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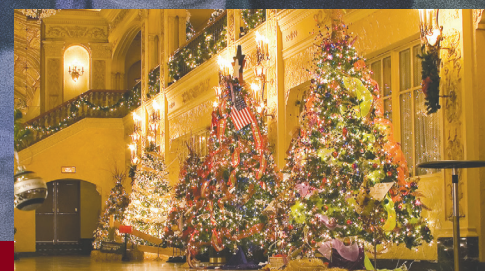
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# Elsa and Anna warm up winter in Youtheatre production

## Popular Disney musical visits Fort Wayne stage

**BY MICHELE DeVINNEY**

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The typical pattern for local theater groups and arts organizations is to quietly assemble the following season.

Then as the current season winds down, they announce the next year's lineup to stir excitement for what's ahead.

That is exactly what Fort Wayne Youtheatre had planned to do, and in fact they did announce their 2019-20 season as their season finale, *The Commedia Rapunzel*, was bringing 2018-19 to a close in May.

But one show was announced ahead of the usual schedule because the good folks at Youtheatre knew it was going to cause a splash.

### JUMPING AT THE CHANCE

"We already had selected a different Christmas show for our season," said Christopher Murphy, assistant director of Youtheatre and the director for the annual holiday production.

"Just as we were going to the presses, we found out that Disney was releasing *Frozen Jr.*, and we jumped on it and applied for the license. It really came out of the blue and was a surprise because it's unusual for them to do that when the original show is still running on Broadway. Todd [Espe-land, executive director of Youtheatre] and I were each in our offices when the email came in, and I'm not sure which one of us yelled from our computers first. Within an hour we had decided to apply for the license."

Striking while the iron was hot, Fort Wayne Youtheatre wasted no time in announcing the production shortly after they were granted the license.

It was a coup for the organization to be one of the first in the region to stage a performance of *Frozen Jr.* particularly as their performances will come on the heels of Disney's release of the film's sequel.

Murphy, having recently visited New York to catch some Broadway shows, caught a performance of *Frozen*, a nifty bit of professional preparation.

But it wasn't his first exposure to the musical. In fact, it was when he was teaching for Mark Kistler in Texas, joined by music teacher Dorothy Kittaka, that he was introduced to the hit film.



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### A MUSICAL WITH DEPTH

"Dorothy had brought some materials down to Texas," Murphy said. "She handed *Frozen* to me, and of course by this time every little girl was singing 'Let It Go.' When I watched it, I was thunderstruck by how much I loved this Disney princess movie. The music is as good as any Broadway show, and it just had this depth to it. As I was starting to prepare for this show, I started listening to the songs in the car because I could see some of the blocking in my head. But as I'd listen to the songs, I would get so emotional. I'm sure people in other cars would look at me crying and think my mother had just died when in fact I was just listening to the *Frozen* soundtrack."

As soon as the show was revealed, buzz began among the younger set who were already counting the days until the holiday production.

But buzz was also building in the young acting community, and as a result, 110 actors between the ages of eight and 17 showed up for auditions. The potential cast members were so talented, Murphy found it difficult to whittle the numbers down to the desired 35, settling eventually on 36.

But even that was difficult for him to do as he worked with musical director Ben Wedler and choreographer Heather Closson to set the final list.

"The three of us kept passing this Google document back and forth as we were trying to come to a decision on the cast," Murphy said. "And sometimes I'd find myself adding kids back on until one day Heather said, 'Why are there more names on the list?'"

### EASIER FOR KIDS TO PERFORM

For those who aren't familiar with the "Jr." distinction for certain programs, Murphy explains that there are changes made, even to shows originally aimed at young audiences, that make it easier for them to be staged in school and community productions.

"Jr. shows are typically when a licensing company takes an existing show, and they have their writers go through it and make changes like reducing the length of the show to 70-80 minutes,"

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he said. "They also change the key of the songs so they're more appropriate for younger audiences, and they may remove anything that might be objectionable."

"Usually the process takes place after the show is already done, but in the case of *Frozen*, the Jr. version was done in tandem with the writing of the Broadway show so they were doing both shows lock step as they were going along. Having done several Jr. shows over the years, I think this is one of the strongest because they took that approach. It really creates a seamless, smoother version, and it has a good mix of the songs."

Heading the cast are two young performers who have a remarkable resume for their ages.

Playing Elsa is Addi Antibus, a Homestead student active in show choir. Playing Anna will be Emmie Conner, who played Rapunzel in Youtheatre's spring show which Murphy also directed.

As he talked about his leads, he also summed up what has made the film and the show so appealing to generations of fans who are enchanted by the story and the music.

"Those two girls can really put a song over," Murphy said. "They are incredibly talented. At the end of the show when they sing a reprise of 'Let It Go' as a duet, and this might sound silly, but this is the love song of this show. The show is really a love story between two sisters. They loved each other as kids, and they were separated by circumstances beyond their control. But they found their way back to each other."



# Quartet is recreating the classics of the '60s

*Wabash and Van Wert part of current tour*

BY MICHELE DeVINNEY  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

When *Jersey Boys* debuted on Broadway in 2005, it took the theater world by storm. A well-crafted history of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, told in four “seasons” which allowed each member of the group to share his and their story, the show brought to life both the group’s origins in a rough part of New Jersey and the music that catapulted the group to stardom in the 1960s and 1970s.

Four original cast members — Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard, and J. Robert Spencer — earned acclaim, with Spencer receiving a Tony nomination and Hoff winning a Tony for best featured actor in a musical for his portrayal of Tommy DeVito. The show itself also won a Tony for Best Musical and ran on Broadway until 2017.

## THE SHOW GOES ON

Of course by the time the final curtain fell on its Broadway run, the original cast had long since left the show. But the show has gone on in a very real sense with Hoff, Longoria, Reichard, and Spencer continuing to work together for more than a decade as The Midtown Men.

Currently on their holiday tour, the quartet visits the area twice in the coming weeks, and Cleveland native Reichard is familiar with the



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towns and the venues. He shared the origins of Midtown Men in a recent phone interview with *Whatzup*.

“It really started when we were still in the show,” he said. “We were asked to sing at a Red Cross benefit, and then we’d be asked to sing at a celebrity birthday party, so we started putting together a quick show that we could do when asked. After we left the show, the invitations kept coming. So we created our own set in the tradition of the Rat Pack — gentlemen in suits singing songs, doing all the hits, and making fun of ourselves and each other. We realized we could take this on the road, and it’s been very special and a good experience career-wise. So far we’ve done a thousand concerts together.”

## LIKE THE RAT PACK

While they certainly perform those classic Four Seasons songs, Midtown Men provides an opportunity to go beyond that selection of material, allowing each man to dip into his own favorite material.

“The catalog is so rich,” Reichard said. “We’re doing new old songs every week, and we’re doing songs as individuals based on our own favorites. Christian loves ‘Happy Together,’ I love doing songs by the Rascals, Michael is into the Ronettes, and Bobby loves Marvin Gaye. We’re really creating something like the Rat Pack in the 1960s and the rock n’ roll scene of the time. We have that four-part blend and trumpet, saxophone, and trombone, so we can recreate that horn section like Count Basie had and that Sinatra did. We really connect the songs to our favorites of the ’60s, all of those iconic classics, and we do a large sequence of Jersey Boys songs.”

Add to that the current mix of holiday songs, which Reichard admitted wasn’t that interesting to him when first conceived.

“I originally didn’t like the idea of the holiday show when we were first talking about it,” Reichard said. “It started as an afterthought that we’d throw in a few holiday songs. But now it’s my favorite time of year with the show, and I love singing those classic songs

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in December. The feel so fresh in the moment when we perform them. We’re doing 10 of those shows between now and December, so we’ll have plenty of frequent flier miles at the end of it.”

## BROTHERHOOD

Having worked together for so long, the foursome has become a brotherhood of its own. While the original Jersey Boys experienced some fairly dramatic highs and lows with each other, the four men who furthered their legacy on Broadway have kept their relationships on a much more even keel.

“We have spent so much time together in the last 14 years,” Reichard said. “It’s so natural, so second nature to be together. We kind of take it for granted because we’re together so much. When we’re not working, we go our separate ways and put our energy into our private lives — our spouses, our children, our dogs. It’s a great way to balance our time, and then when we’re on stage we have a blast together. Every band has its up and downs with each other. I have four brothers, and my relationships with them aren’t nearly as intense as it is with these three guys. But I love each of them like they were my brothers.”

The Midtown Men may have 14 years behind them, but Reichard said that he isn’t entirely sure how many are still ahead of them as a quartet. But he also knows that there will always be a connection and ways for them to take a stage together.

“I’m not sure what the future holds for us after this year,” he said. “But whenever we’re asked to sing together, I’ll be happy and proud to do so. No matter what, we’ll get together and sing. Any time there’s a great opportunity to sing together, we’ll take it.”

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Running the ship will be **Chris Roets** who many know as general manager of the Jefferson Boulevard Wooden Nickel location and former owner of Entourage Music which was located in Glenbrook Mall. With plenty of experience in the biz, Roets is ready to take the reins as the new general manager, expand inventory, and make a few aesthetic changes to the store. Exciting times for sure. Good luck to both Chris and Morrison!

## RECORD STORE DAY IN NOVEMBER

Roets won't have much time to catch his breath as Neat Neat Neat will be hosting Record Store Day Black Friday on Nov. 29. While some folks will be lining up in front of department stores to get door buster deals on TV's, video game consoles, and other smart household gadgets, music collectors will be lined up to get their hands on exclusive vinyl releases.

Starting at 8 a.m., stop in to score some of these releases for yourself or that music lover on your Christmas list. While flipping through vinyl, you will also be able to enjoy a cash bar and live music kicking off at 2 p.m. from **The Bel Airs, David Todoran, C.A.B., Tuesday Atlas, and Flamingo Nosebleed**.

In addition, all three Wooden Nickel locations will be celebrating Record Store Day Black Friday with more than 140 limited-edition vinyl LP's, giveaways, and 96.3 XKE's **Doc West** on site.

A couple of the items they will be giving away are a box set of Metallica's *...and Justice For All* and a Victoria Hampton Bluetooth Turntable.

## HILLBILLY CASINO ROCKS CHRISTMAS

The Brass Rail has announced the annual **Hillbilly Casino** Christmas Spectacular will take place the



## Out and About

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evening of Sunday, Dec. 22.

You'll hear Christmas tunes in pure rockabilly fashion in addition to a handful of Casino numbers. Plus, if it's anything like years past, there might be a musical guest or two joining them on stage.

One act for sure that will be there are Boston rockers **Jittery Jack and Miss Amy Griffin**. This duo play a wild brand of Americana music with an east-coast bang. They are a household name on the roots and rockabilly circuit worldwide and we are blessed to have them here in the Fort.

The Hillbilly Casino Christmas Spectacular is an early show beginning at 7 p.m., so please make note since you don't want to miss one minute of fun.

## CD RELEASE PARTY

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They will be joined that evening by **HazenSol** and **Ellis Omega**.

If you can't make it to the show, you can pre-order the CD now on their Facebook page where they have a couple different packages to choose from. Digital release for *Monolith* is on Dec. 8.

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**Dan Heath and Friends** — Acoustic variety at Hall's Triangle Park Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 438-8816

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

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

**Hubie Ashcraft** — Acoustic at teds Beer Hall (and Wine Bar), Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

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

**Jon Durnell and Missy Burgess** — Acoustic at Trolley Steaks & Seafood, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 490-4322

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

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

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

**Tom Koenig** — Acoustic variety at Top's Tavern, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. No cover, (260) 485-2056

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

**USF Student Acoustic Recital** — Acoustic variety at University of Saint Francis Cougar Den, Fort Wayne, 7-8 p.m. free, (260) 399-7700

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**The 906 Band** — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

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

**Big Dick and the Penetrators w/Craig Guy Jr.** — Variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

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

**Eclectic JukeJoint** — Blues variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 426-3442

**Flamingo Nosebleed, Last Chance At Failure, Spicoli Culkin** — Punk at The Muse On Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. \$8, (260) 999-4108

**Greg Bender & Friends** — Blues variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

**Helicon's Peak** — Country/classic rock at Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. No cover, (574) 267-5066

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

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

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

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

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

**John Forbing and Chelsea Erickson** — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5055

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

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

**Mickey Factz, Swave Sevah, Jarrett Michael, J. Tubbs, A Certain Energy, Brooklyn Rixches** — Hip Hop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$15-\$20, (260) 399-6336

**Motor Folkers** — Variety at Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, 8 p.m. cover, (260) 760-1421

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

**Sunny Taylor** — Acoustic variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 7:30-9:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

**The Temptations** — R&B at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$39.50-\$69.50, (260) 747-0989

**Todd Harrold and Nick Bobay** — R&B/blues at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. no cover, (260) 422-5896

**Tom Koenig** — Acoustic variety at East Haven Tavern, New Haven, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 341-1688

**Violin Masterclass w/Igor Yuzefovich** — Violin at Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m. free, (260) 481-6555

**Wind Ensemble Fall Concert** — Wind instruments at Grace College, Winona Lake, 7:30 p.m. no cover,

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

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

**Brian Frushour and Charles Rhen** — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

**Choice** — Classic rock at Auburn Brewing Company, Auburn, 7-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 908-1391

**Classic Jam Band** — Classic rock at Navy Club, Ship 245, New Haven, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 493-4044

**Coupe Deluxe** — Classic rock/blues at Syracuse Eagles 3760, Syracuse, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 241-3187

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

**Davy Knowles and Band of Friends** — Rory Gallagher tribute at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. \$20-\$40, (260) 426-6434

**Earphorik** — Jam/Funk at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$8-\$10, (260) 399-6336

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## Dupont Bar & Grill

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

## Flashback Live

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

## Hamilton House

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

## JD Lounge

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

## Latch String Bar & Grill

**Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne • (260) 483-5526**  
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## Mad Anthony Brewing Company

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# Live Music & Comedy

LOCAL CALENDAR

**Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Violins of Hope** — Orchestral (Violins of Hope) at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$23-\$80, (260) 481-0770

**Grace College Worship Arts Student Recital** — Instrumental at Grace College, Winona Lake, 7 p.m. no cover,

**Hubie Ashcraft Trio** — Country rock at Double Eagle, Decatur, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 724-8777

**Jackie Evancho** — Broadway/classical at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$40-\$50, (260) 563-1102

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

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

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

**John Curran & Renegade** — Country at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 490-6488

**Mark Garr** — Acoustic variety at Don Hall's Triangle Park, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 705-0165

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

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

## Picks

GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

### Festival of Gingerbread

Friday, Nov. 29-Sunday, Dec. 15  
The History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne  
\$4-\$6 • (260) 426-2882

The Fort Wayne History Center has created some of its own history during the Christmas season for more than three decades by staging the annual Festival of Gingerbread in its downtown Fort Wayne facility. This year's event takes place Nov. 29-Dec. 15.

Among the edible creations on display attendees will most often find various takes on the traditional gingerbread house but will also likely find unique takes on local historic buildings, family farms, villages, and quite possibly a political piece or two. The displays are created as part of a contest sponsored by the History Center and judged by an astute panel of gingerbread experts. The contests pit participants from different age and skill levels against others in the same group, each one vying for cash prizes and year-long bragging rights.

Attendance for the event has grown tremendously over the last 33 years, now drawing up to 15,000 people annually. In addition to the gingerbread designs, storytelling for kids, crafts, and entertainment, a gingerbread cookie sale will take place once again this year, adding



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more excitement for some of the younger attendees. Of course, the event wouldn't be complete without Santa and Mrs. Claus making themselves available for photos while looking to add the names of good little boys and girls to their gift lists. — *Chris Hupe*

### Christmas Connections

Saturday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Jan. 5  
Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory  
1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne  
\$5-\$3 • (260) 427-6440

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is one of those special places in Fort Wayne where you can spend quality time with family and friends while enjoying the best of what nature has to offer without ever having to leave the city. The conservatory carefully plans out each year's activities, always conscious of the changing seasons and creating displays accordingly. This year's Christmastime theme is Christmas Connections, on display Nov. 23-Jan. 5.

Christmas Connections aims to offer new opportunities for visitors to make those important connections and re-connections. While busy modern lives often separate friends and family members across schedules and distances, the gardens' quintessential poinsettia tree, colorful holiday settings, and friendly light displays have always provided a wholesome traditional backdrop for the Fort Wayne community.

The Holiday Kick-Off Party gets things started Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving, and offers a chance to take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as the opportunity to visit with two live reindeer direct from Santa's home at the North Pole.

This year's hallway gallery will show a timeline of



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Christmas exhibits at the conservatory over the decades. You can enjoy viewing family photos sent in by local residents from recent years, identify holiday fragrances and the memories they might bring back, and send off a card to Santa in the seasonal "post office." You can also catch a brief video of personal interviews of visitors sharing ideas about how to connect and the impact it can make.

In the atrium, enjoy beautiful poinsettias along with an illuminated outdoor display of lights and holiday music and use the gardens as a backdrop for family photos you'll use to make Christmas connections in the future. — *Chris Hupe*




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## Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

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

**Pierce** — Acoustic variety at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

**Red Eye Gravy** — Variety at JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., (260) 483-1311

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

**Ron Feingold** — Comedy at @2104/Fort Wayne Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, 9:45 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 426-6339

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

**Russ Chandler** — Variety at American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, 7:30-10:30 p.m. no cover, (260) 456-2988

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

**Todd Harrold and Eric Clancy** — R&B/blues at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. no cover, (260) 426-3442

**Todd McComas** — Comedy at The Tiger Room @ Welch's Ale House, Fort Wayne, 8-10 p.m. \$20-\$30, 18+, (260) 456-6542

**Tuesday Atlas, Awake By Noon, Six Feet To Salvation** — Punk, Alternative Rock, Metal at The Muse On Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. \$8, (260) 999-4108

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Brass Day w/Shachar Israel** — Brass at Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. free, (260) 481-6555

**Hellyeah** — Rock/metal at Eclectic Room, Angola, 7 p.m. \$32-\$165, (269) 625-8817

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

**We Will Rock You** — Queen Tribute at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 7:30 p.m. \$45-\$75, (419) 238-6722

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

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

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

**Percussion Ensemble Concert** — Percussion at Auer Performance Hall, Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-0777

**Saxophone Quartet and Choir Concert** — Saxophone at Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$4-\$7, (260) 481-6555

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

**Brian Frushour and Charles Rhen** — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

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

**Chris Worth & Company** — Variety at American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 209-3960

**Cold Call** — Classic rock at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

**Grateful Groove** — Grateful Dead tribute at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

**Helicon's Peak** — Country rock at Miami & Erie Restaurant and Lounge, Defiance, OH, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 503-4522

**Hubie Ashcraft Band** — Country at Flashback Live, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. \$5, (260) 422-5292

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

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

**Love Hustler, The Be Colony, Blue Wave** — Synth/psych pop at The Ruin, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$5, (260) 399-6336

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

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

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

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

**Single Mothers** — Original rock at The Muse On Main, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m. \$8, (260) 999-4108

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

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

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

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**7:00 pm** — Flagstar Bank Lighting of the Christmas Tree Display & Indiana Michigan Power Merry Christmas Wreath (I&M Power Center Plaza)  
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## Mad Anthony Tap Room

**Music/Rock • 114 N. Main St., Auburn • (260) 927-0500**  
**EXPECT:** The eclectic madness of the original combined with hand-crafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. Expanded menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. **GETTING THERE:** Take I-69 to State Road 8 (Auburn exit); downtown, just north of courthouse. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 a.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

## Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill

**Sports & Music • 6179 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 387-5063**  
**EXPECT:** Family-friendly atmosphere, great food, all sports packages on over 40 TVs, craft beers and more. Great food from wings and pizza to gourmet sandwiches and entrees; breakfast and blood Mary bar Saturdays & Sundays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **GETTING THERE:** On the corner of Getz Road and West Jefferson Boulevard, southwest Fort Wayne. **HOURS:** 4 p.m.-close Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-close Friday-Saturday. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

## State Grill

**Pub/Tavern • 1210 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 483-5618**  
**EXPECT:** 1st Tavern to pour beer after Prohibition; located in a fun and friendly neighborhood; home of the XKE Cranials & most dangerous jukebox. Daily drink specials include \$2 Tall Boy PBR everyday, get grilled everyday with \$2 Fireball add-on special. Golden Tee. Free WIFI. Fort Wayne's Sammy Hagar bar & Santo Mezquila, Riverbend Pizza. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of State and Crescent. **HOURS:** 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon., 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Tues.-Fri., noon-3 a.m. Sat., noon-2 a.m. Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** Cash only; ATM on site

## Teds Beer Hall & Wine Bar

**Pub/Tavern • 12628 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne • (888) 260-0357**  
**EXPECT:** Lively atmosphere, eclectic tap list, knowledgeable bartenders and the kind of backtalk you usually reserve for family reunions, Thanksgiving and 90s sitcoms set in high school. Kitchen features pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, coffee, ice cream and a kids menu. **GETTING THERE:** Located at the intersection of Coldwater and Union Chapel roads. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tues.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Beer/Wine. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

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# Live Music & Comedy

LOCAL CALENDAR

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

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Picks

GREAT THINGS TO DO IN FORT WAYNE AND BEYOND

## Fantasy of Lights

Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Dec. 31  
Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne  
\$10-\$40 • (260) 744-1900

The Blue Jacket Fantasy of Lights is one of Fort Wayne's most anticipated annual Christmastime events, drawing around 50,000 people to Franke Parke each year to view the visually stunning displays. On display from November 26-December 31 this year, the Fantasy of Lights is a drive-through event featuring more than 110 larger-than-life displays with a combined tally of 270,000 LED lights.

This year's exhibition is once again a two-mile trek, expanded last year from a mile and a half, that takes you from display to display with everything being viewable from the comfort of your perfectly heated vehicle.

The Pond Pavilion offers a stop along the way with free popcorn and hot chocolate available, along with the possibility that Santa and Mrs. Claus may appear for photo opportunities and the collection of wish lists.

Past displays along the trail have included traditional takes on the holiday season with unique artistic visions of Santa, snowmen, reindeer, Christmas trees, and other fun items of the season. Others lean more toward the reason for the season depicting Christmas scenes of Jesus in the manger, the North Star and the Wise Men who used it to navigate.

You'll also find that Franke Park lends its own

## Let's Get Lit Pub Crawl

4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27  
Various establishments in downtown Fort Wayne

The night before Thanksgiving has always been a special night in Fort Wayne with the traditional lighting of Santa and his reindeer on the side of the PNC building. The ceremony floods downtown with thousands of people.

In response, other happenings have popped up to provide family and friends with something to do before they start preparing the annual feast that will put them into a "turkey coma" by the end of the following day.

One such event that commenced just last year and enjoyed some great participation is the Let's Get Lit Pub Crawl. The crawl pairs local breweries with local



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character to the exhibition as the natural hills and wooded areas of the park add just the right amount of feel and character to ensure everyone goes home with a warm feeling in their heart.

Each display is sponsored by an area company and all proceeds from the event go to Blue Jacket, a local company that helps people overcome barriers to employment and become better job seekers and better employees. — *Chris Hupe*

restaurants with a common goal of showcasing the best of what the area has to offer in food and drink. This event also takes place in downtown Fort Wayne, from 4-9 p.m., with stops at many of the Summit City's more popular watering holes and breweries.

While a final list of participating businesses continues to be developed, some of the confirmed hosts include 816 Pint and Slice, The Dash-In, The Ruin, Caliente Cuban Café, JK O'Donnell's, and Trubble Riverside.

Featured brews will come from members of the Northern Indiana Brewers Association including Mad Anthony Brewing, 2 Toms Brewing Company, Summit City Brewwerks, Chapman's Brewing Company, Kekionga Cider Company, LaOtto Brewing, and Trubble Brewing.

Make it a two-fer: We know Santa and the reindeer are going to get lit. Now you can, too. — *Chris Hupe*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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

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

**Brian Frushour and Charles Rhen** — Variety at The Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. no cover, (260) 482-1618

**Chris Rutkowski/Rich Cohen Project** — Variety at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

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

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

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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# Don't wonder what to do during our early winter weather

Last week's surprising burst of winter may have taken people by surprise and may have even annoyed those who were ill-prepared to move to the season a full six weeks ahead of the calendar.

But there are also many who welcome the upcoming colder temps and some of the activities associated with them.



## News and Venues

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### HEADWATERS ICE SKATING

For example, last Saturday's opening of the Headwaters Park Ice Skating Rink was perfectly timed. Located at Superior and Clinton streets, the rink is open Monday-Thursday 1-8 p.m., Friday noon-10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday noon-8 p.m. Those hours are extended from Dec. 13-Jan. 5 and the rink is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is plenty of opportunity to grab the skates and enjoy some fun.

The cost is \$3 for those 13 and under and \$5 for those 14 and over. Don't have skates? Rentals for those are only \$3 as well. And for those who have dedicated skaters in their lives, gift certificates and skating passes are available for holiday giving.

### TOBOGGAN RUN

For those who want another fun wintery

activity, look no further than Pokagon State Park in Steuben County where the Toboggan Run opens for the season at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 29, perfect counterprogramming to the insanity of Black Friday.

The run is refrigerated and therefore is open through March 1 with or without snow. Open for New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and President's Day, it's the perfect place to visit on days that schools are closed. It welcomes 90,000 visitors per season and boasts a 30-foot tower and dips and valleys. The total vertical drop is 90 feet over the course of a quarter mile.

The top recorded speed is 42 mph which should satisfy any area thrillseeker. Toboggan rentals are \$13 per hour, and park entrance fees are \$7 per in-state car.

### WALKING IN THE WINTER

Others who enjoy the great outdoors in winter time, particularly hiking through the snow, are invited to visit Salomon Farm Park for its Winter Walk on the Farm on January 26 at 3 p.m.

A four-mile trek through trails in the back fields, the walk is hosted by staff who will end the hike with a visit to the Livestock Barn. If there is snow that day, the hike could be challenging, and of course proper clothing and boots are vital.

There's no cost for the walk, but registration is required. For more information, visit the Salomon Farm Park Facebook page or call



The season for ice skating at Headwaters Park rink opened on Saturday and runs through Jan. 5. COURTESY PHOTO

(260) 427-6000. Hikers must be 13 years or older to participate.

### ICY PLUNGE

Those who want to deep dive into the frigid temps can do so once again for a worthy cause. On Saturday, Feb. 8, Special Olympics Indiana will host Fort Wayne Plunge at Camp Red Cedar in Northern Fort Wayne, a plunge into ridiculously frigid waters to raise pledges and donations for Special Olympics.

Last year's plunge saw record participation,

raising \$27,000 for the cause. This year's goal is to increase that tally by reaching \$32,000.

If jumping into ice cold water is for you, visit [soindiana.org/polar-plunge](http://soindiana.org/polar-plunge) and raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges.

Camp Red Cedar is a new site for the event and provides ample space for some refreshments, entertainment, and celebration after the plunge has been completed.

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## Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

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

**Helicon's Peak** — Country/classic rock at Lizards Bar & Grill, Milford, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. No cover, (574) 658-4904

**Hobo Squall** — Bluegrass at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 267-6082

**Holbrook Brothers Band** — Rock/variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. no cover, (260) 488-3344

**Huber Chorus** — Holiday choral at Huber Opera House & Civic Center, Hicksville, OH, 7 p.m. donations, (419) 542-9553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

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

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

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

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

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

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



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

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### GUITAR ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Thursday, Nov. 21 7:30 p.m.

### PIANO STUDIO RECITAL

Friday, Nov. 22 7:30 p.m.

### BRASS DAY

Shachar Israel, trombone  
Sunday, Nov. 24 All Day

### PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Monday, Nov. 25 7:30 p.m.

### SAXOPHONE QUARTET AND CHOIR CONCERT

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## Live Music & Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

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

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

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

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

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

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

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

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

**David Phelps** — Contemporary Christian at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$45, (419) 238-6722

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

**Heartland Sings** — Holiday choral at Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$10-\$35, (260) 436-8080

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

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

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



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

**Kyle Haller Band** — Rock/variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. no cover, (260) 483-5526

**Ross Kinsey** — Acoustic variety at Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. no cover, (260) 458-4500

**Sum 41** — Rock at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$25-\$29, (260) 747-0989

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

**Trubble Troubadours Showcase** — Singer-Songwriter at Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m. no cover, (260) 580-5641

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

**The 906 Band** — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-midnight no cover, (260) 489-2524

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

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

**Heartland Sings** — Holiday choral at Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m. \$10-\$35, (260) 436-8080

**Helicon's Peak** — Country/classic rock at Duff's Bar, Columbia City, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover, (260) 244-6978

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

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

**John Curran & Renegade** — Country at Taps Pub, Avilla, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. no cover, (260) 897-3331

**Lonestar & Phil Vassar** — Country at Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, 7:30 p.m. \$45-\$75, (419) 238-6722

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

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

**Point of Grace w/Aaron Shust, Mallary Hope** — Contemporary Christian at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$55, (260) 563-1102

**Smooth Edge 2: A Cappella Christmas Concert** — Holiday jazz at The Tiger Room @ Welch's Ale House, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m. \$5-\$10 (all ages), (260) 456-6542

**Subtronics** — Dance/electronic at Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. \$20-\$25, (260) 747-0989

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

**Fort Wayne Philharmonic** — Holiday Pops at First Church of God, Columbia City, 7 p.m. \$10-\$15, (260) 481-0770

**Heartland Sings** — Holiday choral at Allen County Courthouse, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. \$10-\$35, (260) 436-8080

**Hillbilly Casino** — Holiday Concert at Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. \$7, (260) 267-5303

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

**Old Crown Brass Band** — Holiday Concert at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. no cover, (260) 710-2908

**Sing! An Irish Christmas** — Irish holiday at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. \$24-\$59, (260) 424-5665

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

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

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## *This year's event rekindles traditions*

**BY STEVE PENHOLLOW**  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The big news about Night of Lights this year has to do with the return of Wee Willie Wand.

It may not be common knowledge among Hoosiers born after 1960, but Fort Wayne once had its very own Christmas elf.

His name was Wee Willie Wand and he was created by someone at the Wolf & Dessauer department store.

He appeared on local TV with Phil Steigerwald, the only area Santa Claus that most residents knew, and will ever know, by name.

The show was called *Santa in Wonderland* and it aired daily throughout the holiday season.

Wee Willie Wand dolls were sold at the store beginning in 1949. They can occasionally be found on eBay, but you'd better be ready to shell out serious bucks for one.

Wee Willie Wand was different from (meaning, better than) other Christmas elves because he had his own magic wand.

Flagstar Bank will bring back Wee Willie Wand for this year's Night of Lights, which happens on November 27.

"Willie will be in the front of Flagstar Bank on Wayne Street as well as on the I&M Power Center Plaza," according to Rick Zolman, events & programming manager for the Downtown Improvement District.

### **O CHRISTMAS TREE**

Flagstar plans to rekindle another Fort Wayne Christmas tradition: The Christmas tree on the walkway over Calhoun Street.

The Christmas tree used to be mounted atop an arch outside of Murphy's department store on the corner of Wayne and Calhoun. Now it'll be on a walkway.

"There will actually be two Christmas trees," Zolman said. "One on the walkway over Calhoun Street and one over their rotunda on Wayne Street. It's fun to see Flagstar jumping in since they're newer to the market."

### **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING**

For decades, the Night of Lights has been how Fort Wayne residents usher in the holiday season.

It revolves around a central event: The lighting of a Santa sign that once graced the side of the Wolf & Dessauer department store and is now mounted on the PNC Bank building at Main and Calhoun streets.

Other lightings and launches have joined it: the



turret on the History Center, lights on the former Aunt Millie's bread factory, Santa's workshop at the Community Center, a light display at the Ash Brokerage building, a wreath in I&M Power Center Plaza, holiday offerings at the Botanical Conservatory, and the Embassy Theatre's Festival of Trees and its decorated windows.

### **LET IT SNOW**

With downtown Fort Wayne blossoming at an astronomical rate, more businesses and downtown inhabitants want to be involved every year.

Newer participants include Ash Brokerage, Flagstar, and Parkview Field, where a Christmas fireworks display has been the culminating event of Night of Lights since 2010.

Bistro Nota, a new Calhoun Street eatery, will get involved this year with an open house, Zolman said.

Nola on 13, the New Orleans-themed restaurant on the 13th floor of the I&M Power Center building, will offer a VIP experience that involves food (of course) and a bird's eye view of Night of Lights festivities.

"It's terrific because if there's inclement weather or you just don't want to deal with the crowds, you can get above the crowd and still participate in the event," Zolman said.

Downtown Wellness Spa will host something

### **HOLIDAYFEST FEATURING NIGHT OF LIGHTS**

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that likely has never been seen in Fort Wayne: A Sparkle Bar.

Despite the name, Goldschläger will not be involved.

It is instead an opportunity for you to add sparkle to your face and any other part of your body that cries out for it.

If a Sparkle Bar isn't your thing, how about a Mint Cookie Tasting Bar? DeBrands Fine Chocolates will be providing the latter.

Perhaps you're more of a Hot Chocolate Bar sort of person. If so, JK O'Donnell's Irish Pub will have one of those set up outside of its West Wayne Street establishment.

Despite the locale, Baileys Irish Cream will (presumably) not be involved.

Other downtown businesses and offices that will provide seasonal goodies like cocoa, cider, punch, and cookies include Alyssum Montessori School, the History Center, the Allen County Courthouse, Good Shepherd Books & Gifts, Horizon Bank, and the Grand Wayne Center.

### **SILVER BELLS**

The Grand Wayne Center, which has always favored us during Night of Lights with a slate of free seasonal performances, will be offering some programming this year themed to the film, *A Christmas Story*.

Not much is known beyond that.

The Botanical Conservatory will again host an annual Night of Lights glimpse of its annual holiday show.

This year, the conservatory will present a retrospective of all its holiday shows called "Christmas Connections."

The penultimate event before the fireworks is the Ringing of the Bells, involving an alliance of downtown churches.

"It's really cool to hear when you're down here because you can hear the bells echoing a little bit," Zolman said.

It all ends with a fireworks display at Parkview Field.

Zolman said he will be too busy that night to attend the fireworks, but he'll be able to enjoy them anyway.

"To see the flash of the fireworks in the buildings' windows is unreal," he said. "It's a great finale to the event."

COURTESY PHOTOS



# Brooks books Detroit exploit

The legendary **Garth Brooks** returns to our region on Feb. 24 with a show in Detroit's Ford Field. Brooks is the most popular country music artist of all time, having sold more than 170 million albums worldwide and 148 million in the U.S. alone.

He is the only musical act to ever have seven albums be certified diamond, besting The Beatles previous record of six.

Brooks last appeared in Michigan as a special surprise guest at the 1995 WYCD Hoedown concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre. He had a six-show run at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit five years ago.

This show will sell out. All tickets, no matter where you sit, are \$94.95 each,

## COMING TO THE BLUE GATE

In news of concerts on a slightly smaller scale, The Blue Gate Theatre in Shipshewana continues to add to its 2020 schedule with additional shows being announced last week. **Restless Heart** and **Shenandoah** will delight “old-school” country fans with their catalogs of hits on June 12, *American Idol* alum **Danny Gokey** stops by May 15, and **Karen Knotts**, daughter of comedic legend **Don Knotts**, brings “Tied Up in Knotts” to the tourist town May 15.

These are in addition to an already stellar lineup of shows that includes **The Guess Who** on March 16, **Night Ranger** on March 14, **Three Dog Night** on April 24, **Little River Band** on May 23, and **Josh Turner** on May 30.

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## On the Road

NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

Aaron Lewis	Nov. 23	The Fillmore	Detroit
AC Slater	Feb. 28 '20	Park West	Chicago
<b>Ace Frehley</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Adam Corolla	Jan. 25 '20	Park West	Chicago
AJR w/Flora Cash	Nov. 23	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Albert Lee	Jan. 6 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Ali Gatie	Feb. 4 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Alice Cooper	Nov. 25	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Alice Merton w/the Strumbellas	Dec. 8	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Allen Stone	Mar. 14 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>Allman Betts Band</b>	<b>Feb. 7 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Allman Betts Band w/JD Simo	Feb. 8 '20	Michigan Theater	Ann Arbor
Alter Bridge	Feb. 9 '20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
<b>Alter Bridge w/Clint Lowery and Deepfall</b>	<b>Feb. 12 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
America	Jan. 18 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
American Authors and Magic Giant w/Public	Feb. 16 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith	Dec. 1	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith	Dec. 2	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Ana Gabriel	Feb. 14 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Andrew Bird	Dec. 9-12	Fourth Presbyterian Church	Chicago
Andrew McMahon	Dec. 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Andy Frasco and the U.N.	Feb. 21 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Art Alexakis	Dec. 8	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Bad Bunny	Nov. 29	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Badbadnotgood	Dec. 30-31	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>Badfish</b>	<b>Feb. 15 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bailen	Jan. 24-25 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Bailen	Jan. 30 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Band Royale	Jan. 22 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Battles	Dec. 8	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
BBNO\$	Mar. 14 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Begonia	Mar. 7 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Ben Zaidi	Nov. 25	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Bert Kreischer	Nov. 21	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Bert Kreischer	Nov. 24	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Bert Kreischer	Feb. 21 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	Dec. 18	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
<b>Big Bad Voodoo Daddy</b>	<b>Mar. 28 '20</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Big Head Todd & the Monsters	Feb. 22 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Big Head Todd & the Monsters	Feb. 25 '20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Big Something & Andy Frasco and the U.N.	Feb. 22 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Billie Eilish	Mar. 23 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Billie Eilish	Mar. 24 '20	United Center	Chicago
Billie Eilish	Mar. 25 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Billy Joel	June 20 '20	Notre Dame Stadium	South Bend
Billy Joel	July 10 '20	Comerica Park	Detroit
Black Crowes	July 29 '20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Blake Shelton	Mar. 19 '20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Blake Shelton	Mar. 21 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Blockhead w/Arms and Sleepers and IL:LO	Jan. 23 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>Blue Man Group</b>	<b>Apr. 30 '20</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
<b>Blue Oyster Cult</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bob Moses w/Allan Rayman, the 1975	Dec. 12	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Boosie Badazz	Jan. 25 '20	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Born of Osiris	Dec. 14	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Box Scaggs	Nov. 22	Firekeepers	Battle Creek
Brantley Gilbert	Dec. 6	Ohio State Fair	Columbus, OH
Brantley Gilbert w/Chase Rice, Dylan Scott	Feb. 20 '20	Ford Center	Evansville
Brantley Gilbert w/Chase Rice, Dylan Scott	Feb. 27 '20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Brendan & Jake	Dec. 7	Park West	Chicago
Bret Michaels	Dec. 26	Canton Palace Theatre	Canton, OH
<b>Brian Culbertson</b>	<b>Apr. 15 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Brockhampton w/Slowthai and 100 geecs	Dec. 1	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Brockhampton w/Slowthai	Dec. 6	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Bruce McCulloch	Jan. 26 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Buck Meek w/Twain	Jan. 19 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Buckcherry	Dec. 28	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Caamp w/Bendigo Fletcher	Mar. 14 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Cage the Elephant w/the Federal Empire	Dec. 11	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago

Calexico + Iron & Wine, Ingrid Michaelson Porter	Jan. 31 '20	Hill Auditorium	Ann Arbor
Calexico and Iron & Wine	Feb. 1 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Cash Cash w/R3hab	Jan. 18 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Cattle Decapitation	Dec. 5	Metro	Chicago
Celine Dion	Dec. 1	United Center	Chicago
Celine Dion	Dec. 3	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Chance the Rapper w/Lil Yachty and Taylor Bennett	Feb. 4 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Chance the Rapper	Feb. 6 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Charlie Wilson	Jan. 19 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Charly Bliss and Cherry Glazerr w/Girl K	Dec. 27-28	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Cheekface	Feb. 13 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Chelsea Cutler w/Alexander 23	Mar. 10 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Cher	Nov. 27	United Center	Chicago
Cherie Curie & Brie Darling w/Amy Gore Band	Nov. 23	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Chon & Beneath the Buried and Me w/Intervals	Nov. 22	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chris D'Elia	Dec. 30-31	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>Chris Lane w/Blanco Brown, Ernest</b>	<b>Jan. 16 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Chris Lane w/Blanco Brown	Feb. 20 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Chris Lane w/Ernest K	Feb. 22 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chris Redd	Nov. 30	Park West	Chicago
Chris Tomlin	Dec. 12	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Chris Tucker	Feb. 7 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
<b>Chris Young w/Eli Young Band, Matt Stell</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Chromee (DJ) w/Goldroom and DJ Holographic	Dec. 28	Park West	Chicago
<b>Circa Survive</b>	<b>June 2 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Claudia Oshry	Dec. 19-21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Cold War Kids	Jan. 25 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Colin Mochrie and Asad Mecci</b>	<b>Feb. 15 '20</b>	<b>Wagon Wheel Theatre</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
Common Holly	Dec. 11	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Connie Kaldor & Garnet Rogers	Jan. 12 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Cracker w/Camper Van Beethoven	Jan. 12 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>Crowder w/Hillsong Young &amp; Free, Passion, Louie Giglio, Andy Mineo, Building 429, RED, Austin French, NewSong, Greg Stier, Zane Black, Riley Clemmons, Billy Ballenger, Zaunttee</b>	<b>Feb. 20 '20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Dan Navarro	Feb. 14 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Dan Rodriguez	Dec. 15	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
<b>Darci Lynne</b>	<b>Jan. 26 '20</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Dave Bruzza	Feb. 27 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Dave Koz	Dec. 11	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Dave Koz	Dec. 12	KeyBank State Theater	Cleveland
Dave Koz	Dec. 13	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dave Koz	Dec. 15	The Palladium	Carmel
<b>David Phelps</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
<b>Davy Knowles and Band of Friends</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>C2G Music Hall</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Dermot Kennedy	Mar. 11 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Desmond Jones w/Litz, Zack Volkars & Friends	Nov. 27	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Disco Biscuits	Jan. 2-4 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Divino Nino, Barrie, Major Murphy, Amy O	Jan. 10 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Doobie Brothers	July 22 '20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Drew Lynch	Mar. 8 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Dwight Yoakam	Jan. 19 '20	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Earthgang w/Benji, Guapdad 4000	Nov. 24	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Echosmith	Feb. 20 '20	Park West	Chicago
Ed Maverick	Nov. 29	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Electric Guest	Feb. 17 '20	Metro	Chicago
Elton John	Mar. 26 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Elton John	May 1-2 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Elton John	June 19-20 '20	United Center	Chicago
Elvis Costello & the Imposters	Nov. 22	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular</b>	<b>Jan. 19 '20</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Emily Blue & Carlile, Thair, Flora, Superknova	Dec. 6	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>En Vogue</b>	<b>Mar. 7 '20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Engine Summer w/Burr Oak, Jungle Green	Jan. 4 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>Eric Johnson</b>	<b>Feb. 23 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Erykah Badu & Nas	Dec. 7	United Center	Chicago
Esther Povitsky	Dec. 4	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>Face to Face</b>	<b>Jan. 11 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Falling in Reverse w/Crown The Empire	Nov. 26	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Fisher	Dec. 27	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago



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Fitz and the Tantrums w/Twin XL	Feb. 28 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Five Finger Death Punch	Nov. 26	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
<b>Five Finger Death Punch w/Three Days Grace, Bad Wolves, Fire from the Gods</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Fixx	Dec. 17	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
The Fixx	Dec. 19	Kent Stage	Kent, OH
The Fixx	Dec. 20	Arcada Theatre	St. Charles, IL
Fobia	Nov. 27	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>For King &amp; Country</b>	<b>Apr. 17 '20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Fort Frances	Dec. 5	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Frank Caliendo	Dec. 6	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Freddy Jones Band	Nov. 29	Park West	Chicago
Funtcase	Dec. 6	Park West	Chicago
Gaelic Storm	Mar. 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Gallagher	Nov. 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Ganja White Night	Nov. 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Garth Brooks	Feb. 24 '20	Ford Field	Detroit
Gary Gulman	Dec. 6	Schrott Center for the Arts	Indianapolis
Gary Hoey	Dec. 13	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
<b>Gatlin Brothers</b>	<b>May 8 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
GGooldd w/Seasaw	Dec. 18	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Ghost of Paul Revere	Nov. 23	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Glorious Sons w/311, Highly Suspect	Dec. 15	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Goose	Dec. 12	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>Gordon Lightfoot</b>	<b>Apr. 2 '20</b>	<b>T. Furth Center, Trine University</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Grace Potter	Jan. 22 '20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Grace Potter	Feb. 4 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Grace Potter	Feb. 5 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Grace Potter	Feb. 7 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Grand Funk Railroad</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Grand Funk Railroad	Dec. 27	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Grayscale	Feb. 18 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Great White and Slaughter	Feb. 22 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
<b>The Greatest Love</b>	<b>Feb. 14 '20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, the Interrupters	Aug. 13 '20	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Green Day w/Fall Out Boy, Weezer, the Interrupters	Aug. 19 '20	Comerica Park	Detroit
Greensky Bluegrass	Jan. 17 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Guess Who	Mar. 6 '20	Blue Gate Theatre	Shipshewana
Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys	Dec. 7	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Half Moon Run	Jan. 24 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Harry Styles w/Jenny Lewis	July 15 '20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
Harry Styles	July 17 '20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Harry Styles	July 24 '20	United Center	Chicago
Hayley Kiyoko	Feb. 26 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Hayley Kiyoko	Feb. 28 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Heavy	Feb. 6 '20	Park West	Chicago
Heilung	Jan. 20 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Hellyeah</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
The Henhouse Prowlers	Dec. 27	Martyrs'	Chicago
<b>Here Come the Mummies</b>	<b>Apr. 25 '20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
<b>Herman's Hermits</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
HeRobust	Nov. 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Heywood Banks</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Wagon Wheel Theatre</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
Heywood Banks	Jan. 18 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
High on Fire w/Powertrip, Creeping Death	Nov. 26	The Majestic	Detroit
High on Fire w/Powertrip, Creeping Death	Nov. 27	Metro	Chicago
Highly Suspect	Feb. 17 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Hollow Coves	Feb. 17 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Holly, w/Leah Jean and French Police	Jan. 10 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>Home Free</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Hot Tuna	Dec. 13	Park West	Chicago
Hyryder	Dec. 6	The Vogue	Indianapolis
<b>I Am I Said</b>	<b>Mar. 21 '20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
I Fight Dragons	Dec. 21	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
ian dior	Feb. 5 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
IL VOLO	Feb. 15 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Illiterate Light	Feb. 5 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>In This Moment &amp; Black Veil Brides w/DED &amp; Raven Black</b>	<b>Apr. 14 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>



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**Road Notes**  
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**BIG STYLE FOR STYLES**  
Fresh off an appearance on *Saturday Night Live*, **Harry Styles** has scheduled a massive summer tour in support of his newest album, *Fine Line*, out Dec. 13. Like him or hate him, Styles is a huge international star and has a repertoire full of hits. The tour starts in the UK before crossing the big pond to the U.S. and hitting Cleveland on July 15, Detroit on July 17, and Chicago on July 24.

**THE FINAL KISS OFF?**  
You might’ve already heard this, but **Kiss** revealed 75 more dates for the “End of the Road” tour, including a stop at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne on Feb. 16. This is the last time Kiss will be in the Summit City as they make their way through every nook and cranny of the country on their “final” farewell tour. The last one was just a practice run.

Kiss have sold over 75 million records during their career and have long had one of the most visually exciting live shows you’ll ever see. The naysayers will inevitably bring up “but Ace and Peter aren’t with them so it’s not Kiss.” Tommy Thayer and Eric Singer do a fine job as The Spaceman and The Cat respectively and, dare I say it, may be better than the originals.

If you’d like to take the opportunity to meet Kiss during this stop or when they visit Detroit on Sept. 11, Chicago on Sept. 12, or Dayton on Sept. 14, you’re going to have to tap into your piggy bank as VIP packages start at \$1,000.

Road Notes covers concerts within driving distance of Northeast Indiana. Send your news items to [info@whatzup.com](mailto:info@whatzup.com).

## Road Trips

### LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

**Hubie Ashcraft Band**  
Nov. 30 The Distillery, Toldeo  
Dec. 27 Rulli’s Bella Luna, Middlebury  
Jan. 17-18 ’20 Cowboy Up, Mendon, MI

**Joe Justice**  
Nov. 23 Napoleon Moose, Napoleon, OH

**The Bulldogs**  
Apr. 7 ’20 Marshall Co. REMC, Plymouth, IN  
Apr. 10 ’20 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana, IN  
June 4 ’20 Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone, IN  
June 5 ’20 Berne Clock Tower, Berne, IN  
June 14 ’20 Concert in the Park, Elwood, IN  
June 26 ’20 Fremont Music Fest, Fremont  
June 28 ’20 Friends of the Arts, Fort Recovery, OH  
July 25 ’20 Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH  
July 31 ’20 Final Fridays Concert, Warren, IN  
Aug. 1 ’20 Stateline Festival, Union City, IN  
Aug. 7 ’20 Bethel Pointe Health, Muncie, IN

**The Why Store**  
Nov. 23 Key Palace Theatre, Redkey  
Dec. 7 State Theatre, Logansport

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The Infamous Stringdusters	Feb. 7 ’20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>The Isaacs &amp; Terry Bradshaw</b>	<b>Apr. 17 ’20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Issues	Nov. 30	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
J. Robbins	Dec. 13	Sleeping Village	Chicago
<b>Jackie Evancho</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Jaden & Willow	Nov. 30	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Jason Mraz w/ Raining Jane	Nov. 22	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Jason Mraz & Raining Jane	Nov. 23-24	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Jauz	Feb. 29 ’20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>Jeanne Robertson</b>	<b>Jan. 26 ’20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Jeff Dunham	Dec. 28	Huntington Center	Toledo
Jeff Dunham	Dec. 30	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jeff Dunham	Jan. 10 ’20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Jeff Dunham	Jan. 12 ’20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Jill Jack	Jan. 11 ’20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
<b>Jim Brickman</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Rhinehart Music Center</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Jim Brickman &amp; Melissa Manchester</b>	<b>Feb. 23 ’20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
<b>Jimmy Eat World</b>	<b>May 6 ’20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Joan w/ Ralph	Feb. 16 ’20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
John Berry	Nov. 29	Shipshewana Event Center	Shipshewana, IN
John Berry	Nov. 30	Washington High School	Washington, IN
John Berry	Dec. 5	Jeffersonville Plaza	Jeffersonville, IN
<b>JoJo Siwa</b>	<b>Apr. 23 ’20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jonas Brothers w/ Jordan McGraw	Dec. 3	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
<b>Jonny Lang</b>	<b>Apr. 30 ’20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jordan Feliz w/ North Point Insideout, Hannah Kerr	Nov. 22	The Caring Place	Indianapolis
<b>Josh Arnold</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>@2104/FW Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Journey w/ The Pretenders	June 27 ’20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Journey w/ The Pretenders	June 29 ’20	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Journey w/ The Pretenders	June 30 ’20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Journey w/ The Pretenders	July 5 ’20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Journey w/ The Pretenders	July 10 ’20	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Judy Banker	Jan. 9 ’20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
The Jungle Giants	Feb. 13 ’20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Kamaal Williams	Nov. 29	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Kane Brown w/ Seaforth, Chris Janson, Lindsay Eli	Dec. 8	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Katy Perry w/ Monsta X, Marshmello	Dec. 7	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
KC & the Sunshine Band	Dec. 28	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Keller Williams	Jan. 24 ’20	Park West	Chicago
Keller Williams	Jan. 25 ’20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Kenny Chesney	June 20 ’20	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Kenny Chesney	July 25 ’20	Soldier Field	Chicago
Kim Petras	Nov. 27	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
King Princess	Feb. 5 ’20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>KISS</b>	<b>Feb. 16 ’20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
KISS	Sept. 11 ’20	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
KISS	Sept. 12 ’20	Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
KISS	Sept. 14 ’20	Nutter Center	Dayton
Kitchen Dwellers	Dec. 7	Martyrs’	Chicago
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/ Bones UK	Jan. 30 ’20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/ Bones UK	Jan. 31 ’20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/ Bones UK	Feb. 3 ’20	The Ford Center	Evansville
<b>Korn and Breaking Benjamin w/ Bones UK</b>	<b>Feb. 4 ’20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
La Roux	Mar. 13 ’20	Park West	Chicago
Ladytron	Dec. 11-12	Metro	Chicago
Lanco	Feb. 13 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Last Dinosaurs	Nov. 23	Metro	Chicago
Lauren Daigle w/ Johnnyswim	Mar. 13 ’20	Ford Center	Evansville
<b>Lauren Daigle w/ Johnnyswim</b>	<b>June 19 ’20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Letterkenny	Mar. 10 ’20	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Lewberger	Dec. 17	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Lewis Black	Mar. 13 ’20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Little Big Town	Feb. 14-15 ’20	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Little Big Town	Feb. 21-22 ’20	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Little Big Town	Mar. 12 ’20	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Little Big Town	Mar. 13-14 ’20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>Little Texas</b>	<b>Feb. 29 ’20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Lizzo w/ Why Don’t We	Dec. 10	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
<b>Lonestar &amp; Phil Vassar</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>

Lophiile w/ HXRY	Nov. 21	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>Los Lobos</b>	<b>Mar. 26 ’20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Lowdown Brass Band	Nov. 22	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Lower Dens	Mar. 9 ’20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Lucidious	Feb. 8 ’20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Lucky Chops	Mar. 6 ’20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
The Lumineers	Feb. 18 ’20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
The Lumineers	Feb. 22 ’20	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
The Lumineers w/ Joseph	Dec. 7	Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Lumineers w/ Mt. Joy	Feb. 4 ’20	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
The Lumineers w/ Mt. Joy	Feb. 7 ’20	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
The Lumineers w/ Mt. Joy	Feb. 8 ’20	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	Cleveland
The Lumineers w/ Mt. Joy	Feb. 11 ’20	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Mac Ayres	Nov. 24	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Machine Head	Feb. 9 ’20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Machine Head	Feb. 11 ’20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Machine Head	Feb. 15 ’20	Metro	Chicago
Madball	Dec. 10	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Madison McFerrin	Dec. 13	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Main Squeeze	Nov. 27	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Manchester Orchestra	Dec. 2	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Manchester Orchestra	Dec. 4	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>Mannheim Steamroller</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Marc E. Bassy	Feb. 28 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Marc Roberge	Dec. 17	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Martina McBride	Dec. 19	Wharton Center	East Lansing
Martina McBride	Dec. 20	Rialto Square Theatre	Chicago
Matoma w/ Two Friends	Feb. 8 ’20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Matoma w/ Two Friends	Feb. 14 ’20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Mavis Staples	Feb. 15 ’20	Michigan Theater	Ann Arbor
Megan Davies	Jan. 9 ’20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Meli w/ Summer Walker	Nov. 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Merkules	Nov. 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Metallica	May 15, 17 ’20	MAPFRE Stadium	Columbus
Michael Bolton	Dec. 12	Firekeepers	Battle Creek
Michael Menert	Jan. 24 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Michael Ray w/ Walker County, Jimmie Allen	Dec. 4	The Fillmore	Detroit
Michael Stanley & the Resonators	Dec. 14, 21	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Michigan Rattlers	Dec. 27	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
<b>The Midtown Men</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
<b>The Midtown Men</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Miniature Tigers	Feb. 5 ’20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Miranda Lambert w/ Cody Johnson, LANCO	Jan. 25 ’20	Ford Center	Evansville
Mitchell Tenpenny	Dec. 13	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Moody Good	Jan. 31 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Morgan Wallen w/ Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 3 ’20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Morgan Wallen w/ Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 4 ’20	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Morgan Wallen w/ Jon Langston, Ashland Craft	Jan. 15-16 ’20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
The Motels, When in Rome II, Bow Wow Wow	Feb. 8 ’20	House of Blues	Cleveland
The Motels, When in Rome II, Bow Wow Wow	Feb. 14 ’20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
The Movement	Jan. 31 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Mr. B	Nov. 30	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Mumford & Sons w/ Local Natives	Dec. 14	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>The Musical Box</b>	<b>Apr. 9 ’20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Nate Bargatze	Feb. 29 ’20	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
<b>Nate Bargatze</b>	<b>Mar. 1 ’20</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Nathaniel Rateliff, Mandolin Orange, Bettye Lavette	Feb. 1 ’20	Hill Auditorium	Ann Arbor
Neon Indian	Nov. 24	Metro	Chicago
Newsboys w/ Mandisa	Feb. 13 ’20	Huntington Center	Toledo
Newsboys w/ Mandisa	Feb. 14 ’20	Coronado Performing Arts Center	Rockford, IL
<b>Newsboys w/ Mandisa</b>	<b>Mar. 8 ’20</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
NF	Apr. 17 ’20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
NF	May 8 ’20	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
NGHTMRE w/ Kompany, Wavedash, Black A.M.	Feb. 12 ’20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Nghtmre w/ Whipped Cream, Wavedash, Zomboy	Dec. 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Night Ranger	Dec. 7	MGM Northfield	Northfield, OH
Noah Reid w/ Matthew Barber	Mar. 10 ’20	Park West	Chicago
<b>The Oak Ridge Boys</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>



# On the Road

NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

Of Good Nature	Dec. 6	Martyrs'	Chicago
Old 97s	Dec. 12	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Omega Moos	Dec. 13	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Opeth w/Graveyard	Feb. 13 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Opeth w/Graveyard	Feb. 14 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Over the Rhine	Dec. 4	Lincoln Theatre	Columbus, OH
Over the Rhine	Dec. 5	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Over the Rhine	Dec. 6	Calvin College Chapel	Grand Rapids, MI
Over the Rhine	Dec. 7	Old Town School	Chicago
Over the Rhine	Dec. 20-22	Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
Peekaboo w/Moody Good and ISOxo	Feb. 29 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Pentatonix	Dec. 18-19	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Pete Davidson	Nov. 30	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Pigface	Nov. 21	Skullys Music Diner	Columbus, OH
Pigface	Nov. 30	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pink Talking Fish	Mar. 6 '20	Park West	Chicago
<b>Point of Grace w/Aaron Shust, Mallary Hope</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Poppy	Jan. 31 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Queensryche w/Eve to Adam	Feb. 13 '20	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Queensryche w/John 5, Eve to Adam	Feb. 12 '20	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
Railroad Earth	Mar. 4 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Railroad Earth	Mar. 7 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Ratboys w/Slow Mass	Feb. 28 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Rebirth Brass Band	Jan. 20 '20	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Red Hot Chili Peppers	Jan. 31 '20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Refused	Feb. 26 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Refused	Feb. 27 '20	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Reuben and the Dark	Feb. 18 '20	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	Nov. 29	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Revivalists	Mar. 6 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Rex Orange County	Jan. 27 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>Richard Marx</b>	<b>Feb. 13 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Rick Springfield	Feb. 15 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Rick Steves	Dec. 1	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Robbie Robertson w/Don Was, Warren Haynes	Nov. 21	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Roger Hodgson	Feb. 22 '20	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
<b>Ron Feingold</b>	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>@2104/FW Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ron Pope	Jan. 11 '20	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Ron White	Feb. 20 '20	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
The Roots	Dec. 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Roots	Dec. 30	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Roy Kinsey w/Eli Major, Semirathuth	Dec. 17	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Ruen Brothers	Nov. 24	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Saint Motel	Feb. 27 '20	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Schoolboy Q	Nov. 21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Sinead O'Conner	Mar. 14-16 '20	City Winery	Chicago
<b>Sing! An Irish Christmas</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ski Mask the Slump God w/Pouya, DJ Scheme	Nov. 22	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Ski Mask the Slump God w/Pouya, DJ Scheme	Nov. 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
Ski Mask the Slump God w/Pouya, DJ Scheme	Nov. 30	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Sleep On It w/Bearings, Young Culture, Better Love	Dec. 14	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Sleeping with Sirens	Feb. 8 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Slow Pulp w/Ruins, Sports Boyfriend	Dec. 14	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
The Small Glories	Jan. 15 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Smokey Robinson	Feb. 7 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Snails w/Jayceeoh, Hi I'm Ghost	Dec. 5	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Snails w/Rusko, Kompany	Dec. 28	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Snoh Aalegra w/Baby Rose and Giveon	Nov. 21	Park West	Chicago
Snoop Dogg w/Trae Tha Truth	Jan. 24 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Snoop Dogg w/Trae Tha Truth	Jan. 26 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Son Little w/Christopher Paul Stelling	Nov. 21	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Sons of Apollo	Jan. 31 '20	Arcada Theater	St. Charles, IL
Sons of Apollo	Feb. 1 '20	Music Factory	Battle Creek, MI
Stacy Mitchhart w/Nick Harless	Nov. 30	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
State Champs w/Belmont, Sleep On It	Dec. 20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Nov. 29	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Nov. 30	20 Monroe Live	Grand Rapids
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 3	House of Blues	Cleveland
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 4	Bogart's	Cincinnati

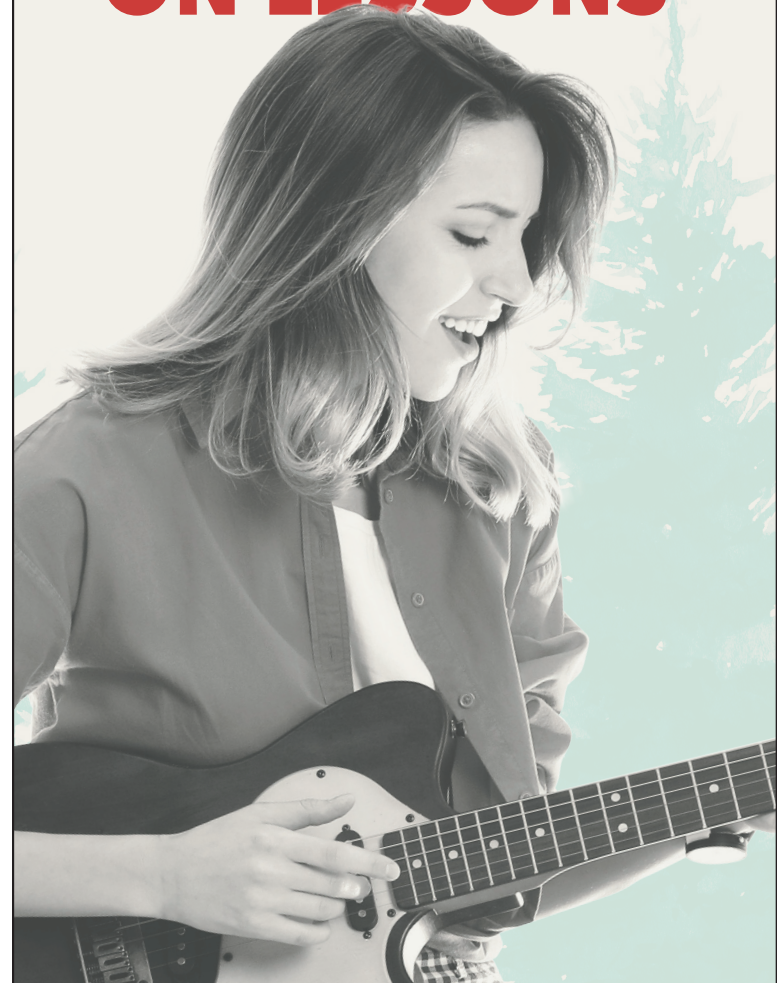
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# Plenty of holiday shows to unwrap at First Presbyterian

Don't get confused this holiday season! First Presbyterian Theater will have three shows running over the holidays.

The two shows that FPT is producing are *Christmas Songs and Stories* and *The Santaland Diaries*. And for the fifth straight year, we are also hosting Fort Wayne Youtheatre's Christmas production. This year, it's *Frozen Jr.*

*Christmas Songs and Stories* is a delightful review starring Renee Gonzales and Nancy Kartholl with Tommy Saul on the piano. As the title suggests, they will be singing songs and telling stories that are favorites at this time of the year. The first act will be Santa and reindeer and snowman and the secular joy our culture has built up around the Christmas holiday. But the second act is the real story, the one about Christ the Savior's birth. The second act is told with the sacred music and scriptures that we love to revisit every December.



## Director's Notes

THOM HOFRICHTER

Next, *The Santaland Diaries* looks at the holiday from another perspective. Anyone familiar with the work of David Sedaris knows he has that unique American humor reminiscent of Mark Twain's best social commentary.

In this show, Kevin Torwelle plays Crumpet the elf, a seasonal worker in "Santaland" at Macy's Department Store in New York City. I have a soft spot in my heart for this show because I was once a Santa Claus on the Las Vegas Strip's Fashion Show Mall. Working in a "Santaland" is an experience everyone should have once in their lifetime, or at least witness it vicariously through this play. A warning: The show is rated R for some language and adult situations.

Performances for *Christmas Songs and Stories* are at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14, and at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15. We have one Sunday matinee on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Those devotees to First Presbyterian Theater will notice this is a unique schedule. That is because we are sharing our space with Fort Wayne Youtheatre.

*The Santaland Diaries* will run for two performances only, December 20 and 21. These Friday

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and Saturday performances will start at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets to *Christmas Songs and Stories* or *The Santaland Diaries*, call 260-426-7421 extension 121 or visit [firstpresbyteriantheater.com](http://firstpresbyteriantheater.com).

If you would like tickets to the Fort Wayne Youtheatre's *Frozen Jr.*, contact the Arts United box office at (260) 422-4226 or go online at [artsunited.org](http://artsunited.org).

## On the Road

NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 7	The Fillmore	Detroit
Steel Panther w/Stitched Up Heart	Dec. 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Steve Hackett	Mar. 4 '20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Straight No Chaser	Nov. 29	Four Winds Casino	New Buffalo, MI
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 7-8	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
<b>Straight No Chaser</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 14	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Sturgill Simpson w/Tyler Childers	Mar. 1 '20	Masonic Temple Theater	Detroit
Sub Urban	Nov. 23	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
<b>Subtronics</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Subtronics w/Level Up, Bommer, Charlesthefirst	Feb. 8 '20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Sullivan King w/Yakz, Grabbitz, Flats Stanlie	Dec. 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Sullivan King	Jan. 10 '20	Park West	Chicago
<b>Sum 41</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Summer Walker w/Melii	Nov. 26	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
<b>The Swingles</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Tallies	Dec. 12	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Tasha w/V.V. Lightbody, Bunny	Nov. 30	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Tedeschi Trucks Band	Jan. 18, 24, 25	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>The Temptations</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Terry Farmer Band	Dec. 16	The Ark	Ann Arbor
<b>Thunderstruck</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
ti dye ky	Nov. 30	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Tim and Eric	Feb. 18 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Tim and Eric	Feb. 20 '20	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Tim and Eric	Feb. 22 '20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
<b>TobyMac w/Cochren &amp; Co.</b>	<b>May 7 '20</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Todd Berry	Feb. 20 '20	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Tori Kelly	Jan. 28 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Tori Kelly	Feb. 16 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tove Lo	Feb. 19 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tracy Lawrence w/Justin Moore	Feb. 28 '20	Bankers Life Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Tracy Lawrence w/Justin Moore	Feb. 29 '20	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Tracy Morgan	Feb. 29 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Trampled By Turtles w/Them Coulee Boys	Jan. 26 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Nov. 27	Huntington Center	Toledo
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Nov. 29	U.S. Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 26	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH

Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 27	Rocket Mortgage Arena	Cleveland
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 28	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 30	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
<b>Tribute to Buddy Holly, Richie Valens &amp; the Big Bopper</b>	<b>Feb. 1 '20</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Trippie Redd	Feb. 8 '20	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Trippie Redd	Feb. 15 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trixie Mattel	Feb. 14 '20	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trixie Mattel	Feb. 19 '20	Park West	Chicago
Tucker Beathard	Dec. 12	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Turkuaz	Dec. 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Turkuaz	Jan. 31 '20	Park West	Chicago
Turnover	Dec. 6	Metro	Chicago
Twenty One Pilots	Dec. 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Twiddle	Feb. 22 '20	Park West	Chicago
Tyler Childers	Dec. 5	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Tyler Childers, Liz Cooper & The Stampede	Dec. 6	The Fillmore	Detroit
<b>Umphey's McGee w/the New Deal</b>	<b>Jan. 29 '20</b>	<b>Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Umphey's McGee	Jan. 30 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Umphey's McGee w/The New Deal	Jan. 31-Feb. 1	The Fillmore	Detroit
Under the Streetlamp	Dec. 19	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Vince Neil	Jan. 10 '20	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Vintage Trouble	Dec. 3	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Waterparks	Nov. 29	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Way Down Wanderers	Dec. 7	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
<b>We Will Rock You</b>	<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Niswonger P.A.C.</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Wilco	Dec. 15,16,18,19	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Wire	Mar. 4 '20	Metro	Chicago
<b>Wizards of Winter</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>T. Furth Center, Trine University</b>	<b>Angola</b>
<b>Wizards of Winter</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
X Ambassadors w/Mondo Cozmo	Dec. 6	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Xavier Omar w/Elhae	Dec. 16	Metro	Chicago
YBN Cordae	Feb. 6 '20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Yellow Room Gang	Jan. 4 '20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Young Dolph and Key Glock	Mar. 7 '20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Young Dolph and Key Glock	Mar. 11 '20	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Yvonne Orji	Feb. 1 '20	Park West	Chicago
Zachariah Malachi & the Hillbilly Executives	Dec. 17	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Zeds Dead	Dec. 20-21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago



# Evergreen event fills the Embassy with rich tradition

*The Festival of Trees opens on Nov. 27*

BY MACKENZIE JOEFREDA  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

A rich holiday tradition in Fort Wayne is back for its 35th continuous year. The annual Festival of Trees will take place Nov. 27-Dec. 4.

This festival idea dates back to 1983, when the Embassy Theatre needed major repairs, but had no money to fix them. An Embassy board member, Maryellen Rice, was determined to find a solution.

Rice's neighbor Barbara Wigham, who was the general manager of WPTA-21 at the time, remembered seeing a Festival of Trees event in Erie, Pa. Rice and a member of the Embassadors, the theater's volunteer group, attended the Pennsylvania festival that year, and immediately knew they had to bring it to Fort Wayne.

Thirty-five years later, the festival is now a vital part of Fort Wayne's holiday season.

## STICKING TO TRADITION

Embassy Theatre Chief Marketing Officer Carly Myers said there's now this expectation in the community that this is a part of Christmas around here.

"People know what they're expecting and they want to come back to see it again very similarly," Myers said. "We try to maintain the traditional beauty and expectations in public. It's a full community event, so we feel very committed to make sure we're doing it right."

Each year, around 22,000-25,000 guests are expected to walk through the doors.

"It's Festival of Trees craziness," Myers said. "It's an all-hands on deck, full-time job for our entire team. Everyone plays an integral part in it."



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The Embassy staff knows they can't change the festival drastically, due to the traditional aspect.

"The big thing we try to adjust year over year is to make sure we can get people in the event quickly who buy tickets on sight, and make sure that the traffic and signage is clear," Myers said.

## CHANGING THE THEME

They also change the theme of the festival each year, which the whole Embassy staff helps choose. This year's theme is Holiday Memories. Myers said they pick generic themes that give people enough latitude so it's not constricting for the tree decorators.

Trees are available for sponsorship each year. Around a dozen sponsors have been with the festival since the beginning.

This year, there are 59 committed trees plus the organ, which is considered an additional part of the viewing pleasure.

Some sponsors have their own tree decorators while others reach out to the Embassy for decorating guidance. The Embassy then plays matchmaker and pairs a sponsor with a decorator from the northeast Indiana and Fort Wayne community.

"We try to be very individualistic about how

we work with our sponsors, because we want people to be able to participate and not feel overwhelmed," Myers said.

There are certain sizes of trees people can sponsor, and the Embassy tries to make it very affordable.

"We know we're going to max out our trees and our space," Myers said. "We know we're limited in our space."

The decorators then receive a stipend for their tree decorations.

"Some people go crazy, and they just really put in a ton of effort," Myers said.

The Embassy sets aside two days for the decorators to decorate their trees on site.

"They will show up, and the magic happens in that two-day period," Myers said.

## EVENTS ON STAGE

In addition to the decorated trees and organ on display, there are several events and performances throughout the festival. Every hour, attendees can see different entertainment acts on the Embassy stage.

"Any time you decide to purchase your ticket for that day, you basically have access to whatever activities are happening that day," Myers said. "People can stay as long or as little as they want."

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27

4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28

Noon-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1

9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 3-4

Thanksgiving screening of *White Christmas* at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28

Sing-a-long with Fort Wayne Children's Choir 6-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2

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Entertainment acts on stage include dance troops, choirs, and musical performances, including the Grande Page Pipe Organ.

A special event within the festival is Breakfast with Santa, which is an additional charge. Myers said this portion of the event always sells out.

"Breakfast with Santa will be different this year, but in a really cool way," Myers said. "We made some changes last minute that we thought would engage the public a little bit differently."

The animated window displays provide another viewing sight in the festival's tradition. In those windows are antique and vintage pieces, including remnants from Wolf & Dessauer, the iconic Fort Wayne store.

Another popular day is when the Fort Wayne Children's Choir performs.

"That's a big deal in the community," Myers said. "And there's a community sing along that evening."

Many families have this as part of their Thanksgiving traditions. The festival is open on Thanksgiving day, so several people bring out-of-town guests. The movie screening is also that day.

Last year's showing of *White Christmas* was so well received, they brought it back this year.

The festival is multifaceted, which Myers believes makes it very engaging and fun.

"I like the diversity of what you can actually appreciate by coming to this," Myers said. "This event kind of offers something for everyone."

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The famed Foo Fighters drummer has released his third album with his band, *Get the Money*. This collection of alternative and hard rock tunes features the lead single, "Crossed the Line," with Dave Grohl and Yes vocalist Jon Davison. A music video for the second single, "I Really Blew It," has Grohl and Jane's Addiction vocalist Perry Farrell. *Get the Money* is \$11.99 at all Wooden Nickel Music stores.

## TOP SELLERS

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 2019

TW	LW	ARTIST/Album
1	-	<b>JEEZY</b> TM104: The Legend of the Snowman
2	1	<b>SLAYER</b> The Repentless Killogy
3	-	<b>FALL OUT BOY</b> Believers Never Die Volume Two
4	-	<b>STEVE LACY</b> Apollo XXI
5	4	<b>NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS</b> Ghastly
6	7	<b>JOE BONAMASSA</b> Live at the Sydney Opera House
7	-	<b>JOE HENRY</b> The Gospel According to Water
8	-	<b>STRAIGHT NO CHASER</b> Open Bar
9	2	<b>ROLLING STONES</b> Bridges to Buenos Aires
10	-	<b>LADY ANTEBELLUM</b> Ocean

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## Miranda Lambert Wildcard



Listen to Miranda Lambert's most recent two albums and you'll likely get the sense that we're watching a slow-motion transformation.

Eventually, we'll probably get a songwriter who leaves behind the hard-partying, take-no-prisoners rebel image and starts to reckon with what's on the other side of the rebellion. For now, though, Lambert is still fiery, and she's still skirting the edges of country-music clichés to give us something that's simultaneously familiar and surprising.

Without Lambert's unique vocal edge and wry lyrical style, *Wildcard* would be much less successful than it ultimately is. Songs like "Way Too Pretty for Prison" (which features Maren Morris) and "White Trash" are catchy enough, but they're formulaic — although the former suggests she's learned some restraint since 2008's "Gunpowder & Lead".

Jay Johnson's production leans far too hard on pop stylistics, with drums loops, synths, and slick backing vocals sludging things up. "Mess with My Head" is the pinnacle of this poppy bad idea, and it would be best if Lambert forgets she ever recorded the song.

This misstep aside, though, nothing on *Wildcard* is inexcusable. Much of the album is as good as Lambert has ever been. "Locomotive" is as delightfully hard-charging as its title suggests, and "Pretty Bitchin'" is a nicely understated ode to the good life.

That song sits in contrast to the album closer, "Dark Bars," a melancholy glance at the flipside of happiness. Together, the two songs show how Lambert walks the line between exuberance and despair.

She might come down on one side or the other eventually, but for now, she's balancing. And for now, that's just fine. — *Evan Gillespie*

## Hootie & the Blowfish Imperfect Circle



Hootie & the Blowfish had the misfortune of rising to popularity just as irony was taking root as the dominant form of American expression. By the mid-'90s, the days when a pop band could get away with simple, earnest songs were already numbered, and the world quickly turned on Darius Rucker and his band.

Fifteen years after Hootie's last studio album, the world hasn't gotten any more hospitable. There's even less space now for the band's music beyond the unpopular Hootie-specific niche they carved out decades ago.

Confused marketers are casting *Imperfect*

*Circle* as a country album, even though there's not a single song on the track list about pickup trucks, dirt roads, or whiskey.

But where else can you put it? There are no defiant anthems about living your true life or the evils of social media, either, so it isn't a pop album. Rucker doesn't have a hipster beard, and he doesn't rap. The pigeonhole where the album belongs isn't obvious.

The facts are this: the album is mostly songs about awe-struck love ("Why," "We Are One"), easy good times ("Turn It Up," "Rollin'"), and cheery inspiration ("Hold On").

The clap-track-based "Not Tonight" is the closest thing on the album to a contemporary pop country song. Everything else seems drawn directly from 1994. If the songs lack the hooks of the band's biggest hits, they are at least comfortable, familiar, and undeniably Hootie.

Veteran critics will be able to review *Imperfect Circle* by simply recycling their 1996 reviews of *Fairweather Johnson*. Younger critics can dismiss the album as Boomer blandness (although Hootie fans are mostly Gen Xers).

But the best way to summarize the new album is to say that it's classic Hootie, nothing more or less. — *Evan Gillespie*

## Sudan Archives Athena

While listening to Sudan Archives' debut album *Athena*, you feel as if you've discovered something new, something unique.

The Ohio-raised violinist/songwriter mixes her influences and inspirations into something quite gorgeous and one-of-a-kind. Her EDM/Soul/R&B/glitch music combines bits of Solange, Oneohtrix Point Never, Andrew Bird, and something not quite of this earth to make a startling, dark, and gorgeous record.

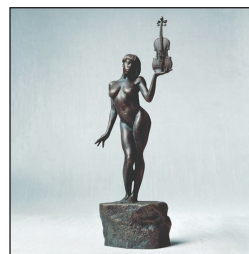
Brittany Parks, aka Sudan Archives, has a ethereal voice. Despite how unique and strong the arrangements are, you never lose her voice. It's front and center.

But yes, these arrangements are amazing. The violin acts as a narrator to the musical narratives. It's the center of attention, even when you don't notice it at first. *Athena*, much like its namesake, is a fully-formed warrior ready to slay anything that comes in its way.

Songs like "Did You Know," "Iceland Moss," and "Limitless" are playful and carry like a wind over green hills and blue skies. Parks' love of Irish folk music comes through in tracks like these, leaving the darker bits of EDM for later.

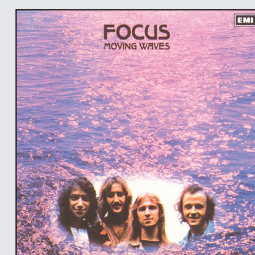
"Confessions" is lush and slow-moving and works into a bit of a playful song, with strings taking the spotlight: "There is a place that I call home/But it's not where I am welcome/And if I saw all the angels/Why is my presence so painful?" Sudan sings over lilting strings and a trap beat. It's a stunning track.

Elsewhere, "Black Vivaldi Sonata" moves along on a stuttering hip-hop beat and



# Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

## Focus Moving Waves (1971)



Focus were formed in Amsterdam in the late '60s and have gone through more than 25 members. Only Thijs van Leer remains as an original member.

*Moving Waves* was their second album and contained the progressive, yodel-laden track in "Hocus Pocus." The song opens the release and is one of the weirdest songs from the decade yet has a great arrangement for guitars, keyboards, and even flute. After almost seven minutes, "Le Clochard" follows with a beautiful classical guitar which strums away for a few minutes. You can get lost in the sound.

"Janis" has a prog-rock flute in front of a jazzy beat and some mellow guitars, and almost puts you to sleep. The title track has a nice piano, and has shades of Emerson, Lake & Palmer, especially in the vocals. Side one closes with "Focus II," which continues the vein of classical prog-rock vibe but has more of a radio-friendly beat about it. It blends jazz with rock and has a modern feel about it even though it was released in 1971.

Side two has one title, "Eruption," and clocks in at more than twenty-two minutes. If you enjoy the early releases from Yes, ELP, and maybe even the Moody Blues, you would really dig this pretentious (yet honest) track that throws keyboards, guitars, and a nice drumming arrangement which dances around like chamber music on whiskey. This was the peak of the progressive rock sound, so there weren't any boundaries as to what you could produce. I really enjoy the constant changes that sort of sneak up on you. It's as if you are listening to four different songs from four different bands.

The band occasionally reform and tour — they released *Focus 11* last year. If you like trippy jams with a nod to jazz and classical, this is the band for you. — *Dennis Donahue*

subtle electronics as Sudan sings in a sultry, smoky voice. Glitchy noise comes in and out ala OPN and FKA Twigs. "Coming Up" is built around an answering machine message left for a friend by an ex-boyfriend that doesn't know what "we're done" means. It's dark and mesmerizing. "Pelicans in the Summer" has a seductive rhythm and '70s-style electric piano. It comes across like classic Sly Stone, but from some far-off futuristic world. Sudan Archives locks into Sly's grooves a lot here, and it shows the most on this excellent album closer.

Sudan Archives' *Athena* is an end-of-the-year surprise, filled with sultry grooves both futuristic and classic in spirit. — *J. Hubner*

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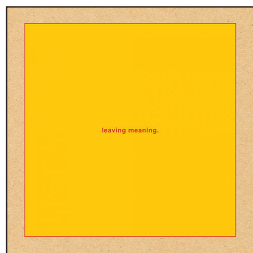


## Swans

### *leaving meaning.*

Thirty years ago, Swans released their first and only album for a major label, *The Burning World*. Hot on the heels of the surprise success of their Joy Division cover of "Love Will Tear Us Apart," the band was signed to Uni Records, a subsidiary of MCA. If the previous album, 1987's *Children of God*, was a flirtatious shift in style from punishing industrial and no wave to a gentler alternative, *The Burning World* completed the transition to gothic country and dark folk, but ended up being the band's most inconsistent and uncharacteristic album. As a consequence, Swans were quickly dropped from the label but continued to explore the parameters of dark folk, post-punk, experimental, and gothic rock for four more albums before disbanding for the first time in 1997.

It's worth mentioning because Swans' 15th album, *leaving meaning.*, is essentially a course-correction on the album that singer-songwriter Michael Gira claims to "abhor." This new album parallels *The Burning World* in how it comes directly after an unexpectedly successful run of albums that rank among the group's best, and marks a stylistic shift from aggressive, transcendental post-rock and meditative soundscapes to gothic country and brooding folk. Aided by a new lineup of musicians, the 65-year-old Gira follows his muse to wondrous and



occasionally bizarre lengths during *leaving meaning.*'s 93 minutes.

Lead single "It's Coming It's Real" is a wholly sublime piece of music, elevated with the help of Anna and Maria von Hausswolff on backing choral vocals, whose covertly environmental lyrics forecast the apocalypse. "The Hanging Man" resembles Swans' typical menace, with Gira's sudden barking of the word "NOT" creating the album's most startling moment. Other highlights, "Annaline," "Amnesia," and "What Is This?" characterize *leaving meaning.* best, as the tracks offer reminders that Swans can be gentle when they want to be and unsettling when they need to be.

Typical of Swans, the album's 12 tracks average six to ten minutes in length, mainly comprised of incantations, chants, and other witchy musical phrases.

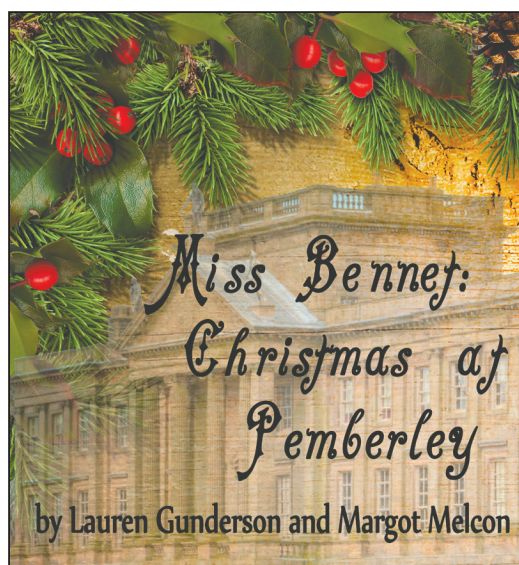
The definite comparisons between *leaving meaning.* and *The Burning World* ultimately mean that Swans aren't exploring new territory so much as they are refining older territory that will remind Gira fans of his work with the more mellow Angels of Light. While refining the past does sound rather uncharacteristic of one of music's most restless sorcerers, Gira is still among the last to pander to audience expectations, major label or no. — Colin McCallister

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# Purdue Fort Wayne stages a necessary journey to the Jewish ghetto of WWII

A new production at Purdue Fort Wayne is likely the most moving production available to local theatergoers this year for a host of reasons.

*Ghetto* by Joshua Sobol, running through Saturday, Nov. 23, at Purdue Fort Wayne, is a partnership between the Department of Theatre and Violins of Hope Fort Wayne.

To say it is a fun play would be a major stretch. The play takes place in a Jewish ghetto in Vilna, Lithuania, and its cast of characters consists of two groups: those who know they may be taken to a concentration camp at any moment, and those who possess the power to take or kill them on a whim.

Under the direction of Bev Redman, the large cast and crew does exceptional work on this production. My only minor issue was that a projection screen used as the audience entered prior to the actual performance, at least from my seat near the back of the house and close to light of a primary entrance, was impossible to see. According to an insert in the program, which also details the historical background of the play, it showed taped survival stories, which surely provided even more insight into the history of the Vilna theater troupe.

The cast, consisting almost entirely of student actors, is impressive. Erin Butler, making her Purdue Fort Wayne debut as singer Hayyah, is incredible throughout. Another standout is Chase Lomont as Gens, a member of the Jewish community who has been given power over all the others. He is given perhaps the most striking scene in the play, during which he moves powerfully and emotionally throughout the audience. Timya Townsend as a ventriloquist's dummy is dazzling.

The use of instruments through the partnership with Violins of Hope and featuring Paul Demaree, added even more power and intensity.

After reading the description of this play, which was completely new to me, as well as a warning in program about violence and sexual content, I was on the edge of my seat more than once, afraid that the two might combine and lead to sexual violence for one of the play's main characters. I think the tension created served the experience well and was justified by a few scenes.

In her Director's Notes, Redman details the process of pulling *Ghetto* together as well as its power on the variety of students participating and the solidarity it created. This is probably the case for those pulled together to stage most plays chosen in season lineups, but as this one adds a deep connection to the darkest period in human history, that power has to have been almost overwhelming during planning and staging.

In such a dark play about desperate people in circumstances we can only imagine, perhaps the most important takeaway message — and one proven by becoming a member of the audience for this production — is about the transformative power of art. This play makes us uncomfortable watching these human beings on stage live through this twisted period of history as we escape our daily lives for a couple of hours.

That is what most good plays provide, but the ability of this one through the bits of theater and



## Curtain Call

KEVIN SMITH



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Erin Butler and Joshua Smith are among the large cast for the Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Theatre production of *Ghetto*.

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cabaret performances included to help us all momentarily escape the horror of the plot and circumstances is nothing short of amazing.

Because of this, Hayyah's command performance of "Swanee" and other scenes are all the more moving and beautiful.

See this play. It's important and warrants attention.





Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys star in the Mister Rogers' biopic, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.  
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## Warm-hearted tribute to Mister Rogers shines

Tom Hanks dons the famous hand-knit sweaters of Mister Rogers in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, a tender-hearted and touching tribute to the television icon and the countless people that he inspired.

Rather than go the traditional biopic route of covering the subject's entire life and career, director Marielle Heller details the profound impact that Fred Rogers had on one person's life to symbolize his larger cultural influence.

As a companion to last year's stellar documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, this narrative feature further explores the philosophy and worldview of a man who did everything he could to heal the world and make humanity just a little bit kinder.

The film's true story centers around Lloyd Vogel (Matthew Rhys), a hard-hearted *Esquire* journalist who seems to have met his match when he's tasked with profiling the altruistic TV star Mr. Rogers (Tom Hanks). Lloyd's wife Andrea (Susan Kelechi Watson) is at first shocked by the news, then leaves him with one request as he jets off to Rogers' hometown of Pittsburgh: "Please don't ruin my childhood." From the moment he sets foot on the *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* set, Vogel seems committed to staying emotionally unattached while interviewing his subject. But as he spends more time with the soft-spoken Rogers, his cynical exterior slowly begins to erode.

When it was announced early last year that Tom Hanks would be portraying the legendary television star, the news almost seemed too good to be true. The pitch-perfect casting pays off early and often; as soon as Hanks steps onto the TV set singing the spritely theme song, there is no doubt that he is Fred Rogers. Hanks continually threads the needle between impression and caricature, channeling Rogers' calm and soothing cadence without overplaying things.

Rhys is also terrific as the peevish counterpoint to the benevolent Rogers, unveiling years of pain and personal turmoil within each conversation.

If Hanks as Rogers is the film's headline, then the comparatively underrated aspect of *A Beautiful Day in*



### Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

### A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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*the Neighborhood* is the imaginative and unconventional direction by Heller. Amid the film's emotionally poignant tale, she adds playful touches like implementing miniature sets in the style of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* to draw us closer to the fantastical world created by the film's main character.

Heller also works with editor Anne McCabe to recreate the patient and thoughtful pacing of Rogers' landmark show. A quiet scene late in the film, a meditative and magical moment that I won't dare spoil here, is one of the most captivating of the year.

With such a divine and seemingly infallible central figure at its core, there is a concern going into the film that it may try to uncover negative aspects of Rogers' life. Those fears are allayed quickly as Heller certainly doesn't seem interested in throwing mud on his legacy. Instead, she humanizes him while bolstering his gracious persona at the same time. Above all, the movie seems utterly sincere in its depiction of both a hurting soul and the opposing force determined to heal it.

Full of warmth and wisdom, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* showcases the simple power of human connection amid increasingly turbulent times.

### ALSO COMING TO THEATERS THIS WEEKEND

*Frozen II*, starring Idina Menzel and Kristen Bell, continues the journey of Elsa and Anna as they set out across an enchanted land to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom.

*21 Bridges*, starring Chadwick Boseman and Sienna Miller, is a police drama about an NYPD detective who puts all of New York City on lockdown in order for him and the authorities to defeat a pair of cop killers.

Playing this weekend at Cinema Center is a documentary double feature of *Pollinators*, which follows migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honey bees, and *Fantastic Fungi*, which explores the burgeoning market of fungi-based products.

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Lupita Nyong'o, Shahadi Wright Joseph, and Evan Alex star in *Us*, the year's only non-franchise film to hit the top ten in domestic sales.

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## This year full of intriguing, impressive movies

As the year in movies nears a close, we at the ScreenTime offices have decided to take the opportunity to look back at the year that was. We're not yet ready to share our opinions about our favorite films, cinematography, performances, or screenplays just yet. Rather, we're going to throw a whole lot of facts at you. A summary, if you will.

Let's start with the money, specifically the domestic dollar. So far this year, 10 American films have hit the blockbuster level in sales, starting with *Hobbs & Shaw* at No. 10, with \$174 million in domestic sales (\$759 worldwide). After that, at No. 9, we have Jordan Peele's *Us* with \$175 million in U.S. sales (\$255 million worldwide). Next up is *It: Chapter Two* at No. 8 with \$211 million in sales (\$463 million worldwide). Then, finally, at No. 7, we have ScreenTime fave *Joker* with a whopping \$317 million in U.S. sales (and just over \$1 billion in sales worldwide).

The "live-action" remake of *Aladdin* sold \$355 million in the U.S. (\$1.05 billion worldwide) while *Spider-Man: Far From Home* took the No. 5 spot in the U.S. with \$390 million in sales (\$1.132 billion internationally).

Now here's where it gets crazy: *Captain Marvel* sold \$426 million in the U.S. (\$1.13 billion worldwide), *Toy Story 4* sold \$434 million domestically (\$1.07 billion internationally), and the "live-action" remake of *The Lion King* took the No. 2 spot with \$543 million in U.S. sales (\$1.66 billion worldwide).

And then, of course, we have the big dog, *Avengers: Endgame*, the best-selling film ever made. *Endgame* made \$858 million in the U.S. and a shocking \$2.798 billion worldwide. Yikes.

So what do we learn from this? Well, franchise movies



**Screen Time**

GREG W. LOCKE

sell big. Especially if they're either a Disney remake or an action hero film (which accounts for seven of the titles on this list).

Jordan Peele, I'd suggest, wins the box office year with the success of his *Us*, the only original IP on the list. That's a incredible accomplishment in 2019, when people really only go out to see more of the same thing they already like.

So props, Jordan, for your success with *Us*. Here's hoping you don't fall prey to the franchise business like so many of the other great Hollywood talents have.

So that's the too-early box office roundup for 2019. While digging through all the box office info I came across so many films that I forgot had come out during this very long year. As you begin to put together your list of favorites from the year, here are some movies I hope you won't forget to consider:

*Glass* (not kidding); *Velvet Buzzsaw*; *High Flying Bird*; *Greta*; *The Kid*; *The Highwaymen*; *The Beach Bum*; *High Life*; *Her Smell*; *Under the Silver Lake*; *Long Shot*; *Booksmart*; *The Last Black Man in San Francisco*; *The Dead Don't Die*; *Yesterday*; *Midsommar*; *The Farewell*; *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*; *Light of My Life*; *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*; *Ad Astra*; *The Laundromat*; *Lucy in the Sky*; *Dolemite Is My Name*; *In the Tall Grass*; *The King*; *El Camino*; *Jojo Rabbit*; *Honey Boy*; *Marriage Story*; *The Irishman*; *Harriet*; *Ford v Ferrari*; *The Report*; *Waves*; and *The Lighthouse*.

And, of course, all the great movies still coming over the next seven weeks or so. It has undeniably been an incredible year for cinema. I've loved 20 films already this year. That's a lot for me as I get older and get increasingly hard to impress.

Do you have any favorite films from 2019 that I neglected to mention? Send your thoughts my way at [gregwolcke@gmail.com](mailto:gregwolcke@gmail.com)



# Austen homage a hilarious take, especially for novelist's fans

Jane Austen has become something of a cottage industry in the last 20 years or so. Beyond television and film adaptations, Austen fans have seen a wealth of books and other offshoots of Jane's literary classics, adaptations meant to satisfy the hunger for more than the six enduring novels left behind by an author who died much too young.



## Curtain Call

MICHELE DeVINNEY

Among the best homages to the Austen legacy may be *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*, a play brilliantly produced locally by all for One. There is plenty to admire about both the play and the presentation, and the production is a must for Austen fans or novices, so charming is the product.

For those who are fond of Austen for the era in which she wrote, *Miss Bennet* is a feast for the eyes. The set is beautiful, with all the delicate touches one wishes to see in an Austen set and a Christmas play. With no scene changes necessary, all for One is able to provide one perfectly conceived room which allows for movement of the actors and even multiple groupings of characters while requiring no quick changes or interruptions of action.

The costumes are also a delight, providing the elegance and pop of color that is decidedly part of what fans of the Regency era find so enchanting about the stories and adaptations of literature of the time.

But what really makes *Miss Bennet* worthy of praise is the hilarious script, decidedly worthy of its source material, and the way director Lorraine Knox and the cast tap into each scene and line to make the most of the brilliant dialogue.

Those who have read *Pride and Prejudice* will be surprised by how marginal Darcy and Elizabeth are. But they won't be disappointed since playwrights Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon have mined gold for middle Bennet sister Mary. Didn't see that coming? It's entirely possible Austen wouldn't have either, and even Mary mentions in the play that her character lacks



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## MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

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definition.

While that may have been true in her original incarnation, in *Miss Bennet* Mary is allowed to shine and move beyond her timid, non-descript nature thanks in no small part to a script which provides her depth and a love interest which provides her motivation to finally share her inner self. Rachel Walker's performance provides plenty of definition, allowing Mary to become a fully realized character, one even Austen might have enjoyed.

The rest of the cast is equally accomplished, but Mary's love interest, Arthur de Bourgh (yes, of the same family as Lady Catherine) provides many of the show's highlights.

While it's true that the play's script can be credited with creating the role, it is once again Knox and Jordan Hersey who have tapped into the terrific comedy offered and providing a winning performance. Hersey is reminiscent of Hugh Grant in his romcom heyday, equal parts bumble and charm, and decidedly worthy of Mary's affections.

Even the audience at the opening night performance provided enhancements to the production. It was obvious from the response to the story and reaction to specific lines aimed at confirmed Austen fans that many were there to revel in some new material that scratched that itch. By the end, the laughs and "awwww" responses from the crowd could have held its own against any episode of *Full House*.

But while it's true that the show is decidedly aimed at those who hold Austen close to their hearts, having read *Pride and Prejudice* or even having a passing knowledge of Austen's novels is unnecessary. Everything which has made those works so beloved is evident with or without that prior knowledge, making *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* a must-see for theater and Christmas fans.

## Stage & Dance LOCAL CALENDAR

### NOW PLAYING

**A Christmas Carol** — Musical adaptation of the Dickens holiday classic, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$40, (260) 563-1102

**Ghetto** — Story of the Jews of Vilna Ghetto during Nazi occupation in World War II, part of Violins of Hope, **8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23**, Williams Theatre, Purdue University Fort Wayne, \$5 PFW student/high school students/children under 18, all others \$12-\$16, (260) 481-5665

**The Hobbit** — Fire and Light Productions brings Tolkien's beloved story comes to life on stage, **7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, Canterbury High School, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, fireandlightproductions.com

**Miracle on 34th Street** — Classic Christmas story of Kris Kringle presented by Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, **Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 422-4226

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

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## CURRENT

**Adult Game Night** — DJ, 50/50, and games include cards, board games, domino's, and corn-hole, **7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, American Legion Post 241, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 747-7851

**Auburn Christmas Stroll** — 35th annual Noon Lions Club event to walk through the community and see area homes and businesses decorated for the holidays, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, \$5-\$15, downtown Auburn, (260) 927-7921

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

**Christmas on Broadway** — Annual lighting of the 40-foot blue spruce with fireworks, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, train rides on the Polar Express, live reindeer, and treats, **5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22**, Broadway Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 745-1970

**Christmas Parade and Lighting of Frosty** — Annual kickoff of holiday season in Auburn, **7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26**, downtown Auburn, free, (260) 927-1499

**Culinary Diplomacy: A Melody of Jewish Foods** — Dinner merges favorite recipes of prominent Fort Wayne citizens traced back to their countries of origin with a dessert favorite of the Amnon Weinstein family, part of Violins of Hope, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21**, Joseph Decuis, Columbia City, \$65, (260) 672-1715

**Dinosaur Adventure** — Realistic, life-sized dinosaurs including a moving 40-foot T-Rex, activities for kids of all ages, **9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, and **9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$55, (260) 483-1111

**Eighties to Now: Four Decades of the Fight Against AIDS** — World AIDS Day event includes documentary and panel discussion, **2-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22**, Hilton Fort Wayne, free, registration required, (260) 744-1144

**Fantasy of Lights** — Blue Jacket hosts the popular annual event, **6-9 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 26-Dec. 31**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, \$10 per car, (260) 744-1900

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

**Festival of Trees** — The historic theater is filled with decorated trees in the Embassy's largest fundraiser of the year, **6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27; 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28; noon-8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 3-4**, Thanksgiving screening of *White Christmas* **5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28**, sing-a-long with Fort Wayne Children's Choir **6-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$8, (260) 424-5665

**Garrett Holiday Festival and Parade of Lights** — Kickoff of holiday season with family-friendly activities, **5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, downtown Garrett, free, (260) 927-1499

**HolidayFest feat. Night of Lights** — Lighting of downtown holiday displays, caroling, cocoa, and more, **5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27**, various downtown locations, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-3266

**Holy Trinity's Cookie Walk** — Huge selection of holiday cookies including Greek specialties like homemade baklava. Tiropita (cheese pie), and Spanakopita (spinach pie) frozen and ready for holiday meals, **8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23**, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 414-3998

**Home for the Holidays** — Santa, music, parade, lighting of downtown tree, and more holiday festivities, **5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22**, downtown North Manchester, free, (260) 982-7644

**Let's Get Lit** — Downtown pub crawl in collaboration with the Northern Indiana Beer Trail with stops including Dash-IN, 816 Pint and Slice, Caliente Cuban Cafe, J-K O'Donnells, and Trubble Riverside, **4-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27**, free (drinks not included), (260) 422-3513

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

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Le Chic Holiday Market** — More than 100 vendors for holiday shopping, **5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, and **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 483-1111

**Light Up the Town Holiday Gala** — Fundraising event featuring hors d'oeuvres, dinner music, community awards, and a silent auction, **5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Jo Young Switzer Center, Manchester University, North Manchester, \$40-\$50, (260) 982-7644

**Wreathes and Swag Get Away Day** — Make a traditional Williamsburg wreath, Christmas wreath or swag using greens and fresh fruit, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Camp Mack, Milford, \$30 (includes lunch and materials), (574) 658-4831

**Gingerbread Festival**, Gingerbread making and eating, cocoa bar, horse and wagon rides, entertainment and children's activity tables, **1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, First United Methodist Church, Auburn, fee, (260) 925-2797

**Winterfest** — Features performances by Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club, Trine University Synchronized Team, Tiffany & Co. Dance Group, and a hockey skills demo, **6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10**, SportONE Parkview Icehouse, Fort Wayne, \$5 (\$3 with donation of two canned goods), (260) 387-6614

**Yule Time Stroll** — See the Charley Creek Gardens lighted for the holiday season, **6-9 p.m. Dec. 13-23**, Charley Creek Gardens, Wabash, free, (260) 563-1020

**Breakfast with Santa** — Breakfast buffet and photos with Santa, **8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, The Pier & Back Porch, Syracuse, \$3-\$8, (574) 457-8700

**Nature's Christmas at Metea** — Afternoon of hiking, crafts, activities, and refreshments plus a picture with Father Christmas, **2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, Metea County Park, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 449-3246

**Flat Track Motorcycle Racing** — Family friendly 2nd annual Hoosier Winter Blast, **5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$202-\$25, (260) 483-1111

**Back to the Roaring '20s** — Vaudeville performances, prizes, '20s-era costume contest, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and champagne toast, **8 p.m.-2 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$50 (\$75 couple) 21+, (260) 498-2652

**Countdown to Noon** — Children's activities, science demonstrations, cookies, a soft drink toast, and the dropping of 2020 balloons at noon, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31**, Science Central, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-2400

**Kids New Year's Eve Celebration** — Overnight lock-in with games, sports, crafts, movies, treats, a toast at midnight, and breakfast in the morning, bring a sleeping bag, law enforcement and full staff will be on duty, **8 p.m.-8 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1**, The Ash Center, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 225-3440

**New Year's Eve Ball Drop** — Featuring music, fireworks, food, beverages, a warming tent, and the ball drop at midnight, **7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 415-6814



## CURRENT EXHIBITS

**47th International Glass Invitational Award Winners** — The oldest and largest annual contemporary glass show in the country, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) through Nov. 17**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

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

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

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

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

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

**Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos** — A community-centered exhibit featuring Mexican altars, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) Nov. 23-Jan. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

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

**Fort Wayne Artists Guild Exhibitions** — Linda Flatley at Active Day, Suzie Emley at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Carolyn Stachera at Allen County Retinal Surgeons, Eunice Scully at American Red Cross, Valerie McBride

at Citizens Square, Fort Wayne Artists Guild Members Winter Show at Heritage Pointe of Fort Wayne, Daniel Bourbonnais at Ophthalmology Consultants (Southwest), Carey Collie at Ophthalmology Consultants (North), Sandra Bonner-Robinson at Pat Bryan Insurance Agency, David Hudson at Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne, Mary Lou Hutter at Town House Retirement, Natallia Yenza at Visiting Nurse Hospice, Dick Heffelfinger and Tom DeSomer at Will Jewelers, **hours vary per location through Dec. 31**, fortwayneartistguild.org

**Full Spectrum: Paintings, Drawings, and Prints of Julian Stanczak; Wood and Stone Sculptures of Barbara Stanczak** — A retrospective of these artists which reveals the visual conversation between their works, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) through Nov. 24**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

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

**The Mexican Mask Collection of Helmuth and Terrie Goede** — Exhibit featuring more than 200 masks from the collection of the Michigan couple who collected masks over 30 years of travel in Mexico, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays (closed Mondays) Nov. 23-Jan. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8/\$20 for families, (260) 422-6467

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

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

## ART EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COMING EXHIBITS

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

**Holiday Invitational** — Special exhibit with various artists from around the area, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Dec. 5-21**, opening reception 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Castle Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

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

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

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

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