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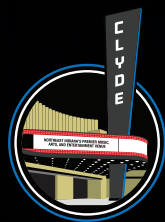


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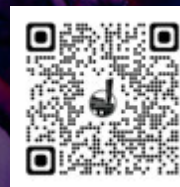
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Plenty of activities to ring in New Year

No shortage of fun as we bid adieu to the year 2022

BY DEAN JACKSON

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

There's no signature kickoff to the New Year in our area, but there are more than a few offerings that will please just about every taste.

There is a theme party in a classic historic venue, sports events, comedy, and concerts. Here are some of the events that stood out to us.

PROHIBITION PARTY

There are no code words to get in and no lookouts positioned to sound a warning in case the police or feds are looking to raid the joint. Sorry, there are no secret rooms requiring passwords to gain access to bootleg booze, either.

The Bell Mansion, 420 W. Wayne St., is hosting a party that harkens back nearly 90 years with a 1920s and 1930s New Year's Eve bash.

"It's going to be like a flapper/gangster dress-up where you get all decked out," Angie Sturm said. "We'll have a DJ, food, and everybody gets to wander around and check out the mansion."

Participants will also get a photo with a Nash automobile from that period.

"There is a mobster connection to all of this, and we love telling the story," Sturm said. "We love all local history and preserving history."

The gangster part also pays homage to the building's legacy as a funeral home. Fort Wayne native and notorious bank robber Homer Van Meter paid an unscheduled visit to the funeral home after he was shot dead in Minnesota.

Van Meter was longtime associate to Public Enemy No. 1 John Dillinger and equally notorious villain Baby Face Nelson. Van Meter was involved in a multistate string of bank robberies across the Midwest and Great Plains.

"We actually have pictures," Sturm said. "We still have the embalming tables. We have all the documentation and all the pictures showing ... yeah, he was definitely there."

Tickets are \$50 and limited to the 100 people.



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There will be plenty of late-night activities to partake in on New Year's Eve, but Science Central has the ideal event for the kids when they conduct their Countdown to Noon, culminating with a balloon drop when the clock strikes noon.

PUCK DROPS BEFORE BALL

One of Fort Wayne's favorite New Year's Eve traditions is taking in a Komets hockey game.

Before the ball drops on 2022, thousands watch the puck drop at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum as the home team takes on the Indy Fuel. Tickets start at \$13.50 and can be purchased at Komets.com or at the Coliseum ticket office

Josh Testing, the team's director of sales and marketing, says it's a perfect party. You have music. You have food and drinks. There is entertainment and participation, and there's no risk of missing the midnight festivities.

"Traditionally, our players always play well in front of great crowds," Testing said. "Having numbers helps. We'll have that for sure on New Year's Eve."

COUNTDOWN TO NOON

If you can't make the midnight countdown because of silly things like bed times, Science Central has just the answer with their Countdown to Noon.

Catering to the kids and those of us that just can't stay up that late anymore, doors open at 10 a.m. with the celebration rolling until 3 p.m.

It's so big they need two countdowns. The main event is at noon

with balloons and revelry, then a smaller event is held at 2 p.m.

There will be demonstrations and activities from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. that include fireworks, crafts, and a scavenger hunt.

General admission includes all Countdown to Noon activities. Tickets are available at the door or at ScienceCentral.org, and you'll want to get yours before they sell out.

RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY

Bowl the night away at MVP Lanes, 3810 Lake Ave., which opens at 11 a.m. and offers early bird, early evening, and late-night lane and shoe rentals from \$20 to \$90 per hour per lane. Here's a chance to host your own party.

Plus, the facility offers a full service bar and restaurant menu with New Year's Eve specials.

ROCKING IN THE NEW YEAR

At The Club Room at The Clyde, reserve your table to enjoy a special menu with food and drink specials while enjoying the Todd Harrold Trio from 5-7 p.m. The Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra takes over at 8 p.m., performing until 2022 is nothing but a memory.

You can reserve your table with a \$20 presale ticket that includes a drink.

LAST LAUGHS OF 2022

Nationally known funnyman Brad Williams will wrap up his three-day run at Summit City Comedy Club with three shows on New Year's Eve, at 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Williams has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live*. Tickets start at \$25 with some early shows at the club have already sold out.

READY TO RUMBLE

Saturday is the finale of the two-day Rumble in Fort Wayne racing action at Memorial Coliseum.

This annual event features mid-gets, winged and unwinged, and other classes racing around a 1/6-mile oval in the Expo Center.

ICE IS NICE

Relax with a few or several laps of ice skating at Headwaters Park.

Skating is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 13 and younger. Skates are an additional \$3 to rent.

The rink opens at noon and remains open until 9 p.m. Take a break and grab a hot chocolate or snack at the rink's cafe.

For other ideas, be sure to check out our online calendar for New Year's Eve events and other happenings at whatzup.com/calendar.

WBOI's Julia Meek wants community to *Meet the Music*

Program serves as showcase for area musicians

BY WHEAT WILLIAMS
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Look up “doyenne” in Oxford Dictionary of English and you’ll see the definition: “The most respected or prominent woman in a particular field.” Well, if the field is public radio in Fort Wayne, then Julia Meek is its doyen and has been a dynamic advocate for the local music scene going on 45 years.

When I spoke with Meek, she told me first-hand about the history of local public radio, beginning around 1978 when she was a volunteer at the birth of what is now WBOI 89.1. She’s particularly happy to produce *Meet the Music*, the weekly show that’s run since 2010, and which you can hear every Thursday from 8-10 p.m., with a repeat the following Monday.

Over the years, *Meet the Music* has been put on hold and brought back more than once. Today, it’s better than ever as it showcases every kind of music that Fort Wayne musicians create: classical, jazz, folk, and rock.

MEET THE MUSIC MEETS DELAYS

Meek is a freelance graphic artist and muralist, which seems like a strange entrance into the completely unrelated medium of radio. But she always saw it as a way of promoting other kinds of art than her own.

“I started with WBOI back in the late ‘70s,” she says, noting it was called WIPU at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. “It is not natural to have a whole bunch of community volunteers at a

college station, but they did.”

Meek explained how in 1981 some community “heavy-hitters,” including executives from Lincoln National Life Insurance and Magnavox, raised enough money to fund the station and incorporate Northeast Indiana Public Radio, which occurred the same week the IPFW campus was swept up in the great 1982 flood. They were barely able to launch.

Yet, “It became one of the biggest and continued as one of the longest-run of the original campus community radio stations,” she said.

The station started out airing albums of classical music, then jazz and folk. They joined National Public Radio in the ‘80s and began to broadcast local recordings of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and local jazz.

Meek was involved in all of it.

“Well, then, fast forward to 2007,” she said. “We had some visionaries that really understood that we had to grow our base.” Before that, “community connections were not a priority, and this is where *Meet the Music* comes in. There’s lots of good music everywhere you go, but I’ve always felt, geographically and demographically, that Fort Wayne has an amazingly better-than-average talented music base, and a broad base, too. Just by the ethnicities that have settled here and continue to. And then, we’re a hugely strong jazz mecca here in the Midwest. It’s something that I’ve always reflected on and been proud of about Fort Wayne.

“I asked, ‘How can we grow? How can we get people to join WBOI that don’t even know we’re here?’” she added. “Then I thought, ‘Well, my goodness, why don’t we do a sound stage show?’ I pitched it.”

Then another disaster struck: The 2008 Great Recession.

“*Meet the Music* got shelved for about a year and a half,” she said. “There had been a lot of extra corporate money for all public broadcasting for many philanthropic things,



Julia Meek



MEET THE MUSIC W/JACK & JOE, DAILY DRIVER

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26
WBOI 89.1FM

and at that point, it just dried up and it’s never come back.”

Meet the Music finally launched in October 2010, “and it’s been going strong. We’ve had thousands of musicians.”

TV-QUALITY PERFORMANCES

The station didn’t only use its studio. They went out into the community, “and this is the best part of the folk tale,” Meek said.

WBOI records live bands at Taste of the Arts every year, and from 2018 recorded several multimedia productions at C2G Music Hall, now the Baker Street Centre. Then they started recording Friday Night Vibes at The Club Room at The Clyde where they could use its large stage to present groups from multiple genres of music, including rock acts.

“But then the biggest challenge came ... COVID happened,” Meek said. “Nobody could do anything.”

Despite live acts being forced into hibernation in mid-March 2020, Meek kept the show on the air weekly by using archived material.

Now, 2022 brings a whole new venture: public-access television.

“We are doing *Meet the Music* shows at Allen County Public Library and their Access Fort Wayne Studio A,” Meek said.

The first video production was in April, with violin and cello duo Coplin & Hoffman and singer-guitarists Lysaght & McRae.

Meek was particularly happy



Recent performers on WBOI’s *Meet the Music* include, above, Soltre at Baker Street Centre and, at left, Jack & Joe at the Allen County Public Library’s Access Fort Wayne studio.

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with the program’s Dec. 1 holiday television broadcast from Baker Street Centre, featuring traditional Irish string band Soltre, and young funk-fusion band Los Galaxy, along with light spinners and dancers from Pyroscope Entertainment. The official launch of the video series was Dec. 8, with the jazz quartet Renz & Friends and vocal duo Basketcase.

The People’s Choice Christmas Special Classic was held Dec. 15, featuring Alicia Pyle, and the Rick Brown Quartet playing Vince Guaraldi’s *Charlie Brown Christmas*.

The next video edition will air Thursday, Dec. 22, with touring Irish duet Jack & Joe and electric guitarist Don Carr’s power-trio Daily Driver.

Yet to come, on Dec. 29, the *Meet the Music Holiday Special* will showcase the Grace Minnick Trio, Tommy Saul, Mike Conley, and Ty Causey.

NO SHORTAGE OF TALENT

Looking forward to 2023, there will be performances by the likes of

folk-rock artist Sunny Taylor, blues from the Gabe Bailey Duo, western swing from Carolyn and Dave Martin, the string band The Goat’s Beards, singer-guitarist Steve Holloway, acoustic duo JJ & McRae, Americana band Roustabout, ukulele duo Beeze & The Rocker, classic rock band Zen BBQ, and jazz bass player Micheal Patterson.

Meek says there is so much good new music in this town that she asks bands to be patient, because it’s going to take a while to work them into the program.

To answer a frequently asked question, yes, you have to tune in every Thursday or Monday to hear these shows. WBOI can’t provide previous episodes as podcasts you can download. That would require paying extra licensing fees for the copyrighted music, which they can’t afford.

So tune in to WBOI and check the schedule at the Allen County Public Library’s Access Fort Wayne TV. Be amazed at Fort Wayne musicians old and new being showcased in *Meet the Music*.

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Down the Line 17 set to honor Woodstock

Get ready folks, as Down the Line 17 has officially been announced and is ready to return to Embassy Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The event will see local musicians pay homage to the iconic artists who inspired them. This year's DTL will be unique as it will pay respect to inspirational and groundbreaking Woodstock '69 musical icons.

Taking the stage will be **The Be Colony** performing **Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young**, **Renata Rio & The Proper Meds** covering **Jefferson Airplane**, **D Ferren & The Sad Bastards** honoring **Credence Clearwater Revival**, and **G-Money** paying tribute to **Jimi Hendrix**.

Showtime will be 7 p.m. with early entrance at 5:45 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at fwembassytheatre.org, ticketmaster.com, and the STAR Bank box office at the Embassy.

Wishbone Ash has date at Clyde Theatre

The Clyde Theatre have announced the booking of one of the most influential guitar bands in rock history, **Wishbone Ash**.

Equally inspired by British folk, American jazz, and R&B, Wishbone Ash did their part to help form the emerging rock n' roll scene in the U.S. and U.K. In 2023, the band, led by founding member **Andy Powell** (vocals/guitar), will mark the 50th anniversary of their biggest selling, multiplatinum album, *Live Dates*, with tours of Europe, North America, and the United Kingdom.

The Fort Wayne show will take place Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

Reserved seats are available at clydetheatre.com, over the phone at (800) 514-3849, or in person at The Clyde box office and Sweetwater Sound.

Pauly Shore bringing comedy to Summit City

Comedian and actor **Pauly Shore** is set to return to Fort Wayne for a weekend at Summit City Comedy Club, March 3-4.

From host of MTV's *Totally Pauly* in the early '90s to roles in films such as *Encino Man* and *Son in Law* to lending his voice of Pinocchio in this year's American dub of *Pinocchio: A True Story*, "The Weasel" has built a worthy résumé.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. on Friday,



Out and About

NICK BRAUN



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G-Money will pay homage to **Jimi Hendrix**, above, at **Down the Line 17** on Feb. 25 at Embassy Theatre.

March 3, and 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. For tickets, go to summitcitycomedy.com.

Ambrosia welcomes back live music

Ambrosia Orchard Cidery & Meadery is gearing up for the return of live music in their tap room.

From 6:30-8:30 p.m., you can enjoy local musicians performing at the U.S. 27 facility in Hoagland while enjoying Ambrosia's tasty drinks, food, and desserts.

Set to perform are **Crayola Johnson** on Dec. 30, **Jess Thrower** on Jan. 7, and **JJ & McRae** on Jan. 21. More acts to be announced soon.

The best part is it's free to attend, so rally up the troops and head on over.

Hubie, Hillbilly Casino head to Shipshewana

After another stunning performance at their annual Xmas Special at The Brass Rail, Nashville's **Hillbilly Casino** are set to return to the area in the spring.

On Friday, May 19, the Michiana Event Center in Shipshewana will present "A Nashville Night in Shipshewana," featuring the high-in-demand **Hubie Ashcraft Band** and Hillbilly Casino. Now that is a show, my friend! Don't believe me? Just take it from Ashcraft, who says it will be an "absolute barn burner!"

For tickets, head to michianaevents.com or call the MEC box office (260) 768-4990.

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Embassy employee's hospitality awarded

Mark McKinney, the Embassy Theatre box office assistant manager, has been awarded the prestigious Hoosier Hospitality Award.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch gave the award to 16 Hoosiers in the hospitality and tourism industry for excellent customer service and consistently welcoming visitors with a warm Hoosier attitude. McKinney, who has been with the Embassy the past 14 years, was nominated by box office manager Kevin Boughton and chief operating officer Mary Jo Hardiman.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

"Mark takes great care and time with patrons and has a way of connecting them to the Embassy and others in the community," Hardiman said in a press release. "For Mark, Hoosier hospitality is more than a coined slogan, it is a way of life."

McKinney was presented the award during a ceremony on Dec. 8 in Indianapolis.

"I was completely surprised when I first learned that I had won this award, that I couldn't find the right words to say," he said in a press release. "Customer service has been a core strength of mine, and I thank my family for instilling good values in me at a young age, to always treat those as you would like to be treated yourself and to always smile! I also thank Kevin and Mary Jo for nominating me for this honorable award and the rest of the Embassy staff for being awesome and amazing to work alongside on a daily basis."

Build Guild hosts amigurumi workshop

The Build Guild, 1025 Goshen Ave., will hold an amigurumi crochet workshop Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6-8 p.m., for \$21 or \$10.50 for those 17 years old and under.

Known as the art of 3D crochet, amigurumi participants will learn the basics and create a crocheted bee.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. the day of class. For tickets to this or any other Build Guild class, go to thebuildguild.org/events or call (260) 209-9150 to register.

Catch Arthur Christmas at Promenade

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, the 2011 holiday film *Arthur Christmas* will be shown in the Promenade Park Pavilion, 202 W. Superior St.

The PG movie is about Santa's son Arthur, voiced by



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Embassy Theatre Box Office Assistant Manager Mark McKinney was one of 16 Hoosiers to be awarded the Hoosier Hospitality Award by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch.

James McAvoy, who goes on a special mission to save Christmas morning.

Guests can create Christmas crafts while watching the movie. All ages and abilities are welcome. Seating is limited.

Tickets are \$6 and are available at fortwayneparks.org or (260) 427-6000.

YMCA hosting Christmas drive-in movies

The Jackson R. Lehman Family YMCA, 5680 YMCA Park Drive off St. Joe Center Road, will present a free family-friendly Christmas movie drive-in event on Friday, Dec. 23.

The G-rated 1983 film *Mickey's Christmas Carol* will be shown at 6 p.m., followed by 2011's *Prep & Landing* (G) at 7 p.m. and 2017's *The Star* (PG) at 8 p.m.

Popcorn and juice will be available at his free event that is open to the public, regardless of YMCA membership.

Visit conservatory on \$1 admission nights

Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St., will have \$1 admission on Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 22-23, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Village Tap reopens after car hits building

After closing for about a week due to a car slamming into the side of the building on Dec. 9, **The Village Tap** on East State Boulevard has reopened.

The vehicle had attempted to avoid a collision near the East State Boulevard and Crescent Avenue intersection when it crashed into the building. No one was injured in the car or inside the building.

Despite severe damage to the building, The Village Tap was back at it eight days later, welcoming patrons back for some beef stroganoff, chicken pot pie, and pork belly eggs Benedict on Dec. 17.

To make up for lost time, they had rare Monday hours this week, but will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



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The Village Tap, 1235 E. State Blvd., has reopened after being forced to close when a vehicle crashed into the side of the building.

After 50 years, Stacy's closing in Leesburg

It is the end of the line for **Stacy's** in Leesburg.

After 50 years, the Haines family is closing the restaurant. A Facebook post this month heralded the news. In 1972, Stacy and Colleen Haines, with little restaurant experience, purchased the eatery.

No word on new ownership, but current owner, Tyler Haines, says they will “work to make sure gift certificates are redeemed or honored.” Their last night is Dec. 31.

Haines says they plan to bottle their popular salad dressing for sale.

Cajun spot set to open at Jefferson Pointe

Yats has been on the horizon for a while, and now we are being told it's close to opening in the Jefferson Pointe Shopping Plaza.

With a New Orleans-style — Cajun Creole to be precise — Yats is a quick-serve eatery, much like Chipotle or Subway with a chalk menu board.

On that board, as you might expect from a Cajun restaurant, are red beans, sausage, white and black chili, and their etouffee (eh-too-fey), a stew-like dish smothering rice and often paired with crayfish, along with classic gumbo and jambalaya. Plus, they have vegan and vegetarian options.

All dishes are served on rice with a slice of Cajun butter baguette. Paying is easy, since there are just two prices.

Yes, it's spicy. There are about a dozen Yats locations around Indianapolis, where it was founded, as well as one in Ohio and one in Tennessee.

South-side market closer to reality

Last week, the Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission gave the green light to a full-service grocery store at 918 E. Pontiac St., known as **Pontiac Street Market**.

The city has long made a grocery story in the area a priority, calling it an underserved area.

The project, with the city partnering with Parkview Regional Medical Center and Affiliates, is expected to top \$4 million, will include a pharmacy in the 6,500-square-foot building.

If everything goes according to plan, construction could begin in February and the store could open in the fall.

Rescue Mission sets mark for free meals

The Fort Wayne Rescue Mission says they set a record by serving more than 5,000 meals for Thanksgiving.

Officials say Christmas could be another record, and they are planning for about 4,000 meals. Cold weather could push it even higher.

Meals are free, but served as carry-out only this year. You can contribute to the Mission's meal programs at fwrmm.org.

Worth a road trip?

I don't typically spotlight news from outside northeast Indiana, but this one requires investigation.

Less than two hours away, **Artisan** in Elkhart has been called a “once-in-a-lifetime meal” by the website EatThis.com, which looks at restaurants in all 50 states and picks one joint from each that they say is “actually worth traveling for.” The article makes the distinction that it has nothing to do with the price or the atmosphere. It's all about food that stands out.

Located at 505 S. Main St. in Elkhart, Artisan was opened in 2015 by chef Kurt Janowsky, who set out to create a “warm and inviting modern American restaurant that delivers an uncommon hospitality experience.”

In 2019, the restaurant was honored by Open Table as one of its top 100 restaurants of the year and received AAA's Four Diamond Award and Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence.

Open for business

■ We teased this a few weeks ago, and now it's official. The popular food truck **Laz's Cuban Cafe** opened a brick and mortar store on Dec. 16. The eatery is serving up coffee, sandwiches, and pastries in the shopping center near Lima and Dupont roads in the space formerly occupied by Pastor's Place.

■ **Benji's Caribbean Spot** held its grand opening Dec. 10 at 5978 Stellhorn Road in the old Mandarin restaurant near Arby's. You can try authentic Haitian food, including fried pork, goat, red snapper, jerk chicken, and pumpkin soup, to name a few.

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Live Music

LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

BigMeow — Holiday/80s, 6 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Dallas String Quartet — Holiday, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$27.50-\$40, (260) 747-0989

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Hubie Ashcraft & Travis Gow — Acoustic, 6 p.m., Dicky's Wild Hare, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 486-0590

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

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Nashville Thursday — Country, 7 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

Andy Pauquette Duo — Acoustic, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Chris Worth — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Club Paradise, Angola, no cover, (260) 833-7082

Decades — Rock, 9 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Jack Welty w/Bebop & The Rocksteadys, Casey the Kid, Golden Alley — Rock, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

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

Kiss Army — Kiss tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$20, (260) 492-6064

Los Galaxy w/Nostromo, Jiant — Variety, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Music Lovers Lounge — DJ, 9:30 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 424-5665

Overlook w/Zach Cromer — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Tiger Room, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 456-6542

Raheem DeV Vaughn — Neo-soul, 7:30 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$49-\$79, (260) 424-5665

The Kuglers — Acoustic, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

The Motor Folkers — Variety, 7 p.m., Brewskies Bar & Grill, Angola, no cover, (260) 833-9676

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 7 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

Tom Koenig — Acoustic variety, 8 p.m., JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-1311

Tony Norton & Kevin Smith — Acoustic variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Ty Causey — R&B, 8 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

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

Kiss Army — Kiss tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$20, (260) 492-6064

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Helikopter — Latin, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 492-6064

MONDAY, DEC. 26

Monday Blues Jam Sessions w/G Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

Chris Worth — Variety, 2:30 p.m., Story Point Senior Living, Fort Wayne, no cover

Lee Carter Cook — Soft rock, 6 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Shane Bond — Rock, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Hubie Ashcraft — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Arena Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 489-0840

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

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

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Namen Namen w/Janine (Church Shoes), Craig Brown Band — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

Alicia Pyle Duo — Piano, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Animal Command — Rock, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Baby Money & Tay B — Hip-hop, 11 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$50-\$100, (260) 492-6064

Fireball Matinee — Rock, 9 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Fog Delay — Americana, 8 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 267-6082

Hairball — Arena rock tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 747-0989

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

Jiggs Hendrixson Showband — Variety, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

OK Boomer — Classic rock, 7:30 p.m., The Tiger Room, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 456-6542

Secret Mezzanine — Alternative, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Sisters of Your Sunshine Vapor w/Heaven's Gateway Drugs, CloudMaker — Psychedelic, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Whoa, Man! — Women of rock tribute, 9:15 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 407-8530

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

Carly Ingalls — Piano, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Chris Worth — Variety, 9 p.m., American Legion Post 240, Avilla, no cover, (260) 897-2225

Cougar Hunter w/Decade Divide — Tribute, 8:30 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

Jailbreak — Classic rock, 8:30 p.m., The Navy Club, New Haven, \$10

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

Los Galaxy w/Funk Landlords, Private Education, Chris Rebellion — Variety, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

New Year's Countdown: Todd Harrold Band w/Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Variety, 5 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$30, (260) 407-8530

Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 6-9 p.m., Morgan's Tap & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0816

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

West Central Quartet — Variety, 9:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

Drum Circle — 7 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

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

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

Hubie Ashcraft & Travis Gow — Americana, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

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

The 906 Band — Rock, 9 p.m., Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, \$5, 574-267-5066

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Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

Mike Cronin — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$28, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Comedy Open Mic — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

Brad Williams — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$50, (260) 844-8444

Kerwin Claiborne — 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 492-6064

Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, DEC. 30

Brad Williams — 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$50, (260) 844-8444

Steve Hytner — 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$65, (260) 492-6064

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

Brad Williams — 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$50, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

Peppers & Punchlines — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$16, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

Chris Kattan — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

Chris Kattan — 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

Chris Kattan — 7 and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Bryan Callen — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$28-\$50, (260) 844-8444

Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Bryan Callen — 7:30 and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$28-\$50, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Bryan Callen — 7 and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$28-\$50, (260) 844-8444

Improv Workshop: Building a Comedic Scene — 4-6 p.m., Broken Pencil Improv, Studi07, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 312-0964

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The Wingmen — Classic rock, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, no cover, (260) 747-7851

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

Austin Marsh — Singer-songwriter, 7:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Big Dick & The Penetrators — Rock, 9 p.m., Rex's Rendezvous, Warsaw, 574-267-5066

Dormant w/The Part You Left Out, disappear. — Rock, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Frank Bradford — Classic rock/pop, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

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

Mason Dixon Line — Country, 9 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, (260) 433-6933

Northwest w/Cmndr — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

Rick Monroe and the Hitmen — Country, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

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

S.O.D.A. w/Inconvenienced by the System, Walk on Homeboys, Desevren, Hazensol — Rock, 6:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

The 906 Band — Rock, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Loveseat! w/The Meat Flowers — Alternative, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

String Theory — Acoustic classic rock, 8 p.m., Small Town Bar and Grill, Decatur, no cover, 260-301-9229

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Hubie Ashcraft & Travis Gow — Americana, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1978, Auburn, no cover, (260) 925-2110

Red-Eye Lorelai — Rock, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Dakota Parker — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

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Sunglasses at Night — 80s, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

The 906 Band — Rock, 9:30 p.m., Vinnie's Bar, Decatur, no cover, (260) 729-2225

The Commodores — R&B, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$59.50-\$99.50, (260) 747-0989

We Are Checkmark — Funk, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

MONDAY, JAN. 16

Open Mic Night — 6:30 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Big Head Todd & The Monsters — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$45, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, JAN. 19,

A Celebration of Mac Miller w/J Tubbs — Mac Miller tribute, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Jazz Jam — 7 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Open Mic w/BigMeow — Variety, 6:15 p.m., Chapman's Brewing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-6252

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

Abbie Thomas — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Dean Z — Elvis tribute, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$25-\$55, (260) 563-1102

Frank Foster — Country, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$25, (269) 625-8817

Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 8 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 433-6933

Street Reach for the Homeless Fundraiser w/Pharohound, Damage, Voice of Syllas, The Snyders — Metal, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-7100

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 2 p.m., Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 421-1200

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Ani DiFranco w/Peter Mulvey, Sista Strings — Singer-songwriter, 8 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$65, (260) 424-5665

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Umphrey's McGee w/Doom Flamingo — Jam, 7 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

Aaron Tippin w/Sammy Kershaw, Collin Raye — Country, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$49-\$129, (260) 563-1102

St. Paul & The Broken Bones w/Rett Madison — Soul, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$104.50, (260) 747-0989

The Hubie Ashcraft Trio — Country, 8:30 p.m., Peterson's Fish, Syracuse, \$10-\$20, (574) 528-5000

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

Matt Record — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Superknown w/American Idiots, Grave Yard Mafia — Soundgarden tribute, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 9 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 433-6933

The Namby Pamby — Alternative, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Too Fighters — Foo Fighters tribute, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25-\$35, (260) 563-1102

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

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Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Winter Jam w/We the Kingdom, Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, Anne Wilson, Disciple, Austin French, Newsong — Christian, 7 p.m., Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 483-1111

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Austin Marsh — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Chad Prather — Country, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$45, (260) 492-6064

The Ultimate Doors — Doors tribute, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$25-\$45, (260) 563-1102

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Billy Gilman — Country, 8 p.m., Grand Old Opry House, Convoy, OH, \$25, (419) 771-9508

Marshall Charloff and Purple Xperience — Prince tribute, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29-\$75, (260) 563-1102

Mike Almon — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

John Waite — Rock, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$55, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Drum Circle — 7 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Gary Allan — Country, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 747-0989

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

PBE Pluto — Hip-hop, 9 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$30, (260) 492-6064

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Anthony Gomes — Blues, 8 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$50, (260) 426-6434

Badfish w/Kash'dOut, The Quasi Kings — Sublime tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$17, (260) 747-0989

Dakota Parker — Variety, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Dave Matthews Tribute Band — DMB tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

Bach Collegium: Festive Baroque — Symphony, 4 p.m., Bach Collegium, Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, \$25

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

Sweet Strings Jam Session — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

Funk/Jazz Open Jam w/Phil Schurger — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Jazz Jam — 7 p.m., Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Boney James — Saxophone, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$39.50-\$69.50, (260) 747-0989

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

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BY ANTHONY GADSON

WHATZUP EDITOR

The ball might not have dropped on 2022 quite yet, but we're still able to look ahead to 2023 activities, right?

Despite a few hiccups in 2022, things really began to feel a lot like the good ol' days, circa February 2020. Festivals returned to Headwaters Park with restrictions off, and music venues were able to welcome back fans, with far fewer cancellations than 2021.

While many activities have not finalized dates, we know they will be taking place, such as Deer Park Irish Pub's popular St. Patrick's Day festivities, which extend beyond a single day. Other items for which dates could not be confirmed include RibFest, Middle Waves, Covington Plaza Art Fair, Taste of the Arts, and the Art Crawl.

So, with all that being said, let's turn our attention toward 2023 festivities, most of which will come with warmer weather, although some embrace the cold ... we're looking at you Winterval and Weather the Fort!

FESTIVALS

Jan. 28 — Winterval: The 12th annual winter festival is one of the few in town that requires a heavy coat, hat, and gloves. Enticing residents to get out in the cold, ice sculptors get busy creating artwork around downtown. Along with seeing blocks of ice transformed into art, there will also be the Winter Carnival and Warm Heart Market at the Community Center, Winter Cozy at Promenade Park for the adults, and a hike at Lindenwood Nature Preserve.

Feb. 18 — Weather the Fort: You're gonna want to keep those winter coats on for the next festival on The Landing. Along with the ice sculptures, you might catch some fire dancers and warm up next to some heaters, or with some warm beverages at some of the surrounding eateries.

March 18 — Get Green Fest: With spring just around the corner, downtown goes green with this Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters event. While some are recovering from St. Patrick's Day festivities from the day before, this family-friendly event includes the St. Marys River turning green, a Lucky Charms eating contest, a gold coin drop, as well as plenty of food trucks and other entertainment.

May 20 — Buskerfest: Downtown Fort Wayne's annual event shuts down the streets for magicians, jugglers, fire dancers, living statues, and others to take over. The family-



friendly event also features live music from local acts, so be sure to bring a couple dollars and tip your entertainers!

May 21 — Cherry Blossom Festival: This festival is moving from the downtown Allen County Public Library to Walb Student Union and other spots around Purdue University Fort Wayne in 2023. Despite the change in scenery, prepare to celebrate Japanese arts, crafts, and culture with dancing, food, and plenty of vendors.

May 21 — Eco Fest: One of the newer festivals on the docket, this environment-conscious event at Headwaters Park is sustainability-focused. While enjoying food and music, shop eco-friendly vendors and take part in workshops to learn how you can earn Mother Nature's approval.

June 3-4 — Arab Fest: The festival season really begins to get into swing when this festival returns for its seventh year at Headwaters Park West. Beginning in 2015 by the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, the nonprofit Arab Fest – Fort Wayne, Inc. now runs the festival, which highlights Arab hospitality, food, and song and dance.

June 5-11 — Germanfest: Among the oldest festivals in Fort Wayne, Germanfest began in 1981 as a way to bring a German folk festival to Fort Wayne.



Since then, it's grown as fast as your belly filling up on bratwurst, schnitzel, sauerkraut, and adult beverages. When you're not filling up on food, you can catch the Legs 'N Lederhosen event, Wienerdog Races, the Trauben Tromp, and other fun events. Prost!

June 10 — Solfest: This celebration of the sun takes you out of downtown. Originally set at Fox Island County Park, this festival took a four-year hiatus before returning in 2022 at Parkview Field. Because of continued cleanup following a storm at Fox Island, the 2023 edition will take place at Metea County Park, where you'll be able to shop local vendors and enjoy plenty of local music.

June 22-25 — Greek Fest: Back at Headwaters Park for its 43rd edition, organizers invite you to "party like a Greek," enjoying authentic cuisine, music, and traditional dancing. The dancing might be a fantastic way to work off the calories after indulging in gyros, roasted lamb shank, baklava, and a wide arrange of other delicacies offered. Opa!

July 7-15 — Three Rivers Festival: The granddaddy of them all. Headwaters Park and the rest of downtown is sure to be bustling with the 53rd Three Rivers Festival returns. Complete with carnival rides, carnival food, live music, and plenty of other activities, such as the parade (July 8), Art in the Park and its coinciding Chalk Walk, (July 8-9), Bed Race (July 12), and the Waiter-Waitress Contest (July 10), this festival truly has something for

everyone, culminating with the Fireworks Finale on July 15.

July 21-22 — Fort Wayne Pride: Pride festival will be back at Headwaters Park, kicking off with a Friday night party, followed by a Pride March on Saturday morning. The 2022 edition saw the festival expand to Headwaters East and West, featuring vendors, music, a resource fair, beer tent, and KidSpace. This is truly a festival where you let your true colors shine.

Aug. 12 — Fiesta Fort Wayne: Held each year since the late 1970s, this celebration of Hispanic and Latino culture is a true party at Headwaters Park. From the festive music and dancing to the abundance of food and vendors, you might even need a slight siesta to keep up as the party goes late into the night.

Aug. 18-25 — Allen County Fair: Sure there will be 4-H participants spending the days tending to their animals, but there will be others showing up daily for rides, food, and events at the Allen County Fairgrounds off Carroll Road. From truck pulls, the hot air balloon flight/glow, live music, and more, there's no shortage of fun to be had at this annual event.



Aug. 26-Sept. 3 — Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival: Automotive enthusiasts from all over the world flock to Auburn each year to take part in this festival, which



celebrates the city's automobile legacy. The upcoming festival will be the 67th edition, featuring car shows, a parade, cruise-in, meet-and-greets, and much more to quench for thirst for automotive history.

Sept. 9 — Brewed IN the Fort: Craft beer connoisseurs rejoice when breweries, meaderies, and cideries congregate at Headwaters Park. In partnership with Fort Wayne Trails, get unlimited samples of drinks, while enjoying live music and food trucks that are on hand to help soak up some of that alcohol. Just be sure to pace yourself, and water is your friend!

Sept. 16-17 — Johnny Appleseed Festival: This brings to mind the smell of smoke wafting across Johnny Appleseed Park next to Memorial Coliseum. Celebrating its 48th year in 2023, this event takes you back to the 1800s to celebrate John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed, known for planting apple trees across the Midwest. This two-day celebration has a bevy of vendors, demonstrations, and activities to make you forget smartphones even exist.

Oct. 19-22 — Hobnobben Film Festival: Cinephiles and your average film lovers meet up at Cinema Center to soak in four days of independent films. The festival had a record-breaking 128 movies in 2022 that follow its mission of celebrating "the human experience through cinematic storytelling." For those indie filmmakers out there, submissions for this festival are currently open.



Nov. 22-29 — Festival of Trees: Opening the same night as downtown's Night of Lights, this Embassy Theatre fundraiser has become a must for many families. Filling the lobbies of the Embassy and Indiana Hotel since 1984, elaborate trees decorated by businesses and individuals draw fans in year after year.

COME TOGETHER

April 15 — Record Store Day: The day vinyl lovers await arrives with this 15th annual event, conceived to "celebrate and spread the word about the unique culture surrounding nearly 1400 independently-owned record stores in the U.S." Fans line up to get deals on hard-to-find records, while some record stores even host live music.

April 22 — Fort Wayne Children's Zoo opening day: Beginning as a nature preserve, the zoo has been wowing families since 1965, and 2023 will be no different. With continuing upgrades, there's something new to see each year, although stalwarts like the lions, orangutans, tigers, and giraffes will be there. However Zuri, the oldest reticulated giraffe in the U.S., will no longer be there to have lettuce fed to her after her passing in November.

Aug. 5 — River, Set, Go!: Our rivers take center stage for this event, which is highlighted by the 21-person Fort Wayne Dragon Boat Races. This third annual event by Riverfront Fort Wayne and the parks department also has floating yoga, a paddle parade, and floating fire pit to cap things off. In short, this event has whatever floats your boat.

Sept. 10 — Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown: Ever explored our city's architectural marvels? No? Well, this is exactly what you need. Numerous museums and other venues like Allen County Courthouse, Artlink, Embassy Theatre, and African/African-American Historical Society and Museum offer free admission to give you the opportunity to visit all that Fort Wayne has to offer. You can even use a passport to mark all the places you've visited!

Oct. 21 — Fright Night: A Halloween favorite, downtown Fort Wayne gets downright ghoulish. Following activities scattered around all day, the fun culminates with the Zombie Walk through the downtown streets, where participants take delight in their undead costumes.

Nov. 12-Dec. 31 — Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights: Franke Park has become a Christmas destination thanks to the light display that's erected every year and runs through Dec. 31. The 2-mile loop has more than 150 scenes and nearly 650,000 LED lights with different theme nights and 91.7FM playing music to coincide with the cruise.



Nov. 22 — Night of Lights: The largest gathering in the city, the 2022 event drew thousands to downtown to see the lighting of Santa and His Reindeer, the Christmas Wreath, and others. Along with walking the closed downtown streets, participants can also warm up and catch some music and crafts at Grand Wayne Center, then head to Parkview Field for fireworks.

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON



Jan. 18-29 — Savor Fort Wayne: For those foodies, this Visit Fort Wayne event has local businesses offer a three-course special menu at discounted prices. There are currently 36 restaurants from across the city signed on to participate in 2023, so ... bon appetite!

WORKING UP A SWEAT

June 3 — Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle: Open to cyclists of all skill levels, participants can ride in the 8-Mile Family Ride, short, medium, and long distances, or embark on the Metric Century (63 miles). Beginning and ending at Promenade Park, food trucks and live music await your return.

June 10 and Aug. 19 — Le Tour de Fort: What started as a pub crawl for his friends before Joseph Wasson was redeployed to Iraq in 2009 has become a full-fledged event. With shirt sales benefiting charity, it's not hard to spot participants as they ride from watering hole to watering hole while continuing mission of "supporting veterans, strengthening their community, and bringing people together for an awesome time."

Sept. 30 — Fort4Fitness Fall Festival: The year's "biggest community celebration of fitness in downtown Fort Wayne" returns for its 16th edition in 2023 as thousands of runners gather to take part in 4-mile, 10K, half-marathon, and triple crown races. Participants run throughout downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods before finishing at Parkview Field, where a party awaits.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

April 11 — TinCaps Home Opener: The first sign of spring for many is opening day at the ballpark, and although the local high-A minor league team begins play in Grand Rapids on April 6, they open their home season April 11 against Lake County. There will be 66 home games this year, 27 of which will end with fireworks.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 2 — Winter Jam: The contemporary Christian tour returns to Memorial Coliseum, headlined by We the Kingdom and Jeremy Camp. As if that was not enough, \$15 entry also gives you entry to see Andy Mineo, Anne Wilson, Austin French, Disciple, and Newsong, as well as some opening acts.

Feb. 23 — Buddy Guy: One of the most influential blues musicians of all time is about to stop touring, but not before bringing his Damn

Right Farewell Tour to Embassy Theatre. Ally Venable and Eric Gales will be the opening acts for the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer who has won eight Grammys, 38 Blues Music Awards, and received the Presidential National Medal of Arts.

Feb. 25 — Down the Line 17: Local acts get a chance to pay tribute to Woodstock performers at this annual spectacle at Embassy Theatre. This year's show will feature The Be Colony playing music from Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Renata Rio & The Proper Meds performing Jefferson Airplane, D. Ferren & The Sad Bastards performing Creedence Clearwater Revival, and G-Money Band performing Jimi Hendrix.

May 9 — Center Stage: This second annual talent show from Turnstone Center features performing artists of all talents and abilities. Talent submissions, be it magic, comedy, music, or anything else, are open until Feb. 24, with preliminary rounds used if needed before the finale at The Clyde Theatre, with the winner taking home \$1,000.



May 15-16 — John Mel-lencamp: One of Indiana's favorite sons will be at Embassy Theatre for a pair of shows, providing a good chance to catch the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer perform from his extensive catalogue.

June 1-Aug. 31 — Lunch on the Square: As the weather warms, Downtown Fort Wayne's annual lunchtime tradition resumes at Freimann Square. While browsing for food from a bevy of food trucks, you'll also get the chance to listen to some music from your favorite local musicians every Thursday through Aug. 31.

June 2-Oct. 6 — Downtown Live!: So you could not make it to Freimann Square for lunch on a Thursday? Well, you can head to The Landing each Friday evening through Oct. 6 for a bite while enjoying local music and vendors.

June 3 — Rock the Plaza: Everyone's favorite free outdoor show returns every Saturday night this summer at the downtown Allen County Public Library. The shell outside the facility transforms into a music venue, featuring local music that you can enjoy while munching on snacks and having a drink from Dash-In.

June 22 — Jerry Seinfeld: After having to reschedule an earlier performance at Embassy Theatre, the man who created the most famous "show about nothing" is slated to take the stage. However, you haven't gotten your tickets by now, you might be out of luck.



As it goes with calendar items, there's bound to be something left off, you're going to want to check on dates, times, and cover charges before heading out. Keep checking *Whatzup's* calendars throughout 2023 for new and rescheduled events.

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- 3 3 ZACH BRYAN
American Heartbreak
- 4 2 FLEETWOOD MAC
Rumours
- 5 — MICHAEL JACKSON
Thriller (40th Anniversary)
- 6 4 TOM PETTY AND
THE HEARTBREAKERS
Live at the Fillmore (1997)
- 7 — GRETA VAN FLEET
From the Fires
- 8 — BRANDI CARLILE
In These Silent Days
- 9 7 HARRY STYLES
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Joe Stilwell

*I've Got a
Song or Two*

Singer-songwriter Joe Stilwell has been making a name for himself on the Fort Wayne music scene the last few years.

First, it was in the indie-pop band Brother Gene, which transitioned into Calder the Band. The latter just released a new and amazing full-length album, *Shape Up*, in October. If you haven't heard it, you really should.

Well, not one to just coast a bit and enjoy the fruits of his musical labor, Stilwell decided to release some solo tracks.

Those tracks are collected on the four-song EP *I've Got a Song or Two*, a record that shows Stilwell continuing to hone his songwriting. It's full of catchy melodies, wistful moods, and songs for contemplative moments.

Listening to *I've Got a Song or Two*, I'm reminded of bands like Real Estate, Chris Cohen, Shy Boys, and Ducktails (aka Matt Mondanile).

Stilwell is coming from the tradition of classic '70s singer-songwriters with songs that are personal and emotional and wear their hearts on their sleeves. You hear that in Stilwell's work with Calder the Band, and you definitely hear it in his solo work.

Though steeped in the classic singer-songwriter tradition, *I've Got a Song or Two* has modern production values and feels very prescient.

The songs go by quickly here but leave their mark. Opener "Ordinary" is breezy and content like a summer daydream. Touches of New Jersey's Real Estate echo in the melancholy lean, while the slide guitar brings to mind '70s stalwarts America (of "Sister Golden Hair" fame) and George Harrison.

Stilwell's secret weapon, besides great melodies, is his vocals. He possesses a fantastic tenor that pulls you into the songs. The ornamentation of acoustic guitars, keys, and subtle drums gives the proceedings a timeless feel. "Protein" aches with melancholy, while "Right Right" sounds like a folksier version of Coldplay. Album closer "We'll, It's Awesome" aches in a sort of slow motion beauty.

I've Got a Song or Two further cements Stilwell's musical presence, not only in The Fort, but at this point anywhere, with ornate, mature songs that beg repeated listens. Stilwell has come a long way in just a few years, and he doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. — *J. Hubner*

Sophie

Jamieson

Choosing

London-based singer-songwriter Sophie Jamieson says she built her debut full-length album, *Choosing*, around her relationship with alcohol.



The difficult relationship is encapsulated in the album's title, and she puts together songs that capture key moments when she faced choosing between continuing to drink and moving on to something better.

Draped in a somber, spare style, the songs are affecting, even if they feel just a bit self-indulgent.

Not all of the songs address drinking directly. Instead, they look at interpersonal events that, for better or worse, are colored by Jamieson's alcohol-clouded outlook.

"I like you best when you're blurry and your speech is slurry," Jamieson sings on "Crystal," bringing the vocabulary of intoxication to a description of her refusal to see a relationship as it really is. "Long Play" is somewhat more hopeful as it brings up the possibility of growth after a string of bad relationships.

The album's theme comes fully to the front of the stage on "Sink." Here, Jamieson writes a poem to alcohol that she describes as "a painting of how I felt about booze and how I thought it felt about me." The song presents a touch of triumph as she begins to see her way out.

Solid lyrics are the main strength of *Choosing*, given that the arrangements are largely unadorned and the melodies far from catchy. For the most part, all we get is Jamieson's modest vocals over simple piano or guitar parts. Aside from intentionally clumsy reverb or a smidge of distortion here and there, production flourishes are minimal.

The approach serves to spotlight the songs' emotional weight. At times, that weight can feel a little too much, but overall, Jamieson's unrelenting self-examination has an unusual appeal.

— *Evan Gillespie*

Rubblebucket

Earth Worship

Rubblebucket's sixth studio album, *Earth Worship*, grounds its reformative ideas in the interpersonal relationship of the two primary members.

Ex-lovers Kalmia Traver and Alex Toth broke up before the release of their previous record, 2018's *Sun Machine*, but their complex relationship continues to guide a great deal of their discography.

"Morning in the Sun" describes the duo's separation and continued collaboration with the simple and elegant lyric, "Saying goodbye to my darling doesn't have to be a hard thing, 'cause I'm here."

Rubblebucket's quirky, off-kilter approach to life and emotion brings a unique appeal to the group without even mentioning their unique sound, but their wavy synths, energetic horns, and groovy drums are what really make the band special.

"Geometry" and "Sweet Spot" are easily the most dance-able cuts from this record, and each feature vocals from Traver and Toth.

While often the work comes before the title, this album was named before its conception.



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Various Artists

*Merry Axemas: A
Guitar Christmas*
(1997)



This project initiated by Steve Vai is a compilation of various rock guitar gods playing their own renditions of Christmas classics.

OK, not exactly a "blast from the past" as far as the release date, but many of the artists on this album have been around a while. Good rock n' roll with a holiday flair is a novelty, but rock is rock, and as ridiculous as the premise is, this is still a very enjoyable record. Besides, who doesn't have a Christmas album?

Kenny Wayne Shepherd starts it off with "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and it just keeps getting better with polished guitarist Eric Johnson softly playing "The First Noel."

Jeff Beck gives us a hauntingly beautiful "Amazing Grace," only to be awakened by Stray Cats frontman Brian Setzer and his swingin' version of "Jingle Bells."

By the time you catch your breath, Joe Satriani gives us the wa-wa version of "Silent Night" and sleepily floats off into a different world with this standard.

Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry delivers a bluesy and humbling version of the Elvis classic "Blue Christmas," and lets us hear a "different" version (that rips).

Alex Lifeson of Rush floats through a mellow version of "The Little Drummer Boy," and appearances by Steve Morse and Richie Sambora of Bon Jovi are done with class and respect to their covers of "Joy to the World" and "O Holy Night" respectively.

The album closes with the outstanding Japanese guitarist, Hotei, covering John Lennon's "So This Is Christmas." This guy can play and is as good as anybody on the record.

Merry Axemas, Vol. 2: More Guitars for Christmas was released a year after this one, and although not as good, features the likes of Robin Trower, Zakk Wylde, and Neal Schon. — *Dennis Donahue*

Traver suggested the title as a lyrical prompt, inspired by her and Toth's parents' work in ecology and community building.

The name brought about 13 tracks of love for the natural world, thoughts on how to heal humanity, and contemplation on their own complicated relationship.

Give *Earth Worship* a try. Hope you're ready for a wild ride. — *Quinn Heiking*

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Skynyrd, ZZ Top to partner for tour

As **ZZ Top** continue to forge on following the 2021 death of bassist **Dusty Hill**, the band have announced a co-head-lining tour with Southern rock giants **Lynyrd Skynyrd**.

The Sharp Dressed Man Tour will mark 50 years since Lynyrd Skynyrd dropped their legendary 1973 debut album, *Pro-nounced Leh-Nerd Skin-Nerd*, which features iconic songs “Gimme Three Steps,” “Tuesday’s Gone,” and, of course, “Free Bird.”

ZZ Top has moved forward with **Elwood Francis** assuming bass duties alongside singer-guitarist **Billy Gibbons** and drummer **Frank Beard**, and they sound as good as you’d expect since Francis was a longtime guy behind the scenes with the band before becoming an actual member upon Hill’s death.

The tour stops in the Chicago suburb of Tinley Park, Illinois, at Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre on Aug. 19, Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Aug. 20, Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati on Aug. 25, and Pine Knob Music Theatre near Detroit in Clarkston, Michigan, on Aug. 26.

Uncle Kracker will provide support.

‘Miss Jackson’ hitting road

Janet Jackson will return to the road after a four-year break for the Together Again Tour.

Kicking off in April, the 33-city tour comes in celebration of Jackson’s 50th anniversary in entertainment. The trek also coincides with the 30th anniversary of her fifth album *janet.*, and the



Road Notes

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On the Road

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A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie	Feb. 19	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Aaron Lewis	Feb. 16	Emens Auditorium, Ball State	Muncie
Aaron Lewis	March 2	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Aaron Lewis	March 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Abilene	April 15	The Palladium	Carmel
The Acacia Strain	March 10	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
The Acacia Strain	March 11	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
The Acacia Strain	March 12	Metro	Chicago
Ali Sethi	Jan. 18	House of Blues	Chicago
Alter Bridge	Feb. 14	The Fillmore	Detroit
Alter Bridge	Feb. 15	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Alter Bridge	Feb. 18	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
America w/Jay Psaros	April 27	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Amy Grant	March 25	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Ana Gabriel	April 22	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Andrew Conn	Feb. 4	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Angel Olsen	Jan. 29	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington
Angel Olsen	Jan. 31	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Angel Olsen	Feb. 1	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Angel Olsen	Feb. 2	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Ani DiFranco w/Peter Mulvey, Sista Strings	Jan. 26	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Anthony Gomes	Feb. 11	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Anthony Jeselnik	Jan. 26-28	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Anthrax	Jan. 29	Radius	Chicago
Ari Lennox	March 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Ari Lennox	March 10	House of Blues	Chicago
Ari Lennox	March 16	The Fillmore	Detroit
Art Garfunkel	April 14	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Ashe	April 22	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Ashe	April 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
August Burns Red	April 19	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
August Burns Red	April 21	Elevation at The Intersection	Grand Rapids
August Burns Red	April 29	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
August Burns Red	April 30	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
August Burns Red	May 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Baby Money & Tay B	Dec. 30	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Bad Omens	March 13	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Bad Omens	March 14	Beat Kitchen	Chicago
Bayside	Feb. 26	Metro	Chicago
Bayside	March 1	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Bayside	March 3	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Becky Robinson	March 17-18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Belle & Sebastian	April 29	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Belle & Sebastian	April 30	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
The Beths	Feb. 24	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Betty Who	March 18	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Betty Who	March 19	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Betty Who	March 21	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Big Gigantic	Feb. 15	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Big Gigantic	Feb. 16	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Big Gigantic	Feb. 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 17	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Big Head Todd & The Monsters	Jan. 21	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Bikini Kill	April 16	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Bikini Kill	April 17	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Bikini Kill	April 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Billy Gilman	Feb. 4	Grand Old Opry House	Convoy, OH
Billy Strings	March 16-18	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Blackhawk	March 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Blake Shelton	March 10	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Blake Shelton	March 11	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Blake Shelton	March 23	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Blink 182	May 6	United Center	Chicago
Blink 182	May 9	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
BoDeans	April 20	Eagles Theatre	Wabash

Bob Weir & Wolf Bros.	Feb. 26	The Fillmore	Detroit
Boney James	Feb. 17	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Boney James	Feb. 18	The Palladium	Carmel
Brad Williams	Dec. 29-31	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Brett Young	March 30	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Brett Young	April 1	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Brett Young	April 7	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Bruce Springsteen	March 9	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Bruce Springsteen	March 29	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Bruce Springsteen	April 5	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Bryan Callen	Jan. 12-14	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Bryce Vine	March 12	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Bryce Vine	March 14	The Fillmore	Detroit
Bryce Vine	March 21	House of Blues	Cleveland
Bryce Vine	March 23	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Buddy Guy	Feb. 25	Paramount Theatre	Anderson
Buddy Guy w/Eric Gables, Ally Venable	Feb. 23	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Built to Spill	April 18	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Built to Spill	April 30	Grog Shop	Cleveland
Built to Spill	May 1	The Bluebird	Bloomington
Built to Spill	May 2	Bell’s Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Built to Spill	May 4	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Bush	Feb. 10	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Bush & Silversun Pickups	Feb. 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Cadillac Three	Jan. 27	MB Financial Park	Chicago
The Cadillac Three	Feb. 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Carrie Underwood	Feb. 26	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Carrie Underwood	March 2	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Carrie Underwood	March 4	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Casting Crowns	May 5	Huntington Center	Toledo
Chad Prather	Feb. 3	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Chapel Hart	March 9	Paramount Theatre	Anderson
Chapel Hart	April 21	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Chapel Hart	April 22	Temple Live	Cleveland
Chapel Hart w/Lucas Hoge	March 31	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Chapel Hart w/Lucas Hoge	April 1	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Chase Rice	March 9	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Chase Rice	March 10	The Fillmore	Detroit
Chase Rice	March 11	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Chase Rice	April 1	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Chayce Beckham	Feb. 18	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Chico Bean	Feb. 3-5	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Chris Kattan	Jan. 5-7	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Cody Johnson	Feb. 16	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Cody Johnson w/Randy Houser	March 3	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Colony House	Feb. 18	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Colony House	March 3	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Colony House	March 4	House of Blues	Cleveland
Colony House	March 12	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Colony House	March 14	House of Blues	Chicago
Cory Asbury	April 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Cory Wong	March 1	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Cory Wong	March 3	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Couch	Jan. 28	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Crash Test Dummies	March 11	The Palladium	Carmel
Crystal Gayle	April 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
DJ Paul & Stevie Stone	Jan. 14	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Danny Ocean	Feb. 14	House of Blues	Chicago
Dawes	March 8	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Dawes	March 10	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Dead Can Dance	April 13	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Delta Rae	April 28	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Demun Jones	April 1	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Depeche Mode	April 5	United Center	Chicago
Destroy Lonely	Feb. 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Disco Biscuits	Dec. 29-31	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Donnie Baker	March 23	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Drive-By Truckers	March 9	The Vogue	Indianapolis

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Drive-By Truckers	March 10	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Dropkick Murphys	March 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Dropkick Murphys	March 12	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Dropkick Murphys	March 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Eden	Feb. 4	House of Blues	Chicago
Elevation Worship w/Steven Furtick	April 26	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Elle King	Feb. 27	Cleveland Masonic Auditorium	Cleveland
Elle King	Feb. 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Elle King	March 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Elle King	March 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Elle King	March 4	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Enslaved & Insomnium	April 10	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Enslaved & Insomnium	April 11	House of Blues	Chicago
Eric Bellinger	March 15	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Eric Johnson	March 12	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Felipe Esparza	Feb. 9-11	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Fever Ray	May 7	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Fit For a King w/Northlane, Alpha Wolf, Kingdom of Giants	Feb. 28	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Fitz and The Tantrums	Feb. 2	The Vic	Chicago
Fitz and The Tantrums	Feb. 4	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
The Flaming Lips	May 5	The Salt Shed	Chicago
fltpturn	Feb. 19	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Flogging Molly	March 4	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Flogging Molly w/Anti-Flag, Skinny Lister	March 5	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
For King & Country	April 7	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Frank Foster	Jan. 21	The Eclectic Room	Angola
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 15	House of Blues	Chicago
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 19	The Vogue	Indianapolis
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 20	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 21	House of Blues	Cleveland
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 22	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Gaelic Storm & The High Kings	March 11	House of Blues	Chicago
Gaither Vocal Band	April 23	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Gary Allan	Feb. 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Getter	Jan. 21	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Goddamn Gallows	April 16	Rumba Cafe	Columbus, OH
The Goddamn Gallows	May 7	Reggie's Music Joint	Chicago
The Goddamn Gallows	May 10	Duke's	Indianapolis
Gordo	March 3	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Graham Nash	April 23	The Palladium	Carmel
Greensky Bluegrass	Jan. 25	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Greensky Bluegrass	Feb. 1	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Greensky Bluegrass	Feb. 3-4	The Vic	Chicago
Ha'Ash	April 15	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Hardy	Feb. 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Hardy	Feb. 17-18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Highly Suspect w/Dead Poet Society	Feb. 23	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Highly Suspect	March 3	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Hippo Campus	May 24	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Home Free Family	Dec. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Iggy Pop	March 10	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Il Divo	March 23	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Inhaler	March 23	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Inhaler	March 24	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Interrupters & Frank Turner	April 30	House of Blues	Chicago
J.I.D. & Smino	March 17	The Fillmore	Detroit
J.I.D. & Smino	March 18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
J.I.D. & Smino	March 21	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
J.I.D. & Smino	March 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Ja Rule & Ashanti	March 4	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Jamie Kennedy	March 30-April 1	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit	Jan. 28	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit	Jan. 31	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Jeff Allen	March 4	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jerry Cantrell	March 21	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Jerry Harrison & Adrian Belew	Feb. 25	The Vic	Chicago
Jerry Harrison & Adrian Belew	Feb. 26	Old National Centre	Indianapolis

Jess Hilarious	Feb. 17-18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jessie Murph	April 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jill Scott	March 31	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Jill Scott	April 1	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Jim Messina	March 22	The Palladium	Carmel
Jim Messina	March 26	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Joe Gatto	Feb. 5	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
John Mellencamp	Feb. 5	Indiana University Auditorium	Bloomington
John Mellencamp	April 13	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
John Waite	Feb. 5	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jon Reep	Feb. 16	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Jonathan Butler	March 26	The Palladium	Carmel
Josh Turner	Feb. 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Joywave	April 12	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Joywave	April 14	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Judy Collins	Dec. 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Jukebox the Ghost	April 10	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Jukebox the Ghost	April 11	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Jukebox the Ghost	April 12	Woodward Theater	Cincinnati
Jukebox the Ghost	May 8	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Jxdn	March 8	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Jxdn	March 13	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Jxdn	March 14	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
K. Michelle	March 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
K. Michelle	March 10	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Kai Wachi	Jan. 21	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Kane Brown	March 16	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Kane Brown	March 23	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Kayzo	March 2	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Kayzo	March 4	Radius	Chicago
Kayzo	March 8	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Keller & Cole	Dec. 30	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Keller Williams	Feb. 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Kenia OS	March 15	House of Blues	Chicago
Kenny Chesney	May 6	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	March 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	March 17	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band	March 22	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Kerwin Claiborne	Dec. 29	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Keshi	March 21	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Keshi	March 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Keshi	March 24	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Kevin Nealon	April 6	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
The Killers	March 21	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
King Buffalo	Jan. 14	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Kiss the Sky: The Jimi Hendrix Re-Experience	March 25	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Koe Wetzel w/The Cadillac Three, Dylan Wheeler	March 23	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Kurt Metzger	Feb. 4	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Lady A	April 20	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Lady A	April 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Laid Back Country Picker	Jan. 21	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Larkin Poe	March 16	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ledisi & Kem	Feb. 14	Indiana Farmers Coliseum	Indianapolis
Ledisi & Kem	April 7	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
Ledisi, Musiq Soulchild, & Kem	April 8	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Lewis Capaldi	April 19	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Lil Darkie	Feb. 22	House of Blues	Chicago
Little Feat	April 14	Lorain Palace Theatre	Lorain, OH
Lizzy McAlpine	April 21	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Lotus	Jan. 29	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Lotus	Feb. 2	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Lotus	Feb. 3	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Lotus	Feb. 8	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Lotus	Feb. 9	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Lotus	Feb. 10	Park West	Chicago
Lucero	Jan. 29	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Lucki	March 15	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Luke Combs	April 1	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis

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25th anniversary of her follow-up LP, *The Velvet Rope*. That's a lot of numbers, but the point is, “Miss



Janet Jackson

Jackson if you're nasty” has entertained us for many years and wants to continue entertaining us in 2023.

Special guest **Ludacris** will open each stop on the tour when Jackson visits Little Caesars Arena in Detroit on May 24, Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on May 26, and Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre near Chicago on May 27.

Bush supports new album

'90s alternative rock giants **Bush** have been touring in support of their latest album, *The Art of Survival*, and they'll hit the road again in 2023.

The **Gavin Rossdale**-fronted group will head back out on tour and stop in at MGM Northfield Park near Cleveland on Feb. 10, Fire-keepers Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan, on Feb. 24, and the Salt Shed in Chicago on Feb. 25, where



Gavin Rossdale Silversun Pick-ups will co-headline at one of the Chicago's newest venues.

The Art of Survival hit store shelves and streaming services in October and features the single “More Than Machines,” which just hit No. 1 on the active rock airplay chart. Expect to hear new songs off that album on the tour as well as plenty of Bush favorites.

Rockzilla tour adds 2nd leg

Following their wildly successful co-headlining Rockzilla tour, **Papa Roach** and **Falling in Reverse** are bringing fans a sequel.

The second leg of the Rockzilla tour, with special guest **Hollywood Undead** and opener **Escape the Fate**, will kick off Feb. 1 and stop by Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom in Chicago on Feb. 4 and Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Feb. 14.

Papa Roach released their 11th studio album, *Ego Trip*, in April.

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Luke Combs	April 22	Ford Field	Detroit
Luke Combs	May 6	Soldier Field	Chicago
Maggie Rogers	Feb. 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Magic City Hippies	Jan. 27	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Malpass Brothers	Dec. 31	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Mana	April 28-29	United Center	Chicago
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas	Dec. 22	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas	Dec. 26	Proctor & Gamble at Aronoff Center	Cincinnati
Marauda	March 25	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Marc Anthony	Feb. 24	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Marc Anthony	Feb. 26	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Marc Cohen & Shawn Colvin	April 13	The Palladium	Carmel
Margo Price	Feb. 21	The Vic	Chicago
Margo Price	Feb. 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Margo Price	Feb. 25	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Mark Farner's American Band	Feb. 18	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Mavericks	Jan. 26	Hatfield Hall	Terre Haute
The Mavericks	Jan. 27	The Palladium	Carmel
Michael Palascak	Jan. 22	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Michigander	April 15	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Mickey Dolenz	April 22	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Mike Cronin	Dec. 22-23	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Mitchell Tenpenny	Feb. 10	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Mod Sun	March 7	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Mod Sun	March 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Morbid Angel	April 4	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Morgan Wade	March 4	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Morgan Wade	March 7	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Morgan Wallen	April 27	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Muse w/Evanscence	Feb. 25	United Center	Chicago
Muse w/Evanscence	March 7	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
NAV	Feb. 15	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
NAV	Feb. 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
NAV	Feb. 18	The Fillmore	Detroit
NCT 127	Jan. 9	United Center	Chicago
Nate Bargatze	Jan. 21	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
New Edition	March 23	United Center	Chicago
New Edition	March 24	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
New Edition	March 25	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
New Edition	March 26	Heritage Bank Arena	Cincinnati
New Edition	April 13	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
New Found Glory	March 11	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Newsboys	March 4	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Nikko Moon	Feb. 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Nils Frahm	April 23	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Noah Kahan	Feb. 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Noah Kahan	Feb. 10	The Fillmore	Detroit
The North 41	Dec. 23	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
OV7	March 24	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
The Oak Ridge Boys	March 17	The Palladium	Carmel
Of the Trees	Jan. 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Orleans	April 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Our Last Night	March 20	House of Blues	Chicago
Our Last Night	March 22	House of Blues	Cleveland
PIHarmony	Jan. 29	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
PBE Pluto	Feb. 10	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Paolo Nutini	March 13	Metro	Chicago
Papa Roach	Feb. 4	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Parker McCollum	Feb. 2	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Parker McCollum	Feb. 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Parker McCollum	Feb. 4	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Parkway Drive	Feb. 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Parov Stelar	March 4	The Vic	Chicago
Pauly Shore	March 3-4	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Pepper	March 3	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pepper	March 4	Elevation at The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Placebo	April 21	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Polyphia	April 6	Old National Centre	Indianapolis


Pop Evil	March 18	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Pop Evil	April 22	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Postmodern Jukebox	March 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Purple Disco Machine	Dec. 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Queensryche w/Marty Friedman, Trauma	March 29	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Queensryche	March 31	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Queensryche	April 1	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Queensryche	April 2	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Queensryche	April 4	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Raheem DeVaughn	Dec. 23	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Railroad Earth	Dec. 30-31	The Vic	Chicago
Real Friends & Knuckle Puck	March 1	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Real Friends & Knuckle Puck	March 1	Durty Nellies	Chicago
Real Friends & Knuckle Puck	March 26	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Rick Monroe and the Hitmen	Jan. 7	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Riders in the Sky	April 28	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Righteous Brothers	May 4	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Riverdance	March 23	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rod Tuffcurls & The Bench Press	Dec. 31	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Rod Wave	March 27	Avondale Music Hall	Chicago
The Roots	March 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
SZA	Feb. 21	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
SZA	Feb. 22	United Center	Chicago
SZA	Feb. 24	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Sabrina Carpenter	May 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Sabrina Carpenter	May 6	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Sabrina Carpenter	May 7	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Samia	Feb. 17	The Vic	Chicago
Scotty McCreery	March 18	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Seaforth	Feb. 17	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Sevendust	Dec. 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Shawn Wayans	March 24-25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Shuler King	April 28-30	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Sierra Ferrell	March 4	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Silverstein	May 5	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Silverstein	May 6	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Silverstein	May 7	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Sister Hazel	April 1	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Six Foot Santa	Dec. 23	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
Sixteen Candles	Feb. 18	House of Blues	Chicago
Skid Row & Buckcherry	March 14	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Skid Row & Buckcherry	March 15	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Skillet & Theory of a Deadman	Feb. 17	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Skillet & Theory of a Deadman	Feb. 22	The Fillmore	Detroit
Skillet & Theory of a Deadman	March 3	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Skillet & Theory of a Deadman	March 5	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Smokey Robinson	April 28	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Snarky Puppy	March 31	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Snarky Puppy	April 1	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Snarky Puppy	April 2	Kalamazoo State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Snarky Puppy	April 5	Cleveland Masonic Auditorium	Cleveland
Snarky Puppy	April 21	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Soulfly	Feb. 28	Skully's Music Diner	Columbus, OH
The Sound of Animals Fighting	Jan. 18	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Spencer Sutherland	April 8	House of Blues	Chicago
Spencer Sutherland	April 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
St. Paul & The Broken Bones w/Rett Madison	Jan. 27	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Starship w/Mickey Thomas	March 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Static-X	March 25	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Static-X	March 31	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Static-X	April 6	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Static-X	April 7	House of Blues	Chicago
Steel Panther	March 21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Steel Panther	March 22	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Steel Panther	March 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Steel Panther	March 25	House of Blues	Chicago
Steven Curtis Chapman	March 15	PFW Rhinehart Music Center	Fort Wayne
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 23	Chicago Theatre	Chicago

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Austin Marsh

Feb. 11 Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH

The Bulldogs

Dec. 31 Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont
April 7 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
May 27 Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
June 1 Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
June 7 James Dean Memorial Stage, Fairmount
June 11 Elwood in the Park, Elwood
June 17 CoCoJo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 22 Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 29 Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 11 Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 18 Elkhart County Fairgrounds
Aug. 25 Quincy Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 2 Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
Sept. 3 Ligonier Marshmallow Festival, Ligonier
Sept. 7 Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann
Sept. 15 Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH
Sept. 16 Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 22 Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 28 Alexandria Eagles, Alexandria

Hubie Ashcraft Band

Dec. 31 The Mill District, Fremont
Jan. 14 Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Jan. 21 Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
Feb. 17 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
March 4 Hollywood Casino, Lawrenceburg
March 10 American Legion Post 215, LaGrange
March 11 Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
March 31 Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
April 14 Lori's Roadhouse, Cincinnati
May 6 Burr Oak Dance Club, Burr Oak, MI
May 12 Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
May 28 Moose Lodge 1473, Celina, OH
June 17 Landeck Tavern, Delphos, OH
July 7 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
July 22 Huggy Bear Campground, Middle Point, OH
Aug. 4 Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 11 Edon Days, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 13 Clear Lake Kasota Island, Fremont
Aug. 17 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Sept. 3 Moose Lodge 1473, Celina, OH
Sept. 29 Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 3 Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Nov. 17 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Nov. 18 Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 24 Lori's Roadhouse, Cincinnati
Nov. 25 The Distillery, Toledo
Dec. 8 The Junction, Lansing, MI
Dec. 15 Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN

Hubie Ashcraft Band w/Hillbilly Casino

May 19 Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana

Namby Pamby

Feb. 1 Static Age, Asheville, NC
Feb. 2 The Basement, Nashville, TN
Feb. 3 Central Stage, St. Louis, MO
Feb. 4 Tonic Tavern, Milwaukee, WI
Feb. 5 The Pyramid Scheme, Grand Rapids
Feb. 6 Empty Bottle, Chicago
Feb. 8 The Bishop, Bloomington
Feb. 9 MOTR, Cincinnati
Feb. 10 Cafe Bourbon Street, Columbus, OH
Feb. 11 Beachland Ballroom, Cleveland
Feb. 12 Musica, Akron

Namen Namen

Dec. 30 Blockhouse, Bloomington
Dec. 31 State Street Pub, Indianapolis
Jan. 1 MOTR, Cincinnati
Jan. 2 Blind Rage Records, Dayton
Jan. 3 Dirty Dungarees, Columbus, OH
Jan. 4 Happy Dog, Cleveland
Jan. 5 The Union, Athens, OH
Jan. 6 Outer Limits Lounge, Detroit
Jan. 7 Cat's Cradle, Kalamazoo

Sunny Taylor

Dec. 23 Stoney Ridge Winery, Bryan, OH

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Subtronics	Feb. 23	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Subtronics	March 10	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Subtronics	March 11	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Tauren Wells	March 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Tedeschi Trucks Band	March 17-18	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Tedeschi Trucks Band	March 31-April 1	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Tennis	April 7	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tennis	April 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Thee Sacred Souls	Jan. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
They Might Be Giants	March 24	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
They Might Be Giants	March 26	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Third Eye Blind	April 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	May 6	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Thy Art Is Murder	Feb. 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
TobyMac	March 2	Huntington Center	Toledo
TobyMac	March 4	NOW Arena	Hoffman Estates, IL
TobyMac	March 5	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	March 19	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
TobyMac	March 20	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
Token	Feb. 10	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Tommy DeCarlo	Feb. 25	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Tommy James & The Shondells	April 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Too Short	Jan. 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Too Short	March 25	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Tove Lo	Feb. 15	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Tove Lo	Feb. 17	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Tracy Lawrence	Feb. 17	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Umphey's McGee	Jan. 27	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Umphey's McGee	Jan. 28	The Fillmore	Detroit
Umphey's McGee	Jan. 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
Umphey's McGee w/Doom Flamingo	Jan. 26	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Underoath	March 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Underoath	March 13	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Unknown Mortal Orchestra	April 8	Radius	Chicago
Unknown Mortal Orchestra	April 10	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Vance Joy	Feb. 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Vance Joy	Feb. 18	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Viagra Boys	Feb. 24	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Ville Valo	April 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
Ville Valo	April 6	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Ville Valo	April 8	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Ville Valo	April 9	House of Blues	Chicago
Ville Valo	April 10	House of Blues	Chicago
Vince Carone	Feb. 14	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Walker Hayes	April 13	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
We Came As Romans	Feb. 15	House of Blues	Chicago
We Came As Romans	Feb. 17	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
We Came As Romans	Feb. 18	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Welcome to the Night Vale	April 25	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Weyes Blood	March 11	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
White Reaper	Feb. 9	Hi-Fi Indy	Indianapolis
The Winery Dogs	March 1	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
The Winery Dogs	March 2	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Winery Dogs	March 3	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
The Winery Dogs	March 10	Arcade Theatre	Chicago
The Winery Dogs	March 11	The Token Lounge	Detroit
The Winery Dogs	March 13	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
Winter Jam w/We the Kingdom, Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, Anne Wilson, Disciple, Austin French, Newsong	Feb. 2	Fort Wayne	
Memorial Coliseum			
Wizkid	March 22	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Wizkid	March 24	United Center	Chicago
The Wonder Years	March 16	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
The Wonder Years	March 17	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Wynonna Judd	Feb. 11	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
YG	Feb. 17	The Fillmore	Detroit
Yacht Rock Revue	Dec. 31	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Yonder Mountain String Band	Feb. 3	Evanston Space	Evanston, IL
Yonder Mountain String Band	Feb. 4	Evanston Space	Evanston, IL
Zach Williams w/Blessing Offor	April 26	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Zachariah's Red Eye Reunion	Jan. 21	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH

Box office gold in '22 was fool's gold

In my very expert opinion, 2022 will go down as a good year for television, a (surprisingly) great year for music (especially non-mainstream hip-hop), and a terrible year for cinema.

Before I attempt to share thoughts about my favorites of the lousy movie year, I suppose we should talk about the U.S. box office.

Top Gun: Maverick was by far the box office success of the year, selling \$718 million in the U.S. and just under \$1.5 billion worldwide, making it perhaps the great COVID era success story in the movie world. Is it a good film? Yeah. Very fun. Fan service done right, I guess.

Is *Maverick* the major masterpiece seemingly everyone is saying it is. Oh, come on. Be serious.

The next eight highest-grossing films at the U.S. box office were, surprise, surprise, all sequels to successful films. Hooray. No. 2 was Ryan Coogler's *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*, which has sold \$419 million in the U.S. (just under \$800 million worldwide); No. 3 was Sam Raimi's *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*, which sold \$411 million in the U.S. (\$955 million worldwide).

Let's pause for a minute. I must rant. Coogler and Raimi are special directors, right? I feel we can agree on that. Are *Wakanda* and *Multiverse of Madness* special films? They are not. Sorry, not sorry.

So, if our great directors feel the need to work on these mega-industry projects, should we just accept it? And if we do accept it (which at this point I think we have to), what is our best way forward? Do we simply accept that great artists need to make money, or do we demand that, for example, when you hire Taika Waititi to do a job, you allow him to do his work how he wants to do it.

Can you even begin to imagine what Waititi could do if allowed to freely utilize the resources and budget of a film like *Thor: Love and Thunder*?

Getting back on track, the No. 4 box office success of 2022 was *Jurassic World: Dominion*, which sold \$376 million in the U.S. and a few hairs over \$1 billion worldwide. *Minions: The Rise of Gru* took the No. 5 spot with \$369 million in sales, while *The Batman* brought in just under \$369 million domestically (\$770 million worldwide).

So, those are, more or less, the box office winners.

What say the critics?

Now, let's talk about the critics' favorite films. Metacritic.com has aggregated a Best of 2022 list based on year-end lists made by critics, and here's how it breaks down:

10. *EO* (director Jerzy Skolimowski)
9. *All the Beauty and the Bloodshed* (Laura Poitras)
8. *Decision to Leave* (Park Chan-wook)
7. *Top Gun: Maverick* (Joseph Kosinski)
6. *The Fabelmans* (Steven Spielberg)
5. *Nope* (Jordan Peele)
4. *Aftersun* (Charlotte Wells)
3. *The Banshees of Inisherin* (Martin McDonagh)
2. *Tár* (Todd Field)
1. *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (Dan Kwan and Daniel Scheinert)

Certainly not a bad list, but also not a great one.



Screen Time

GREG W. LOCKE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Banshees of Inisherin, starring Brendan Gleeson and Colin Farrell, is the best film Greg Locke saw in 2022.

ScreenTime's Best of 2022

So far, I've seen 60-ish of the year's "most discussed" films, but clearly still have a ways to go. So maybe after watching some of those drop-dead masterpieces, I'll have to recategorize 2022 as an OK year for film? Color me doubtful (but hopeful).

But enough messing around, here it is, my Favorite Films of 2022, So Far:

15. *Barbarian* (director Zach Cregger)
14. *Fresh* (Mimi Cave)
13. *Hustle* (Jeremiah Zagar)
12. *Bones and All* (Luca Guadagnino)
11. *The Menu* (Mark Mylod)
10. *Stars at Noon* (Claire Denis)
9. *The Batman* (Matt Reeves)
8. *Crimes of the Future* (David Cronenberg)
7. *The Whale* (Darren Aronofsky)
6. *White Noise* (Noah Baumbach)
5. *Fire of Love* (Sara Dosa)
4. *The Fabelmans* (Steven Spielberg)
3. *Tár* (Todd Field)
2. *Blonde* (Andrew Dominick)
1. *The Banshees of Inisherin* (Martin McDonagh)

Stray thoughts to close the year

▪ Brendan Fraser is going to win Best Actor at the Oscars, and he should, but also I don't know that I'll ever watch *The Whale* again.

▪ *Bones and All* could have been really great with better actors.

▪ I don't get the Jordan Peele love. He makes good movies, but not great ones. Not yet. Several of my filmmaker and critic friends have *Nope* as their favorite film of 2022, which I just do not get.

▪ I think Noah Baumbach's *White Noise* is one that I'll like more each time I see it. Pretty big shame to see it flop so hard.

▪ Aside from maybe *Blonde*, I don't think we really had a rebel/outsider sort of film this year. At least not a great one. *Bones and All* and *Dinner in America* both came close, but we didn't have a *River's Edge* sort of film that I'm aware of. And that's a shame.

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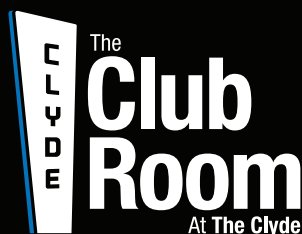
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Whodunit sequel exceeds predecessor

After delivering a modern whodunit classic with *Knives Out* a few years ago, writer/director Rian Johnson captures lightning in a bottle again with *Glass Onion*, a murder-mystery whose delights somehow surpass its predecessor.

Retaining only the steely detective from the first entry, this superior sequel sheds the blustery autumn setting of the original and acclimates to a tropical locale for even bigger twists and laughs this time around. Though Johnson is clearly modeling the style of these films from Agatha Christie's mystery novels, he's much more successful in creating his own tantalizing stories than Kenneth Branagh has been at adapting Christie's books like this year's *Death on the Nile*. Johnson showcases his love for the classics in the genre while including modern elements that make it feel essential to our current place in history. This is one of 2022's finest entertainments.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

Two months into the COVID pandemic, world-class detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) is already feeling pent-up and is itching to solve his next great case when one conveniently presents itself in the form of a mystery box delivered to his door. The sender is Miles Bron (Edward Norton), the billionaire owner of the Google-like company Alpha, who is hosting a murder-mystery party on his private island near Greece. Other recipients of the invitation package include Alpha head scientist Lionel Toussaint (Leslie Odom Jr.) and Miles' former business partner Andi Brand (Janelle Monáe), along with famous figures like fashionista Birdie Jay (Kate Hudson) and vlogger Duke Cody (Dave Bautista). Though the game is obviously not supposed to involve an actual murder, it doesn't take long after the guests arrive on the island for the game to turn into a search for an actual killer.

Many cinematic whodunits revolve around the strength of their respective ensemble casts, and as with *Knives Out*, Johnson and his team have brought forth a formidable company for *Glass Onion*. Aside from some cheeky cameos and name drops, the central cast, which also includes up-and-comers like Jessica Henwick and Madelyn Cline, plays beautifully off one another, even when they're not in the same room. When each of the characters receives their mystery box, they hop on a communal phone call with each other to solve each of the puzzles together to get to the invitation stored inside. As we learn, these people have a long collective history, which provides them each with potential motive to be a murderer but also a potential alibi for wanting the victim to stay alive.

Johnson has penned some terrific scripts in the past, but his screenplay for *Glass Onion* just may be his best. Beyond providing a whodunit that is rich with structural complexity yet elegant in its rhetorical simplicity, this film speaks to pressing cultural themes that will resonate with audiences more than any other movie this year. The social separation created by the pandemic, the rise in trickle-up entitlement, and façade of celebrity superiority are just a few trends that Johnson weaves within his tale of deceit and betrayal. As one may expect, this is a movie that doubles back on itself multiple times in order to show us different angles from myriad perspectives and give us enough pieces to complete the



COURTESY PHOTO

Daniel Craig reprises his role as Benoit Blanc in Rian Johnson's *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*.

GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY

Rated PG for strong language, some violence, sexual material, and drug content

2 hours 20 minutes · Streaming on Netflix on Dec. 23



puzzle. There's a running joke about Blanc's resentment for the popular board game Clue, but there's something in all of us that yearns to be a sleuth, and *Glass Onion* satisfies this urge.

Though this film isn't a straight-ahead comedy, it has some of the best laugh lines of any movie this year, regardless of genre. A slow-building revelation between Birdie and her assistant and a pair of outfit choices in a flashback montage are just a couple examples of the film's funniest moments.

Miles' guests do have aspects in common and areas of similarity, but the ways in which they differ create plenty of opportunity to playfully bounce off one another. The majority of the characters are smart but may have blind spots that limit their intellect, while others are more dim by comparison but have instances of clarity and insight that give them the upper hand when they typically would not.

No matter how smart someone in the movie may or may not be, there's no denying that Johnson is a mastermind when it comes to telling this sort of constantly-shifting whodunit that has layers of brilliance ready to peel.

Movies coming to theaters this weekend

▪ *Babylon*, starring Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie, is a period dramedy which chronicles the rise and fall of multiple characters during Hollywood's transition from silent to sound films in the late 1920s.

▪ *Puss In Boots: The Last Wish*, starring Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek, is an animated adventure continuing the story of the titular swashbuckling feline fugitive as he sets out on an epic journey to restore all nine of his lives.

▪ *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*, starring Naomi Ackie and Stanley Tucci, is a musical biopic that takes a look at the life and career of singer and cultural icon Whitney Houston.

Art & Exhibits LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Art Farm Holiday Pop Up Gallery — National and local artists with mediums that include ceramics, fiber, jewelry, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking, glass, and metal, **noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, through Jan. 15**, The Art Farm, Spencer-ville, free admission, (260) 740-8725

Art for the Holidays — Ornamental works by many local artists including fused glass stars and snowflakes, pottery, and Nativity scenes, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday through Dec. 31; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; closed Christmas, and New Year's Day**, Orchard Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 436-0927

Fall 2022 PFW Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition — Department of Art and Design students display senior thesis projects with reception from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Jan. 22**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

Fort Wayne Artists Guild Holiday Exhibit — Local artists will have art on display at fifth annual exhibit, **noon-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday; and noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Dec. 24**, The Gallery at Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, free, info@fortwaynearartistsguild.org

Fort Wayne Artists Guild Members Show — Browse works created by artists from the community, **9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 31**, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 421-1200

Garden Party — Years before her famous exhibitions at Walt Disney World and Rockefeller Center, Dorothy Gillespie had a city-wide exhibition in Fort Wayne in 1979, **noon-5 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays through June 4**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Happy Smalldays Holiday Exhibit — Follow Little Mouse in this holiday story about taking time to embrace the little things, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; through Jan. 8**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Holiday Show: 27th Artist Invitational — Visual interpretations of the holiday season featuring contemporary Impressionism, Plein Air, and Abstract artwork from acclaimed local and national artists, **noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, through Dec. 31**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

Holiday Soiree — Artwork inspired by holiday season, **noon-7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday through Dec. 31**, Gallery K, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 705-2959

Holiday Window Displays at Promenade Park — Light boxes were designed and hand-cut by staff using ideas of common winter scenes at park, **through Jan. 3**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Midwest Regional & Postcard Exhibition — 58 artworks from 41 artists in the Midwest juried by visual artist Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, **opening reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5; exhibition 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and noon-5 p.m. Sundays from Jan. 5-Feb 5**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

The National: Best Contemporary Photography 2022 — Photographers from across country push the boundaries of the medium with adventurous techniques and original subject matter, **noon-5 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, through Jan. 8**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Paintings Inspired by Big Sky Country — Penny French-Deal exhibit, **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Saturday, through Jan. 21**, Joseph Decuis, Roanoke, free admission, (260) 672-1715

Segmented Woodturning and Painting — Segmented woodturning by K. Mark Waringer and pastel, oil, and collages by Diana Fair, **noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday or by appointment through Sunday, Jan. 22**, First Presbyterian Gallery, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-7421



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Phil Rodgers' piece, "Anthony," is among those in the *Year of the Tiger* exhibit at Bread & Circus Art Gallery.

Year of the Tiger — Group show featuring 13 artists who submitted their work to juror based on the Tiger, the Chinese Zodiac for 2022, **11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday through Dec. 31**, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Watercolor Essentials Class — Learn to navigate the medium of watercolor with professional watercolorist John Kelty, broken into five sections with each lesson leaving you with at least one painting, **6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5-May 25**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, \$90 (4 weeks) or \$450 (20 weeks), (260) 424-7195

CALL FOR ENTRIES

92 County Art Show — Competition for any medium except photography is open to amateur and professional artists who submit three pieces with prizes awarded and exhibit running from Jan. 5-Feb. 12, **11 a.m.-noon and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free, (260) 563-1102

Fort Wayne Artists Guild — The local guild is seeking members looking to further their artistic knowledge, share work, and take part in local exhibits. All skill levels are accepted, you just must be 18 years old to join. For more information, go to www.fortwaynearartistsguild.org

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Fort Wayne Artists Guild — Browse works created by artists from the community: Natalie Yenza at Aldersgate United Methodist Church; Hilarie Couture at American Red Cross and Citizens Square (2nd and 3rd floors); Linda Myers at Heritage Pointe; and Barb Yoder at Town House Retirement Center, **January-February**, various locations, Fort Wayne, (260) 414-5219

Indiana Waterways: The Art of Conservation — Traveling exhibit of 100 paintings in oil, watercolor, and pastel showcasing 25 rivers, streams, and tributaries by five artists using three mediums, **noon-5 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through March 19**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Papercutting — Traditional papercutting artistry by Lou Hii and Janice Furtner, opening reception 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27; **noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday or by appointment Friday, Jan. 27, through Sunday, March 19**, First Presbyterian Gallery, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-7421

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The Harlem Globetrotters — Famed comedic basketball team celebrates their 100th anniversary with another game against the Washington Generals, **7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

Xmas Holiday Game Night — Refreshments and a variety of board and other games; visitors may bring their own games, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 341-4875

Rumble in Fort Wayne — Annual event in Expo Center of Memorial Coliseum features multiple divisions of indoor auto racing on purposely built 1/6-mile concrete oval, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 30-31**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$13-\$25, (260) 483-1111

Tiny Musicians w/Esther Coplin — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-1137

ONGOING

Blue Jacket Fantasy of Lights — Annual tradition continues with 2-mile drive to see holiday-themed displays, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 5:30-10:30**

p.m. Friday-Saturday through Dec. 31, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, \$10-20 per vehicle, (260) 744-1900

Reindeer at Jefferson Pointe — Interact with reindeer before they set off on Santa's big night, **5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24**, Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 459-1160

Wild Zoo Wonderland — Interact with farm animals, hear a story, give a stingray a treat, and visit with Santa, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. through Dec. 22**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$8, (260) 427-6800

Xmas Holiday Workshops — A variety of three-hour workshops ranging from Making Lumber from Trees with the Large Bandsaw, LASER: Explore a Wonderland of Cutting and Engraving, Help Make a One-String Tin Can Banjo, and more, **3-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday Dec. 27-30**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, donations, (260) 341-4875

Wonderland of Lights — Drive through holiday light displays, highlighted by synchronized light to music at the fire tower, **6-9 p.m. through Dec. 31**, Ouabache State Park, Bluffton, \$5 per vehicle, (260) 824-0926

Headwaters Park Ice Skating — Enjoy 20th season of ice skating at downtown park, **3-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday through Jan. 2; 3-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 3-Feb. 26; and noon-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-8 p.m., through Feb. 26**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$6, (260) 427-6000

FARMERS MARKETS

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

Ylni Farmers Market — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, hayrides, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through April 29**, The Olde East End Building, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

MINOR LEAGUE SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Mad Ants — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
Wednesday, Jan. 4, vs. Windy City, **7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8**, vs. Cleveland, **3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14**, vs. Wisconsin, **7 p.m.**

HOCKEY

Komets — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne
Friday, Dec. 23, vs. Kalamazoo, **8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28**, vs. Toledo, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31**, vs. Indy, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7**, vs. Toledo, **7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11**, vs. Kalamazoo, **7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15**, vs. Indianapolis, **5:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21**, vs. Indy, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3**, vs. Kalamazoo, **8:00 p.m.**

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

All American Outdoor Expo — One-stop shop for RV, boat, kayak, fishing and other needs, plus live chainsaw carvings, **noon-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6; 10 a.m.-7**

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 483-1111

Winter Bridal Spectacular — From dresses and flowers to cakes and photographers, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 483-1111

The Allen County Courthouse: A Local Treasure and National Historic Landmark — Robyn Zimmerman speaks during the monthly George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series, **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Recruitment & Retention for Instrumental Music Programs — Explore approaches to attract and keep student musicians in your music ensemble programs, **5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-1137

Fort Wayne Farm Show — Indiana's largest indoor agricultural expo with 1,000 booths and seminars to learn more about current topics in agriculture, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 483-1111

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Breakfast — Steve Pemberton will be keynote speaker for event honoring civil rights leader, **8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19**, Indiana Tech Snyder Academic Center Multi-Flex Theater, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 399-2826

Intro to Guitar for Kids — Kids ages 10-17 learn building blocks to guitar in

two-day class, **6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, and Friday, Jan. 20**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 432-1137

Tiny Musicians w/Audrey Davis — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes, **9 or 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-1137

Little Rock Stars — Four once-weekly learning sessions with instruments, songs, and movement for those 4-5 years old, **11 a.m. or noon Saturday, Jan. 14**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-1137

Intro to Guitar Workshop for Adults — Two-day course teaches basic chords and songs and how to set up a practice routine, **2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 21**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 432-1137

Recording Workshop w/Bones Owens — Join Sweetwater Studios' Shawn Dealey for two-day workshop that takes you through everything from setting up the studio for recording to tracking and overdubbing, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21**, Sweetwater Studios, Fort Wayne, \$595, (260) 432-1137

Mizpah Shrine Circus — Annual family-friendly event with elephants, tigers, camels, clowns, high-wire acts, and more, **7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27; 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$16-\$25, (260) 483-1111

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Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Steel Magnolias — Local talent will bring 1989 film about finding strength and love after tragedy to the stage, **2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$16, (260) 563-1102

Annie Jr. — Van Wert youth perform one-hour version of musical about orphan finding a home with billionaire, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$10-\$12, (419) 238-6722

On Your Feet — Touring production of true story about two people who believed in their talent and became an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$75, (260) 424-6287

Candid Camera: Unmasked Tour — Host Peter Funt intertwines stage comedy with clips, quips, and behind-the-scenes tales of the classic TV show, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$15-\$25, (260) 563-1102

FEBRUARY

Dragons & Mythical Beasts — Interactive show brings you face to face with magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts, **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$15-\$35, (260) 563-1102

Love Notes — Fort Wayne Ballet's visual telling of tales from the heart of loves won and lost, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,**

Feb. 10-11, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 422-4226

The Puppy Pals Comedic Stunt Dog Show — From shelters to showbiz, the show features a variety of stunts, **3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$15-\$35, (419) 238-6722

Daddy Long Legs — A musical about an orphan who receives an anonymous gift of a college scholarship, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-25; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26**, sensory-friendly show **2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25**; all for One productions, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$22, (260) 422-4226

Puffs — The comedic retelling about a "certain school of magic" for anyone who has felt like a secondary character in someone else's story, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 10-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 and 19; and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 16-18**, PFW Williams Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$18, (260) 481-6555

Hello, Dolly! — Musical adaptation of Thornton Wilder's hit play *The Matchmaker* bursts with humor, romance, and energetic dance, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26**, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 424-5220

Disney on Ice: Into the Magic — Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse plus stars from

Frozen, Moana, Beauty and the Beast, and more, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 23-24; 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; 1 p.m., 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 482-9502

Peter Pan — Keep an eye out for Captain Hook and the scallywags of the Jolly Roger with the Auer Academy Youth Company, **10 a.m. and noon Saturday, Feb. 25**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-4226

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Improv Workshop: Building a Comedic Scene — With an improv background from Chicago's famed Second City, learn how to fearlessly "Yes, And," **4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14**, Studi07, Fort Wayne, \$10, brokenpencil.go.studio

Adult/Teen Ballet — Weekly class is for intermediate/beginner advanced dancers who wish to improve their knowledge, **9-10:15 Wednesday through April**, PFW Dolnick Learning Center, Fort Wayne, \$12, mdancetheatre@gmail.com

AUDITIONS

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) — Fort Wayne Civic Theatre seeks three men and women between ages 25-45 with improvisational and comedic skills. Complete audition form at fwcivic.org where there will be three supplied monologues with auditionee selecting one to perform, **6-10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-5220

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