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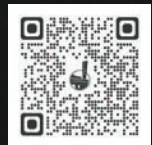
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Christian music icon Amy Grant in town

Decorated singer brings her show to the Embassy

BY WHEAT WILLIAMS

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

After a considerable absence from the touring circuit, having overcome recent years of adversity, Amy Grant is once more on the road and bringing her show to Embassy Theatre on May 13.

The six-time Grammy winner, with 26 Gospel Music Association Dove awards and more than 30 million albums sold before the streaming era, is bringing the golden age of contemporary Christian music from her home in Nashville, Tennessee, to Fort Wayne.

MAKING HER MARK

Grant's recording career began in 1977 when she was 17.

Through the '80s her career trajectory followed the rise of contemporary Christian music, centered in Nashville, crossing over and making an indelible mark on pop music and popular culture across this nation. Or it may well be that the nascent pop/rock Christian music phenomenon followed her, and a few other artistic luminaries including her longtime colleague and collaborator, keyboardist and singer Michael W. Smith.

Today, Grant is revered as a trailblazer who effortlessly crossed boundaries, piling up multi-platinum albums on the way.

Early hit songs on Christian radio, including "Father's Eyes," "El Shaddai," and "Angels," enabled her to move to a major label in the secular music world while staying connected to the Nashville Christian music scene. Her 1985 album *Unguarded* was a slickly produced electronic pop gem recorded with a huge roster of L.A. session musicians.

Lead Me On, in 1988, saw her return to Nashville and work with an equally strong list of collaborators to produce an album of more acoustic textures, with a set of meditative and profoundly moving and emotional songs.

These two albums are regarded as a high-water mark of the contemporary Christian genre, works of great



PHOTO BY CAMERON POWELL

Acclaimed contemporary Christian singer Amy Grant will be at Embassy Theatre on Monday, May 13.

artistic depth, and true classics.

MUSIC FOR ANY OCCASION

Meanwhile, in 1986, her guest duet with Peter Cetera on the single "The Next Time I Fall" hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.

Grant's unabashedly 1991 pop album *Heart in Motion* sold more than 5 million copies in the U.S., with a slew of hit singles on the pop charts, including "Baby Baby" and "That's What Love Is For."

The most enduring music in Grant's prodigious catalog, of course, is her string of Christmas albums, beginning with 1983's *A Christmas Album*.

She has been a master interpreter of orchestrated pop standards while also establishing new ones, as singer and songwriter. Her 1992 album *Home for Christmas* yielded "Breath of Heaven (Mary's

Song)" written by Grant and British artist Chris Eaton, and her cover of David Foster and Linda Thompson's "Grown-Up Christmas List," which has become a standard.

With Grant's 2000 marriage to country superstar guitarist and singer Vince Gill (in recent years seen on tour as a lead singer with the Eagles), her music changed a bit, becoming more acoustic and rustic, which fit in just fine with her gospel roots. She frequently collaborates and appears with Gill, especially around Christmas time; they held forth for 12 concerts at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville this past December.

LEANING ON FAITH

Along the way, Grant got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, another on the Music City Walk of Fame, and an induction into the

AMY GRANT

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Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. But the greatest award was being given the Kennedy Center honors in Washington, D.C., in December 2022, along with George Clooney, Irish band U2, R&B singer Gladys Knight, and Cuban-American composer Tania León.

Grant's most recent full studio albums were 2013's *How Mercy Looks from Here* and 2016's *Tennessee Christmas*.

In recent years, Grant has successfully come through open heart surgery, a severe injury while riding her bike, and further surgery for a rare throat condition that developed after the injury. It seems it's taken her a couple of years of hard work, determination, and the faith that she has always claimed as her guiding light to regain her voice and stamina. Now she's embarking on a 33-show tour across the U.S. that begins with two nights in Nashville, May 10-11, followed by the Fort Wayne show.

Last year, she released two singles. The first, "Trees We'll Never See," is a fitting meditation on mortality and the legacy people leave for the next generation. She wrote "What You Heard," about family relationships and communication, set to a gentle, down-tempo arrangement of acoustic instruments with a bluegrass feel.

There's every indication that recording a full studio album of new songs will be the next order of business when she gets a break from the road.

You'll likely hear those new songs at the Embassy, when Grant leads her five-piece band with the help of two backup singers.

Her setlist can vary quite a bit with such a deep catalog to draw from. There will be lots of hits, spanning playful, breezy electronic pop, a few of her better-known covers, and perhaps her take on a classic hymn.

There will certainly be a lot of the uplifting, inspiring songs with which she established the legacy of the contemporary Christian sound, songs that her fans know by heart.

Bayou County paying tribute to Creedence

Act will perform music of legendary '60s band at Baker Street, May 11

BY ANDREW McNAIR
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Creedence Clearwater Revival are one of those bands that is simultaneously nostalgic and timeless.

Their version of "Suzie Q" off their debut album holds an iconic place as the sound of the late '60s. Its slithery guitar riff instantly invokes the creative explosion and changing tastes of its era.

But if you heard "Who'll Stop the Rain" for the first time at a recent music festival by a third-tier indie band from the Pacific Northwest, you'd believe it could have been written a year ago.

CCR broke up more than 50 years ago, and it was not a pleasant split. You will not be likely to see them embarking on a joyous reunion tour anytime soon. But their catalog is stunningly deep, including 14 consecutive top 10 singles over two short years of their prime production.

When combined with a few solo hits from frontman John Fogerty, there's an opportunity for a killer tribute show.

The opportunity to scratch the itch for a night of live CCR comes on Saturday, May 11, with Baker Street Centre hosting renowned tribute band Bayou County.

CAPTURING THE SOUND

Whatzup caught up with bassist/vocalist Drew Soltes about how he got started on this journey.

"I was looking for a solid band to do a tribute

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show about," he said. "It seemed like it had all been done before.

"On a vacation in Mexico back in 2017, I was hearing CCR everywhere. It was like it was current all over again. It seemed like it never left the airwaves."

Since they were only together a short time, there isn't much source material to base a performance on. Even their biggest show went largely undocumented. Fogerty was unhappy with their Woodstock performance and had it cut from the legendary documentary film.

I asked Soltes about the challenges involved in producing that timeless CCR sound onstage.

"The goal has been to find the happy medium between the way CCR was originally recorded and the approach John Fogerty has taken since," he said. "It's a very fine line, but I feel we are sounding very original in our delivery, but it sounds much better today with more advanced sound technology. The challenge is that today's audio technology is much better. Back in 1969, they had limited production quality."

PLAYING THE HITS

Fogerty has had a respectable solo career, and Bayou County represents that era, as well.

"I really don't think there is any difference," Soltes said of Fogerty's sound as a solo artist and his time with Creedence. "John Fogerty's DNA is all over all his work. It's hard to tell the difference when we play 'Old Man Down the Road' or 'Centerfield.'"

The lyrics are a big part of the CCR appeal.



COURTESY PHOTO

The tribute band Bayou County will perform the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival on May 11 at Baker Street Centre.

It's physically difficult to hear "Fortunate Son" without belting out a few rounds of, "It ain't me" along the way.

"Our biggest challenge is singing each and every song over the audience," Soltes said. "It gets challenging for us most nights. I must say, our audiences are fantastic during our live show. Our reviews from our crowd always say how much fun they had singing along with us."

That hefty Creedence catalog begs for some deep cuts, but they produced a startling

number of familiar songs. There's only so much time to get to all the fan's favorites.

"Out of our 26-song show, most all can be remembered by the first few notes played," Soltes said. "Some songs were more popular regionally in the day, being pushed by different radio station program directors.

"I will mention a few like 'Cotton Fields' or '(Keep On) Chooglin' might be new songs for some. But great songs nonetheless. We only have 100 minutes to work with!"

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Take road trip to meet artists in their studios

14th annual rural tour allows you to browse artwork at own pace

BY ANDREW McNAIR
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

After being cooped up through the dark and gloomy winter, there's nothing like a weekend road trip, and this area in the spring is a glorious place for road trips.

A few reasons why:

- Rural roads in Indiana are pretty well-maintained, especially when compared to our neighbor to the north.

- Even before GPS, it was hard to get truly lost in northeast Indiana. Most of the roads form easily navigable, orderly squares.

- The less-orderly roads along creeks and rivers display a wide-ranging assortment of buds and leaves to remind us that nature begins anew every year.

This weekend, you can add something to that list of reasons for a road trip: The 14th annual Rural Artist Studio Tour from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

ARTISTIC ROAD TRIP

With nine locations featuring the works of Sharon Zych, Kristy Jo Beber, Holly Heath, Derek Bastian, Andrea Bjorab, Jordan Fine Art Jewelry, William Steffen, and Lisa Vetter & Paul Siefert, the artist studio tour traverses the northeastern part of Allen County, from the north edge of Fort Wayne through Leo-Cedarville to Spencerville.

This will be a rare opportunity to visit with area artists who are opening their workspaces to share their processes. This isn't a guided tour with strict timetables. It's a casual, self-guided route to take at your own pace in whatever order you choose.

Music is always important for a good road trip, so consider your playlist wisely. You'll be immersed in the creative spaces of talented artists, so something high-brow might be in order. Maybe a little light classical for the drive up State Road 1, perhaps something from Bach, played on a cello.

Grab a map from their Facebook page (facebook.com/ArtStudioTour) or stop by one of their sponsors (The Orchard Gallery, Old Crown, Mocha Lounge Dupont in Fort Wayne; Olde Church Shoppes, Steady Eddy's, and Cedar Creek Candles in Leo-Cedarville) to grab a printed copy in advance.

Once you've got your route planned and the music ready, it's time to think about food. Last year, the tour added the restaurant Steady Eddy's Station, which was a huge hit. This year, Steady Eddy's will also have metal artist Derek Bastian repurposing cutlery into animal sculptures.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Holly Heath Photography in Leo-Cedarville will be among the stop on this year's self-guided Rural Artist Studio Tour from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.



If pottery entices you, there will be plenty to view at Kristy Jo Beber Stoneware Pottery in Leo-Cedarville.

PICK UP A GIFT

Spring is also a time when many good and decent people are so overwhelmed by the wonders of nature's rebirth that they completely forget Mother's Day is coming up. Fear not, for now you have just been reminded — and art is a great gift.

If your mom just can't get over the whole "wonders of nature" thing herself, you might even find a surprising option on the tour.

Riverview Native Nursery and Beside Still Waters Greenhouse are on the tour, with opportunities to pick up spring plants while you're out soaking up all that creativity.

The route's southern terminus with Sharon Zych Watercolors, 8245 Notestine Road, in Fort Wayne, will have her seascapes with tall



You can see metal artist Derek Bastian turn cutlery into animal sculptures at Steady Eddy's in Leo-Cedarville.

ships capturing the imagination.

From there, the tour heads to Kristy Jo Beber Stoneware Pottery, 9719 Hosler Road, in Leo-Cedarville for wheel-thrown pottery.

Farther northeast is Holly Heath Photography at 14435-B State Road 1 in Leo-Cedarville. Her stop will be interactive with a chance to try your hand at acrylic pouring on canvas or wineglass painting.

Remember, you can do these stops in any order you like.

Down the road from Steady Eddy's is the historic Olde Church Shoppes at 10629 Main St. in Leo-Cedarville, which will be hosting representational oil painter Andrea Bjorab.

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SPENCERVILLE FINDS

A lovely curving drive up State Road 1 along the St. Joe River leads you to Spencerville for Beside Still Waters Greenhouse, 18017 Devall Road, with guest artist Jordan Fine Art Jewelry creating hand-built mixed metal jewelry inspired by the natural world around us.

Did you know there was so much cool art in the Spencerville area?

It's in Spencerville that you will also find wood artist William Steffen at 12724 County Line Road East. There, you will see him using wood to create vases, keepsake boxes, and bowls.

Those spring plants your mom wants might just be at Riverview Native Nursery, 5635 County Road 72, Spencerville, featuring native plants for beauty and biodiversity.

While you're in the area, be sure to stop by the Spencerville Covered Bridge for a quick trip back in time, but absolutely do not skip The Art Farm at 17612 N. County Line Road E. Lisa Vetter and Paul Siefert operate The Art Farm with the philosophy that life is art. Their functional found object assemblage pieces and jewelry that they create (for love and money) is something to behold. If you make only one stop, make it at their restored 1860 farmstead studio.



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Blues artist Samantha Fish stops at Clyde

The fine folks at The Clyde Theatre have announced that on Sunday, Aug. 18, they will welcome blues rocker **Samantha Fish** as she brings her Bullet-proof Tour to town with **Sgt. Splendor**.



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

Since launching her recording career in 2009, Fish has established herself as a rising star in the contemporary blues world.

The charismatic singer-songwriter/guitarist has always delighted Fort Wayne fans when she comes to town and I would expect no less this time around.

Fans can expect to hear selections from her entire catalog, including her latest release, 2023's *Death Wish Blues*, a collaborative album with Jesse Dayton. The album earned a Grammy nomination for Contemporary Blues Album of the Year.

In addition to the news about Fish, The Clyde has also announced the tribute act **Face 2 Face: Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel** on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 21.

Tickets for both shows go on sale Friday, May 2, at clydetheatre.com, over the phone at (800) 514-3849, or in person at The Clyde box office and Sweetwater Sound.

Baker Street welcome Wishbone Ash

The legendary British progressive rock band **Wishbone Ash** will make their journey to Fort Wayne on Thursday, Nov. 21, for a performance at Baker Street Centre.

The group's Wish List Tour is an evening of requests gathered from fans on social media.

Last year, the band celebrated the 50th anniversary of their most successful album, *Argus*, with a multi-format box set.

General admission, Gold Circle, and VIP tickets can be purchased at bakerstreetcentre.com, all three Wooden Nickel Records locations, and at the door. The VIP Experience includes Gold Circle seating, pre-show meet and Q&A with the band, photo ops, exclusive private performance, VIP laminate, and crowd-free merchandise shopping.

Celtic music makes its way to Foellinger

Not to be out done, Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation announced Irish folk bands **The High Kings** and **Gaelic Storm** will perform at Foellinger Theatre on Wednesday, Aug. 21.



PHOTO BY DANIEL SANDA

Blues musician Samantha Fish will be at The Clyde Theatre on Aug. 18 with Sgt. Splendor.

The High Kings, the true heirs of Ireland's folk heritage, have been internationally acclaimed singers of Irish folk songs since they first arrived in 2008.

As for the Celtic juggernaut Gaelic Storm, they continue to grow stronger with each live performance, and after two decades and more than 2,000 shows, they are truly a force to be reckoned with.

Tickets are available for purchase at ticketmaster.com and in person at the parks and recreation department, 705 E. State Blvd.

Columbia City announce First Friday acts

The First Fridays Concert Series in downtown Columbia City have been announced.

The events take place the first Friday of each month, May 3-Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. and will feature, food trucks, live entertainment, and more.

Performers include **Evan Lee and Co.** on May 3, **Love-seat!** on June 7, **Parr T Band** on July 5, **Debutants** on Aug. 2, **Jailbreak** on Sept. 6, and **Shiny Shiny Black** on Oct. 4.

The theme for the May 3 kickoff is Pedals and Petals and will feature a BMX stunt show, free bike helmets to the first 150 kids, a plant sale and swap, and downtown businesses with First Fridays specials.

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Library celebrates comics, *Star Wars*

On Saturday, May 4, the downtown Allen County Public Library will celebrate Free Comic Book Day and the *Star Wars*-theme May the Fourth Be With You with arts and crafts, writing workshops, and a *Star Wars*-themed Space Academy.

Every year, ACPL celebrates Free Comic Book Day, a worldwide event on the first Saturday of each May, with free comic book giveaways while supplies last.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

This year, Free Comic Book Day also falls on May 4, or *Star Wars* Day, an international celebration of all things *Star Wars*. The day has been adopted by fans thanks to a play on the popular phrase from the films, "May the force be with you."

Space-themed activities and crafts will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the downtown library. It is open to preschool and elementary school-age children. Registration is strongly encouraged online at acpl.info/events.

There will also be a scavenger hunt from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., a writing and drawing workshop for elementary students from 11 a.m.-noon, art activities for elementary and middle school students from 2-3 p.m., and button-making for teens to repurpose comics and magazines into wearable art from 3-5 p.m.

Vera Bradley sale runs through May 5

The always popular Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale runs through Sunday, May 5, at Memorial Coliseum.

The sale offers up to 70 percent off the retail prices of Vera Bradley products. Three ticketed shopping sessions will take place each day — 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., and 5:30-8:30 p.m. — for \$6 per session. Non-ticketed sessions will take place Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For tickets, go to outlet.verabradley.com/pages/annual-outlet-sale.

Local nonprofits raise \$108,550

On April 18, Blue Jacket, Embassy Theatre, and Humane Fort Wayne squared off in a fundraising match to benefit people, pets, and arts and culture.

Together the three organizations raised \$108,550 from 319 unique donors in just 12 hours.

Blue Jacket emerged the winner with \$47,730 in donations, followed by Humane Fort Wayne with \$41,540, and Embassy Theatre with \$19,280.

As a result of the "Mighty Match Up," Blue Jacket will send its employees to volunteer at Humane Fort Wayne and Embassy Theatre.

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Quick Hits

LOCAL EVENTS

PINTS EN POINTE

7:30 P.M. FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 10-11 · FORT WAYNE BALLET STUDIOS

If you enjoyed Fort Wayne Ballet's Wine Barre in the fall, then get ready for Pints en Pointe!

Pints en Pointe will close out FWB's Studio Series for the 2023-24 season. This is a series of shows performed in the ballet's studios at the Auer Center for the Arts where the audience gets an up-close and personal view of the show.

Sitting mere feet from the dancers, audience members will not only have an ideal seating arrangement, but also

the ability to dialogue with the dancers. In between pieces, attendees will have the chance to ask questions which the dancers will answer.

While wine was the featured beverage of the Fall Studio Series performance, carefully selected beer will be paired with each of the repertory pieces that will be performed in this show.

A cash bar will also be available where additional beverages can be purchased. — *Emma Bachtel*



PHOTO BY RACHEL ARON

David Claypoole and Amy Whittemore perform a piece for the Fort Wayne Ballet.

BUDDY NOLAN MEMORIAL CONCERT

7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 4 · EMBASSY THEATRE

Embassy Theatre will remember an integral part of their history when Mark Herman brings to life the music of organist Buddy Nolan.

The Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert on May 4 will celebrate the life of Nolan, the house organist in 1952 when the venue changed from Emboyd Theatre to Embassy Theatre. Remaining at The Embassy until 1972 when the venue's future came into question, Nolan returned in

1975 to play a benefit show that helped save the theater.

Fort Wayne native Herman, a large contributor to the Embassy's organ legacy as well, is known around the world for his organ expertise and has developed a reputation for dramatic period-authentic film scores. During the performance, he will share stories and perform some of Nolan's favorite songs on The Embassy's, and Nolan's, beloved Grande Page Organ. — *Chris Hupe*

Brooks BBQ moves from Union Street

One of the first merchants to join Union Street Market at Electric Works in November 2022, **Brooks BBQ and Chicken** say they are moving out to refocus their business.



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Shifting their focus to their food truck and catering business, a Facebook post said owner Cam Brooks “is excited to bring his food to longtime customers in the community and meet new customers as he explores different parts of the city with his food truck.”

North Anthony gets Indian food

BB's Indian Kitchen, 3235 N. Anthony Blvd., is now open in the former Baan Thai and, before that, Atz's Ice Cream.

BB's is takeout only for now, but they promise to have dine-in soon. They are open 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

You can find more, including their menu with favorites like veggie, chicken, seafood, and goat appetizers, including the Gobi (cauliflower and potatoes), samosa (fried dough snacks), paneer (cheese), naan (soft, doughy, flat bread), curry, and biryani (rice), online at bbsindiankitchen.com.

Call (260) 209-5161 to place your order.

JK O'Donnell's opens The Pitch on May 3

JK O'Donnell's Irish Ale House, 121 W. Wayne St., will open its soccer-themed outdoor bar, The Pitch, on Friday, May 3.

It's the first season for the highly anticipated addition to the downtown watering hole.

Cinco de Mayo parties getting started

Get started with your Cinco de Mayo celebration with downtown Auburn's First Friday get-together from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

The party will feature live music from The McKenney Harrison Duesenchords as well as food that highlights Mexican cuisine.

Charlie's Place, 4201 N. Wells St., will wait until 3 p.m. on May 5 to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

They'll have vegetarian, carnitas, and carne asada, tres leche cupcakes, elote nachos, margaritas, and buckets of Modelo and Corona.

Race to Howie's for Kentucky Derby party

Saturday is the Kentucky Derby, and **Howie's on Hamilton**, 3950 E. Bellefontaine Road, gets in the spirit with a party at 3 p.m.

The event includes a free snack bar from 3-4 p.m. with mint juleps, Forester mixed drinks, and spire cocktails. They'll even have the best dressed contest.

Get shaved ice seven days a week

Sno Balls Hawaiian Shaved Ice on 4526 Maplecrest Road is now open daily from noon-10 p.m.

Auburn fixture gets popping May 2

Martha's Popcorn Stand, 112 W. Ninth St., Auburn, has been a tradition for more than 80 years. They'll open at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, with evening hours continuing through the fall.

Plan ahead to celebrate Mom

Here are some options to treat Mom to a Mother's Day brunch.

- **Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**, 3411 Sherman Blvd., is hosting brunch from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12. Enjoy danishes, muffins, waffles, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, and juice. Adults are \$30. Children 12 and younger are \$15. Zoo admission is not included.

- **Chop's**, 6421 W. Jefferson Blvd., is hosting a brunch buffet from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, May 12. The buffet will feature prime rib, omelets, biscuits and gravy, sliced ham, hash brown casserole, and fruit, among other dishes. The cost is \$34.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children aged 4-12. Call (260) 436-9115 for reservations.

- **Rune Restaurant**, 2725 Broadway, is taking reservations at RuneRestaurant.com for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 12. The seasonal fare featuring chilaquile with a red sauce, pork shoulder, and an egg is \$20.

- **Trolley Bar**, 2898 E. Dupont Road, is serving a brunch with prime rib, salmon, omelets, biscuits and gravy, French toast, pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage. Call (260) 490-4322 to RSVP.

- **Bell Mansion**, 420 W. Wayne St., offers a 1 p.m. buffet, Champagne, and mimosa bar, as well as a chair massage for Mom. The \$40 ticket also includes a tour of the historic downtown mansion.

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

The Make-Believe Spurs — Alt-folk, 7 p.m., Charley Creek Inn, Wabash, no cover, (260) 563-0111

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Eagles Post 1357, Garrett, no cover, (260) 357-4295

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Brahms & The Romantic Spirit — Freimann Series, 2 p.m., PFW Rhinehart Recital Hall, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 481-4739

Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Youth Orchestra Finale — Orchestra, 4 p.m., PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 481-4739

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 11:30 a.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

Manchester Symphony Orchestra — 3 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$20, (260) 563-1102

OK Boomer — Variety, 5 p.m., Electric Works, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 439-3330

Open Mic w/Jack Welty — 6-10 p.m., Four D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

MONDAY, MAY 13

Amy Grant — Variety, 7:30 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

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

Joe Justice — Variety, 2 p.m., Heritage Pointe Senior Living, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 209-6279

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Joe Justice — Variety, 2 p.m., Park Place Senior Living, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 480-2500

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

Open Mic w/JJ and McRae — 7-10 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

Sunny Taylor & Guest — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Basketcase — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

CKY — Rock, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$75, (260) 492-6064

Joe Justice — Variety, 10 a.m., Ashton Creek Health & Rehab, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 373-2111

Musical Mornings with Fort Wayne Philharmonic — Chamber, 10 a.m., Crescendo Coffee & More, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 408-8358

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16

2K Baby & Friends — Hip-Hop, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$50, (260) 492-6064

Gem & Ben Carr — Variety, 8 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

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

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

OK Boomer — Variety, 7 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Genotaph w/Legion, Filth Spewer, Neqriem — Death metal, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

Dynastic Duo — Variety, 8 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 676-2233

Sweetwater All-Stars — R&B/soul/funk, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

#IYKYK — Pop, 10 p.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 5 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

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

OK Boomer — Variety, 9 p.m., What's Up Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 489-3488

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

SATURDAY, MAY 18

38 Special — Southern rock, 7:30 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$39-\$119, (260) 563-1102

Absolution w/Four Middle Fingers, Downshift — Ghost tribute, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

Austin Marsh — Folk/rock, 8 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

Don McLean — Folk, 8 p.m., Trine T. Furth Center, Angola, \$50-\$70, (260) 665-4990

Ethan William Bowers — Americana, 7 p.m., Draft Taproom, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 739-3147

Fury In Few — Rock, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Night To Remember — Variety, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 5 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

Janice Anne & Power Train — Rock/Country, 9 p.m., What's Up Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 489-3488

Jordan Bridges — Variety, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Karen Wehr & Friends — Rock & Country, 1:30-5 p.m., Historic Warren Main Street Car Show, Heritage Pointe of Warren, Free, (260) 375-2201

Kenny Wayne Shepherd — Blues, 7 p.m., Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$95, (260) 432-8176 x1137

Migraines w/Nifty Skullet, Second to Last, Neon Straightjackets — Punk, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 492-6064

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

Ross Kinsey — Acoustic variety, 6 p.m., Edwin Coe Spirits, Churubusco, no cover, (260) 286-1107

Sunglasses at Night — Variety, 7 p.m., Chapman's Brewing: Electric Works, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 250-4371

Tall Rabbit Cafe Open Mic — 10 a.m.-noon, Tall Rabbit Cafe, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 745-9164

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Eagles Post 3760, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-4913

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Blood, Sweat, Tears, Earth, Wind, Fire...and a Little Chicago — Jazz/soul/R&B, 7 p.m., Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$55, (260) 432-8176 x1137

Open Mic w/Jack Welty — 6-10 p.m., Four D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Open Mic w/JJ and McRae — 7-10 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

Saliva & Drowning Pool w/Any Given Sin — Nu metal, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, (260) 492-6064

Lee Cook — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Songwriter Open Mic Night — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

The DeeBees — Variety, 4:30 p.m., Redwood Inn, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-7543

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Open Mic w/Chris Hambrick — 7-10 p.m., K-ville Pub, Kendallville, Free, (260) 349-1677

Los Electro — Latin rock, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

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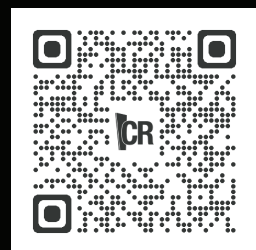
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7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 4 • PFW AUER PERFORMANCE HALL

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will close its 80th season and 2023-24 Masterworks series simultaneously with a May 4 performance at Auer Performance Hall at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

William Walton's early masterpiece "Symphony No. 1 in B-flat minor" will open the show followed by an intermission and a performance of Rachmaninoff's

"Concerto No. 2 in C minor for Piano & Orchestra, Op. 18," considered by many to be the greatest, and probably most popular, piano concerto ever written.

The performance also features a return of guest pianist Fabio Bidini, who performed an electrifying rendition of Rachmaninoff's third piano concerto with the Phil several years ago. — *Chris Hupe*

YLNI SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

9 A.M.-1 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 4 • BARR AND BERRY STREETS

The YLNI Farmers Market is one of Fort Wayne's "go-to" spots for local produce, flowers, meat, baked goods, and homemade crafts.

After what seemed like a long winter inside to avoid the elements, the market is making the big move back to the great outdoors Saturday, May 4, and are expanding.

Head to East Berry Street to check out new and

familiar vendors from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as the new layout that will enhance your shopping experience every Saturday this summer.

There will be live music on site from Dave the Wave and food available at Brunch on Barr, in the city parking lot at the southeast corners of Barr and Wayne streets. — *Chris Hupe*

Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 2

K. Trevor Wilson — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$40, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, MAY 3

K. Trevor Wilson — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$40, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, MAY 4

David Brooks w/Bradley Lister — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

K. Trevor Wilson — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$40, (260) 844-8444

Ryan Niemiller w/Maxwell Tidey — 8 p.m., Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$40, (574) 267-8041

SUNDAY, MAY 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

The World Series of Comedy — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The World Series of Comedy — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, MAY 10

The World Series of Comedy — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Bubba Bradley w/Valerie Salnave — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

The World Series of Comedy — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Jay Oakerson — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$28-\$35, (260) 844-8444

Shelly Belly — 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$40, (260) 492-6064

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Jay Oakerson — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$28-\$35, (260) 844-8444

Mark Normand — 7 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$31-\$156, (260) 424-5665

Rich Greene w/Tyrone Gaines — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Deric Cahill — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$30, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Kam "Snacks" Coleman — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Kam "Snacks" Coleman — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

John Armstrong & Elijah Nevel — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Kam "Snacks" Coleman — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Battle Royale — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$16, (260) 844-8444

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Bubba Dub — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$60, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Bubba Dub — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$60, (260) 844-8444

Katrina Brown w/Billy D. Dodaro — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Maddy Smith — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$30, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Aisha Brown w/Jakob Kendall — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

Shakey Graves is sure to leave fans shook up at Sweetwater

Troubadour stretches his creative muscles with his latest release

BY ALAN SCULLEY
SPECIAL TO WHATZUP

When Shakey Graves released his fourth album, *Movie of the Week*, in September, that was just the start of how fans will be able to experience the musical journey the man whose given name is Alejandro Rose-Garcia has taken.

Part of that musical journey includes kicking off Sweetwater Performance Pavilion's 2024 season on Thursday, May 9, with opening act Odie Leigh.

CREATE YOUR OWN VERSION OF ALBUM

As part of *Movie of the Week*'s rollout, Graves launched a website giving fans access to the wealth of material that was recorded during sessions. Fans are essentially able to create their own alternate versions of the album.

"The big goal of all of this, too, is these sessions were so large, I'm doing this thing with the release where each song has probably five to eight different versions of it," he said in a phone interview. "Then there's all of this other stuff that's not on there, whole other albums.

"You're going to be able to endlessly scramble the album into unique soundtracks, and then if you want, you can purchase them and we'll send you the files and then you'll have your soundtrack. We're getting it to where it will have unique titles and everything."

There will be other ways to interact with the material.

"It's like if you go to this thing and push a button, it will make you a soundtrack and a unique made-up movie for that day," he said. "And it might organize it in a way that I could have never thought of. It might be the perfect record for whatever.

"It's going to be fun, too, just to get all of that music out. There's so much stuff. I need to get it out!"

IMAGINARY MOVIE

The *Movie of the Week* project was initially intended to be an actual film soundtrack. Some friends were making a movie and asked Graves to write the soundtrack. However, the



COURTESY PHOTO

Shakey Graves will perform at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion on Thursday, May 9.

director rejected some of the music.

Realizing he was excited by the music he had created, Graves began to formulate the idea of expanding on the material and turning it into something of a soundtrack to an imaginary movie.

"I wanted to go into the recording studio and try to make songs based on like a plot," he said. "Like I had some melodies and demos and stuff.

"The plot of the movie we kind of thought of was like basically someone from the middle of nowhere kind of burns out, then looks on a map and kind of decides to go somewhere that sounds fancy. He chooses Century City. That's the spot. Like everything's going to be better in the future. And then it's like a road trip movie. Then when he gets to Century City, he comes to find out it's parking lots for other parking lots."

Working with the same six-piece band he's taken on tour to promote *Movie of the Week*, Graves recorded a wealth of material before he began to figure out which versions of songs would make up the album.

"The goal is never per se to go in and say, 'Let's make radio music' or 'Let's make palatable music,'" Graves said. "But we went as hard and as strange as we could, and then right in the middle of that, it's like let's make sure that the message actually gets across, that the song is audible in a way that we like it and at least it doesn't feel fully masturbatory, you know what I mean.

Movie of the Week is a very approachable album musically, and it's Graves' most pop-leaning effort to date. Songs like "Evergreen," "Century City," "Limbo," and "Lowlife" have rich melodies, a pleasing energy, and a lush, soft-around-the-edges sonic quality. Meanwhile, "Ready or Not" (a duet with Sierra Ferrell), "Play Where It Lies," and "Playing Along" are among a few more spare songs that feel more intimate but also a bit edgier.

EVOLVING SOUND

Taken together, *Movie of the Week* marks another distinctively different musical statement for an artist who has shapeshifted his music ever since he came on the national

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scene in 2012.

After starting out pursuing acting — Graves had roles in *Friday Night Lights* and *Spy Kids 3: Game Over* — he shifted to music, although he does still do some acting, last showing up in 2021's *The Big Bend*.

His 2010 debut album *Roll the Bones* (which was re-released in 2021 with a bevy of unreleased material) was a stark, intimate, largely solo acoustic affair that quickly established Graves as a fresh voice on the folk scene. The album continues to attract new fans while holding sway as one of the best-selling albums on Bandcamp.

His next full-length release, 2014's *And the War Came*, started to expand on Graves' sound and stylistic range, adding drums and other instrumentation while retaining his spare ramshackle folk-based sound.

But 2018's *Can't Wake Up* truly upended expectations. A diverse full-band album, it still had vestiges of folk but overall was considerably rockier as a variety of synthetic and processed sonics played smartly off the rootsy foundations of the songs. While many of Graves' fans treasure his spare solo-oriented music, *Can't Wake Up* has gained devotees.

"I've met so many more recently that are like, 'I just listen to *Can't Wake Up*. Like I don't really listen to your other stuff,'" Graves said. (I'm like) 'What!?'"

So it makes sense that Graves plans to touch on all phases of his career in the concerts he'll play as he tours extensively through the rest of the year. He'll play solo during the show (a notable portion of his audience loves the one-man-band approach he took on his early tours, using a jiggered suitcase as a drum) and of course, with a band that he said is the best unit he's had.

"Obviously, some of the more large, bombastic production stuff that I've made over the years has never sounded better," Graves said of playing with his band. "But then also they're fabulous musicians, so playing these old, more sensitive kind of home studio stuff, they're able to do that, too. So we do a little bit of both."

Fans can also expect Graves to be spontaneous and continue his tradition of rearranging and reinventing certain songs.

"I definitely do all of that in my solo areas, and then there are certain songs that are old enough to where, like just to keep our mood different or to suit the room, we'll play certain things in a variety of ways," he said. "But specifically, with a new album coming out, we recorded a lot of it live and didn't build a lot of stuff.

"We just learned how to play it, so the nice part is we're really going to try to go for, you know, you want to at least start close to what it's supposed to sound like."

First Presbyterian's Season of Love ends on a somber note

Caretakers for those suffering Alzheimer's are focus of *The Father*

BY ALICIA RODENBECK
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

First Presbyterian Theater have spent their 2023-24 season celebrating love of all kinds and varieties.

Kicking things off with *Bedroom Farce*, the theater company took us into the lives of couples both well established and new. *Head Over Heels* gave us a comedic look at all manner of love. *Almost, Maine* showed us vignettes of the journey that the heart takes through paths both comedic and tragic. And with *The Prom*, First Presbyterian, with the help of Fort Wayne Youththeatre, gave us a story of acceptance, encouraging us to look at how others love and treating everyone with respect.

In their final show of the season, First Presbyterian Theater take us away from the romantic and turn toward the unconditional love found in our families with the Fort Wayne premiere of Florian Zeller's *The Father*.

The show opens Friday, May 10, and will have five showings through Sunday, May 19.

ACCEPTING LOSS

The Father has a much different tone than the shows that have come before it this season.

"We thought it was a powerful way, actually, a powerful message to end the season on," said First Presbyterian Theatre Creative Director Todd Sandman Cruz. "We started with *Bedroom Farce*, and then in *Almost, Maine*, you also had all these very tender, some funny, but also hard-hitting real moments. And *Head Over Heels*, in those shows, there's humor in all of them, but the subject matter got a little heavier and heavier and heavier. And all with very powerful messages about love and relationships, but also love and acceptance."

In this case the acceptance is of loss, of many types.

The story is told from the perspective of Andre, a man suffering from dementia.

"I think the beauty of this play is it puts the audience in the perspective of Andre who has Alzheimer's, and we never see that done," Director Todd Espeland said.

Espeland's wife, Cara Lee Wade, a photography professor at the University of Saint Francis, has worked extensively on the subject of memory and Alzheimer's.

"Her work is about how objects contain memory and the impermanence of memory and how we impart memory into objects and we impart memory into photographs," Espeland said. "And those things sometimes carry the memory for us. So her work really informed our decisions about what we were going to do in terms of filling Andre's world



PHOTOS BY JENNY CONRAD

Ashley Shewman and Brad Davis share in a scene in First Presbyterian Theater's upcoming production of *The Father*. Opening night is Friday, May 10.



Caring for someone suffering from Alzheimer's is the focus of *The Father*, starring Maggie Cole and Brad Davis.

with objects and taking those objects away."

SET PLAYS ROLE

Portraying Alzheimer's is a difficult task,

and the creative team is tackling this in a couple of unique ways.

One of these is by making the protagonist more relatable.

"We're not trying to pretend that Alzheimer's is something that afflicts only the very, very old and infirm who can't get around. The effects of Alzheimer's start happening far earlier than when we get to the place where we are infirm and old," Espeland said.

To this end, the far-from-infirm Brad Davis was cast as Andre, who is listed as 80 years old in the script.

"I think that decision actually goes a long way to helping the play to strike a chord of empathy with the audience, because we're not looking at somebody who is 'old and infirm,' but somebody who could be us, and I think that's what gives this production a lot of power," Espeland said.

The set of the production is also playing a large part in depicting the struggles that go on in Andre's mind.

"It's very conceptual," Sandman Cruz said. "What we're doing, it's not like a regular box

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set of a flat or apartment. It's more of a kind of an open space lab. It begins with lighting and projections of memories and things. Furniture comes and kind of floats on and off as do thoughts, just like our thoughts and memories on a daily basis come in and out. So that's kind of the sense that we are coming across on stage."

"Behind our traditional living and dining room, our set designer Rachel Surface has designed two sculptures that are filled with elements from people's lives," Espeland said. "So, windows, furniture, knick-knacks, from around a house, all kinds of things that are back there that are then painted white, and we're projecting up onto those surfaces. As the play goes on, all of the items on stage get completely taken away and removed by various characters so that Andre is left with nothing at the end of the play, in much the same way that Alzheimer's takes his brain. He has memories that are continually removed and removed and taken away."

HARDSHIPS OF CARETAKERS

Despite the heartache, there is love to be found in this show, just as there has been in the rest of the Season of Love at First Presbyterian Theater.

That is the love caretakers of those with Alzheimer's have for their loved ones.

Sandman Cruz said the cast really resonated with that.

"There are numerous cast and crew members who have family members who are dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's currently," he said. "My stepfather died of Alzheimer's. Todd's wife, Cara, both of her grandmothers died within, I think, six months of each other of Alzheimer's. So it's a show that hits all of us."

Espeland finds the emotions of the caretakers is truly the heart of the production.

"What I love about the play is that it doesn't turn Alzheimer's into a Hallmark special where we go, 'Oh, the person who has Alzheimer's, we feel so bad for them.' And the person who's taking care of them, 'Oh, how courageous of them.'"

"This play really takes great pains to show that there are moments of exhaustion and there are moments where caregivers get fed up and maybe become sharp with the people that they're taking care of," he said. "It really doesn't shy away from the full range of emotion and the full range of what you may experience."

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High on Fire

Cometh the Storm

It's been more than five years since High on Fire's Lemmy-worshipping album *Electric Messiah*.

Since then HoF singer/guitarist/resident conspiracy theorist Matt Pike has dealt with health issues, marriage, divorce, and a solo album, *Pike vs The Automaton*, which was essentially a High on Fire album, minus bassist Jeff Matz.

Pike has assembled High on Fire once again, this time with drummer Coady Willis replacing longtime basher Des Kensel.

On *Cometh the Storm*, Pike and Co. come out swinging and never stop. The doom/sludge/speed metal titans are re-energized and lay waste to whatever gets in their way. The band has not sounded this good or urgent since 2012's concept album *De Vermis Mysteriis*.

If you're a longtime fan, this record will feel like slipping into well-worn and bloodied battle gear. The vibe is still post-apocalyptic doom on speed for the end times, illustrated by Frank Frazetta with a Slayer chaser. Pike screams like a heshel leading his minions for a late-night munchie run, laying waste to anyone that gets in their way.

"Lamsbread" opens the album with all pistons firing. Pike belts out bloody shouts as Matz and Willis offer up a pummeling rhythm section. Guitars churn and shred like barbed wire. This is a welcome return. And the Middle Eastern-sounding breakdown in the middle section is something new and exciting in the HoF canon.

"Trismegistus" highlights Willis' drumming mastery while Pike screams up bloody spittle over a rolling chug of speed metal destruction. And title track "Cometh the Storm" comes in subtle but brings brutal conviction midway through. *Cometh the Storm* never relents. From "Sol's Golden Curse" to the fistful of metal that is "Tough Guy" to the new wave of British heavy metal-leaning "Hunting Shadows" and the epic 10-minute closer "Darker Fleece."

High on Fire make it perfectly clear they are back and ready to soundtrack the end times in the heaviest of ways. — *J. Hubner*



Local Natives

But I'll Wait For You

Recorded at the same time as 2023's *Wait For No One*, the SoCal indie rock quintet Local Natives take a bit of more somber tone on *But I'll Wait For You*.

While the difference between the two albums is not as drastic as, say, The Smashing Pumpkins' double-album *Mellon Collie & The Infinite Sadness*, there is a noticeable difference.

Opening with the Fleet Foxes-ish "Alpharetta,"



Local Natives fall into more of a rhythm on "Throw It in the Fire." One of the most complex tracks on the album, it has a poppier feel and repetitive chorus that is sure to get stuck in your head.

Next up is "Neon Memory," which led me to keep checking to make sure my streaming service did not somehow skip to a Thom Yorke song. In fact, many of the songs, such as "Ending Credits," seem heavily Yorke/Radiohead/The Smile influenced, while "As Soon As You Arrive" could easily be a Flaming Lips song.

A standout on the album is "April." It's the kind of song that begins with simple vocals but gives way to groove, reminiscent of Tame Impala. The formula remains on "Walk Before You Run," where, as the title suggests, things proceed at a slower pace before the band finds their footing and takes off into a sprint.

Title track "But I'll Wait For You" closes things out on a melancholy note but with optimism sprinkled in.

My first listen to this album resulted in my bailing after a few songs. While I liked it, I found myself getting bored as well. However, after giving it a few more listens, it's a quality album with some standouts. It's the kind of record you can put on the turntable and just chill to while it spins. — *Anthony Gadson*

Metz

Up on Gravity Hill

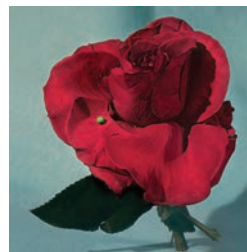
Canada's Metz arrived in the early 2010s in what seemed like a resurgence in the post-punk community. Along with fellow Canadians Pre-occupations (formerly Viet Cong) and the Motor City's Protomartyr, it seemed as if post-punk was getting a 21st century kick in the pants.

Metz was the loudest, with singer/guitarist Alex Edkins' guitar sounding like power drills devouring shards of glass while Hayden Menzies pummeled his drums into supersonic submission. Bassist Chris Slorach slugged it out with the guitar and drums like a drunken prizefighter with nothing to lose.

Underneath all the jagged noise and atonal chaos was a band with catchy melodies and earworm hooks.

Their fourth album allows flights of chaos but only when it serves the song. With cleaner production and a mix that doesn't cause tinnitus, this may be Metz's most cohesive album.

Metz get things started with the epic "No Reservation/Love Comes Crashing," a brutal guitar assault that makes great use of their knack for blending dissonance and harmony in a beautiful way. Guitars wail like air raid sirens while Edkins' vocals land between a taunt and a threat. "Glass Eye" blends early Cymbals Eat Guitars and *In Utero*-era Nirvana perfectly. "Entwined (Street Light Buzz)" builds on jangled guitar notes and a killer breakdown that sums up the influence of most college rock guitar heroes like Mould,



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Various Artists

Music for Summer

As we enter May and hopefully put chilly weather behind us, here's a little playlist for the summer that is finally within reach.

"**Summer in the City,**" **Lovin' Spoonful (1966):** John Sebastian and his band were less pop and more rock in this gritty number complete with city noises.

"**Summer,**" **War (1976):** Beautiful Latin influences and a piano arrangement that strolls around the beach and Disneyland and just cruises around in the van.

"**Good Vibrations,**" **The Beach Boys (1966):** There are less than a handful of bands that dedicated their careers to writing beautiful sunny music with the smooth SoCal vibe.

"**Hot Fun in the Summertime,**" **Sly & The Family Stone (1969):** Out of school, county fairs, and the best time of the year to hang out without any cares.

"**Dancing in the Street,**" **Martha & The Vandellas (1963):** Written during the peak of the civil rights movement, this was a song about unity and the joy of music and dancing.

"**School's Out,**" **Alice Cooper (1972):** This song captured that feeling we all had on the last day of school. Nobody could describe the emotion better and it's still relevant.

"**Saturday in the Park,**" **Chicago (1972):** Narration of bustling Central Park with tight horns and an all-time summer jazz-rock feel.

"**Bar-B-Q,**" **Wendy Rene (1964):** Simple and poignant, yet topical lyrics from a Memphis kid on the Stax label with the magnificent Steve Cropper on the guitar.

"**Hot in the City,**" **Billy Idol (1982):** Classic '80s pop from one of the best punks of the decade. This song was part of my high school soundtrack.

Fun Fact: This is my 1,000th column. Thanks for reading the past 20 years. — *Dennis Donahue*

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Elsewhere, "Superior Mirage" pulls you in with its earworm hooks and Edkins' Jello Biafra-like mannerisms. "Never Still Again" is an all-out frontal lobe melter with a great, buzzing bass line and the kinetic drumming of Menzies. Album closer "Light Your Way Home" is a slow-moving, dreamy track that brings to mind the darkly-lit shoegaze of bands like Nothing, Whirr, and Deafheaven.

Up on Gravity Hill sees Metz honing and refining their blitzkrieg guitars and explosive drums for a more palatable sound. But don't worry: Your ears will still be ringing long after the last song ends. — *J. Hubner*

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Follow the bouncing ball in love triangle

When I first saw that *Challengers*, the latest from Italian auteur Luca Guadagnino, was being presented in IMAX, I admit to being thrown off balance a bit. After all, this is the director whose previous work *Bones and All* was an unassuming indie about star-crossed cannibals on a cross-country journey through The States. But as it turns out, Guadagnino's releases are perhaps better suited to a more pronounced presentation than most of the blockbusters that the studios decide can make a few extra bucks per ticket by leveling up.



Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

With releases like *I Am Love* and *Call Me By Your Name*, Guadagnino has established himself as one of the most sensuous filmmakers working today, whose work is not meant to simply be seen but to be felt with all the senses. *Challengers* chiefly centers around the complicated relationship between three characters over a 13-year period. We begin in 2006, where high school tennis players Art (Mike Faist) and Patrick (Josh O'Connor) have made it to the boys' junior doubles championship match at the U.S. Open. While at the tournament, they sit slack-jawed in the stands as much-touted phenom Tashi (Zendaya) continues to make a name for herself on the court. Art and Patrick are instantly taken with her and inelegantly try to make passes at Tashi, with Patrick taking the first set as the initial winner of her affection. But as Art and Tashi move onto college ball at Stanford while Patrick goes pro, a palpable love triangle forms when Tashi suffers a career-ending injury and Art is there to pick up the pieces in Patrick's absence.

Anyone who has watched a tennis match live is familiar with the back-and-forth head motion that one needs to participate in to keep up with the action and in several ways Guadagnino replicates this experience. After establishing a critical event in 2019 that unexpectedly binds the three characters together, he sends us zig-zagging chronologically at points when Patrick and Art seem to have the upper hand in either their careers or in their relationship with Tashi. Editor Marco Costa has a ball setting the rhythm of these sequences, with some exchanges between characters emulating a lightning-fast rally and other scenes playing out at a practice pace.

Thankfully, the cinematography from Sayombhu Mukdeeprom isn't non-stop whip pans the whole movie, but he does judiciously use camera movements that evoke the motion of an exciting match.

It's all set to a propulsive and unforgettable score from Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross, who broke onto the film composition scene together with their Oscar-winning work in 2010's *The Social Network*. Like that film, *Challengers* uses a nonlinear narrative that builds tension like strings on a racket as we throttle through time and gain more context for the individual plot points.

I've said for years that the advantage with IMAX screenings is not necessarily for the larger picture but rather for the more sophisticated sound setup. The music in this film alone is worth the upgrade from standard presentation.

The tennis scenes here are among the most cinematic I've ever seen, with Guadagnino and his team constantly finding inventive angles to showcase the action, while



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The new film *Challengers* stars, from left, Josh O'Connor, Zendaya, and Mike Faist.

CHALLENGERS

Rated R for language throughout, some sexual content, and graphic nudity.

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Reznor and Ross keep our hearts pounding with galvanic beats.

While *Challengers* more than holds its own as a sports movie, it mostly functions as a romantic drama between three complex characters and is just as electrifying as such.

Zendaya has been everywhere these days, but this is the best place to see her, giving the best performance in her young career. It would be easy to see Tashi as a prize to be won by both of these boys, but thanks to Zendaya's boundlessly confident performance along with strong writing from first-timer Justin Kuritzkes, her character always feels in control.

One-dimensionally, Art could be viewed as the white knight while Patrick can be seen as a rascal, but the two trade off between virtuous and wretched often enough that it's hard to label one as "good guy" and the other as "bad guy."

Challengers is sinewy and sultry filmmaking that truly deserves to be seen in the largest format possible.

New movies coming this weekend

▪ Playing in theaters is *The Fall Guy*, an action comedy starring Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt about a down-and-out stuntman who must find the missing star of his ex-girlfriend's upcoming blockbuster film.

▪ Streaming on Netflix is *Unfrosted*, a comedy biopic starring Jerry Seinfeld and Melissa McCarthy which is loosely based on the true story of the creation of Pop-Tarts as Kellogg's and Post Cereal compete to see if they can produce a revolutionary breakfast pastry in 1963 Michigan.

▪ Premiering on Amazon Prime is *The Idea of You*, a romantic comedy starring Anne Hathaway and Nicholas Galitzine centering on a relationship that develops between a single mother and the lead singer of a popular boy band.

Smashing Pumpkins find guitarist for new tour

The Smashing Pumpkins have announced a new guitarist will be joining them on their tour this summer.

The two-time Grammy-winning band hosted an open audition for an additional guitarist and applications were submitted from people living around the world.

In the end, veteran instrumentalist **Kiki Wong** won the job, replacing Jeff Schroeder and joining frontman Billy Corgan, guitarist James Iha, drummer Jimmy Chamberlin, bassist Jack Bates, and multi-instrumentalist Katie Cole.



Road Notes
CHRIS HUPE

“Reviewing the work of these incredible musicians was a Herculean, albeit worthy, effort,” Corgan said. “I was a fan of Kiki’s before she submitted her name to be considered, and it’s great that someone of her acumen will be part of our touring family. I can’t wait to hit the road with Kiki as part of our mad circus.”

After they wrap up shows in Europe, you can catch the new touring version of the band when The Savors tour stops at Wrigley Field in Chicago on Aug. 13, Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati on Aug. 22, and Comerica Park in Detroit on Sept. 4 with **Green Day**, **Rancid**, and **The Linda Lindas**.

Stones announce openers

The Rolling Stones have announced the opening bands for this summer Hackney Diamonds stadium tour.

The legendary band has come up with an eclectic list that will see bluesy rockers **Ghost Hounds** opening the show at Cleveland Brown Stadium on June 15.

R&B singer **Bettye LaVette** will warm up the audience on June 27, the first night at Soldier Field in Chicago, and country star **Lainey**

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AJR	June 29	Allstate Arena	Chicago
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AJR	July 23	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 25	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 27	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Afghan Whigs & The Church	June 28	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Alan Doyle	May 10	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Alanis Morissette	July 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Alanis Morissette	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Alanis Morissette	July 24	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Allen Stone	June 19	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Allen Stone	June 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
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Belle and Sebastian	May 3	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Belle and Sebastian	May 4	The Salt Shed	Chicago

Belle and Sebastian	May 6	Bell's Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Ben Brinard	May 5	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Ben Platt	June 28	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
Ben Platt	July 2	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
Billy Currington	June 14	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Billy Idol	May 19	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks	June 21	Soldier Field	Chicago
Billy Strings	May 24-25	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Black Veil Brides	May 3	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Black Veil Brides	May 5	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Blackhawk	May 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Bleachers	May 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Bleachers	June 4	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Blood, Sweat, and Tears	May 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Bone Thugs-N-Harmony	June 7	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Bonnie Raitt	June 25	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
Born of Osiris & Attila	May 25	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Brandon Lake	May 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Brent Cobb	May 2	Joe's Bar on Weed St.	Chicago
Brent Cobb	May 3	House of Blues	Cleveland
Brent Cobb	May 4	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Brent Cobb	May 5	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Bret Michaels' Parti-Gras 2.0	July 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Brothers Osborne	June 13	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Brothers Osborne	June 15	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Brothers Osborne	June 21	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Brothers Osborne	June 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Brothers Osborne	June 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Brothers Osborne	July 20	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Bryson Tiller	May 24	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Bryson Tiller	June 22	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Bryson Tiller	June 25	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bryson Tiller	June 26	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
CKY	May 15	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 29	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 30	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Cain	June 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Carnifex	May 16	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Charlie XCX	June 12	Radius	Chicago
Chicano Batman	May 15	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Chicano Batman	May 16	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Chicano Batman	May 17	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Chingo Bling	July 6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Chiquis	June 21	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Chiquis	June 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Chris Brown	June 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Chris Brown	June 7	United Center	Chicago
Chris Brown	June 10	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Chris Stapleton	May 31	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Chris Stapleton	July 18	Huntington Center	Toledo
Chris Stapleton	July 19	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	May 4	Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	July 13	Ford Field	Detroit
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	July 20	Soldier Field	Chicago
Chris Young	May 2	Huntington Center	Toledo
Chris Young	May 3	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Chris Young	May 10	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Chris Young	May 11	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Chris Young	July 10	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	LaPorte
Cody Smith	July 13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Cole Swindell	June 7	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Cole Swindell	June 8	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Connor Kelly w/Nick Allison & The Players Lounge	June 20	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Corinne Bailey Rae	June 12	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Dada	June 15	Park West	Chicago
Dallas String Quartet: The Bridgerton Tour	May 10	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Dan + Shay	July 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati

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Dan + Shay	July 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Daniel Donato	May 30	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Danny Gokey	May 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Daryl Hall and Elvis Costello & The Imposters	July 6	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
Daryl Hall and Elvis Costello & The Imposters	July 8	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Dave Landau	June 14-15	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Dave Matthews Band	June 25	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dave Matthews Band	June 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 28-29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Decapitated w/Septicflesh, Kataklysm, Allegaeon	May 5	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Decapitated	May 6	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
The Decemberists	May 21	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Decemberists	May 22	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Def Leppard & Journey	July 15	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Def Leppard & Journey	July 18	Comerica Park	Detroit
Deric Cahill	May 22	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Dierks Bentley	June 13	Huntington Center	Toledo
Dierks Bentley	June 14	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dierks Bentley	June 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Diljit Dosanjh	May 15	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Dirty Heads & Slightly Stoopid	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Don McLean	May 18	Trine T. Furth Center	Angola
Drake White	May 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Drake White	May 3	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Drake White	May 4	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Drake White w/Clayton Anderson, Staci Stork	June 15	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Drive-By Truckers	June 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Duke Tumatooe	July 11	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 12	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 17	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 19	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Earth, Wind & Fire	July 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Echo & The Bunnymen	May 25	The Fillmore	Detroit
Echo & The Bunnymen	May 26	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Electric Callboy	May 15	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Electric Six	May 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Emmylou Harris	May 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Everclear	June 21	Central Park	Warsaw
Everclear	June 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Feid	May 30	United Center	Chicago
The Flaming Lips	June 26	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Flaming Lips	June 29	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Fleetwood Gold	June 1	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Foo Fighters	July 25	Great American Ballpark	Cincinnati
Foreigner & Styx	June 11	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Foreigner & Styx	June 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Foreigner & Styx	June 15	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls	May 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls	May 31	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Freddie Gibbs & MadLib	May 19	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Fredo Bang	June 2	Piere's	Fort Wayne
From Ashes to New	May 20	House of Blues	Cleveland
Fruit Bats	July 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Future Islands	June 28	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Future Islands	July 2	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
G Flip	May 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Gabriel Rutledge	July 11-13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Gaither Vocal Band	May 11	Bethesda Church	Sterling Heights, MI
Gaither Vocal Band	June 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Gary Allan	June 28	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Gary Clark Jr.	May 20	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Gary Clark Jr.	May 21	The Fillmore	Detroit
Gary Clark Jr.	May 24	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Gavin DeGraw	May 19	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	May 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	May 30	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit

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George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	May 31	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
The Ghost Inside	May 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Gloria Trevi	May 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Gloria Trevi	May 18	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Good Looks w/Extra Arms	June 24	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Greensky Bluegrass	June 11	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Greta Van Fleet	May 19	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Grlwood	June 22	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Grupo Firme	July 19	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
The Guess Who	May 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Guided By Voices	July 19	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Gunna	May 4	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Gunna	May 6	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Gunna	May 8	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Guy Penrod, Joseph Habedank, & Lynda Randle	June 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Halestorm & I Prevail	July 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Halestorm & I Prevail	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Halestorm & I Prevail	July 21	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Haley Reinhart	June 8	Cincinnati Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
Haley Reinhart	June 27	Magic Stick	Detroit
Hank Williams Jr.	June 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Hank Williams Jr.	June 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Hannah Wicklund	May 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Hardy	June 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hardy	July 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hauser	June 9	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Hauser	June 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Hawthorne Heights	June 28	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Hawthorne Heights	June 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Hawthorne Heights	June 30	Cain Park	Cleveland
Hawthorne Heights	July 1	The Fillmore	Detroit

Hawthorne Heights w/Thursday, Anberlin, Armor for Sleep, Stick To Your Guns, This Wild Life

July 25	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne	
Heart	May 7	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Heart	May 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Heart	May 17	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Heart	May 21	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
The High Curbs w/Loveseat!	June 8	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
The Hip Abduction	May 2	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 16	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 19	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Holly Humberstone	May 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hootie & The Blowfish	June 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hot Water Music	May 3	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Hot Water Music	May 5	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Hot Water Music	June 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
I Made Rock N Roll Festival	May 18	American Legion Mall	Indianapolis
Il Divo	July 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
In Flames	May 21	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Iron & Wine	July 8	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Itzy	June 26	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Jacob Collier	June 4	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Jacob Collier	June 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jacob Collier	June 6	The Fillmore	Detroit
Jacob Collier	June 9	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Jacob Collier	June 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
James Arthur	May 7	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
James Arthur	May 11	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
James Taylor	June 8-9	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
James Taylor	June 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
James Taylor	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jamey Johnson	July 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Jamey Johnson	July 20	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Janet Jackson	June 19	United Center	Chicago

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Road Notes

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Wilson opening the second night, June 30.

Imagine Dragons swoop in

Imagine Dragons have announced a 2024 headlining tour to support the release of their newest album, *Loom*, due out June 28.

Billed as Imagine Dragons' "biggest North American headline tour to date," the trek will lead them to Pine Knob Music Theatre near Detroit on Aug. 12, Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre in Chicago on Aug. 18, and Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Aug. 20.

To date, Imagine Dragons have sold more than 74 million albums and 65 million digital songs worldwide and have accumulated 160 billion streams across the several music platforms available.

Megadeth ready to thrash

Thrash titans **Megadeth** have announced the Destroy All Enemies tour with opening acts **Mudvayne** and **All That Remains**.

The iconic band led by Dave Mustaine will show off new tunes from their latest album *The Sick, The Dying ... And the Dead!* as well as perform classic hits from *Rust In Peace*, *Countdown to Extinction*, and more.

The 33-date tour includes a stop at Credit 1 Union Amphitheatre in Chicago on Sept. 3, along with visits to Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati on Sept. 17, Ruoff Music Center outside Indianapolis on Sept. 20, and Pine Knob Music Theatre outside Detroit on Sept. 21.

3 acts share headlining duties

Matt Nathanson, **Switchfoot**, and **Blue October** will co-headline the Help From My Friends Summer Tour.

The 30-city trek will stop at Holliday Park in Indianapolis on Aug. 15, Horseshoe Casino in Hammond on Aug. 17, and Kemba Live! in Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 18.

"There's nothing better than a summer tour with your friends," said Jon Foreman of Switchfoot. "Can't wait to see what kind of magic/mayhem/mischief happens once we get out on the road together!"

Each night will present a rotating order of performances with "each artist's set complementing the other two."

Road Notes covers concerts within driving distance of Northeast Indiana. Send your news items to info@whatzup.com.

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Janet Jackson	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Janet Jackson	June 23	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Janet Jackson	June 25	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Janet Jackson	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jason Mraz	July 19	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Jay Oakerson	May 17-18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jeff Bernat	May 11	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Jeff Leeson	May 15	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jeff Tweedy	May 31-June 1	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jesse Daniel	May 26	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Jesse McCartney	May 3	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jhene Aiko	June 19	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Jhene Aiko	June 20	United Center	Chicago
Jo Dee Messina	May 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Anderson	May 31	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Waite	June 7	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Joyner Lucas	May 15	The Fillmore	Detroit
Joyner Lucas	May 16	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Joyner Lucas	May 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Judas Priest	May 4	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
Justin Timberlake	June 21	United Center	Chicago
Justin Timberlake	July 7	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Jxdn	July 7	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Jxdn	July 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
K-Von	July 19-20	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
K. Trevor Wilson	May 2-4	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kam "Snacks" Coleman	May 24-26	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kam Patterson	June 27-29	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Kamelot	May 3	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Kamelot	May 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Kamelot	May 23	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Kenny Chesney	June 15	Soldier Field	Chicago
Kenny Wayne Shepherd	May 16	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Kenny Wayne Shepherd	May 17	Greektown Casino	Detroit
Kenny Wayne Shepherd	May 18	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Kentucky Headhunters & The Outlaws	May 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Khruangbin	May 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Khruangbin	June 4	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Khruangbin	June 7-9	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Kid Lari	June 25	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Kid Lari	June 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
The Kid Lari	July 2	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Kid Lari	July 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Kidz Bop	July 5	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kidz Bop	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Kidz Bop	July 24	Ohio Expo Center	Columbus
Kimberly Perry	July 19	Central Park	Warsaw
Kristin Key	May 12	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
LCD Soundsystem	May 24-27	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Lake Street Dive	July 9	TempleLive	Cleveland
Lake Street Dive	July 12	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Lake Street Dive	July 14	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Lauren Daigle	May 29	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lauren Daigle	May 30	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Leftover Salmon w/The Infamous Stringdusters	June 1	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Limp Bizkit	July 20	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Limp Bizkit	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Limp Bizkit	July 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lionel Richie & Earth, Wind and Fire	June 13	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Little Feat	June 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Little Feat	June 20	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Little Feat	June 22	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Locash	June 8	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Los Hombres G	June 22	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Luke Bryan	June 27	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Luke Bryan	June 28	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Luke Bryan	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Luke Bryan	July 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Maddy Smith	June 7-8	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Madison Beer	May 3	The Fillmore	Detroit
Maggie Rogers	June 5	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Maggie Rogers	June 7	Smale Park	Cincinnati
Maggie Rogers	June 9	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Marcus King	May 30	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Marcus King	June 2	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Marcus King	July 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Marcus King	July 20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Mark Normand	May 18	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Maroon 5	June 21	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Maroon 5	June 22	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Medium Build	June 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Megan Thee Stallion	May 17	United Center	Chicago
Megan Thee Stallion	May 18	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Melanie Martinez	June 13	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Melanie Martinez	June 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Messer Chups	June 21	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 13	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 14	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 16	Cain Park	Cleveland
Mojoand	June 27	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Molly Hatchet	June 22	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Mon Laferte	May 2	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
The Movement	June 11	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
NF	May 11	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
NF	May 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
NLE Choppa	May 10	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Neil Young & Crazy Horse	May 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Neil Young & Crazy Horse	May 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
New Kids on the Block	June 14	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
New Kids on the Block	June 15	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
New Kids on the Block	June 18	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
New Kids on the Block	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Niall Horan	July 13	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	May 9	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Noah Kahan	May 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Nothing More & Wage War	May 8	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Nothing More & Wage War	May 11	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Nothing More & Wage War	May 17	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Of Montreal	June 8	Magic Stick	Detroit
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 9	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 12	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Old Crow Medicine Show	July 13	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Omarion	May 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Orville Peck	June 3	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Orville Peck	June 4	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Orville Peck	June 7	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Orville Peck	June 8	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Orville Peck	June 9	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Orville Peck	June 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Our Last Night	May 4	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Our Last Night	May 10	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Our Last Night	May 11	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
P.O.D.	July 20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
PIHarmony	May 20	Credit Union 1 Arena	Chicago
Panther Belico	May 10	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Parker McCollum	June 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Parker McCollum	June 28	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 10	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 16	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Pedro the Lion	June 24	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pedro the Lion	June 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Pepe Aguilar	July 5-6	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Peso Pluma	May 31	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Peso Pluma	June 1	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 5	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati

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Quick Hits

LOCAL EVENTS

JERSEY BOYS

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 4-5

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 10-12

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 17-19

ARTS UNITED CENTER

Jersey Boys: The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons will be presented by the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre at Arts United Center on three consecutive weekends, May 4-5, May 10-12, and May 17-19.

The Tony-winning musical that had a 12-year run on Broadway details the formation, success, and eventual breakup of The Four Seasons.

While the storyline is riveting, make no mistake about it, the music is the star of the show.

Local actors Adam Cesarz (Frankie Valli), Owen Saalfrank (Bob Gaudio), Aaron Mann (Tommy DeVito), and Dylan Record (Nick Massi), will perform hits like “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Sherry,” “December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night),” “My Eyes Adored You,” “Stay,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” “Walk Like a Man,” “Who Loves You,” and “Working My Way Back to You.” — *Chris Hupe*

PROJECT BALLET'S SNOW WHITE

6 P.M. TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 7-8

EMBASSY THEATRE

Project Ballet have made it their mission to provide superior ballet training to this region's youth.

To help show off what the students have learned this year, the organization will present *Snow White* at the historic Embassy Theatre on Tuesday-Wednesday, May 7-8.

The classic and well-known fairy tale will feature more than 100 local dancers performing this family-friendly story live on stage.

In addition to the performance, following a short intermission, Project Ballet will celebrate their 20th anniversary with a presentation of professional mixed repertory.

For those who would like to stick around on Wednesday, there will be a second intermission, followed by the organization's annual graduation and awards ceremony. — *Chris Hupe*

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

The Bulldogs

May 11	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
May 25	Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
May 30	Mentone Egg Festival, Mentone
June 5	James Dean Memorial Stage, Fairmount
June 13	Triangle Park, Defiance, OH
June 15	CoColo's RV Campground, Lagro
June 23	Callaway Park, Elwood
July 4	Topeka East Park, Topeka
July 13	Webster Depot Park, Dunkirk
July 20	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 22	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 27	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH

Aug. 3	State Line Heritage Days, Union City
Aug. 9	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 16	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 23	Quincy Daze Festival, Quincy, MI
Aug. 31	Grissom Air Force Base, Peru
Sept. 5	Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann
Sept. 7	Matthews Covered Bridge Festival
Sept. 13	Back to the Fifties Festival, Lebanon
Sept. 20	Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH
Sept. 21	Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 27	Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 26	Eagles Aerie 1771, Alexandria
Dec. 31	Moose Lodge 2387, Fremont

Debutants

May 28	People's Brewing Company, Lafayette
June 28	Blue Ox Festival, Eau Claire, WI
Aug. 31	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis

Jailbreak

June 8	Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
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Los Electro

May 15	Goshen Brewing Co., Goshen
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Punching Lucky

May 4	Peoria Pizza Works, Peoria, IL
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Ross Kinsey

June 6	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Aug. 1	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Oct. 24	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Dec. 5	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

Seventh Cloud & Necromoon

May 22	Sleeping Village, Chicago
May 23	Farewell, Kansas City, MO
May 24	The Sinkhole, St. Louis
May 25	Treehouse, Grand Rapids
May 26	Loose Cobra, Tolono, IL

Spirit Bomb

May 18	EXIT/IN, Nashville, TN
June 22	Subterranean, Chicago
Aug. 3	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis

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May 23	Healer, Indianapolis
May 24	Coterie, Kokomo
May 30	The Comet, Cincinnati
May 31	The Green Lantern, Lexington, KY
June 1	Grand Junction Brewing, Indianapolis
June 13	The Cooperage, Milwaukee, WI
June 14	Buzz Bomb Brewing, Springfield, IL
June 15	The Space, Champaign
June 27	TreeLawn, Cleveland
June 28	Grog Shop, Cleveland
June 29	CODA, Cleveland
July 12	Woodlands Tavern, Columbus, OH
July 26	Al's Bar, Lexington, KY
July 27	Cave Valley Kava, Louisville
Aug. 3	The Pyramid Scheme, Grand Rapids
Aug. 16	Chapel of Philip Neri, Louisville, KY

Sunglasses at Night

May 3	Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH
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Tom Koenig

May 3	Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI
May 12	Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH
May 19	Bayview Pub & Grill, Celina, OH

We Are Checkmark

June 15	Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont
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Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 19	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Psychedelic Porn Crumpets	May 16	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Puscifer	May 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Pvris	June 12	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Pvris	June 15	House of Blues	Chicago
Pvris	June 16	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Rachel Brooke Band w/Thumbriker	May 31	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Red Hot Chili Peppers	July 5	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Red Hot Chili Peppers	July 22	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Red Hot Chili Peppers	July 25	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Reik	June 5	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Rick Springfield	May 23	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Rick Springfield	May 24	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 14	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Roberto Carlos	June 23	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 14	TempleLive	Cleveland
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 15	Athens Theatre	Columbus, OH
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Rodrigo Y Gabriela	May 18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Roger Daltrey	June 25	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Roger Daltrey	June 27	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Roger Daltrey	June 29	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
The Rolling Stones	June 15	Cleveland Browns Stadium	Cleveland
The Rolling Stones	June 27	Soldier Field	Chicago
Ronnie & Kim Booth, Greater Vision, & Legacy Five	June 4	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Russ	June 23	United Center	Chicago
Ryan Niemiller w/Maxwell Tidey	May 4	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
S.E.R.P.E.N.T. Festival	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
S.E.R.P.E.N.T. Festival	July 25	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Sad Summer Festival	July 20	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Sad Summer Festival	July 24	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Saint Asonia	May 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Saliva & Drowning Pool w/Any Given Sin	May 21	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sam Hunt	July 19	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Santana & Counting Crows	June 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Santana & Counting Crows	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Santana & Counting Crows	June 28	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Santana & Counting Crows	June 29	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Sarah McLachlan	June 11	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Sarah McLachlan	June 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Sarah McLachlan	June 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Sarah McLachlan	June 16	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Saw Doctors	July 20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Say Anything	May 7	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Say Anything	May 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Say Anything	May 15	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Say Anything	May 17	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Scene Queen, Stand Atlantic, Magnolia Park, The Home Team	July 10	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Scene Queen, Stand Atlantic, Magnolia Park, The Home Team	July 11	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Sebastian Bach	May 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Sebastian Bach	June 4	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Shakey Graves	May 9	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Shawn Colvin & KT Tunstall	May 2	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Shelly Belly	May 17	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Silvestre Dangond	May 30	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Sleep Token	May 15-16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
slowdive	May 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Sonic Temple Art & Music Festival	May 16-19	Historic Crew Stadium	Columbus, OH
Staind	May 9	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Staind	May 17	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Star Fest w/Crowder, Doe, Caleb & John, Blessing Offor, Canvas	July 6	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Starset	May 16	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Stay Outside w/thinning.	May 10	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Steve Smith & Vital Information	June 6	Sweetwater Sound	Fort Wayne

Symphony X	May 16	Bogart's	Cincinnati
T-Pain	June 11	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Taking Back Sunday	June 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Taking Back Sunday	June 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Taking Back Sunday	July 25	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Tank	June 2	The Fillmore	Detroit
Tank	June 7	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
The Temptations	June 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Teskey Brothers	May 10	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Third Eye Blind	June 28	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Third Eye Blind	July 2	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Third Eye Blind	July 5	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Third Eye Blind	July 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Third Eye Blind	July 7	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	May 31	United Center	Chicago
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	June 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Tomorrow X Together	June 5-6	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Tracy Lawrence	July 19	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 10	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 12	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 13	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 15	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Train & REO Speedwagon	July 21	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Trey Anastasio	May 9	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Trey Anastasio	May 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Trey Anastasio	May 15	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Triumph, Gold City, & Guardians	June 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Ty Segall	May 5	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Ty Segall	May 6	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Tye Tribbett	June 4	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Tye Tribbett	June 5	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
Tye Tribbett	June 6	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 11	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Tyler Childers	June 13	United Center	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 11	TempleLive	Cleveland
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 12	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 13	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 17	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 19	Arcada Theatre	Chicago
Uriah Heep & Saxon	May 21	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
The Used	June 20	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
The Used	June 21	Bogart's	Cincinnati
The Used	June 24	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Used	June 28	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The Used	June 29	TempleLive	Cleveland
Vampire Weekend	July 26-27	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Violent Femmes	May 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Violent Femmes	May 17	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Violent Femmes	May 18	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Violent Femmes	June 21	Ravinia Park Pavilion	Chicago
Violent Femmes	June 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, OH
Walker Hayes	May 30	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Walker Hayes	May 31	The Mill	Terre Haute
Walker Hayes	June 20	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Walker Hayes	July 12	FireKeepers Casino	Battle Creek
Warren Haynes Band	July 19	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Warren Haynes Band	July 20	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Warren Haynes Band	July 24	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Warren Haynes Band	July 26	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
William Lee Golden & The Goldens	June 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
X Ambassadors	May 21	House of Blues	Chicago
X Ambassadors	May 22	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
X Ambassadors	May 24	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
X Ambassadors	May 26	House of Blues	Cleveland
Xavier Rudd	June 11	House of Blues	Chicago
Young Rising Sons	May 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Zach Seabaugh	June 9	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT

Vera Bradley Outlet Sale — Get special deals on retired and overstock handbags, travel items, and accessories at annual sale, **9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, May 1-3; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 5**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 483-1111

Common Bond Fundraiser w/Marcus Freeman — Notre Dame football coach shares insight on leadership, teamwork, overcoming adversity, and achieving goals at fundraiser for local nonprofit Erin's House for Grieving Children, **4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 2**, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, \$150, (260) 423-2466

Historic Swinney Homestead Open House and Settlers' Plant Sale — Hand-arts display of Settlers programs, as well herbs in the basement, and perennial diggings on the lawn, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, May 3; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 4**, Historic Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-4232

Recording Masterclass w/Chris Lord-Alge — Five-time Grammy-winning producer/engineer/mixer/musician guides two-day workshop designed for those interested in recording and bringing out best in their productions, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4**, Sweetwater Studios, Fort Wayne, \$1,295, (260) 432-8176

Auburn First Friday: Cinco de Mayo — Monthly event will have pinatas for the kids, Mexican-inspired food and drinks, late-night shopping, music, and wagon rides, **5-8 p.m. Friday, May 3**, Downtown Auburn, free, (260) 230-1204

Wabash First Friday: Bike & Bloom — Monthly event of downtown activities will unveil Food Truck Plaza and bouquet bar, and feature Pedal at Paradise, a community bike ride that begins at Paradise Spring Park and makes stops along the way, **5-8 p.m. Friday, May 3**, Downtown Wabash, free, (260) 563-0975

Columbia City First Friday: Pedals & Petals — Monthly downtown event will have food trucks, vendors, pony rides, live music by Evan Lee & Co., and a BMX stunt show, **6-9 p.m. Friday, May 3**, Downtown Columbia City, free, info.cconnect@gmail.com

Cancer Services Ribbon Walk 2024 — Celebrate life and honor lost loved ones with proceeds staying in community to ease the physical, emotional, and financial burdens on people and families affected by cancer, **9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 4**, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 484-9560

Columbia City Historic Interior Tour — Self-guided tours allow unique access to downtown buildings Thomas Marshall House Museum, Whitley County Courthouse, and Historic Jail, as well as privately owned buildings, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Downtown Columbia City, free, info.cconnect@gmail.com

Tiny Musicians — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes with Esther Coplin, **9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Saturdays, May 4-25**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Free Comic Book Day — Members of the 501st *Star Wars* group will be on hand as you receive a free comic book, **10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Books Comics & Things, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 493-6116

Little Rock Stars — Ages 4-5 explore musical genres and instruments, collaborate with others, compose short songs, and expand vocal range over the course of four weekly classes, **11-11:45 a.m. or noon-12:45 p.m. Saturdays, May 4-25**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Celestial Fest — Inaugural event will feature eight local bands, a marketplace, food trucks, and drinks from Ambrosia Orchard, **noon-midnight Saturday, May 4**, Ambrosia, Hoagland, \$10

Do You Dig History? — Designed for ages 3-12, self-led and guided activities are available during day of discovery about paleontology and archaeology, **noon-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Beadwork — Katrina Mitten demonstrates techniques as part of History Center's 2024 series, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$7-\$9, (260) 426-2882

Harmar's Defeat: The 1790 Battle of Kekionga (That Many Historians Get Wrong) — William Heath will present lecture in monthly series, **2 p.m. Sunday, May 5**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Jewish Genealogy of the Former Russian Empire and Surrounding Regions — Ellie Vance leads presentation provide a brief history of Jews in the Russian Empire, followed by introduction to Jewish genealogical research, **2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 5**, ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, free, vp@NEIndiana-jgs.org

Back Home Again in Indiana w/Shanna Zolman Mahaley — Former Wawasee and University of Tennessee basketball player discusses how faith shaped her skills on the basketball court and in her everyday life, **7-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7**, Wawasee High School, Syracuse, free, (574) 377-7543

Tiny Musicians — Those up to 3 years old enjoy nursery rhymes and songs, rhythm and movement exercises, and simple and fun instruments through four once-weekly classes with Esther Coplin, **10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, May 8-29**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Music for Moms — Music therapy and wellness exercises range from singing to songwriting, music listening, meditation, visualization/relaxation, stretching to music, and experimenting with instruments over course of four weekly Wednesday sessions, **5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 8-29**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

FARMERS MARKETS

Allen County Marketplace — Monthly open air market with vendors, food trucks and live music, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 11; Saturday, June 8; Saturday, July 13; Saturday, Aug. 10; Saturday, Sept. 14**, Pathway Community Church, Fort Wayne, free, allencountymarketplace@gmail.com

Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, 500 E. State Blvd.**, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

Leo-Cedarville Farmers Market — Local produce, flowers, and handcrafted items with focus on local farmers and artisans, **4-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 9-Sept. 26**, Leo-Cedarville Downtown Plaza, free, leocedarvillefarmersmarket@gmail.com

South Side Farmers Market — Fort Wayne's oldest farmers market has produce, meat, baked goods, plants, and artwork, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499**

YJNI Outdoor Farmers Market — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, History Center, Fort Wayne, free, market@yjni.org

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, May 14 — South Bend, **6:35 p.m.**
Wednesday, May 15 — South Bend, **6:35 p.m.**
Thursday, May 16 — South Bend, **7:05 p.m.**
Friday, May 17 — South Bend, **7:05 p.m.**
Saturday, May 18 — South Bend, **6:35 p.m.**
Sunday, May 19 — South Bend, **1:05 p.m.**
Tuesday, May 21 — Lansing, **6:35 p.m.**
Wednesday, May 22 — Lansing, **6:35 p.m.**
Thursday, May 23 — Lansing, **7:05 p.m.**
Friday, May 24 — Lansing, **7:05 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wild Walkers: Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **8:45 a.m. Friday, May 10**, Loblolly Nature Preserve, Bryant, free, (260) 427-5023

Empowerment Purse Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser — Event that raises funds for those looking for assistance for the secondary education skills will have designer purse bingo and raffle, taco bar, wine, vocal performance, and DJ, **5:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 10**, Arlington Park Association Clubhouse, Fort Wayne, \$75, empowermentthruedu@gmail.com

DrumFest — Engage with biggest brands and meet special guest artists, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 11**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 432-8176

Disabilities Expo — More than 100 exhibitors make this event a one-stop resource for all types of disability services and products, **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 11**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 483-1111

Muster on the St. Marys: A Timeline Event — Reenactors represent soldiers from different eras, ranging from medieval times to World War II, taking part in demonstrations and answering questions, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 11; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 12**, The Old Fort, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 437-2836

Fort Wayne Sport Club Bourbon & Tequila Tasting — Nationally recognized mixologist Raj Shukla will prepare drinks alongside samplings from distillers and draft beer, **6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 11**, Fort Wayne Sport Club, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 413-0864

Kickboxing with 9Round — Monthly exercise class aimed at burning calories through kicking and punching, **9-10 a.m. Sunday, May 12**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Pottery Palooza — Events will feature one-hour pottery wheel classes, hand-building workshops, and Raku kiln firing, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Fort Wayne Clay, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 203-0202

Yoga on the Riverfront — Relaxing, one-hour flow for all skill levels with instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga, **10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

Taste of Korea — Celebrate Korean culture and cuisine by playing traditional games, trying traditional food, and checking out activities, exhibits, and music, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, May 12**, Downtown ACPL, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 797-3412

Mother's Day Cake & Sip Brunch — Hosted by Couture Cakes, you'll be guided through crafting a cake while enjoying mimosas, food, and music from Day Mars, **1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 12**, Visions Event Hall, Fort Wayne, \$55, (260) 418-7849

Crowns & Heroes — Fundraiser for Abie's Haven, a short-term crisis home exclusively for women and children escaping domestic and sexual violence, will have police, fire, EMS, health care workers, as well as princesses, superheroes, crafts, and a dance party, **10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Fellowship Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$40, (260) 443-2103

Historic Warren Main Street Car Show — Fourth annual event will have classic cars, live music, food trucks, prizes, and vendors, **11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Heritage Point of Warren, Warren, free, (260) 375-6199

Sears Houses in Fort Wayne — Karen Richards discusses houses that were chosen from Sears & Roebuck catalog as part of ARCH's 2024 Fun & Free Lecture Series, **1 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5117

BuskerFest — Circus-themed event returns downtown with jugglers, balloon artists, and aerial performers, **3-9 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Downtown Fort Wayne, free, (260) 420-3266

Healing Hands Night Market — Eclectic marketplace with vendors, food and drinks, and open mic, **5-11 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Healing Hands Spa & Boutique, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 494-6905

Cherry Blossom Festival — Japanese culture is celebrated through vendors, dancing, live music, food, and cosplay, **noon-6 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, PFW Walb Student Union, Fort Wayne, free, cherryblossomfw@gmail.com

Eco Fest — Visit vendors and informational booths to learn more about the environment, while enjoying live music, food and drinks, and kids activities, **noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, free, ecofestfw@gmail.com

Rocket Launch — Observe or bring your own rockets to launch into the sky, as motors and supplies and launch with equipment from Summit City Aerospace Modelers, **1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 710-6976

Wild Walkers: Hathaway Nature Preserve at Ross Run — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **8:30 a.m. Friday, May 24**, Hathaway Nature Preserve, Wabash, free, (260) 427-5023

Trombone & Piano Career Masterclass — Peter Steiner and Constanze Hochwartner share insider stories, practice tips, and performance anxiety solutions, **2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 25**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 432-8176

Wraith Chasers Take on The Bell Mansion — Meet-and-greet and question-and-answer followed by investigation of 15,000-square-foot building, **6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, May 25**, The Bell Mansion, Fort Wayne, \$99, (260) 715-4106

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony — Parade begins at Northside Park and heads north up Parnell Avenue to Memorial Coliseum where a ceremony is conducted, **11 a.m. Monday, May 27**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 483-1111

Tales & Trails — Hear a tale and hike a trail with your preschooler to discover natural wonders around you, **10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28**, Merry Lea Farmstead, Albion, free, (260) 799-5869

Bass Masterclass w/Billy Sheehan — Mr. Big bassist shows you everything from chording to two-hand tapping and blending distortion to get perfect tone, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 28**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, \$100, (260) 432-8176

Guitar Masterclass w/Paul Gilbert — Mr. Big guitarist covers topics from mastering a guitar solo to building technique while acquiring picking accuracy and speed, **7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 28**, Sweetwater, Fort Wayne, \$100, (260) 432-8176

Bike Night at Union Street Market — Monthly event welcomes motorcyclists to park at Dynamo Alley and enjoy food, drinks, and live music, **7-9 p.m. Friday, May 31**, Electric Works, Fort Wayne, free, manager@unionstreetmarket.org

JUNE

Arab Fest — Two days of music, food, and vendors, **noon-7 p.m. Saturday, June 1; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, June 2**, Headwaters Park West, Fort Wayne, free, arabfestfw@gmail.com

Miami Indian Heritage Days: Cookware from Local Clays — Erik Vosteen instructs on making and using replica Native-style pottery as part of History Center's 2024 series, **1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 1**, Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, \$7-\$9, (260) 426-2882

Prism Fest — Market-style event celebrates Pride month by showcasing LGBTQ+ community with vendors, nonprofits, food trucks, and live entertainment, **2-8 p.m. Saturday, June 1**, Downtown Columbia City, free, whitleycountypride@gmail.com

From Fort Wayne to Munich: The Education of Edith Hamilton — Victoria Houseman will present lecture in monthly series, **2 p.m. Sunday, June 2**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Color in Motion: Live Butterfly Exhibition — Exotic butterflies interact with multicolored flowers and foliage, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 23**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Contours in Wood — Jazz musician Norman Ziolowski creates sleek, flowing sculptures out of wood, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; through June 2**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

Ebb and Flow — Marilee Salvator incorporates natural elements with walnut inks to make non-traditional prints on translucent Kozo paper, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; through June 2**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

Fantastic Realms — Kirsty Mitchell, Takashi Murakami, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, and Bertil Vallien explore dreamlands and their unusual characters, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 7**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Invisible Forces — Rowland Ricketts utilizes natural dyes and historical processes to create contemporary textiles that bridge art and design, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 4-July 7**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Lucky Monsters: Works by Jiha Moon — Woven cross-cultural imagery creates abstract scenes that integrate pop culture, racial perceptions, technology, and folklore, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 19**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Miniatures Conjure Delights — Group show of 14 different solo shows, each shown in a miniature box gallery, as well as Mel Kolstad's miniature drypoint etchings of each meal she ate in a year, **5-8 p.m. Friday, 4-7 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, through May 5**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, kwallace.gmoa@gmail.com

The Paintings of Gabriela Gonzalez Delosso: A Retrospective — Artist's narrative realism tells fascinating stories through her command of human figure, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through July 14**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

PFW Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Seminar Exhibition — Department of Art and Design exhibits projects in metalsmithing, printmaking, painting, graphic design, and web design, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, through May 5**, Blue Jacket, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

PFW Bachelor of Science in Interior Design Exhibition — Senior projects feature fresh and unique concepts for residential and commercial spaces, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 5**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

PFW Summer Selections Exhibition — Selected works of all art majors, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 6-Aug. 5**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

The Spring Show — Latest exhibit features works from Jody Hemphill Smith, Doreen St. John, Fred Doloresco, Eric Rhoads, and more, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays**, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

This Too, Shall Pass — Mayuko Ono Gray uses large-scale graphite drawings to reflect on and hybridize her Japanese and Western cultural influences, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 2**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

Wild and Free — Graphic designer and illustrator Dani Kiefer's work is on display, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 22** Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Wild Beauty — Working primarily in pastel, Maryland artist Tara Will approaches landscapes with unpredictable colors and bold marks, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 5**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

RECEPTIONS

Contours in Wood, Ebb and Flow, and This Too, Shall Pass — Marilee Salvator incorporates natural elements with walnut inks to make non-traditional prints on translucent Kozo paper, **5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 2**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

different cities unique, **6 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$31.50-\$61.60, (260) 424-5665

The Drowsy Chaperone — Recording of a fictitious 1928 musical comes to life that features a couple of eve of wedding, desperate theater producers, and two gangsters, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 14-15; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 1 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

The Producers — Fading Broadway producer and his accountant scheme to bilk investors out of money, but it all goes wrong in Summit City Music Theatre production, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 30**, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

The Big Gay Cabaret — Iconic hits from pop music, stage, and screen will be performed to celebrate Pride Month, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 21-22; 6 p.m. Sunday, June 23**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$21.60, (260) 450-8015

JULY

Guys and Dolls In Concert — Summit City Music Theatre puts on iconic production of everyone ending up where they belong as part of their Classics in Concert series, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28**, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

No Exit — Local talent takes stage in Fire Line Productions show centers on three strangers who find themselves in a mysterious room, **2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, July 28**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, (260) 563-1102

SEPTEMBER

The Rocky Horror Picture Show — Fort Wayne Civic Theatre opens season with cult classic shown back to back at outdoor theater with array of audience participation props and kitschy rock n' roll, **8 p.m.**

For the Love of Art — Exhibit celebrates more than 12 years of gallery with more than 30 artists, **4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 9**, Crestwoods Frame Shop & Gallery, Roanoke, free admission, (260) 672-2080

46th Members Showcase — Celebration of artists that support Artlink, **5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

ART EVENTS

Rural Artist Studio Tour — Self-guided tour of nine studios across northeast Indiana, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, various locations, Fort Wayne, Leo-Cedarville, Spencerville, free, kristyjo52@comcast

Broadway Arts District Block Party — Inaugural event in the 1100 block of Broadway includes several local businesses and serve as grand opening for Gallery 02 and Kreative Framing, **4-8 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Broadway corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 414-4948

Keeping It 100 — Original works by local artists will be \$100, with drinks by Edwin Coe Distillery, and music, **6-9 p.m. Friday, May 10**, Manco Studios/New Republic Tattoo, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 416-6213

The Art of Jerrod Tobias — Local muralist will have his works on display, **4-9 p.m. Friday, June 21**, Phan Gear Prints, Fort Wayne, free admission, phangearprints@gmail.com

Covington Art Fair — Juried art show marks 32nd year with 100 local, regional, and national fine-art artists, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 23**, Covington Shopping Plaza, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-3373

Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show — Solve a mystery with actors hidden among diners, **6 p.m. Saturday, May 4**, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, Fort Wayne, \$59.95, (866) 496-0535

Jersey Boys — Follows evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop music in Fort Wayne Civic Theatre season finale, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$39, (260) 422-4226

Project Ballet: Snow White at The Embassy — More than 100 local dancers will perform fairy-tale ballet followed by presentation of mixed repertory to celebrate Project Ballet's 20th anniversary, **6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, May 7-8**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$29, (260) 424-6287

Madeline! — Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company presents tale of mischievous girl at boarding school run by strict Miss Clavel, **10 a.m. and noon, Saturday, May 4**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 422-4226

A Delightful Quarantine — Extra-terrestrial "invasion" forces Pennsylvania community to go into lockdown, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Dances of Universal Peace Fort Wayne — The Kekionga Convergence will host dances blending chant, live music, and simple movements through three-day event with registration through June 14, **6-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 28; 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, June 29; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, June 30**, Events at The Summit, Fort Wayne, \$180-\$225, monnierliz@gmail.com

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Sesame Street Live: Say Hello — Favorite characters such as Elmo, Abby Cadabby, and Cookie

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Monster coming to neighborhood, **7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-5665

The Father — This Fort Wayne premier is considered "the most acclaimed new play of the last decade," **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 and 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-22, (260) 422-4226

Pints en Pointe — Fort Wayne Ballet season finale is up-close performance with chance to speak with dancers, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11**, Fort Wayne Ballet Studios, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 422-4226

The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show — Solve a mystery with actors hidden among diners, **6 p.m. Saturday, May 11**, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, Fort Wayne, \$59.95, (866) 496-0535

Fiddler on the Roof — Fire & Light Productions presents musical that cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 16-17; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, USF Robert Goldstine PAC, Fort Wayne, \$16, (260) 422-4226

The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show — Solve a mystery with actors hidden among diners, **6 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown, Fort Wayne, \$59.95, (866) 496-0535

Mamma Mia! — Acclaimed production of bride-to-be seeking to identify her father with help of music from ABBA, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, May 28-29**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$80, (260) 424-5665

Bluey's Big Play — Adaptation of Emmy-winning children's program sees Bluey and Bingo pull out all the stops to get Dad off the couch, **6 p.m. Thursday, May 30**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$39-\$89, (260) 563-1102

JUNE

Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour — Dance, sing, and learn as Blippi and Meekah discover what makes

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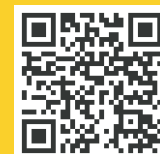
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