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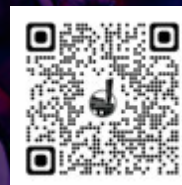
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Honeywell Art Academy's Soundboard Institute performance, left, will be Friday, June 23, at Eagles Theatre. The Resonance performance will be Friday, June 30.

# Academy resonating with musicians

*Grammy winner, faculty work with trained artists at weeklong institutes*

BY SHELBY PRICE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

It is that time of the year again when scholars from all over arrive in Wabash for the Honeywell Arts Academy: Three weeks of extensive knowledge and curated classes that will guide them to the next level.

Each week contains a different full-scholarship institute that will learn from some of the greatest musicians in their designated area: Wabass Institute, Soundboard Institute, and the Resonance Institute.

"Founded in 2020, the Academy is an expansion of the Wabass Institute, a music program established in 2008 for double bassists," a post on Honeywell's website says. "The mission of the Academy is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where ideas are free flowing between all. This creates a revolving door of expertise, a philosophy the Academy refers to as the 'sharing of knowledge.'"

"The Academy is designed to provide the future generation of musicians the opportunity to learn from one another, push boundaries, connect with both local and industry communities, with world renowned faculty to propel their artistry forward and springboard their careers. The Honeywell Arts Academy is comprised of three full-scholarship institutes for emerging musicians. Led by Grammy-winning Artistic Director Ranaan Meyer of the trio Time for Three and world-renowned faculty, each weeklong institute takes

## HONEYWELL ARTS ACADEMY

### SOUNDBOARD LIVE

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23

### RESONANCE LIVE

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30

Eagles Theatre

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place at Eagles Theatre in Wabash and culminates in a live performance featuring participants and faculty. Each performance is followed by a meet and greet reception where concertgoers can mingle with the artists."

The Wabass Institute's performance was Friday, June 16, but you can still catch Soundboard at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23, at Eagles Theatre and Resonance at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30. Soundboard will also perform at Indiana Landmarks Center in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 24.

## EXPANDING BEYOND WABASS

Honeywell Arts Academy is a nonprofit public charity curated to provide opportunities for aspiring musicians. This is the 16th year of the Wabass Institute.

According to Honeywell's website: "What began in 2008 as a full scholarship double-bass camp called Wabass Institute has now blossomed into Honeywell Arts Academy. A shared idea between Artistic Director Ranaan Meyer, and three generous philanthropists: from Philadelphia, Harry and Kay Halloran, and from Wabash, Richard Ford, created a collective patronage allowing for the vision of bringing a unique double-bass summer camp, the only of its kind to Wabash. 2023 marks 16 successful seasons of Wabass impacting

hundreds of lives directly and countless more as attendees bring their acquired knowledge back to their various communities around the world."

## INTERACT WITH MUSICIANS

Stick around after each performance to meet these incredible individuals and maybe get to pick their brains on their journey in music.

This program is a wonderful collection of extremely talented individuals that have dedicated their life to their crafts. Through each of these performances, you will hear a wide variety of music ranging from jazz and funk to an "indescribable musical experience," according to one of the bios.

## BE PART OF SHOW

If you're interested in auditioning for next year, you will need to submit a standard application as well an audition tape with a variety of songs and an interview portion about how the experience will advance your musical career. The application window opens in November and closes in February. Final selections are made in March.

"Artists are selected based on their merit, passion, story, ability to work with a team, and overall potential," the website says. "Once the application window has closed, the applicant materials are distributed to the faculty mentors to review. The artistic director, faculty mentors, and administration assess the musicians through a process of two rounds: preliminaries and finals. Following this, they create an acceptance for the finalists and anywhere from 2 to 5 high level alternate selections in the case that one or two finalists are unable to attend."

Make sure to get your tickets, available online at [honeywellarts.org](http://honeywellarts.org), and support these talented individuals in their performance of a lifetime.



# Art fair returns to Covington Plaza for 31st year

*Artists from varying mediums throughout country attending fair*

BY QUINN HEIKING

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Art show and jazz enthusiasts rejoice! The Covington Art Fair is back and bigger than ever for its 31st anniversary.

Featuring local, regional, and national artists as well as local jazz performers, the event returns to Covington Plaza, 6410 W. Jefferson Blvd., from Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25.

## STILL FRESH AFTER 30 YEARS

The fair has garnered quite the following more than 30 years as a host for high-quality art in one of Fort Wayne's most popular shopping plazas. It's also a wonderful opportunity for artists near and far to showcase works.

It all began when the owners of the plaza approached Asher Agency to help them drive in traffic. The first show was a success and has proven to be a staple for the area.

The Covington Art Fair has continued to provide support for not only the plaza, but artists, musicians, and food trucks with plans to continue for many years to come.

Coordinator Glenda Brown said she and attendees are always pleasantly surprised by the amount of new works that appear at the fair from artists that have participated multiple years in a row.

"You come and you think you're going to see the same thing from your favorite artist," she said. "You might, but there's always going to be something new."

The Covington Art Fair maintains its standing in the art company thanks to its thorough auditioning process.

"It's a juried art fair," Brown said. "They send in three pictures of their work and of their booth, and we send it out to an independent judge. Then we get the list back of who is accepted."



*Mad Hatter's Garden* by W. Michael Winston

One hundred juried fine artists will be featured at the fair, each with a booth showcasing their past and recent work.

## GETTING THE TIMING RIGHT

Previously held during Father's Day weekend, the fair has seen an increase in attendance since the adjustment to later in the summer.

"It's a busy weekend for a lot of people," Brown said of Father's Day weekend. "Yeah, guys like art, but plenty would rather be golfing."

The new weekend has also been a convenient adjustment for the artists.

"It's been very successful," Brown said. "That weekend doesn't really conflict with other shows that a lot of the local and regional artists attend."

Since the pandemic, the Covington Art Fair has retained its connection with the community and has even grown in attendance.

"The only year we had to cancel was 2020," Brown said. "In '21, we had a great crowd even though we were still under restrictions, and



There will be a variety of art at the annual Covington Art Fair, June 24-25, at Covington Plaza. Among the works are photography, such as this piece by Scott Kinzie.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## COVINGTON ART FAIR

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25

Covington Plaza

6410 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne

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last year we had a terrific crowd."

The art fair draws thousands every year, creating a spirited environment of art enthusiasts tapping their toe to the local jazz while examining some of the best art in town.

Expecting an even better turnout this year, Brown cites the culture of Fort Wayne for the popularity of the event, saying they wouldn't be able to have found this success if it weren't for Fort Wayne's artsy community and loyal following.

"With all these murals they're painting, our downtown is becoming much more vibrant," she said, excited for the artistic direction the city is headed.

## SUPPLYING SOUNDTRACK

The experience isn't purely visual either — showgoers can expect a delightful jazz soundtrack courtesy of talented local musicians as well as some local food trucks for a bite while they peruse.



Pottery by Sam Hitchman

Live music on Saturday will feature the John Weber Jazz Trio at 10 a.m., the Kevin Piekarski Jazz Quintet featuring Scott Allen at 12:30 p.m., and the Cohen/Ruthkowski Jazz Trio at 3 p.m.

The jazz returns on Sunday, with Dave Latchaw Jazz Trio performing from 12:30-2:30 p.m. All musical performances can be found at the center atrium right in the heart of the plaza, in front of Planet Fitness.

If you're an artist looking to get involved with this event in the coming years, applications can be found at [asheragency.com](http://asheragency.com).

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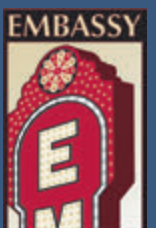
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PHOTO BY JASON CREPS

Fort Wayne native Hope Arthur, center with accordion, will be at The Brass Rail with the Chicago band Mucca Pazza on Thursday, July 13, along with fellow city native Rachel Mossburg and Auburn's Dominic Gaietto.

# Hope Arthur returning home for pair of shows

*Releasing solo album on June 30; joined by her band on July 13 at Rail*

BY NICK BRAUN

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Even though she resides in Chicago these days, Hope Arthur is and always will be a part of Fort Wayne.

The classical pianist, accordion player, songwriter, composer, and linguist has had her hands in the Fort Wayne Ballet, Mikautadze Dance Theatre, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, and Pyroscope Entertainment, and she continues to work with local musicians. Plus, who could forget about The Hope Arthur Orchestra that created stellar music for film and dance released an album and had a breathtaking performance at Down the Line 8 in 2004, covering the music of David Bowie?

In any event, she has made her mark in The Fort, and she's not finished.

Arthur's latest endeavor is with her alter-ego Serepta, named after her great-great-great-grandmother. It was created as an outlet for a more specific artistic and musical vision and draws from influences such as Bjork, FKA Twigs, Kate Bush, Depeche Mode, and J-rock legend Gakuto Kamui.

On June 30, Serepta is set to release a new album, *Wayward Vessel*, at a release party for herself and Tom Harts, plus a set by Funayūrei, at The Brass Rail. A few weeks later, she will

be joined by her bandmates Mucca Pazza and The Hooten Hallers at The Rail.

## DOING IT HERSELF

Serepta's upcoming release features 10 tracks that were recorded in a handcrafted way.

"It was honestly all recorded DIY style in my bedroom and my rehearsal studio in Chicago," Arthur said. "I think some vocals were recorded in my car, too. There are three songs that feature other artists including Teri Quinn from Kansas City, Missouri; U.kustik from Vienna, Austria; and Kurt Roembke of Fort Wayne. I believe they also recorded all their parts at home."

She produced the entire thing by herself. The album was mixed and mastered by the very busy Dan Kinnaley of Chipped Tooth Audio here in town.

## INSTAWORTHY

This particular collection of songs and album artwork started as part of a music challenge she took on four years ago called January. The idea was that during the month of January, musicians from all over the world would take to Instagram to challenge themselves by sharing a new musical idea every day of the month. They needed visuals to go along with the daily posts since you cannot post on Instagram without an image or video.

"It's pretty ambitious, but it's become an entire season for me every year," Arthur said. "At this point, I essentially have 124 musical ideas to work with in regards to releasing



PHOTO BY ALAN MAYNE

Performing as Serepta, Hope Arthur will release her latest album, *Wayward Vessel*, during her show at the Brass Rail on Friday, June 30.

## SEREPTA W/TOM HARTS, FUNAYŪREI

9:30 p.m. Friday, June 30  
The Brass Rail (+21)  
1121 Broadway, Fort Wayne  
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future music. I also started incorporating makeup challenges and wearable challenges to go along with the music in hopes of generating my own album work as well.

"One of my makeup looks not only became the album artwork but the aesthetic for my show. Another makeup look is becoming a mask that I'm going to wear at the release show."

Seeing the makeup and headpieces might very well be worth the price of admission on their own. The set will also see Kinnaley and Roembke joining Serepta on stage, which should make for one incredible evening. Furthermore, the show will act as a double record release show as Chicago's Harts will release his album *The Perfect Stranger*.

## ANNUAL TRADITION

Four years ago, she wasn't sure if this work would pay off, but it looks to be going in the right direction. Plus, even though this is Arthur's first solo album in 10 years, we should not have to wait that long the next time around.

"I'm very interested in the idea of creating entire worlds and storylines," she said. "Now that I have literally hundreds of music ideas,

## MUCCA PAZZA W/THE HOOTEN HALLERS

8:45 p.m. Thursday, July 13  
The Brass Rail (+21)  
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I'm hoping to get in a yearly groove of working with Chipped Tooth Audio and regularly releasing music."

Let's hope that's the case as one can never get too much of Arthur's work. *Wayward Vessel* will be available on all streaming platforms and a physical cassette release. The first single, "Fragrance of My Blood," will hit all platforms June 23.

## MARCHING BAND

Along with her work as Serepta, Arthur has also been involved in another project, Mucca Pazza, since 2018, the Chicago-based interdisciplinary instrumental music and performance ensemble — or as some would call it, the punk absurdist marching band.

Arthur plays accordion and is one of 30 active members of the band. The band also includes Rachel Mossburg of Fort Wayne and Dominic Gaietto of Auburn.

Mucca Pazza recently released *Get Pumped!*, their first album in nine years, and will embark on an East Coast tour soon that includes a stop at The Brass Rail on Thursday, July 13, along with The Hooten Hallers.

But how is this band going to fit on The Rail stage? I guess we'll have to show up to find out.





COURTESY PHOTOS

Patrons will embark on a scavenger hunt during Pedal, Paddle, Play on Saturday, June 24, at Promenade Park.

# Scavenger hunt promotes rivers

*Pedal, paddle to find items followed by party at Promenade Park*

**BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER**  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Waterways in northeast Indiana have drawn generations of people to the region, and the movement for control of these natural channels led to the foundation of Fort Wayne. Though historically and continually significant to those living in the region, many cast the rivers and other waterways as polluted or disregard their importance completely.

Pedal, Paddle, Play, an event organized by the Northeast Indiana Water Trails partnership, will give the community an opportunity to interact with and learn about area waterways through an engaging scavenger hunt and other fun activities.

The eighth annual event will take place Saturday, June 24, at Promenade Park. Participants in the scavenger hunt have two options to complete their mission that will begin at 10 a.m. They can use bikes or kayaks to collect information they find in a provided "passport."

Participants will also receive a T-shirt and some event sponsor "swag" with their registration.

## PRIZES TO BE WON

Kyle Quandt, Northeast Indiana Water Trails board member, said the scavenger hunt usually takes up to two hours.

"We're asking you to look for a specific thing, and you're going to write it down on your passport," he said.

Hunters with a completed passport will

## PEDAL, PADDLE, PLAY

10 a.m. Saturday, June 24  
Promenade Park  
202 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne  
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receive six entries into a prize drawing.

"We have a ton of prizes, and they can choose which ones they want to go for," Quandt said. "We have gift certificates to local restaurants. We have certificates for boat rentals at Trading Post up in Mongo or at Fort Wayne Outfitters. We have water bottles, BruMates, we have bike gear, paddling gear, and then the grand prize is a complete kayak package. It's a kayak, paddle life jacket, and roof rack donated by Fort Wayne Outfitters."

While the scavenger hunt is by registration only, there are numerous other opportunities for fun at Promenade Park that day. Quandt said food, drinks, and live music from Cassie Beer await the public, as well as several environmental organizations ready to educate people about the waterways of northeast Indiana.

## GET OUTSIDE

Quandt, whose 20 years of experience involves working with water quality in non-point source pollution, said that Northeast Indiana Water Trails partnership was born from an aim to have people engage with water trails and rivers. Pedal, Paddle, Play is the sole fundraiser for the organization.

"In my experience, when people engage with the rivers, they start to have a better appreciation for taking care of them, learning about them, learning what's in them," he said.

"These are resources that are just right outside your back door that are free. Studies have shown that just being out in nature can

refresh your soul. You can boost your morale. There's so many benefits to it.

"We have 566 miles of rivers that we focus on. When we're here doing this event, most of the people that participate, that come down, are local. So let's talk about why that river is brown. Is it because it's heavily polluted? No. So let's teach people why it's that way so they're less afraid of it."

## JOINING THE CAUSE

The regional partnership is an all-volunteer board, several of whom are small-business owners. Northeast Water Trails offers numerous ways to get involved in learning about and supporting area waterways.

Quandt said this year the partnership started monthly "paddle socials," where participants paddle from one location to another, like a 9-mile float down the St. Joseph River from Spencerville to Leo-Cedarville.

"We'll have one in July, August, and September, and possibly October, depending on how the weather is," he said. "Later this summer, we'll be doing some microfishing workshops, kind of geared toward kids, to get them excited about the creatures that live in the water."

Another, more direct way to get involved is by volunteering.

Quandt said the partnership is "always looking for volunteers to help with outreach events and marketing or whatever skills they might have that would be useful to us. ... And then, we are looking to hire an executive director within the next year so that we can further our mission of creating more access and teaching people about water quality and water safety."

To register for the scavenger hunt and for more information about Pedal, Paddle, Play, go to neiwatertrails.com.

## Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS

### A STAR'S BORN

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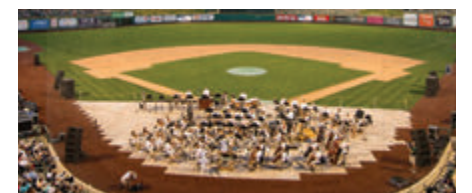
2 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 25

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN THEATER

First Presbyterian Theater's production of *A Star's Born: The Concert* will be presented June 23-25, featuring songs from three generations of the iconic story.

Music from the films of 1954, 1976, and 2018 are all represented in this fun, "best of the three" show featuring rising local talent, including Madison Kindler, Ennis L. Brown III, David Eisenhauer, Terri Easter Amstutz, Tracey Buckmaster Piering, and Ta'korei Moore. They will be singing selections including "Shallow," "Lost Inside of You," and "The Man That Got Away."

This special one-weekend production puts the focus on the music and will leave you singing into the night long after you have left the theater. — *Chris Hupe*



### PATRIOTIC POPS

7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 25

OAKWOOD RESORT, SYRACUSE

7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 29

POKAGON STATE PARK, ANGOLA

7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 30

DEKALB THEATER, AUBURN

8:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JULY 1

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8:30 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 3

MADISON STREET PLAZA, DECATUR

8:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 4

BIXLER LAKE PARK, KENDALLVILLE

In what has become a local tradition, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic will once again head out on the road to present their free Patriotic Pops concerts.

A celebration of the American spirit, the music selected for the shows is designed to get audiences excited about the Independence Day holiday while showing off one of Fort Wayne's most cherished music institutions.

The performances begin June 25 at Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, followed by June 29 at Pokagon State Park in Angola, June 30 at the DeKalb Outdoor Theater in Auburn, July 1 at Parkview Field, July 3 at Madison Street Plaza in Decatur, and July 4 at Bixler Lake Park in Kendallville. — *Chris Hupe*



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**A Star's Born**  
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## Skillet, Theory of Deadman coming to town

The 17-time platinum rock band **Skillet** and multi-platinum band **Theory of a Deadman** have announced the fall leg of their Rock Resurrection Tour that includes a stop at Memorial Coliseum on Tuesday, Dec. 5.



### Out and About

NICK BRAUN

For Skillet, they are out in support of their 11th studio album, *Dominion*, which is mightily powerful, greatly melodic, and a production that is top-notch.

Theory of a Deadman are supporting their *Dinosaur* album which was released this year and includes the title track "Ambulance" and "Two of Us (Stuck)."

Also on the bill that evening will be **Saint Asonia** which features a couple of familiar musicians: Stained guitarist **Mike Mushok** and ex-Three Days

Grace frontman **Adam Gontier**.

This should be one heck of a rock show, so get your tickets now!

Tickets are available by going to [ticketmaster.com](https://ticketmaster.com) or stopping by the ticket office at the Coliseum.

### Henry Rollins bringing tour to Piere's

Punk rock icon, author, radio host, actor, and Grammy winner **Henry Rollins** will bring his Good To See You tour to Piere's on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Yeah, that Henry Rollins: the singer who fronted State of Alert, Black Flag, and Rollins Band. I cannot believe it either.

The spoken word tour sees Rollins recount the events of his life in the brief pre-COVID period since the last tour and when things got even stranger over the ensuing months. Rollins has spent much of the past decade on tours like this, with his last musical effort being 2004's *Weighting*.

Oh man, he's going to have plenty of stories to share that evening.

General admission seating and VIP meet and greet tickets are on sale now at [letscomedyftw.com](https://letscomedyftw.com).

### Children's Zoo hosting live performances

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is set to host a new summer music series aimed toward those 21 years old and over.

The new series, dubbed Rock & Roar, will allow folks to enjoy a craft beer from Hop River Brewing Co. while

strolling through portions of the zoo and stopping by the Australian Adventure area of the zoo to catch some live music.

The four Rock & Roar events will take place from 6-9 p.m. and include music by **Casual Friday** on June 29, **Decade Divide** on July 13, **Debutants** on July 27, and **JacksonVibe** on Aug. 10.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of and can be purchased at [kidszoo.org](https://kidszoo.org).

### Philharmonic to play music of Fleetwood Mac

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the **Fort Wayne Philharmonic** will present *Never Break the Chain: The Music of Fleetwood Mac* at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion.

Make it a priority to come out and experience the perfect blend of high-energy classic rock and the lush symphonic orchestration in this one-of-a-kind concert experience covering more than 50 years of chart-topping Fleetwood Mac hits including "Dreams," "Rhiannon," and "The Chain."

This concert is held in partnership with Jeans 'n Classics, which combines classic rock and pop music with symphonies.

The band and singers of Jeans 'n Classics have been bringing their own special signature flair to legendary albums and artists for over 20 years.

Tickets are available online at [ticketmaster.com](https://ticketmaster.com) and [sweetwaterpavilion.com](https://sweetwaterpavilion.com).

### Electric Amish parking buggies at Mitchell's

Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill will be the place to be Friday, Aug. 4, for the return of **The Electric Amish**.

This Indiana-based parody band has been a *Bob & Tom Show* staple for many years and have made numerous appearances in Fort Wayne.

Consisting of fictional brothers Graber, Carl, and Barry Goodman, The Electric Amish perform unique takes on well-known songs using references from the Amish and Mennonite cultures.

Who could forget their toe-tapping songs like "Black Bonnet Girls," "Barn To Be Wild," and "Give Me Three Pigs"?

Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$18 day of and available through [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com).

The no-power trio from Nappanee returns for an evening you won't want to miss!

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# Embassy chief honored with award

Kelly Updike, president and CEO of Embassy Theatre, has been recognized by Greater Fort Wayne Inc. with this year's Barb Smith GFW Inc. Service Award.

The award is given in honor of former GFW board member and community advocate Barb Smith.



## News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

"In addition to her work as president and CEO of the Embassy Theatre, Kelly Updike has served nine years on the GFW Inc. board of directors," GFW said in a statement. "She is the current chair of the Governance Committee, has served on the Executive Committee, led GFW Inc.'s Diversity Task Force, and was instrumental in developing GFW Inc.'s diversity and inclusion pledge and member expectations."

During her 17-year tenure at the Embassy, Updike has developed community festivals like Spring Forward Fest and large gatherings like Fright Night. She has created and championed annual events to celebrate local artists such as Down the Line and Summer Nights at the Embassy.

## Urban League distributing banned books

The Fort Wayne Urban League is joining the National Urban League to support the "Freedom to Learn" campaign.

The local Urban League is to passing out 500 books it says have been banned. The first 100 books were passed out June 1, at McMillan Park

Books will also be available 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the Fort Wayne Urban League office, 2135 S. Hanna St., to Urban League STEM Camp participants July 10-July 20, at tutoring sessions, and during free reading hours.

## Turnstone hosting goalball national finals

The U.S. Association of Blind Athletes has announced the 2023 USABA Goalball National Championships are returning to the Turnstone Center in Fort Wayne, Sept. 21-24.

Turnstone Center, a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site, is also the training base for the USA Goalball resident program.

It is supported by a community of goalball enthusiasts and volunteers who will once again bring a high level of excitement to this annual event.

"This is an exciting year for the sport of goalball across the country," USABA CEO Molly Quinn said. "Our USA goalball men's and women's teams are in qualification mode for next year's Paralympic Games in Paris, and this year's national championships falls between the two big qualification events of the year: the IBSA World Games in August and the Parapan American Games in November."

Registration for the event will open June 22 and close Aug. 1, or when registration is full.

"Bringing the excitement of goalball to Fort Wayne and Indiana is a highlight of our partnership with USABA as a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site," said Mike Mushett, Turnstone Center CEO. "The annual Championships are a great opportunity to feature the Paralympic Movement through the intensity of goalball and celebrate the top athletes from throughout the country."

## Beyond Van Gogh arrives at Coliseum

Beyond Van Gogh: An Immersive Experience will be at Memorial Coliseum on June 24-Aug. 10.

Witness more than 300 of the greatest works of post-Impressionist Vincent Van Gogh in a three-dimensional experience, including "The Starry Night" and "Sunflowers."

## Theaters announce 2023-24 seasons

The summer theatre season has arrived, with several local theaters announcing their 2023-24 seasons, including:

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*The House*: Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023; directed by Morgan Montgomery; Auditions, Aug. 21-22

*A Charlie Brown Christmas*: Dec. 8-17; directed by Christopher J. Murphy; auditions, Oct. 9-10)

*The Prom*: March 1-17; directed by Christopher J. Murphy; auditions, Dec. 10

*Ruby Bridges*: April 19-21; written/directed by Gregory Stieber; auditions, Feb. 26-27

*Go, Dog, Go*: April 25-28; directed by Todd Espland; auditions, Feb. 26-27

### ARENA DINNER THEATRE

*Ripcord*: August 4-19; directed by Jordan Plohr  
*Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express*: Oct. 27- Nov. 11; directed by Chance Parker

*One Christmas Eve at Evergreen Mall*: Dec. 1-13; directed by Gary Lanier

*Funny Money*: March 1-16; directed by David Belew  
*A Delightful Quarantine*: April 19-May 4; directed by Gloria Minnich

*The Drowsy Chaperone*: June 14-29, 2024; directed by Reuben Albaugh

### PFW DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

*The Bald Soprano*: Sept. 22-24 and 28-30; directed by Bev Redman

*Urinetown*: Nov. 10-12 and 16-18; directed by John O'Connell

*The Tempest*: Feb. 16-18 and 22-24; directed by Jeff Casazza

*Black Snow*: April 19-2; directed by Austin M. Rausch

## Short Fiction Saturday at the Ruin

The Ruin will hold Short Fiction Saturday on Saturday, June 24, from 3-5 p.m.

This event invites writers to come together to share short pieces of their own work as well as to hear and discuss the work of other local writers.

## Take survey for cohesive community

Amani Family Services, Downtown Fort Wayne, and Greater Fort Wayne Inc. are collaborating on a road map for building a more cohesive and equitable community that fosters connections between newer immigrants and longtime residents.

Survey participants must be 18 or older to take the six-minute survey. All responses will be anonymous.

The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FortWayneGateway>.

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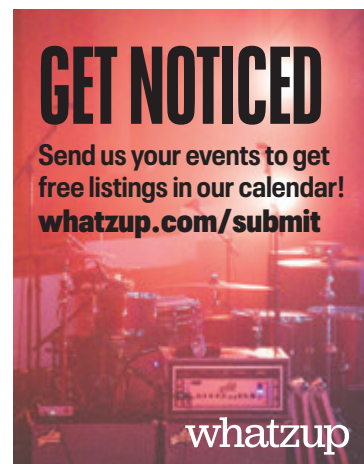
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# Sound the alarm for Whip & Chill

It's hard to miss **Whip & Chill's** fire truck/food truck mash-up. Even if the lights and siren don't flicker or make a sound, you can't miss it. A cherry red, 30-foot fire engine tends to command attention.

The story behind the 1982 Pierce Arrow rig is compelling, too.

The food truck industry is built around unique experiences and fun foods. Whip & Chill has found a one-of-a-kind hook with dipped ice cream cones, floats, sundaes, and Tropical Sno shaved ice.



**Off the Eaten Path**

DEAN JACKSON

Jim and Kim Berger dove into the fray in 2011 serving ice cream and shaved ice in Fort Wayne before food trucks were even a thing locally. This came about after Jim spent 30 years as a firefighter, including 16 as chief at St. Joseph Township Fire Department in northeast Fort Wayne.

They started with Little Whip, their food cart and trailer. They saw the business grow, as did the need for a dedicated vehicle. One creative idea

bubbled in their minds. It was a nod to Jim's career as a firefighter.

Kim became aware of fire engines available around the country, but the idea ignited when they found one in particular.

"It was one of my old trucks," Jim said.

If you can have a relationship with a fire truck, he had it with this one almost from the start.

"I knew what we were getting," he said. "I drove it and operated it. I knew it before it was in operation. I drove up, with the older guys when I was the young guy, to the factory in (Appleton) Wisconsin to see it built."

The conversion from a pumper to an ice cream truck took about a year.

"It was a lot of heavy moving and cutting from the frame up," Jim said. "Just getting rid of the old stuff."

That's an easy way to say a lot of hard work and creative problem-solving associated with removing a 750-gallon tank and repurposing storage areas built for hoses and ladders. Then with the expertise of a food cart builder, they dropped a custom-built food prep area into the open space.

"It is a bit higher up, making it more complicated than a typical square-boxed food truck," Jim said.

That area includes the dipping freezer, multiple



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**It can be hard to miss the Whip & Chill ice cream truck.**

sinks, a floor, counter windows, and storage racks for tropical snow flavor jugs and supplies. It quickly makes an impression.

Kids and adults alike flip when they see the truck.

"It's amazing," Jim said. "Everybody loves ice cream. It's awesome because it's a fire truck. That makes it cool."

Whip & Chill also includes an ambulance — a.k.a. Whip Rescue — that they also converted into a food truck. Their original food truck is Whip. They are always ready to respond to ice cream emergencies.

Never was that more apparent than during the pandemic where they truck could be seen at nursing homes.

"A lot of these, where residents who hadn't gone outside for a while, got ice cream cones handed to them which was awesome, especially if they are getting it from a fire truck or an ambulance," he said.

## Hotel Tango closing Fort Wayne site July 1

**Hotel Tango Distillery** is closing its Fort Wayne Tasting Room at 10212 Chestnut Plaza Drive.

The company says its last day is July 1.

In a statement released this month, Hotel Tango officials say both the Fort Wayne location and spot in Zionsville have struggled in light of COVID-19, inflation, and state laws that prevent self-distribution of its bourbon, whiskey, vodka, gin, rum, and other spirits.

Hotel Tango Fort Wayne opened in January 2020. The company says they are focused on growing retail sales in the Midwest.

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## Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

**Hubie Ashcraft Trio** — Country, 7 p.m., Louie's Bar & Grill, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-3944

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

**Jordan Bridges** — Variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

**Kody Bryant** — Variety, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Paige's Crossing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-5757

**Lacey Jane Band** — Classic hits, 11:30 a.m., Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

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

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

**The Antones** — Country, 7 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**StraitJack** — Country, 6 p.m., Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, Free, (260) 615-3352

**The Beat Creeps w/Loveseat!** — Rock, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

**The Rylie Lynn Band** — Country/Americana, 5 p.m., Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center, Ossian, Free

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

**Adam Strack** — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

**Best Sleep w/Devin Hopwood, Bird-watch** — Alternative, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

**BigMeow** — 80s, 6:30 p.m., Chapman's Brewing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-6252

**Chris Worth & Company** — Variety, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 54, Lima, OH, no cover

**Dead Reckoning w/Dreams in Peril, 3130, Everfelt** — Rock, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 492-6064

**Demun Jones** — Country/Hip-Hop, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$49.50, (260) 492-6064

**Eliminator: ZZ Top Tribute Band** — ZZ Top tribute, 8 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520

**Ty Causey** — R&B, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Hubie Ashcraft Band** — Country, 7 p.m., Commons Park, Angola, Free, (260) 665-1588

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

**Jessie Doyle and Carly Ingalls** — Variety, 5:30-10 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 267-6082

**Joey O Band** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn, Free, (260) 952-2611

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

**Mark Mason** — Variety, 8-10 p.m., Trubble Public House, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 673-9056

**New York Voices** — Vocalese, 7:30 p.m., Heartland Sings, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$30, (260) 481-4739

**Nita Strauss w/Lions at the Gate, Zacara, The Illegals** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$25-\$35, (269) 625-8817

**Aleena York** — Variety, 6 p.m., Downtown Fort Wayne, The Porch Off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Free

**Set the Hook** — Variety, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

**Soundboard Institute Performance** — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, (260) 563-1102

**Susan Mae & The New Yesterday** — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

**The Ark Band** — Reggae, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, , Free, (419) 238-6722

**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 6 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

**The Doobie Brothers** — Rock, 8 p.m., Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, (260) 483-1111

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**Alicia Pyle** — Jazz, 6-9 p.m., Deema Turkish Cuisine, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

**BigMeow** — 80s, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Whitley County Farmers Market, Zion Lutheran Church, South Whitley, no cover

**Cohen/Rutkowski Jazz Trio** — 3 p.m., Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, Free

**Dave Leonard and the Minus One Band** — Variety, 8-10 p.m., Trubble Brewing, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 267-6082

**Distractions** — Americana, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Coyote Creek Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-3148

**Flyt Rsk** — Classic rock, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 296, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 456-2988

**Heaven's Gateway Drugs w/The Holy Nothing, Florets** — Psychedelic, 9:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

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

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

**John Weber Jazz Trio** — 10 a.m., Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, Free

**Kevin Hambrick** — Alternative, 6 p.m., Three Rivers Distilling Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 745-9355

**Kevin Piekarski Jazz Quintet** — 12:30 p.m., Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, Free

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

**Motor Folkers** — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Crooked Lake Grill & BBQ, Angola, no cover, (260) 577-5627

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## Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JUNE 22

**Brittany Schmitt** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$25, (260) 844-8444

**Jerry Seinfeld (sold out)** — 7 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

**Adele Givens** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

**Bert Kreischer w/Fortune Feimster, Big Jay Oakerson, Jay Pharoah, Chad Daniels, Luis J. Gomez, Shane Torres, Mark Smalls** — 7 p.m., Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, (260) 482-6400

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**Adele Givens** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**Adele Givens** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**Jessica Kirson** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

**Jessica Kirson** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

**Shaun Weiss w/Will King** — 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 492-6064

### SATURDAY, JULY 1

**Jessica Kirson** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

**Kristen Toomey** — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

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

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

**Gianmarco Soresi** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$26, (260) 844-8444

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

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

**Gianmarco Soresi** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$26, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

**Aaron Edwards Hall** — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

**Gianmarco Soresi** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$26, (260) 844-8444

### SUNDAY, JULY 9

**Gianmarco Soresi** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$26, (260) 844-8444

### THURSDAY, JULY 13

**Dope City Comedy Tour w/Tim Hanlon and Matt Bellak** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$22, (260) 844-8444

**Ed Bassmaster** — 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$45, (260) 492-6064

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

### FRIDAY, JULY 14

**Chad & JT** — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$28, (260) 844-8444



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**Phil Schurger's Sungate w/Austin & The Avenue, Todd Staszak, Juniper Pass** — Variety, 6 p.m., Rock the Plaza, ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 421-1200

**Rich Cohen & Chris Rutkowski Project** — Piano/sax, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

**Soccer Mommy w/Vundabar, DuPont Brass, The Namby Pamby, Mic Strong** — Variety, 5 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 482-6400

**Splashes of Color: A Celebration of Jazz** — Heartland Sings, 7:30 p.m., Heartland Sings, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$30, (260) 481-4739

**Sunglasses at Night** — 80s, 9 p.m., Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

**The 906 Band** — Rock, 9 p.m., Hide-away Lounge, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 824-0455

**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

**The Rylie Lynn Band** — Country/Americana, 9 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 433-6933

**Todd Harrold Band** — Jazz, 7 p.m., Spikes Beach Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 372-3224

**U.R.B.** — Variety, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**We Are Checkmark** — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**2RQ w/J Tubbs, Alex MacDonald, PRSSR, Marc Myrrh, Gemini, Tricito, Quaine Crews, Scooby B** — Hip-hop, 4-8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$25, (260) 492-6064

**Community Worship Celebration** — Worship, 7 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520

**Dave Latchaw Jazz Trio** — 12:30 p.m., Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, Free

**Fort Wayne American Legion Band** — 2 p.m., Schnelker Park, New Haven, Free, (260) 749-2212

**Mike Conley** — Acoustic, 8 a.m., Tom's Donuts, Angola, Free, (260) 665-3632

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

**Patriotic Pops at Kosciusko County** — Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, Free, (574) 457-7100

**Singer-Songwriter Open Mic** — 3 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 399-6336

### MONDAY, JUNE 26

**G-Money & Special Guests** — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

**Adam Strack** — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Birdie's Rooftop Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 800-8686

**Norman Light** — Variety, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

**OK Boomer** — Classic hits, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Open Mic w/JJ & McRae** — 7 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

**The Native Howl** — Rock, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$17, (260) 492-6064

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

**8420 Band** — Classic rock, 5 p.m., Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-7543

**Hubie Ashcraft & Travis Gow** — Americana, 6 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

**Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** — Americana, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29-\$75, (260) 563-1102

**Sunglasses at Night** — 80s, 5:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 203-0239

**Tom Koenig** — Acoustic, 6 p.m., Dicky's Wild Hare, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 486-0590

**Q & The Cold Fusion** — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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

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**Cynic w/Atheist** — Prog metal, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$49.50, (260) 492-6064

**Ethan William Bowers** — Americana/contemporary folk, 8-11 p.m., Green Frog Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-1088

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

**Jon Durnell Band** — Variety, 6-9 p.m., Paige's Crossing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-5757

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

**Mason Dixon Line** — Country, 6 p.m., Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, Free, (260) 615-3352

**Nashville Thursdays** — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Patriotic Pops at Steuben County** — Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Pokagon State Park, Angola, Free, (260) 833-2012

**Sunny Taylor** — Acoustic, 11:30 a.m., Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

**Adam Calvert** — Country, 7:30 p.m., Van Wert Live, Fountain Park, Van Wert, Free, (419) 238-6722

**Chris Worth & Company** — Variety, 8 p.m., Mitchell's Sports & Neighborhood Grill, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

**Debutants w/The Matchsellers** — 8 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, (260) 426-6434

**Dylan Raymond** — Country, 7 p.m., Chapman's Brewing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-6252

**Sweetwater All Stars** — R&B, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Gray Matter** — Classic hits, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

**Hotel California** — Eagles tribute, 8 p.m., Trine T. Furth Center, Angola, \$20-\$45, (260) 665-4990

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

**Joe & Greg's Acoustic Jams** — Variety, 8-11 p.m., Trubble Public House, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 673-9056

**Patriotic Pops at DeKalb County** — Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn, Free, (260) 952-2611

**Rachel Cashman** — Indie folk, 7 p.m., Three Rivers Distilling Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 745-9355

**We Are Checkmark** — Variety, 6 p.m., Downtown Fort Wayne, The Porch Off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Free

**Resonance Institute Performance** — 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, (260) 563-1102

**Ryan Bodecker & Sidney Kipp** — Piano, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

**The DeeBee's** — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

**The Wingmen** — Classic rock, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

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

**Tom Harts w/Serepta, Funayurei** — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

**Tom Koenig** — Acoustic, 8-11 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 676-2233

**Vanderspeel Freek** — Rock, 7 p.m., Buck Lake Ranch, Angola, no cover

### SATURDAY, JULY 1

**Alicia Pyle & The Locals w/Chris Hambrick, Maleena Felger, Sum Morz** — Variety, 6 p.m., Rock the Plaza, ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 421-1200

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

**Charley Crockett** — Americana, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 747-0989

**Fort Wayne American Legion Band** — 11 a.m., YLNI Outdoor Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, Free

**Graveyard Daisies** — Variety, 8 p.m., The Stomping Grounds, Van Wert, OH, no cover, (419) 203-4182

**Hotel California: A Salute to Eagles** — Eagles tribute, 8 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6715

**I Love Saturdays** — Variety, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

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

**Patriotic Pops at Allen County** — Orchestra, 8:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 482-6400

**Perfect Fall w/Icarus Fell, Undamned, Agatha Haag, Apart We Fall, Anti-Hero** — Rock, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

**Red-Eye Lorelai** — Variety, 6:30 p.m., Indian Springs Campground, Garrett, no cover, (260) 357-5572

**The Bulldogs** — Oldies, 5 p.m., Salamonie Summer Festival, Warren, Free

**Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** — Variety, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

**Wagon Wheel Symphony of Lakes: Salute to America** — Orchestra, 8 p.m., Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts, Winona Lake Park, Winona Lake, Free

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

**Mike Conley** — Acoustic, 8 a.m., Tom's Donuts, Angola, Free, (260) 665-3632

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# Union Street Market has something for every taste

*Pizza, Thai, Mexican cuisine among many options you can try*

BY WENDY STEIN

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

When I first encountered the expression “food hall” a couple of years ago, I was skeptical. Was this just a marketing ploy to make food courts sound cool and trendy?

Now Fort Wayne has its very own food hall, Union Street Market on the Electric Works campus.

And people, I am here to tell you, this is not the food court of our youth, with nary a Sbarro or Panda Express in sight. (No offense intended, fast-food chains.) Rather, this reimagined space in the former General Electric campus hosts a diverse collection of local fast-casual eateries.

## IDEAL ENVIRONMENT

The East Hall is home to fresh food merchants.

The West Hall is the food hall, with roughly a dozen restaurants serving up deliciousness. Open daily, they have something for everyone: coffee and pastries, sandwiches, pizza, barbecue, Thai, Korean, and Middle Eastern fare, ice cream, alcoholic libations, and more.

The vibe is super-chill, with several seating options including a gallery upstairs overlooking the hall. In warm weather, large windows are rolled open like giant garage doors. The courtyard outside has tables for eating, chairs for lounging, plus cornhole and other games. On a recent Friday night there was live music outside, and it wasn't too loud for middle-aged me to enjoy being there.

## SLICE OF LIFE

I feel like I've only scratched the surface on trying all the foods (I'm working on it!), but I've already had some standout meals there.

Two friends with East Coast roots had told me that Johnny Ox Pizzeria was legit. As someone who is a fan of New York-style pizza, I was itching to try it. They sell by the slice during the day, but in the evening, they only sell (giant) whole pies. On busy days, they might run out — I know this because we got shut out the first time we tried to get it. Call



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Union Street Market at Electric Works has a wide variety of food to select from area vendors.



At Union Street Market, you can go with old favorites like slices of pizza from Johnny Ox Pizzeria, left, or try the Mediterranean Bowl from Pikoso Burrito Co., above.

since I don't usually want egg rolls for breakfast (when I'm doing my farmers market shopping).

When I visited them for dinner, I tried the pad Thai with chicken and I got two egg rolls: one ground turkey, one vegan. I know some meat eaters out there won't believe me when I say this, but I could not tell the difference between their meatless and meatful (that's totally a word) versions. Both were light and flaky and I enjoyed them immensely.

The pad Thai was a huge portion, easily providing a second meal's worth of leftovers. It had a lot of crunchy bean sprouts providing great texture along with the usual chopped peanuts. It was sweet and tangy, and I would happily have it again.

Obviously, all the food in the hall comes in disposable containers, and O-Cha Thai uses compostable packaging. I appreciated that consideration.

## GOING DIFFERENT ROUTE

On my third trip to Union Street Market, I had every intention of getting tacos or a bowl from Pikoso Burrito Co. However, I got



Egg rolls and samosas from O-Cha Thai are always popular.

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completely distracted by an item on their menu that seemed a little out of place with their Mexican cuisine.

What I found was the Mediterranean Bowl: rice, falafel, hummus, Tzatziki cream, tomatoes, cabbage, cucumber, and pickled red onions. Usually, my philosophy is to order within the confines of a restaurant's specialties: Mexican restaurants are not where one goes to get falafel. But it was so interesting to me that they offered it that I threw caution to the wind and ordered it. Holy guacamole — or should I say holy hummus? — am I glad I did. It was bomb.

The presentation was beautiful, the falafel was crispy on the outside, soft on the inside, and full of flavor. It was lovely to be able to take a little of this and a little of that and construct a perfect bite.

I still need to try their tacos or burritos, but now that I know how good the Mediterranean Bowl is, it's going to be hard for me to resist when I go back. Maybe Gibli, the Middle Eastern restaurant in the neighboring stall has really excellent tacos, who knows?

As someone who lives on the south side of Fort Wayne, it's exciting to see the rebirth of the Electric Works property and especially to have so many new dining options in our area. I'm enjoying sampling my way around the food hall, discovering new favorites to share with friends and family, and now with you.

The Union Street Market website (unionstreetmarket.org) posts daily hours, plus detailed listings for all the current and coming soon vendors. There's easy parking in the garage on the north side of the campus, and the first three hours are free.



# Debutants, Matchsellers to meet in 'Deathmatch'

*Unique performance will feature 10 rounds at Baker Street Centre*

BY ANTHONY GADSON  
WHATZUP EDITOR

The lines have been drawn. The deathmatch has been set for Baker Street Centre.

However, those bloodthirsty among you can calm down. This is not going to be that kind of deathmatch. No, this one will be “fought” with fiddles, banjos, upright basses, and mandolins when Debutants and The Matchsellers meet in what’s billed as the Bluegrass Deathmatch on Friday, June 30.

“It’s all in good fun,” said Lynn Nicholson of local band Debutants. It’s going to be a good way to bring some friends here and kick their butt in a Bluegrass Deathmatch.”

## ALL IN GOOD FUN

Fun is definitely the name of the game at the Bluegrass Deathmatch.

Based in Kansas City, Missouri, The Matchsellers are centered around Julie Bates on fiddle and Warsaw native Andrew Morris on guitar. When speaking with Morris, it’s clear he’s enjoying the “deathmatch” moniker.

“This is going to be the greatest bluegrass deathmatch in the history of the world,” Morris said via email. “This is gonna be a straight-up bloodbath. For years to come they’re gonna call this the ‘Summit City Slaughter’ because we’re gonna whoop the Debs so bad. We’re gonna string ‘em up by guitar wire in the Magnet Wire Capital of the World. They won’t be able to save themselves in the city that saved itself. It’s sure to be a battle of gladiatorial proportions.”

Nicholson is a bit more diplomatic in his wrestling themed trash talk.

“We can’t lose with this many good musicians,” he said. “No one’s losing. It will be a bloodbath of excellence.”

## COMING TOGETHER

The Deathmatch came together as Morris and Debutants’ Sean Hoffman have been in communication since taking part in an open jam a number of years ago at a Fort Wayne grocery store.

“We became fast friends and have played a lot of music together over the years,” Morris said of Hoffman. “At some point, he was telling me about this new band Debutants he was playing in and said the music was good. So, I perked my ears up, got hip, and man he was right. We wound up playing with the Debs for the first time near St. Louis and had a ball.”

According to Nicholson, they’ve been trying to reconnect since that show, but something always gets in the way.

“Played with them once, but we’ve tried



Debutants, left photo, and The Matchsellers will meet in a Bluegrass Deathmatch on Friday, June 30, at Baker Street Centre.

## BLUEGRASS DEATHMATCH W/DEBUTANTS AND THE MATCHSELLERS

7 p.m. Friday, June 30  
Baker Street Centre  
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probably 10 times,” Nicholson said. “Something always happens. We’re going to try to break the curse with this Deathmatch.”

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The format of the show will feature 10 rounds. Each round will have a different theme, with judge Dave Pagan of U.R.B. deciding the winner of that round. Nicholson said the themes could range from traditional bluegrass to battle of the sexes, rock n’ roll, and food or animals.

“I wanted to come up with ways for the audience to engage with the music,” Morris said of ways he tries to “frame” music, drawing inspiration from Bertolt Brecht. “To force them to listen and think and interact with the stage show.”

Morris said Brecht, who was a playwright from Germany, which is where Morris and Bates met as Fulbright Scholars, came up with a concept, *verfremdungseffekt* (alienation effect), where it would be clear to the audience that play was fake. With that in mind, the idea was that the audience would see the play from a more objective viewpoint.

“When I first got to Kansas City, there is this folk club called Rural Grit which had a weekly theme night,” he said. “And you had to play a song based on that theme.”

“It was a brilliant idea. So I mashed that up with some of this Brechtian stuff I’d been

thinking about and got the idea for the Deathmatch. It started as Duo Deathmatches we would put on in Kansas City. Two duos with a referee. We have different ‘rounds,’ i.e. categories. Something like ‘the saddest song’ or ‘a song about transportation.’ Each group gets up there and plays a song that fits the category and the crowd and the referee determine who wins each round.”

## STRATEGY

When it comes to the rounds, The Matchsellers might have the edge with their catalog, which includes four albums, beginning with 2015’s *Kosciusko County*. That album features such regionally themed songs as “Leaving Burket,” “Mentone (The 3000 lb Egg),” “Beaver Dam Blues,” and “Claypool Dog Races.” Their latest record is *The Wishful Thinker’s Hall of Fame*, which was released in October.

“We do absurdist bluegrass and old-time stuff,” Morris said. “I got really into the absurd nature of traditional music at some point and leaned into it hard.”

As many know, Debutants are also not your traditional bluegrass band, falling into the “newgrass” category. They released a pair of EPs, *Indiana Newgrass* in 2021 and *Nobody Knows* in 2022. Along with those songs, they might have some tricks up their sleeves since they recently recorded a new album.

“I think there is definitely going to be some stuff from the new album,” Nicholson said of the songs that could be played June 30. “Definitely going to be some old stuff and some stuff that we’ve never played ... and should probably never play.”

For Morris, the strategy is a simple one.

“We’re gonna scare ‘em and then let them destroy themselves,” he said. “We’re gonna

come out of the gate with one hot song. Just one hot song is all it’s gonna take. Then they’re gonna be scared. They’re gonna be so scared they try to go too hard, too fast. They’re gonna wear themselves out. They’ll be worn out by song 3. Then it’ll just be a matter of watching them die at their own hands.”

## VISUAL AIDE

If Morris’ bombastic description is not enough to illustrate the WWE nature of the show, perhaps the poster art for the show is, featuring one wrestler having another in a headlock, courtesy of Fort Wayne artist/musician/entrepreneur Jared Andrews.

“Jared Andrews always brings the heat when it comes to flyer art,” Nicholson said of his old bandmate from Elephant in Mud with fellow Debutant Jon Swain. “As soon as we knew it was going to be loosely pro wrestling themed, we knew our guy right away.”

While there won’t be anyone flying off the top ropes at Baker Street, there will no doubt be plenty of excitement.

“It’s definitely going to be a good time to get rowdy,” Nicholson said. “A good time to hoot and holler and talk some smack. Above all, it’s just going to be a lot of fun.”

And is Morris confident about facing off against Debutants in their home city?

“Oh these chumps? Nah, we’re gonna bop ‘em, we’re gonna twist ‘em, we’re gonna pull ‘em so bad that they go kicking and screaming back to the little junk ditch where they came from!”



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### Foo Fighters

#### But Here We Are

Foo Fighters defined the sound of alternative rock from 1995 through the mid-2000s.

From the 1995 self-titled debut (which Dave Grohl performed and recorded all by his lonesome) clear to 2002's *One by One*, Grohl and Foo Fighters filled stadiums and amassed fans with their mixture of pop hooks, wall of guitars, and Grohl's impressive howl. From 2004's *In Your Honor* on, each record had some catchy tunes but didn't seem to break any new ground.

*But Here We Are* is Foo Fighters' 11th studio album and their first since the tragic death of longtime drummer Taylor Hawkins. The band isn't reinventing their sound, but they've offered up their best album since 2011's *Wasting Light*. It's both a fitting tribute to their former drummer and friend as well as a solid Foo Fighters record.

"Rescued" comes blasting out of the gates full of fist-pumping vigor and stadium-sized chutzpah. It's a hell of a rock n' roll tune, and the band sound amazing. "Under You" hits pop punk majesty, locking into there-is-nothing-left-to-lose youthful grandeur. Lyrically this is a song sung to Hawkins, especially with a line like, "Pictures of us sharing songs and cigarettes/This is how I'll always picture you."

The 10 tracks don't ever fall into the middling self-seriousness of their last few releases. When the band tried being a "serious" rock band, the songs began to lack something. If you've got three guitarists, then your songs should sound something like "Nothing at All" which absolutely rips. "Beyond Me" is the closest thing to a ballad, but it never gets schmaltzy. There's even a 10-minute jam called "The Teacher" that might have been the result of the band's tinkering in prog territory for a possible future album.

The loss of Hawkins will be felt for a long time. Probably the lifetime of the band since he was not only their drummer for the past 30 years, but also Grohl's best friend. *But Here We Are* is a fantastic tribute to their fallen friend and a promising look at what a post-Hawkins Foo Fighters will sound like. — *J. Hubner*

### Rufus Wainwright

#### Folkocracy

It's hard to believe it's been a quarter century since Rufus Wainwright's debut album positioned the singer as something unique, with its flamboyant vamps owing much more to show tunes than American folk music.

Wainwright was setting himself apart from his storied folk-legend family, including father Loudon Wainwright III, mother Kate McGarrigle, and aunt Anna McGarrigle. Now he's ready to



own his lineage, and *Folkocracy* sees him visiting a collection of folk standards with a long list of guest singers.

Of course, you shouldn't expect consistent traditionalism from the younger Wainwright. You get tunes like "Hush Little Baby," featuring his sisters Martha and Lucy, and "Wild Mountain Thyme," with Martha, Lucy, Anna McGarrigle, Chaim Tannenbaum, and others. But you also get "Cotton Eyed Joe" featuring Chaka Khan and "Kaulana Na Pua" with Nicole Scherzinger of Pussycat Dolls.

The latter two, on paper, sound like gimmicks, but they're some of the nicest songs on the album. Khan is great on the toned-down and souled-up "Joe," and Scherzinger's Hawai'ian heritage takes some of the sting out of Wainwright's appropriation of "Kaulana Na Pua."

These cultural mash-ups are key to the album's charms. Wainwright might be paying tribute to his family's North American folk roots, but he can't resist looking beyond those boundaries in order to put a unique twist on the genre. From the influence of cabaret (which will probably always lurk in his music) to the sunniness of '60s California pop folk on The Mamas & The Papas' "Twelve-Thirty (Young Girls Are Coming to the Canyon)" especially, he is making clear he brings something special to his family. — *Evan Gillespie*

### Yes

#### Mirror to the Sky

Yes gets more than their share of hatin' in online forums these days. It comes from fans of this progressive band being a little (or a lot) less than progressive in their attitudes toward change and expecting to hear 1971's *Fragile* — Part 18. I have never been a Yes purist. Lately, I've been digging the largely forgotten *Talk* album, and *Drama* is still one of my faves, Buggles and all.

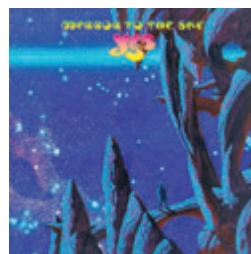
Even so, 2021's *The Quest* left me underwhelmed. When they performed a couple of those songs in Wabash recently, they were actually good songs, when mixed properly.

When it was announced *Mirror to the Sky* would have songs recorded from that time period, I braced for impact ... please, no!

Enter new drummer Jay Schellen, proving, at least at the Wabash show, that he can match former stick man Bill Bruford lick for lick. This is his first studio album with Yes, replacing the late Alan White, and his beats have performed some serious CPR on this band. They are mixed at proper drummer levels, and that only led to bassist, Billy Sherwood, to raise the bar and at least try to fulfill Chris Squire's legacy on the four strings. These bass lines are finally audible and ... interesting!

A solid rhythm section must have inspired guitarist Howe to do more than phone it in. This is closer to the Steve Howe of *Going for the One* days, and the flat steel guitar is back as well.

Geoff Downes' dull keys were mixed too prominently on *The Quest*. Here, they take their proper



## Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

### Alice Cooper

#### Love It To Death (1971)



Alice Cooper's third album is really good rock that borrows a dash of glam rock from T. Rex and the boogie-funk from the Rolling Stones during their *Exile* period.

"Caught in a Dream" was one of the singles released from this record and features some respectable guitars from Glen Buxton, who spent a lot of his career in this band. Although he's not recognized by some, Buxton is one of the best guitarists of the 1970s.

The familiar "I'm Eighteen" is packed bass from Dennis Dunaway that is still something that you can't miss.

Side One closes with "Black Juju," a trippy nine-minute number that crawls into your head with tight military drumming for a few minutes until some organs traipse around behind Cooper's vocals. It has a lot of Deep Purple (and even a little Black Sabbath) in its inventive yet routine arrangement before hitting the wall about six minutes in as it struggles to finish what it started.

Side Two opens with "Is It My Body," another glammy, stoner track that 50 years later has aged very well and continues to get some attention on classic rock stations. "Second Coming" meets the softer track requirement from the band but still has some good rock qualities. Cooper's distinct vocals still sound great. When you hear his range then and now, the vocals are sort of amazing.

"Ballad of Dwight Fry" and "Sun Arise" wrap up the last 10 minutes of the third of just seven records from the band through 1973.

Cooper's solo career launched in 1975, and he has not slowed down, releasing more than 20 LPs, his most recent being *Detroit Stories* in 2021. — *Dennis Donahue*

seat and are more inspired. No, he is not Rick Wakeman, but pipe organ has made another showing, evoking some nostalgia.

Vocalist Jon Davison at times sounds more like original vocalist Jon Anderson than Anderson did, and that can little disconcerting. He's more interesting when not emulating.

These songs contain catchy melodies and enough proggy parts to hold my interest. While the haters are listening to *Close to the Edge* for the billionth time and not paying attention, the band's new drummer has brought this band back from that edge. — *Keith Roman*

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# Raunch-com tries to revive genre

The predictable but reliably funny sex comedy *No Hard Feelings* stars Jennifer Lawrence as Maddie, a thirty-something Uber driver who's in a bit of a pickle after her car is repossessed. While working her second job, Maddie's co-worker friend Sarah (Natalie Morales) finds an ad offering a used Buick to anyone who will date their 19-year-old son Percy (Andrew Barth Feldman). Desperate to dig her way out of bankruptcy, Maddie meets with Percy's parents to accept the job and attempt to drag the awkward Percy out of his cocoon of video games and online interactions.



## Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

die and Percy's parents.

If the premise of *No Hard Feelings* feels refreshing, it speaks not to its inherent originality but more about how out of fashion raunchy romantic comedies have become in recent years. What makes this film slightly more progressive than past compeers like *The Girl Next Door* or *She's Out of My League* is that here, the female lead is the one calling the shots, and it's the male co-star who plays the ingenue. It's also a tricky needle to thread to be crude but not offensive, shocking but not problematic. While the movie tends to be more on the safe side, save a few scenes that intend to provoke a reaction, director and co-writer Gene Stupnitsky finds a nice rhythm and balance between laughs and pathos. Like his similarly foul-mouthed *Good Boys*, the runtime here is also under 100 minutes, a brisk respite from the scourge of overstuffed outings.

After moving on from the *Hunger Games* and *X-Men* franchises, Lawrence took a short hiatus from the lime-light, but her return in last year's *Causeway* and now *No Hard Feelings* reminds us why she became so popular in the first place. Maddie is certainly rough around the edges and could be seen as objectionable for taking up the unsavory offer to "educate" a young man before he heads off to Princeton. But Lawrence hits the right notes with her licentious heroine, obviously able to pull off sexpot allure with aplomb but also unafraid to lean into the physical comedy, even when it gets ugly. The trailers have highlighted a moment where Maddie crawls on all fours crying after getting maced by a terrified Percy, but a beach-set scene shortly after takes the cake in terms of no-holds-barred slapstick performance. You'll know it when you see it.

Similar to his character, Feldman is more reserved earlier on in his performance and comes out of his shell as *No Hard Feelings* progresses. He pushes things a bit too far in the third act, in terms of how much his character changes, but the film's mid-section allows for a burgeoning vulnerability to bring Percy to a sweet spot in terms of characterization. Feldman is also able to lend his musical theater bonafides to the role — he played the title role in the hit musical *Dear Evan Hansen* on Broadway — during a restaurant scene that adds some nice dimension to his loner character. Feldman also has some well-handled scenes with his parents, played by Laura Benanti and Matthew Broderick, with the presence of the latter inspiring an inevitable *Ferris*



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Andrew Barth Feldman and Jennifer Lawrence star in the raunchy rom-com *No Hard Feelings*.

## NO HARD FEELINGS

Rated R for sexual content, language, some graphic nudity, and brief drug use

1 hours 43 minutes · In theaters June 23



*Bueller's Day Off* riff towards the film's conclusion.

As is often the case for rom-coms, the weak spot for *No Hard Feelings* comes with its plotting and the necessary contrivances that keep the narrative moving but simply don't reflect real life. If you've ever seen a movie like this, where characters make a secret plan that keeps one of the central protagonists in the dark, then nearly nothing about the second half of this film will be surprising to you.

For as many hard-earned laughs as Stupnitsky and co-writer John Phillips work into the screenplay, I wish they could have come up with something in terms of story that wasn't so well-worn. This is a comedy that relies mainly on the timing and chemistry of its two stars, and that's where the majority of its successes lie.

*No Hard Feelings* is hardly a revelatory raunch-com, but in its attempt to revive a stagnant genre, it rises to the occasion.

## More movies coming this weekend

▪ Coming to theaters is Wes Anderson's *Asteroid City*, a sci-fi dramedy set mid-century starring Tom Hanks and Scarlett Johansson that follows a writer as he stages his world-famous fictional play about a grieving father, while traveling with his tech-obsessed family to small rural city to compete in a stargazing event.

▪ Also playing in theaters is *God Is a Bullet*, an action thriller starring Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Maika Monroe about a detective who takes matters into his own hands when he finds his ex-wife murdered and his daughter kidnapped by an insidious cult.

▪ Streaming on Netflix is *The Perfect Find*, a romantic comedy starring Gabrielle Union and Keith Powers involving a career woman who transitions from the fashion industry to beauty journalism and subsequently falls for her boss's son.

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# Ann Wilson performing at festival near Detroit

Ann Wilson of Heart will perform at Sterlingfest Art & Music Festival, happening in Sterling Heights’ Dodge Park near Detroit on Saturday, July 29.

Wilson will be backed by her rock-blues band **The Amazing Dawgs**.

Wilson and her younger sister, **Nancy Wilson**, developed the first hard rock band fronted by women in the 1970s. Ann is widely regarded as one of the all-time great voices in the history of rock.

Ann Wilson will likely perform some of Heart’s hits, such as “Crazy on You,” “Magic Man,” and “Barracuda,” along with some original material and various cover tunes.

**Steven Adler**, formerly of Guns N’ Roses, will headline the prior night’s festivities, offering up a mix of GNR hits and solo material.

In addition, this year’s festival will include an art fair, carnival, drinks, food offerings, dancing, other entertainment on four stages, and a festival-closing fireworks display.

Opening night features a performance from Texas-based **Hip Hop Hooray**, presenting a tribute to the early days of rap.

## Hip-hop block party slated

Also in Sterling Heights, radio station WJLB will present a Block Party at the Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre on Sept. 23.

If you are a rap fan, you will probably want to check this one out as **Ludacris**, **Lil Jon**, and **Juvenile** are all set to take the stage.

Although Ludacris has focused on acting as of late, he still sports a music career that has produced a host of charting singles and a Grammy nomination.

Lil Jon, of course, birthed the term “crunk,” making it a household

## On the Road

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

3 Doors Down	July 7	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
50 Cent	July 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
50 Cent	July 29	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
50 Cent	Aug. 6	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
<b>Adele Givens</b>	<b>June 23-25</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Air Supply</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Alicia Keys	July 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Alicia Keys	July 17	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Alicia Keys	July 18	United Center	Chicago
Altin Gun	July 13	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Altin Gun	July 21	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
<b>America</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Andy Grammer	July 21	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Anita Baker	June 30	United Center	Chicago
Anita Baker	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ann Wilson	July 14	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Ann Wilson	July 30	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
<b>Anthony Jeselnik</b>	<b>July 20-22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Avenged Sevenfold	July 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Avenged Sevenfold	July 28	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Barenaked Ladies	July 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Barenaked Ladies	July 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ben Folds	June 24	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Ben Folds	June 25	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Ben Folds	July 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, OH
<b>Bert Kreischer w/Fortune Feimster, Carter Cruise,Big Jay Oakerson, Jay Pharoah, Chad Daniels, Ciphia Sounds</b>			
<b>Luis J. Gomez, Shane Torres, Mark Smalls</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Parkview Field</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Between the Buried and Me	June 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Between the Buried and Me	June 29	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Between the Buried and Me	June 30	House of Blues	Chicago
Beyonce	July 22-23	Soldier Field	Chicago
Beyonce	July 26	Ford Field	Detroit
Big Time Rush	July 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Big Time Rush	July 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Big Time Rush	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Big Time Rush	July 19	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Big Time Rush	July 21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Big Time Rush	July 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks	Aug. 5	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Blessthefall	Aug. 12	House of Blues	Chicago
Blues Traveler & Big Head Todd and The Monsters	Aug. 12	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Boyz Scaggs	July 31	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 29	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 30	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Brittany Schmitt</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	July 2	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Buddy Guy	June 24	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Buddy Guy	June 25	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
CNCO	June 22	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Candlebox	June 22	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Candlebox	July 6	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Candlebox	July 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Carin Leon	Aug. 10	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
<b>Chad &amp; JT</b>	<b>July 14-15</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Charley Crockett</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Charlie Puth	June 24	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
<b>Cody Jinks</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Cody Smith</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Collective Soul w/Jet Black Roses</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Counting Crows	June 24	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Counting Crows	June 29	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Culture Club	Aug. 4	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

Culture Club	Aug. 5	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
<b>Cynic w/Atheist</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Dale Jones</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Darius Rucker	Aug. 10	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Daughtry	Aug. 12	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Dave Matthews Band	June 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 30-July 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Matthews Band	July 7-8	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Dead & Company	June 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Def Leppard & Motley Crue	Aug. 8	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
<b>Demun Jones</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Diana Krall</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Diana Krall	Aug. 3	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dierks Bentley	July 8	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Dierks Bentley	July 9	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dizgo	June 28	The Palladium	Carmel
<b>Don McMillan</b>	<b>July 25</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Don Toliver	June 23	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>The Doobie Brothers</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Doobie Brothers	June 26	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Drake	July 5-6	United Center	Chicago
Drake	July 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Dream Theater	July 7	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Dream Theater	July 8	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
<b>Ed Bassmaster</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ed Sheeran	July 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ed Sheeran	July 15	Ford Field	Detroit
Ed Sheeran	July 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ed Sheeran	July 29	Soldier Field	Chicago
<b>Eddie Griffin</b>	<b>July 28-29</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 23	Horseshoe Casino	Cincinnati
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 25	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 28	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
<b>Emerson, Lake and Palmer</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Enuff Z’Nuff w/The Quireboys, Bad Marriage, School of Rock, Cigarettes to Sunrise, Praise the Fallen</b>			
	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Eric Church	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Eric Church	June 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Eric Church	July 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Eric Church	Aug. 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Eric Church	Aug. 12	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Erykah Badu	July 1	United Center	Chicago
Erykah Badu	July 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Fall Out Boy	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Fall Out Boy	July 16	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Fall Out Boy	July 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
First Aid Kit	July 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Fleet Foxes	July 9	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Foreigner	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Foreigner	July 22	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Foreigner	July 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Four Horsemen & Joey Alexander	June 24	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Garbage	June 27	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Garbage	June 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Garbage	July 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Garbage	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Gianmarco Soresi</b>	<b>July 6-9</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 9	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 10	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Gogol Bordello	July 27	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Gogol Bordello	July 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Gogol Bordello	July 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
Gojira & Mastodon	Aug. 10	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Grace Kelly & Mindi Abair	June 23	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart



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Greensky Bluegrass	June 30	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Greensky Bluegrass	July 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Hardy	July 1	Flannagan's Dublin	Columbus, OH
He Is Legend w/Greyhaven, For Your Health	July 7	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Herman's Hermits	July 7	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The High Kings	July 8	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 12	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
The Hold Steady	July 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Hooten Hallers w/Mucca Pazza	July 13	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Incubus	July 28	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Incubus	July 30	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Incubus	Aug. 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Incubus	Aug. 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jason Aldean	July 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Jason Aldean	July 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jason Mraz	July 29	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Jason Mraz	Aug. 1	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jason Mraz	Aug. 2	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jelly Roll	July 21	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jerry Seinfeld	June 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jesse & Joy	June 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Jesse & Joy	June 25	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jessica Kirson	June 29-July 1	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jo Dee Messina	June 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 10	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 11	Arie Crown Theater	Chicago
John Mellencamp	June 23-24	Morris PAC	South Bend
Jon Pardi	July 20	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jordan Davis	July 11	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	LaPorte
Kansas	July 7	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Kansas	July 8	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Kansas	July 15	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Kidd G	July 28	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Kidz Bop	July 26	Ohio State Fairgrounds	Columbus, OH
Kidz Bop	July 29	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Kidz Bop	Aug. 2	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Kidz Bop	Aug. 4	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kidz Bop	Aug. 5	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
L.A. Guns	July 13	The Eclectic Room	Angola
LL Cool J, The Roots, Jadakiss	Aug. 12	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Larry McCray	Aug. 3	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Lee Brice w/Tyler Farr, The Hubie Ashcraft Band	July 22	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Less Than Jake	July 8	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Less Than Jake	July 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Less Than Jake	July 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 8	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Lil Durk	Aug. 11	United Center	Chicago
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 4	Centennial Terrace	Sylvania, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 5	Celeste Center	Columbus, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 10	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lionel Richie & Earth, Wind, & Fire	Aug. 5	United Center	Chicago
Ludacris w/Juvenile, Chingy	July 28	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Madonna	Aug. 2	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Madonna	Aug. 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Madonna	Aug. 9	United Center	Chicago
Maisie Peters	Aug. 9	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Marc Ryan	July 27	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 5	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Matchbox Twenty & The Wallflowers	Aug. 6	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Matt Mathews	Aug. 9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
The Mavericks	July 15	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Melanie Martinez	July 5	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Melanie Martinez	July 7	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati

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word, and Juvenile had a platinum album will 1998's *400 Degreez*.

Sam Jam goes back to '90s

Let's add one more note out of "Pure Michigan" with the Uncle Sam Jam in Mount Clemens, also near Detroit, July 6-9.

The Prince tribute act **Prince Project** opens things up on Thursday night followed by **Jackyl** and **Buckcherry** on Friday, **Sponge** and **Everclear** on Saturday, and Garth Brooks tribute act **Fresh Horse** closing things out Sunday.

Spend the weekend and enjoy monster trucks, a petting zoo, a classic car show, gelly ball, fireworks, and cornhole tournaments in addition to the music.

Hatebreed celebrates album

**Hatebreed** will embark on their 20 Years of Brutality tour this summer.

The tour celebrates the band's 2003 album *The Rise of Brutality*, considered to be one of their best.

"These songs are always fun to play, and we're looking forward to adding some of them to the set that we've previously either never or rarely played live," singer Jamey Jasta said in a press release.

The trek will include two stops in our region, Sept. 8 at The Intersection in Grand Rapids and Sept. 13 at Bogart's in Cincinnati.

"Apologies in advance for skipping your city," Jasta added, not necessarily talking about Fort Wayne but, hey, we will accept it anyway. "It is very challenging to get venue holds anywhere as there is an overabundance of touring happening right now, all the way into the winter."

**Terror**, **Vein.FM**, and **Jesus Piece** will open the shows.

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Melanie Martinez	July 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Melanie Martinez	July 11	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>Micky Dolenz</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Trine T. Furth Center</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Mike Gordon	June 24-25	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Mike Gordon	June 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
<b>Montana of 300 w/Litfrank, Ernie Wayne</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Moonshine Bandits	July 8	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Morgan Wallen	June 22-23	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Morgan Wallen	June 29-30	Ford Field	Detroit
Morgan Wallen	Aug. 11-12	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Mudvayne	Aug. 4	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Mudvayne	Aug. 5	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Mudvayne	Aug. 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Mudvayne	Aug. 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
My Morning Jacket	June 23	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
<b>NEEDTOBREATHE</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
NF	July 12	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
NF	July 14	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
NF	July 18	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 3	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 4	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 5	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 9-10	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The National	Aug. 7	The Fillmore	Detroit
Niall Horan	June 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Niall Horan	June 26	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Niall Horan	July 9	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Niall Horan	July 10	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Nick Hoff</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Nickelback	Aug. 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Night Ranger	June 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Nita Strauss</b>			
<b>w/Lions at the Gate, Zacara, The Illegals</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
<b>Nitty Gritty Dirt Band</b>	<b>June 28</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Noah Kahan	June 23	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
The Oak Ridge Boys	June 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Pantera	July 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Parker McCollum	June 24	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Peter Dinklage	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Pink	July 26	Great American Ballpark	Cincinnati
Pink	Aug. 12	Wrigley Field	Chicago
<b>Plush</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>The Eclectic Room</b>	<b>Angola</b>
Post Malone	July 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Post Malone	July 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Post Malone	July 11	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Putridity w/Cenotaph, Immortal Suffering, Severed Headshop</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Rahsaan Barber &amp; Everyday Magic</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Rebelution	June 28	The Fillmore	Detroit
Rebelution	July 1	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Rebelution	July 2	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Regina Spektor	July 29	Canal Shores Golf Course	Chicago
Regina Spektor	July 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
<b>The Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band</b>			
<b>w/The Legendary Trainhoppers</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>The Ruin</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Reverend Horton Heat	July 25	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Rick Springfield	Aug. 5	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rick Springfield	Aug. 6	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Rocket Summer	July 2	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 9	Smale Riverfront Park	Cincinnati
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Russell Dickerson	Aug. 11	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	July 28	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	Aug. 1	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI

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Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 19	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 21	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Sam Hunt	July 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sam Hunt	July 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Samantha Fish w/Jesse Dayton</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>Sweetwater Pavilion</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Samuel J. Comroe</b>	<b>Aug. 3-5</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Santa Fe Klan	June 27	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Santana	June 25	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Santana	June 27	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Santana	June 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sante Fe Klan	June 23	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
<b>Shaggy 2 Dope</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Shania Twain	June 30	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Shania Twain	July 1	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Shania Twain	July 15	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
<b>Shaun Weiss w/Will King</b>	<b>June 30</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Shinedown	July 21	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Slightly Stoopid	July 28	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Slightly Stoopid	July 29	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Slightly Stoopid	July 30	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 21	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Soccer Mommy w/Vundabar, DuPont Brass, The Namby Pamby, Mic Strong</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>Parkview Field</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Stephen Marley	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Steve Miller Band w/Hubie Ashcraft Band	Aug. 8	Michiana Event Center	Shipshewana
Stevie Nicks	June 23	United Center	Chicago
Straight No Chaser	July 1	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
The Struts	June 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Struts	July 11	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
TLC & Shaggy	June 23	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
TLC & Shaggy	June 24	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
TLC & Shaggy	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
<b>Tauren Wells &amp; Lecrae Long w/Jordan Feliz, Riley Clemmons, City Movement</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Taylor Swift	July 1	Paycor Stadium	Cincinnati
Ted Nugent	Aug. 11	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>The Temptations</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Tesla w/Buckcherry, Saving Abel	Aug. 5	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 28	United Center	Chicago
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 29	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	Aug. 12	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
<b>Tom Keifer w/John Corabi</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Tori Amos	July 9	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Tori Amos	July 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Train w/Better Than Ezra</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>Foellinger Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Twice	June 28	United Center	Chicago
Underoath & The Ghost Inside	July 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Vanilla Ice w/Kid N' Play, Tone Loc, All 4 One, Young MC, C&C Music Factory	July 15	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
Volbeat	July 30	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Walker Hayes	Aug. 4	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Walker Hayes	Aug. 5	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
We Are the Union	July 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
Weezer	July 9	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Willie Nelson's Outlaw Country Festival	Aug. 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Yellowcard	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Yellowcard	July 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yellowcard	July 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 25	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 7	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yungblud	July 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Zac Brown Band	June 30	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Zac Brown Band	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

<b>Austin Marsh</b>	
July 14	JJ Winns Restaurant & Lounge, Montpelier, OH
July 28	Dark Horse Social Club, Defiance, OH
Aug. 11	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Aug. 13	The Lamplighter Bar & Grill, Coldwater, MI
Oct. 14	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Dec. 8	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH

<b>The Bulldogs</b>	
July 15	Greenwood Acres Family Campground, Jackson, MI
July 17	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 22	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 27	Downtown South Whitley
July 29	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 5	State Line Heritage Days, Union City
Aug. 11	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 18	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
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. 8	Matthews Covered Bridge Festival
Sept. 15	Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH
Sept. 16	Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 22	Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 28	Alexandria Eagles, Alexandria
Dec. 31	Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont

<b>Hubie Ashcraft Band</b>	
June 27	Concert in the Park, Gas City
July 2	CoCoJo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 7	Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
July 20	Edgerton Days, Edgerton, OH
July 22	Huggy Bear Campground, Middle Point, OH
Aug. 4	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 11	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 13	Clear Lake Kasota Island, Fremont
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
Dec. 22	McSober's Saloon, Coldwater, OH

<b>Necromoon</b>	
June 22	Liar's Club, Chicago
June 23	The Pyramid Scheme, Grand Rapids
June 24	B-Nektar, Ferndale, MI

<b>Neon Straightjackets</b>	
June 24	Ottawa Tavern, Toledo

<b>Red-Eye Lorelai</b>	
Aug. 4	Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Van Buren
Oct. 14	River's Edge Campground and Resort, Pioneer, OH
Oct. 28	Eagles Post 2233, Bryan, OH
Dec. 31	Eagles Post 2233, Bryan, OH

<b>Tom Koenig</b>	
June 29	Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH

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## SPLASHES OF COLOR: A CELEBRATION OF JAZZ

5 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 24 · PFW AUER PERFORMANCE HALL

Splashes of Color: A Celebration of Jazz, presented by Heartland Sings, will take place at the Auer Performance Hall on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 5 p.m.

The vocal artists of Heartland Sings and the Heartland Sings Jazz Orchestra will team up to present this ever-changing and expanding genre through a variety of songs, culminating in the



Midwest premiere of a dynamic jazz setting of the Latin Mass “Mass in Blue” by composer Will Todd.

Heartland Sings is a nonprofit with a mission of inspiring people of all ages and fostering an appreciation for the vocal arts, inspiring audiences and artists through exceptional cultural and entertainment experiences, educational programs, and community outreach. — *Chris Hupe*

## NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND

7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 · HONEYWELL CENTER

Country rock legends Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will stop by Honeywell Center in Wabash on Wednesday, June 28, for an evening of non-stop hits.

The band’s biggest song, the still-popular cover of Jerry Jeff Walker’s “Mr. Bojangles,” charted at No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1968. A number of other hits, including “Buy for Me the Rain,” “Fishin’ in the Dark,” “I Saw the Light,” and “Will the Circle Be Unbroken,” also made an impact on radio.



Jeff Hanna and Jimmie Fadden remain from the original lineup, keeping an authenticity to the music that so many fans have known and loved for decades. — *Chris Hupe*

## Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

### CURRENT

**Allen County Fair** — Annual event with 4-H animals, carnival rides, daily shows, and food, **9 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 22-23; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, June 24; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10, (260) 449-4444

**Fort Wayne Greek Festival** — Authentic cuisine, traditional Greek dancing with music, and vendors during 43rd annual event, **11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 22-24; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, (260) 341-4458

**teds Food Truck Thursday** — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 22**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

**Tee Off for Tigers** — Golf outing helps raise funds for Black Pine Animal Sanctuary to feed, provide care, and maintain habitat for their six tigers, **8 a.m. Friday, June 23**, Eel River Golf Course, Churubusco, \$100, (260) 636-7383

**Wild Walkers: Kokiwanee** — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of month to visit different area of northeast Indiana, carpooling from Rural King, **8:30 a.m. Friday, June 23**, Kokiwanee, Lagro, free, (260) 427-5023

**Iron Kid Triathlon** — Children ages 5-12 in three categories compete in swimming, biking, and running, **8 a.m. Saturday, June 24**, Wells Community Pool, Bluffton, \$25, (260) 824-6069

**Pedal, Paddle, & Play** — Eighth annual event with scavenger hunt by boat or bike on the downtown rivers and trails and party at Promenade Park, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 24**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, \$25, neiwatertrails@gmail.com

**Short Fiction Saturday** — Writers of all skill levels, genres, and subject matter come together to share short pieces of their work, **3 p.m. Saturday, June 24**, The Ruin, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-6336

**Healing Hands Night Market** — Dozens of local vendors with food truck, bar, open mic, kids activities, and entertainers, **5 p.m.-midnight Saturday, June 24**, Healing Hands Spa & Boutique, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 459-4325

**Fort Wayne Record & CD Show** — More than 60 tables in vinyl records, CDs, and stereo gear, **11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Classic Cafe, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 482-2525

**Komets Summer Hockey Camp** — Current and former players will teach stick handling, shooting, agility, and speed development, while also getting on the ice twice a day, receiving practice jersey, and getting Friday game experience, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30**, SportOne Parkview Icehouse, Fort Wayne, \$395, (260) 387-6614

**Sweetwater Rock Camp** — During five-day camp, musicians between 12 and 18 years old build a band,

write and produce a song, record in professional studio, and perform at state-of-the-art venue, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-28; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 4**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$449, (260) 432-8176

**28th Annual Summer String Camp** — Students with two years of instruction learn new music in week of string orchestra, group classes, and chamber music playing, **9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30**, PFW Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, \$299, (260) 481-6977

**Twinklers String Class** — Five-day class for students with less than year of experience with emphasis on bow hold, violin hold, left-hand flexibility, and rhythm and movement, **9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday, June 26-30**, PFW Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 481-6977

**Science Central Mud Day** — Learn about fossils, how animals walk in mud, and ground water during 25th anniversary of Fred the Buesching Mastodon’s unearthing, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 27**, Science Central, Fort Wayne, \$9-\$12, (260) 424-2400

**Trek the Trails: Rockhill Park** — Family-friendly bike ride, 7-9 miles with average speed of 10-12 mph, although no one is left behind, bring helmet and water, **6 p.m. Tuesday, June 27**, Rockhill Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

**Beat Making for Girls** — Open to girls more than 8 years old who will learn first steps to Ableton Live, industry’s most popular beat-making and production software, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 27**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 432-8176

**Union 12 Food Truck Night: Princess Night** — Join Cinderella and Rapunzel for a night of food, drinks, vendors, and the music of Sunglasses at Night, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

**Podcast Fundamentals: Elements of a Great Episode** — Connect with other podcasters in area to meet and share ideas and hear from special guests and industry pros, **7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-8176

### FARMERS MARKETS

**Downtown Wabash Farmers Market** — Find products like fresh produce, organic meats, homemade ice cream, hand-poured candles and soap, pottery, and metal and wood works, **8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Sept. 30**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free, (260) 563-0975

**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**,

Electric Works, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

**Parlor City Market** — Local produce, home bakers, and artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 9**, Parlor City Plaza, Bluffton, (260) 824-0510

**Salomon Farmers Market** — Fresh produce, baked goods, honey, artisan crafts, and tractor rides, **4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 6**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

**South Side Farmers Market** — Shop locally grown produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, plants, crafts, jewelry, and more at market celebrating its 97th year, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 16**, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499

**Whitley County Farmers Market** — Shop for locally sourced produce, meat, and crafts, **4:30-8 p.m. every other Wednesday, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 16, Aug. 30, Sept. 13, Sept. 27**, Don & Vi LeBrun Gateway Park, South Whitley, free, wcfarmersmarket@gmail.com

**Ylni Farmers Market** — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, pony rides, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, Barr and Wayne streets, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

**Ylni Wednesday Market** — Fresh produce, locally sourced meat, and crafts, **4-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 30**, History Center, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

### STORYTIME AT THE PARK

**Storytime at the Park** — All ages welcome to read, sing, dance, and play at parks across Allen County, sponsored by Allen County Public Library, free, (260) 436-8080

**Thursdays through July 27**, Leo-Cedarville Town Park, **10-10:30 a.m.**

**Fridays through July 28**, Jack R. Harris Park, Grabill, **10-10:30 a.m.**

**Fridays through July 28**, Kreager Park, Fort Wayne, **10:15-10:45 a.m.**

**Mondays through July 31**, Franklin School Park, Fort Wayne, **10:30-11 a.m.**

**Mondays through July 31**, Schnelker Park, New Haven, **11-11:30 a.m.**

**Wednesdays through Aug. 30**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, **10-10:30 a.m.**

### RECURRING EVENTS

**Fitness Park Drop-In Classes** — Learn to strengthen and tone your muscles using resistance train every Monday, **9:30 a.m.-10:15 am Mondays through June 12**, Community Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6460

**Country/Hip-Hop Beginner Line Dancing** — Get some exercise and learn a few moves, **7 p.m. Thursdays**, Charlie’s Place, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 222-7302

**Sunshine Yoga w/Tara Lynn** — Start weekend off by centering mind and body, **11 a.m. Saturdays**, Studi07, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 312-0964

**River Rangers** — Science, technology, engineering, and math lessons for ages 5-12, **10-11 a.m. Wednesdays through July 26**, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

#### BASEBALL

**TinCaps** — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

**Tuesday, July 4**, vs. West Michigan, **6:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 5**, vs. West Michigan, **7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 6**, vs. West Michigan, **7:05 p.m. Friday, July 7**, vs. West Michigan, **7:05 p.m. Saturday, July 8**, vs. West Michigan, **6:35 p.m. Sunday, July 9**, vs. West Michigan, **1:05 p.m.**

#### ROLLER DERBY

**Fort Wayne Roller Derby** — Upcoming home games at SportONE Parkview Fieldhouse, Fort Wayne

**Sunday, July 9, Noon**

#### SOCCER

**Fort Wayne Football Club** — Upcoming home games at University of Saint Francis’ Bishop D’Arcy Stadium, Fort Wayne

**Friday, June 23**, vs. Inter Detroit, **8 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, vs. Cleveland Force SC, **5 p.m. Wednesday, June 28**, vs. Dayton Dutch Lions, **7 p.m. Sunday, July 2**, vs. Toledo Villa FC, **5 p.m.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**teds Food Truck Thursday** — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 29**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

**Superhero Race Family Event** — All-ages events with capes and masks for participants and an obstacle course challenge at the end of the race, Light Up the Night Bike Ride at 9 p.m., **7 p.m. Thursday, June 29**, Pickett’s Run Park, Bluffton, \$10, (260) 824-6069

#### JULY

**Turtle Town Artisan Market** — Produce, flowers, handmade crafts and items, and other small-business products, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 1**, IGA Parking Lot, Churubusco, free, (260) 468-0592

**Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Games Since Time Immemorial** — Diane Hunter presents heritage of the Miami and other regional Native American groups, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 1**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

**Maker America Create Again** — Hands-on workshops with tools, hopscotch, jump rope, water play, the Mystifying Maze, RC Rock Climber track, BYOBarbecue, picnicking, and downtown fireworks, **4-11 p.m. Tuesday, July 4**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$20, (260) 750-9013



# Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

**45th Annual Artlink Members' Showcase** — Exhibition is open to all mediums, offering an opportunity to view works of artists Fort Wayne and the surrounding area, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 16**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

**A Symphony of Colors** — Hilarie Couture collection of works focused on color and light, artist's reception 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 22; **noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and 4-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturday, July 22**, Gallery K, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 705-2959

**Art Deco Glass** — 120 works on display including those from Rene Lalique, Daum Nancy, and Pierre D'Avesn, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 6**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Below the Surface: A Deep "See"** — Bill Dutterer's exploration of human condition through elegant minimalism, funky renewed figuration, and cryptic personal iconography, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through July 2**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience** — Walk through painter's works like *Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, and *Cafe Terrace at Night* as they are projected from floor to ceiling, **10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; June 24-Aug.**

**10, closed July 4**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$19.99-\$83.99, (260) 483-1111

**Color in Motion: Butterfly Exhibit** — Observe exotic butterflies emerge from their chrysalides amid multicolored flowers and foliage, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

**Early Brown County Artists** — More than 100 pieces drawn from private collections, showcases the artists that came to Brown County in the first half of the 20th Century, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday through July 1**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, kwallace@gmoa@gmail.com

**Miró in New York, 1947** — Exhibit focuses on Spanish surrealist painter Joan Miró's time in New York when he made experimental intaglio prints at the legendary print shop Atelier 17, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Natural Appeal: Differing Approaches to the Landscape** — Assortment of landscapes from permanent collection, spanning more than 200 years and 15 mediums, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 17**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**PFW Juried Student Art Exhibition** — Art and design students' juried exhibition with awards by professional artist/adjudicator, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through**

**Aug. 11**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

**Roman F. Miller: Landscape Architecture & Art** — Hailing from Sister City Gera, Germany, Miller's photographs emphasize change and a lack of control with light and shadow effects in the moment, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Aug. 13**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

**Sharmalene Gunawardena Photography** — Local photographer's pieces on display through month of June, **4 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Wednesday-Saturday through June 30**, Henry's, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5031

**Joys of Summer** — Array of expressive paintings that capture the essence of the season by artists such as Robert Eberle, Fred Doloresco, Robert Hagberg, and Donna Shortt, **noon-5 p.m. Wednesday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

## ART EVENTS

**Covington Art Fair** — Show returns for 31st year with juried fine artists from across country, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, covingtonartfair@asheragency.com

**Art on Broadway** — Gallery crawl along Broadway corridor with each spot hosting local art pop-up or artist showcase, **5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22**, Broadway corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 417-5925

**Broadway Street Stroll** — Galleries host local art pop-ups or showcase artists, with many offering

art activities or demonstrations, **1-5 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, Broadway corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 417-5925

**Taste of the Arts** — Artwork, music, comedy, theater, dance, and more at The Landing, Promenade Park, Rousseau Plaza, and the Arts Campus, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26**, The Landing, Promenade Park, Arts Campus, Rousseau Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0646

**Art Crawl: Alley Bash** — Art This Way fundraiser in downtown alleyways will have artists creating works, drinks, silent disco, and scavenger hunt, **6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22**, Downtown Fort Wayne, \$10, alex@downtownfortwayne.com

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Premier Pastel Society of Indiana** — Nonprofit art association of regional artists is seeking artists 18 and older for exhibit opportunities, painting excursions and education. For more information, contact hilariecouture@gmail.com.

**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.fortwayneartistsguild.org](http://www.fortwayneartistsguild.org)

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**Frank Louis Allen Exhibit** — Originally from Biggleswade, United Kingdom, Allen is a legally blind artist that has been shown in Washington, D.C.; New York; and abroad, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7**, The Garden, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 639-6557

# Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

**A Star's Born: The Concert** — Songs from each version of film and soundtrack of "A Star Is Born," including "The Man That Got Away," "Shallow," and the Oscar-winning "Evergreen," **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25**; First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 422-4226

**Splashes of Color: A Celebration of Jazz** — Vocal Artists of Heartland Sings, along with the Heartland Sings Jazz Orchestra, will perform a variety of songs culminating in the Midwest premiere of *Mass in Blue* by composer Will Todd, **7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23**, PFW Auer Performance Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$30, (260) 436-8080

**The Big Gay Cabaret** — Celebrate Pride Month with iconic hits from pop music, stage, and screen, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$18.25, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

**Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production about part-time bartender and singer on an island paradise who meets a beautiful, career-driven tourist, **2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22; 8 p.m. Friday, June 23; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

**Tick, Tick ... Boom!** — Autobiographical tale of *Rent* composer Jonathan Larson and the sacrifices he made to achieve his big break, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25; and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1**,

Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

**Our Hospitality and One Week w/ organist Cletus Goens** — Silent film series accompanied by Grand Page Pipe organ continues with a film and short, both starring Buster Keaton, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**Dances of Universal Peace Midwest Retreat** — A blend of chant, live music, and simple movements in an experience of unity, peace, and integration, **9 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Monday, June 30-July 3**, Dance Collective Studios, Fort Wayne, \$125, monnierliz@gmail.com

**Fort Wayne Ballet Summer Camps** — Once Upon a Fairy Tale camp is open to those 3-6 years old with those 7 and older learning the basics at Follow the Ballet Brick Road camp, **9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-28**, Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, \$100-\$120, (260) 484-9646

**Summer Musical Theatre Intensive** — For high school students with week of classes and workshops provided by Ball State faculty and guest clinicians that culminates in a performance, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, July 24-29; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 30**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$300, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### JUNE

**Kiss Me, Kate** — Leading lady and her ex-husband battle on stage and off in a production of Shakespeare's *Taming of*

*the Shrew* in this Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 29; 8 p.m. Friday, June 30; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 2; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 4; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6; 8 p.m. Friday, July 7; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 8**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

### JULY

**The Music Man** — Con man's attempt to get Iowa town to purchase band equipment before he slides out of town is foiled by love interest that helps change his ways, **7:30 p.m. July 8; 2 p.m. July 9; 7:30 p.m. July 15; 2 p.m. July 16**, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

**Jesus Christ Superstar** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice rock opera loosely based on the Gospels that follow last week of Jesus Christ's life, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 13; 8 p.m. Friday, July 14; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20; 8 p.m. Friday, July 21; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

**The Phantom of the Opera** — Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre marks its 25th season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic musical, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22; and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, North Side High School, Fort Wayne, imftinc@gmail.com

**The Ten Commandments w/organist Clark Wilson** — Silent film series with accompaniment by Grande Page Pipe organ stars Theodore Roberts in two-part story, **3 p.m. Sunday, July 16**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

**Little Shop of Horrors** — Sci-fi horror musical about a man-eating plant, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, Gaslight Playhouse, Community Learning Center, Kendallville, \$15-\$17, (260) 544-3455

**Wait Until Dark** — A sinister con man and two ex-convicts are about to meet their match when they come across a blind woman determined to prove her husband's innocence in this Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre show, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 27; 8 p.m. Friday, July 28; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 30; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

### AUGUST

**Ripcord** — Competition between senior living facility roommates reveals deep truths they'd like to keep secret, dinner and a show, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 4-5; Friday-Saturday Aug. 11-12; 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday Aug. 18-19**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

**Why Worry? and Bumping Into Broadway w/organist Clark Wilson** — Final installment of silent film series with Grande Page Pipe organ includes a feature film and short film, each starring

Harold Lloyd, **3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

**The Great DuBois Variety Show** — Two-person circus show with juggling, hula hoops, unicycle, aerial, circus stunts, contortion, magic, and comedy, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$19-\$39, (260) 563-1102

**Always ... Patsy Cline** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre show based on true story of country singer Patsy Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, **7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

### SEPTEMBER

**The Empire Strikes Back: In Concert** — Fort Wayne Philharmonic plays John Williams' score as movie plays on big screen, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16**, Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$23-\$68, (260) 427-6000

**Encanto Sing-Along Film Concert** — Fans of Disney animated film encouraged to dress as favorite character and sing-along with Grammy-winning songs performed by live band while watching film, **2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$70, (260) 424-5665





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