this commercial street, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 24**, meet at the corner of Wells and Fourth Streets, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$20, (260) 426-5117

MINOR LEAGUE SPORTS

SOCCER

Fort Wayne Football Club — Upcoming home games at Bishop Dwenger Shields Field, Fort Wayne

Saturday, June 12, vs. Indiana, **4 p.m. Sunday, June 13**, vs. Grand Rapids, **6 p.m. Sunday, June 20**, vs. Flint, **6 p.m. Friday, June 25**, vs. Club América, **8 p.m. Sunday, June 27**, vs. Dayton, **6 p.m. Thursday, July 1**, vs. Lansing, **7 p.m. Sunday, July 11**, vs. Kalamazoo, **6 p.m.**

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

Thursday, June 10, vs. Lake County, **7:05 p.m. Friday, June 11**, vs. Lake County, **7:05 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, vs. Lake County, **6:35 p.m. Sunday, June 13**, vs. Lake County, **1:05 p.m. Tuesday, June 29**, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m. Wednesday, June 30**, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 1**, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m. Friday, July 2**, vs. Great Lakes, **7:05 p.m. Saturday, July 3**, vs. Great Lakes, **6:35 p.m. Sunday, July 4**, vs. Great Lakes, **1:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 6**, vs. Lake County, **7:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 7**, vs. Lake County, **7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 8**, vs. Lake County, **7:05 p.m.**

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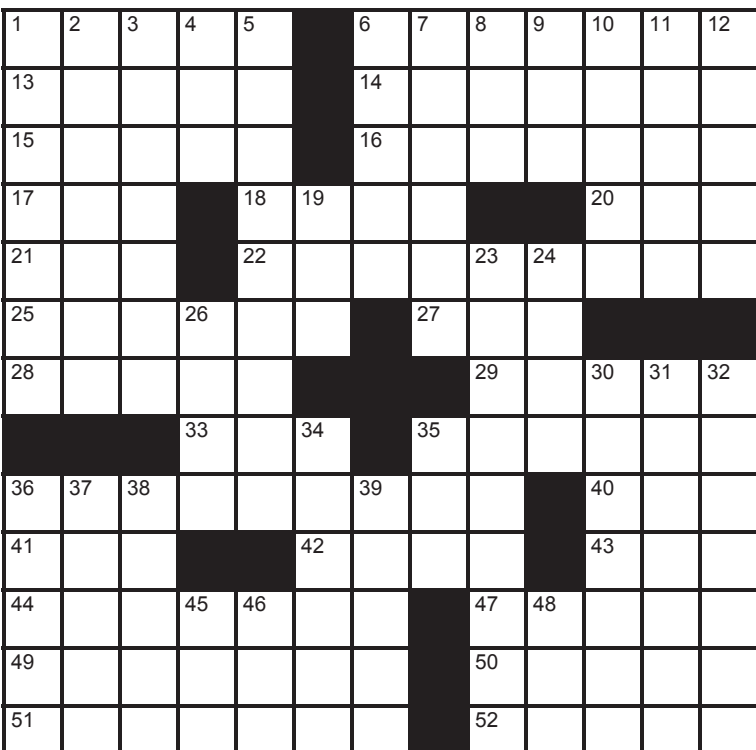
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Across

1. Coke and Pepsi
6. Contracts prior to the wedding
13. Tiny organism
14. Knocking sound
15. Thanos' (former) home
16. ___ Dragons
17. Colony member
18. Notre ___
20. The Company
21. Heartache
22. ___ Live, Fort Wayne dance club featuring a live performance by Canaan Cox on June 19
25. Continuous murmuring noise
27. "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
28. Very, in music
29. On the ball
33. "Get the picture?"
35. More balanced
36. Canaan Cox hit from his *Stiletto* album with the line, "I promise it's not you, it's me"
40. "Act your ___!"

Down

41. Triumphed
42. Bean ___ (tofu)
43. ___ *Doubtfire*
44. Kept abreast of the situation
47. Eye layers
49. A cell that conducts nerve impulses (alt. sp.)
50. Mathematical "approximately equal" symbol
51. Canaan Cox hit and album of the same name featuring the line, "I had my chance and I let you slip away"
52. Column of boxes on a questionnaire

Down

1. North Carolina college where Canaan Cox earned his BFA in Musical Theatre
2. Threatening
3. J. R. and U. etc.
4. Dr. J's first pro league
5. Biting midgets
6. ___ donna
7. Professor ___ fictional astronomer in *Kim Possible*

8. Airport posting: Abbr.

9. Henpeck
10. New York city
11. Lose one's cool
12. The turf in "surf and turf"
19. Sierra Nevada, e.g.
23. Very intense or serious
24. Three-time Batman actor Christian
26. 19-Down brand founded in 1777
30. Many oil-based paints
31. Assign a new mark on an exam
32. Locks
34. Geological epoch that lasted from about 56 to 33.9 million years ago
35. Drop the ball
36. Fluctuated
37. Optimist or dreamer
38. Provide (with)
39. Less polite
45. "Come as You ___" (Nirvana single)
46. Freight weight
48. Compete (for)

Answers on page 16



From left, Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson star in *The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It*, which was the No. 1 movie in theaters this part weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO

Memorial Day box office starts to float

This year's Memorial Day Weekend box office was up 41,000 percent over last year's.

That is not a typo.

While most weekends this year have been averaging from \$10-\$20 million, the last three weekends have averaged about \$80 million.

Baby steps.

This past weekend saw *The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It* take the No. 1 spot at the box, selling \$24 million in the U.S. over its first three days of release. Add in foreign sales and the film has already sold over \$50 million in just a few days. Good ol' horror.

What does the success of action, horror, and children's films tell us?

First, it's more fun to be scared out of your mind in a theater surrounded by a bunch of gasping strangers. Horror films will always be fun in public. Even if the theater industry as we know it ends, there will still be places to watch horror films.

Same thing with action; King Kong looks great on your 60-inch TV and he sounds cool through your soundbar, but it's still not an experience that rivals seeing it in the theater.

Children's films? That one's easy. Parents will always be looking for ways to entertain their kids for a couple of hours at a time.

Beyond action, horror, and children's movies, do theaters still stand a chance? Specialty theaters do, and art house theaters in big cities will probably always do well in the fall and winter. But will there be 5,000 screens running every day in 2023? I doubt there will be 2,000.

ALSO AT THE BOX

Getting back on track, John Krasinski's *A Quiet Place Part II* continued to roll over its second weekend of release, selling another \$19.5 million, upping the flick's 10-day total to \$88 million in the U.S. and \$137 million worldwide. I hear it's very satisfying.

Cruella took the No. 3 spot with another \$11.3 million in sales, bringing the flick's total to \$44 million in the

U.S. and \$87 million worldwide. I think this one looks really fun.

Kid's flick *Spirit Untamed* opened at the No. 4 spot with \$6.2 million in sales while *Raya and the Last Dragon* rounded out the Top 5 with another \$1.3 million in sales.

Thus far *Raya* has sold \$53 million domestically and just under \$120 million worldwide. Add in all the money it's going to make via streaming and *Raya* will probably go down as a success story.

The big winner this year is definitely *Godzilla vs. Kong*, which is still selling tickets and has now made \$437 million worldwide. Gotta wonder what that one would have made if COVID-19 never happened. I'll guess \$2 billion.

NEW THIS WEEK

This weekend will likely still be about the new horror flicks, but don't be surprised if *Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway* and *In the Heights*, both new this week, fill some seats.

The trailer for *In the Heights* is so uplifting, I wouldn't be surprised if it hits hard. *Peter Rabbit 2* will fill seats because it's a kid's film, but probably not come anywhere close to *Raya*.

Additionally, we have a lot of studios starting to dump out smaller films in limited release.

Two of those films, *Holler* and *A Perfect Enemy*, are very promising on paper. There's one, *Queen Bees*, starring James Caan and Ellen Burstyn, that will probably sell some tickets, but these smaller releases are probably all going to bomb, including *Domino: Battle of the Bones*, starring Snoop Dogg and David Arquette.

SCREEN RANT

We're almost at the halfway mark of 2021. How is that possible? Most years I would have a long list of favorite albums and films so far, but not this year. There just hasn't been much yet, which makes sense.

But as the U.S. comes back to life, I think we're going to be getting a lot more. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if the second half of 2021 is something of a Golden Era for film releases, as most of the studios are sitting on several shelved prestige films. Fingers crossed those films are on their way to us before year's end.

Plenty to dive into with film from German director

For those unfamiliar with German director Christian Petzold, the main thing to know is that he doesn't mind keeping his stories — and, by extension, his audiences — under an alluring shroud of mystery.

His World War II-set masterwork *Phoenix* tells a tale of mistaken identity that doesn't fully reveal its depths until its breathtaking final minutes. His follow-up *Transit* depicts a refugee fleeing occupied France who impersonates a dead writer, though it takes about halfway through the runtime to even put that together.

His latest film *Undine* may be his most straightforward work yet: a fantasy romance adapted from European mythology in which the fate of two lovers undulates amid a sea of uncertainty.



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Berlin's urban development.

Her poised speeches capture the attention of industrial diver Christoph (Franz Rogowski), whose meet-cute with Undine after his tour involves a shattered fish tank and the newly-acquainted pair lying on the ground under it. It doesn't take long for the two to become smitten and fall deeply in love with one another, until a couple of well-hidden secrets threatens to throw cold water on their fresh relationship.

Reuniting from *Transit*, Beer and Rogowski once again sport a world-class chemistry that's both classically romantic and also endearing in a more modern sense. When they look into each other's eyes, it's nearly impossible for one not to want them to be with each other forever.

Fans of *The Office* will rejoice in a reference to a CPR trick synced to the tempo of Bee Gees' classic "Stayin' Alive," whose inclusion in the film could seem corny, but Beer really sells her character's connection with the song through her new beau.

Rogowski, whose resemblance to Joaquin Phoenix still remains uncanny to me, steadily augments the longing in his face with each departing train ride that Undine takes to the other side of the city.

FOLKLORE AND FAIRY TALE

Like any made-for-movie romance, there is a titanic tragedy at the foundation of their blossoming affair, but, in this case, the nature of the "iceberg" is perhaps best left for audiences to discover on their own.

Petzold carefully arranges clues and hints to the circumstances of the pair's divide starting from the opening scene as he weaves folklore and history into this dark fairy tale. Even Undine's orations on architectural concepts of post-GDR Berlin threaten boredom upon first exposure but gradually transform into a poignant metaphor about the ability to rebuild oneself after a



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Paula Beer and Franz Rogowski star in *Undine*.

UNDINE

Unrated

1 hour 31 minutes

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painful past. The irresistible connection between the two leads should be enough to keep viewers glued to the screen, but there's also plenty under the surface that's worth diving into.

Using a sparse but effective list of musical selections, Petzold most notably employs a lovely piano-based Bach concerto as a recurring theme for Undine and Christoph. He also insinuates a creeping sense of unreality while exploring some of the story's more fantastical elements, for example, when the camera on Christoph's diving suit picks up images that differ from what we see earlier from his perspective.

Elegant and enchanting, *Undine* makes it easy for one to get swept up in the tidal waves of adoration and yearning between its conspicuously charming couple.

NEW MOVIES COMING THIS WEEKEND

Premiering both on HBO Max and in theaters is *In The Heights*, a musical starring Anthony Ramos and Leslie Grace telling the story of a New York City bodega owner who saves his money in hopes of a better life.

Playing only in theaters is *Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway*, a live-action/CGI comedy starring James Corden and Margot Robbie continuing the story of the titular hare as he makes a trip into the big city.

Streaming on Paramount+ is *Infinite*, a sci-fi actioner starring Mark Wahlberg and Chiwetel Ejiofor about a man who discovers that his hallucinations are actually visions from past lives.

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