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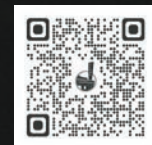
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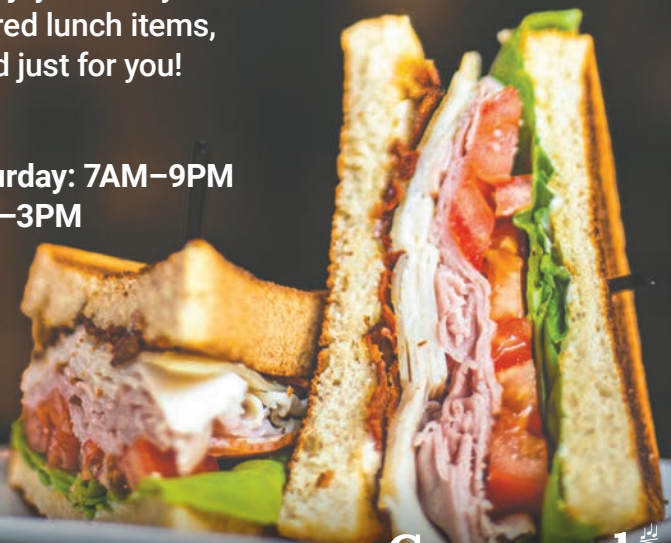


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Editor's Note: This week's edition does not feature a Reel Views column, but Brent Leuthold will return next week.

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Here's a tip: BuskerFest is returning downtown

13th annual spectacle brings in circus acts, local bands to entertain

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Remember the last time you watched an amazing, talented street performer playing the guitar and you threw some pocket change in his bucket? Now, add magic, jugglers, and a fiery finale, and you have the 13th installment of Downtown Fort Wayne's BuskerFest.

This quirky festival returns to the streets of the Summit City from 3-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 18.

PROS AND JOES

This edition of BuskerFest marks the first major community event hosted by Downtown Fort Wayne since the introduction of the area's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, which was introduced this month.

However, instead of celebrating the fact you will be able to have an adult beverage in your hand, purchased at approved sites and in a DORA cup, BuskerFest is a "celebration of the street performer," according to Tamara Cummins, Downtown Fort Wayne's events and programs manager.

Centered at the intersection of Wayne and Calhoun streets, the festival will feature a variety of buskers, both "organic" and professional, performing music and acrobatic spectacles for an expected audience of 8,000-10,000 people throughout the day.

Cummins said in addition to what she calls "organic buskers" — those who consider themselves buskers and play only for tips at the festival — the organization has also invited professionals to perform.

Cincinnati Circus will dazzle festivalgoers with stilt walkers, jugglers, and unicycle aerialists, in addition to comics, magicians, and balloon artists at Busker Central Pitch, near the I&M Plaza. To top it all off, Cummins said the circus will perform a spectacle called the "Wheel of Death," where entertainers will be lifted by a massive contraption into the air while performing intricate, death-defying acrobatic feats.



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN J. BAILEY

Stilt walkers will entertain throughout the day and Pyroscope's fire entertainers will close the night during BuskerFest on Saturday, May 18, in downtown Fort Wayne.

BUSKERFEST

Loud & Local Music Pitch

3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Farmland Jazz Band
5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Kangaroo Kourt
7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Randara

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3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. Cincinnati Circus
5:30 p.m. Cincinnati Circus/
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6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cincinnati Circus
8:30 p.m. Pyroscope
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To close out the night once again, the fire-bending performers from Pyroscope will light up the night at 8:30 p.m.

STRIKE UP THE BANDS

BuskerFest will also feature three local musical acts who will be performing intermittently throughout the day.

The Farmland Jazz Band will offer two half-hour performances at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Describing themselves as a "taste of New Orleans in the Midwest," the band focuses on 1920s improvisational jazz styles and boasts a repertoire of both well-known and original pieces.

The alternative rock/funk band Kangaroo Kourt, fresh off releasing their debut album *Sunday Best* in January, will also offer two half-hour sessions at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The band describes their lyrical artwork as "introspective and thought-provoking, touching on themes of love, loss, and the human experience."

Another local band, Randara, will round out the night with their half-hour sets at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.



NEW ADDITIONS

Cummins said that in addition to the festivals proximity to several restaurants, food trucks will be on site.

New to BuskerFest will be an alley set aside for those with sensory needs to participate in the fun of the festival, as well as an after party for the adult crowd.

"We have an extended portion of the event that's taking place in the alley," Cummins said in an interview with *Whatzup*. "It's an after party, if you will, where we're going to have a DJ and kind of some late-night activations for our young adults."

With back-to-back performances of spectacular musical and acrobatic feats, this year's installment of BuskerFest is sure to impress once again — just remember to tip your buskers.

Rick Springfield kicks off Foellinger season

Man behind hits like 'Jessie's Girl' in town May 23

BY CHRIS HUPE
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Rick Springfield has had a long and successful career — in music and acting.

The multitasking Australian charted a Top 10 hit in his homeland and four Top 40 hits in the United States before he went on to portray the dreamy Dr. Noah Drake on the daytime soap opera *General Hospital*, a role that caused many a woman to fall in love with him.

Their chance to fall in love with him all over again comes when Springfield kicks off the Foellinger Theatre season on Thursday, May 23, for a night of music celebrating an icon in the industry.

FINDING SUCCESS

Debuting with 1972's *Beginnings*, Springfield's biggest commercial success came in the early '80s with the release of 1981's *Working Class Dog* and its immediate follow-up, *Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet*.

The popularity of those albums were a bit of a surprise since Springfield had struggled to gain traction in the U.S., releasing four prior albums with only the 1976 release, *Wait for Night*, charting on The States' *Billboard* Top 200, but the world had yet to find out about his love for "Jessie's Girl."

Still a fan-favorite off of *Working Class Dog* and a staple of classic rock radio, that song was the main force that propelled Springfield onto mainstream radio and into the



RICK SPRINGFIELD

8:30 p.m.
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Rick Springfield will be at Foellinger Theatre on Thursday, May 23.

hearts of millions. The song made him a bona-fide rock star.

Although it may seem hard to believe given its popularity, "Jessie's Girl" was not an immediate hit. Instead, it slowly eased its way up the charts, taking an unheard of 19 weeks to reach No. 1.

The subsequent single, "I've Done Everything for You," was more eagerly received, taking just a few

weeks to peak at No. 14.

"I wrote those songs because I had given up on ever getting another record deal, and L.A. clubs were hot at the time," Springfield told *Billboard* in a recent interview. "So I thought I'd write a bunch of short pop songs with catchy hooks that I could play with a three-piece band and go do the L.A. club scene. I was surprised when I got the record

deal, (which) didn't really seem to be in the cards for me."

Looking to capitalize on the momentum, Springfield released *Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet* a year later, charting three more singles, "Don't Talk to Strangers," "What Kind of Fool Am I," and "I Get Excited." The album was filled with a heavy dose of those short, catchy pop songs and solidified Springfield as a headliner, paving the way for a five-decade career that boasts 22 studio albums, including the most recent being 2023's *Automatic*.

DEEPER TERRITORY

While some fans continue to look for Springfield to write the next "Jessie's Girl," *Automatic* shows a mature songwriter.

Instead of singing about pining for his friend's girl, on *Automatic* he delves into recent personal loss in "She Walks with the Angels," questions his spirituality in "We Are Eternal," and opens up about his long struggle with depression in "When God Forgets My Name." Heavy stuff to digest, for sure, but representative of where Springfield is as an artist now.

"I don't think about people judging (my songs) when I'm writing," he told *USA Today*. "I just think about sharing a feeling. I know myself better than anybody, and in most of the writing there is a kernel of truth somewhere."

"I don't restrict myself when I write. There's always a degree of spit and polish and sweat, and when it comes through, you almost have to get out of the way."

Automatic is a very organic album. Springfield recorded the new songs as he finished them, instead of waiting to find a studio and recording

them in bunches as he had done in the past.

He admitted at the time of its release, "There was no plan. There was no deadline and no one waiting for the next album from me. I just got to do what I love, which is why I got into music in the first place."

SHOW YOU WON'T FORGET

As for the show itself, those unfamiliar with Springfield's newer songs need not worry as the setlist usually consists of the hits we all know from the aforementioned chart toppers to "Affair of the Heart," "Don't Talk to Strangers," "Love Somebody," and "Human Touch." You might even see some highlights from his on-screen career flash behind him periodically during the show, including scenes from *General Hospital*, *Hard To Hold*, and maybe, if we are lucky, *Ricki and The Flash*.

All of which adds up to an evening of great music and entertainment for longtime and new fans alike, serving notice that even at 74 years old, Springfield is still a force.

This show kicks off a busy year at Foellinger Theatre, with a slate of shows that includes Blues Traveler and Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Lee Brice, Tesla, and Slaughter with Great White and Vixen.

"Even though Rick Springfield has performed solo in Fort Wayne in the past, on May 23, he will be performing with his Full Band Electric, which means something unique and a first for some of his fans," Theatre Manager Rick Kinney said in a recent interview. "Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation is honored to have Rick and his band grace our stage as we celebrate 75 years of live performances at the Foellinger Theatre."

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Among the Japanese cultural activities you will see at the Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, May 19, at Purdue University Fort Wayne's Walb Student Union are Fort Wayne Taiko, left, and a tea ceremony demonstrated in Urasenke style.

Cherry Blossom celebrates Japanese culture

Dances, cosplay, food among many activities set for May 19 at PFW

BY ANDREW McNAIR
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Cherry trees play a basic role in our country's founding culture. The legend of George Washington and the cherry tree (although certainly untrue) remains an enduring slice of our collective image of our first president.

Donated as a goodwill offering from Japan more than 100 years ago, cherry trees, or *sakura*, fill the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C., and are celebrated annually for their spring flowers.

But the rich history of the Cherry Blossom Festival in our nation's capital pales in comparison to its origination, the 1,000-year-old tradition in Japan.

Fort Wayne will have its own Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, May 19, at Purdue University's Fort Wayne's Walb Student Union. The opening ceremony for the annual festival begins at noon, and there are activities planned through 6 p.m.

GET ARTISTIC

Presented by the Japanese American Association of Indiana, the local Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates Japanese culture in art, music, dance, food, and feats of skill. There is no charge for any of the events, and lots of free parking on the PFW campus.

From noon to 3 p.m. at the skybridge

between Walb Student Union and Helmke Library, aspiring artists of all ages can test their skills in creating anime art. All drawing must be done freehand on-site, and there will be prizes in multiple categories and age divisions.

While you're there, stop by the Walb end of the skybridge to register for the cosplay contest. Registration ends at 3:30 p.m., and costumed participants will gather at the International Ballroom at 4:30 p.m. If you're more of the audience type, you can watch the contest in the ballroom beginning at 4:45 p.m.

TURN UP THE MUSIC

Traditional Japanese music doesn't get much airplay on the local FM stations, but it's an amazing thing to experience live.

Chicago Okinawa Kenjikai will be at the festival performing an Okinawan drumming dance, the classic dance, and a traditional lion dance called Shishi-Mai at 2 p.m.

Speaking of drums, you won't want to miss Fort Wayne Taiko at 2:40 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.

Established in 1997 as a program of Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Fort Wayne Taiko was the first performing taiko group in Indiana and is still one of the few in the Midwest.

Taiko is a Japanese musical tradition that means "big drum." You've seen the dancing drummers in the movies; it's a whole other level to hear them play live.

Fort Wayne Suzuki Strings will be showing off the results from the Suzuki Method of musical instruction, which immerses children into the magic of music at a young age. Their 12:15 p.m. performance will feature violin, viola, and cello students, ranging in age

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PFW Walb Student Union
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from 7-15.

How about something completely different?

You'd be hard-pressed to find something more "different" than Spirit Bomb, definitely in a good way.

Well-known for their high-energy live shows, Spirit Bomb are a tribute band performing classic anime songs with stunning visuals. If you know the music, you'll be singing along with them at 12:40 p.m. If you don't, you'll still be blown away.

TASTE OF JAPAN

If all that music makes you hungry, you're in luck. The festival features Taste of Japan, a food vendor alley featuring mouth-watering options you're unlikely to find every day.

In this area, you will find All Over Creations producing dango, sticky dessert dumplings on a stick. Right nearby will be Heart of Asian Fusion, putting out kare age (Japanese fried chicken), tempura (Japanese fried other stuff), and donburi (Japanese rice bowl).

Beverages will also feature flavors from the land of the rising sun.

Kona Shaved Ice will have special Japanese shaved ice flavors. Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be there with some Japanese-flavored coffee, boba (bubble tea), and matcha (green tea). Local Apple Cart will offer lavender-flavored ice cream, matcha floats, and milk teas.

MARTIAL ARTS AND SMELLING THE FLOWERS

Don't underestimate the importance of tea in Japanese culture and don't miss the opportunity to understand it better.

The festival will include a demonstration of the Urasenke style of tea service, a ritualized preparation and presentation of matcha, at 12:45 p.m.

No festival of Japanese culture would be complete without a martial arts demonstration.

Gotokukan of Indianapolis will offer a demonstration of kendo, the way of the sword at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Kendo teaches one not just to swing the sword, but how to use the body, the mind, and the spirit in harmony to overcome your opponent and any challenges that might lay before you.

Unrelated to kendo but sharing a history stretching hundreds of years, kendama is a popular Japanese skill toy. At first glance it seems like a simple cup and ball on a string, but fans of kendama have practiced for years to develop extraordinary skills with the simple device. Mike Tsugawa, a "3rd Dan" in the Japanese Kendama Association, will demonstrate tricks and techniques 3:45 p.m.

The Japanese culture practices the tradition of hanami, the viewing of spring flowers. Here in northeast Indiana, we don't have the lovely blooms of cherry trees in nearly the quantity that they have 6,000 miles away on the Japanese Archipeligo, but hanami applies to all flowers, not just cherries.

It's also not the only Japanese tradition you can learn about right here in town at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

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The Band Camino stopping by The Clyde

The folks at The Clyde Theatre announced this week that they will welcome the Nashville, Tennessee-based trio **The Band Camino** to town on Friday, July 26.



Out and About

NICK BRAUN

Together, Jeffery Jordan, Spencer Stewart, and Garrison Burgess craft guitar-driven anthems punctuated by pop palatability and unfiltered honesty.

Beyond performances on *The Kelly Clarkson Show* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, The Band Camino have graced the bills of festivals such as Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, Hangout, and many more.

If you're unfamiliar with this talented act, you have until July to get caught up. So, do yourself a favor and check out their 2021 self-titled release and 2023's *The Dark*.

Opening the show that night will be Nashville-based singer-songwriter **Knox**.

Tickets for The Band Camino go on sale at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 17, at clydetheatre.com, over the phone at (800) 514-3849, or in person at The Clyde box office and Sweetwater Sound.

Also, The Clyde have also announced that local newgrass favorites **Debutants** have been added as the opening act for **Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country** show on Thursday, May 30.

Along with the Debutants' sound you know and love, Donato's Cosmic Country blends Nashville and Great West, Kentucky, music with 1960s Northern California.

Chris Kirkpatrick, LFO, O-Town come to town

Get ready to say "Bye Bye Bye" to your Labor Day cook-out plans on Sunday, Sept. 1, as the place you will want to be is the Sweetwater Performance Pavilion.

That evening, the Pop2000 Tour rolls through town, filled with some of the greatest boy-band hits of the early 2000s.

The tour features pop sensations **Chris Kirkpatrick**, **O-Town**, and **LFO**.

Kirkpatrick is a singer, dancer, and actor, who is best known for his work as a founding member of the pop group *NSync.

O-Town's story began in 1999 when *Making the Band* chronicled the rise to success of the group throughout three seasons of the series on ABC and MTV. Their first two full-length albums included No. 1 singles "Liquid

Dreams" and "All or Nothing." They also had the Top 40 hit "We Fit Together."

LFO burst on the scene in 1999 with the No. 1 smash hit "Summer Girls," and followed with another top-five hit in "Girl on TV."

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, at the Sweetwater campus and online at sweetwaterpavilion.com and ticketmaster.com.

Lunch on the Square returns May 30

Downtown Fort Wayne's annual Lunch on the Square series is returning for the summer 2024 season.

Take a break from the office or bring the family to Freimann Square to enjoy lunch every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning May 30.

There will be food trucks on site and live music for all tastes, beginning with local favorites **Alicia Pyle & The Locals** on May 30.

The rest of the live music over the summer will be **Hey Hera** on June 6, **Angie Marquardt** on June 13, **WMD** on June 20, **Khadeja Jamil** on June 27, **Neo Nea** on July 11, **Jaina Berry and Taylor Grant** on July 18, **Todd Harr-old Band** on July 25, **Sunny Taylor** on Aug. 1, and **Ross Kinsey** on Aug. 8.

Firefly Coffee House marks 25th year

Firefly Coffee House will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Saturday, June 29,

From 8 a.m.-4 p.m., come out their North Anthony hive for drink specials, a cookout, adult beverages, giveaways, and live music by **Kent Young**, **Chief Billy**, and **The Distractions**.

Here's to 25 more years!

Piere's books nu metal veterans Coal Chamber

Nu metal icons **Coal Chamber** will embark on the Fire for the Fans Tour 2024 this summer, which includes a stop at Piere's on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The news follows the band's recent resurgence touring with Mudvayne last year, in addition to an array of different festivals.

Supporting Coal Chamber will be industrial-metal vets **Fear Factory**, rap duo **Twiztid**, horror punks **Wednesday 13** doing a set of Murderdolls favorites, and **Black Satellite**.

Tickets can be purchased via etix.com and at all three Wooden Nickel locations.

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In partnership with Fort Wayne Trails, the city of Fort Wayne will celebrate active commuting on Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 17.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

Leave your car behind and walk, run, bike, or roll into one of four locations for a free, light breakfast, coffee, and juice, courtesy of Engineering Resources and 3 Rivers Natural Grocery Food Co-Op & Deli from 6:30-9 a.m. The stops are at TriCore Porch Off Calhoun (next to 816 Pint 'n Slice), Johnny Appleseed Park, Hanna Street Trail by Weisser Park, and Swinney Park.

The event is being held as part of National Bike Month, and closes out Bike to Work Week.

For more information go to fortwayneparks.org/trails/news-events.html to learn more.

Dance Collective fundraiser at Bell Mansion

Grab your formal/semi-formal attire as Fort Wayne Dance Collective holds their annual A Night at the Bell Mansion fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 and include a drink ticket (beer/wine), live interactive performances by Dance Collective artists, musical entertainment by local musicians, a desert bar from GK Baked Goods, a cash bar from Affine Foods, non-alcoholic beverages from Dry Lounge Social, and a silent auction.

Leadership shift at ARCH

ARCH Inc. announced the retirement of longtime Executive Director Connie Haas Zuber and the appointment of Interim Executive Director Karen Richards.

For almost 50 years, ARCH has worked with partners for the protection and preservation of historically significant buildings, structures, landscapes, and cultural heritages in Fort Wayne, Allen County, and northeast Indiana. By identifying and saving endangered structures, completing building histories, performing walking tours and home tours, free lectures, and other activities and events.

Zuber spearheaded significant preservation education through ARCH's free lecture series and walking tours and, more recently, through collaboration with the Fort Wayne Committee of the Indiana Landmarks Black History Preservation Project.

Richards, a former Allen County prosecuting attorney, has been a long-term ARCH board member, serving two terms as president, and currently serves as program committee chair.

New mural going in at Promenade Park

Art This Way has enlisted local muralist Tim Parsley to install a 1,300-square-foot mural along the South Harrison Street parking garage at Promenade Park.

The mural will be painted from May 20-31, and the public will be welcome to visit the site during the installation. This project will cover the cinder block walls of the west entrance of The Riverfront at Promenade Park parking garage.

"This entryway mural is inspired by Parisian botanical design but with floral elements authentic to Indiana, providing another contribution to the ever-growing artistic celebration of downtown Fort Wayne," Parsley said.

Parsley has painted numerous public art projects in downtown Fort Wayne, including the bison mural at The Landing, the Walt Whitman mural within the Bill Blass Runway, and the mural on the south elevation of Aaron's Fine Rug Gallery on Broadway.

ArtsTix box office temporarily relocates

As Arts United Center closes to undergo modernization and expansion, the ArtsTix Community Box Office will temporarily relocate across the street to Auer Center for Arts & Culture, 300 E. Main St.

You will be able to continue to get your tickets at Arts United Center through May 31. The box office will be closed June 1-4 as it is relocated, before reopening at Auer Center on June 5.

Tickets will be available through artstix.org throughout the move.

Register for Embassy's Score! intensive

Embassy Theatre will host their musical theater intensive, Score!, for incoming seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students July 8-20.

Students will devise, create, and produce an original musical theatrical production on the stage of the Embassy through a unique peer-driven collaborative approach.

Students will learn the multidisciplinary elements of the art form including playwriting, composition, movement, drama, music, visual arts, and technical arts with the facilitation of industry professionals. Space is limited to 25 students.

Early Bird Registration is \$450 and ends May 20. Regular registration fee is \$550 and ends June 14. Financial aid is available.

Email education@fwembassytheatre.org for more information.

City promotes preservation month

The city of Fort Wayne is celebrating National Historic Preservation Month throughout May.

To promote and commemorate the month, the city's Community Development Division is highlighting "People Saving Places."

The Historic Preservation staff will focus on historic place-savers who pour their time, energy, and resources into protecting places they care about. They will spotlight local historic districts and the stewards in our community who are doing the vital work of saving places and building community through preservation.

Residents are encouraged to share current photos of landmark buildings or culturally significant places that are at least 50 years in age. Share a photo, location, and a brief statement acknowledging the work done and why the building or place is important to you on your social media accounts using the hashtag #HPFW24.

Residents can also celebrate by exploring some of the city's historic neighborhoods. The Historic Preservation staff has produced a number of walking tour brochures of historic districts throughout the city, including brochures for The Landing and historic buildings in the downtown area. These brochures are available at Visit Fort Wayne, the Community Development office, and may be downloaded from the City's Historic Preservation website at CityofFortWayne.org/preservation.

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Nightlife

Baker Street Centre (formerly C2G Music Hall)

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EXPECT: Great live music on one of Fort Wayne's best stages. Diverse musical genres from local, regional, and national acts, all in a comfortable, all-ages, family-friendly, intimate atmosphere. Excellent venue for shows, events, presentations, meetings, and gatherings. Food catered by local vendors during some shows. **GETTING THERE:** Downtown on Baker between Ewing and Harrison, just south of Parkview Field. **HOURS:** Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors one hour earlier. **ALCOHOL:** Beer & wine during shows only. **PMT:** Cash, check, credit/debit

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EXPECT: Golden Tee, jukebox, 3 TVs, free Wi-Fi, deck patio, motorcycle parking available. Daily food & drink specials. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Jefferson and West Main Street, 2 minutes from downtown. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 a.m. daily. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, ATM

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EXPECT: Largest craft beer selection in city, 13 craft beer lines, over 300 domestic, craft, & imported beers, assorted wines, largest St. Pat's Celebration & Parade, keg toss, Irish snug, & USF students. Fri/Sat live music, holiday specials. Outdoor beer garden. WiFi. Small snack menu, tacos every Tue/Thu. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Leesburg and Spring, across from USF. **HOURS:** 3 p.m.-midnight Mon; noon-midnight Tue; 3 p.m.-midnight Wed; noon-1 a.m. Thu; noon-3 a.m. Fri-Sat; noon-midnight Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Beer & Wine. **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, tap to pay

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Mexican restaurant opens downtown

Los Patios Mexican Restaurant is up and running at space formerly occupied by O'Reilly's Irish Pub near Parkview Field, 301 W. Jefferson Blvd.

They've been open less than a month, but customers are taking notice quickly. They're posting on social media about the ample menu and their drink selections.

In mid-February, O'Reilly's abruptly ceased operations. You may recall they were one of the first tenants to occupy the mixed-use residential/retail property when it came online in 2013.



Rita's opens on Covington

Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard, 6312 Covington Road, is now open.

The Philadelphia-based sweet shop has 550 locations in 30 states and is devoted to creating a unique, family-oriented shop with more than 75 flavors. More than just their name-sake treats, they also have gelatis, milkshakes, and concretes.

The store is open every day from noon-9 p.m. They will have a grand opening celebration soon.

Food Truck Nights begin at Union 12

The food trucks have begun rolling into **Union 12**, 7563 E. Lincolnway Road, near the Allen/Whitley County Line Road.

Every Wednesday, the food trucks roll in with activities from 5-9 p.m. through Aug. 14.

Enjoy the best food trucks in northeast Indiana, live music, and shopping.

RibFest is just around the corner

Save the date: **RibFest** returns for its 27th season, June 13-16, at Headwaters Park.

The food gets the headlines, but it's four days of family-friendly fun, entertainment, and a dive into the world of sweet, spicy, and tangy BBQ brisket, pulled pork, chicken, and, of course, ribs.

Organizers say about 40,000 people attend and devour nearly 25 tons of food.

CLUB SODA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 16-18 · CLUB SODA

A downtown Fort Wayne staple, Club Soda, 235 E. Superior St., is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with three special nights of music featuring performers who have graced the venue's stage over the years.

The festivities begin from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 16, with the Michael Patterson Blues Trio channeling the electric blues of EJ Philips, a renowned New Orleans guitarist who has played the Club Soda stage many times.

The music moves to an outdoor tent on Barr Street for Friday night's

performance by The West Central Quartet with special guests Jamie Wise on vocals, Al Parr on trumpet, and Ed Renz on saxophone.

Things really heat up on Saturday with three acts in the tent, beginning with the Alicia Pyle Duo from 2-5 p.m., followed by Todd Harrold Band from 5:30-8 p.m., and Sweetwater All-Stars closing out the celebration from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

In addition to the music, you will want to enjoy specially crafted drinks and unique food offerings made exclusively for this occasion.

— *Chris Hupe*



Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market moves outside

Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market is heading outdoors to Dynamo Alley at Electric Works.

After spending the winter at 500 E. State Blvd., across from North Side High School, organizers and shoppers are ready to get outside.

The market is every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The outdoor season runs through the end of September.

Swing by Leo-Cedarville for fresh goods

The **Leo-Cedarville Farmers Market** is now open for the season.

Every Thursday in the downtown area near the Shops of Leo, merchants will offer fresh local produce, flowers, and unique handcrafted items.

The market is open from 4-7 p.m. near Main Street and State Road 1 and runs through September.

Coffee, ice cream shop proposed

Buckner Park and its splash pad are a beehive of activity during the summer, and a proposed new business could make it even more active.

Clark Hurley and Ashley Holley want to build a hard-dip ice cream and coffee shop near the park in a vacant building at 6128 Bass Road.

The shop would have walk-up and drive-thru customers.

The Fort Wayne Plan Commission will consider the idea next month.

O'Charley's raises money for scholarships

O'Charley's, 1220 S. Illinois Road, is teaming up with the Folded Flag Foundation to help the families of fallen service members.

The Fort Wayne location will join others around the nation to collect money for scholarships and other educational grants. The restaurant says 100 percent of every contribution will go to the charity.

Diners are also being rewarded. For every \$5 donation, O'Charley's will give a \$5 reward to use on a future visit. A \$10 donation results in a \$15 gift coupon.

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Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

Debutants — Newgrass, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

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

Loveseat! w/Jim E. Brown — Alternative, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Michael Patterson Blues Trio — Blues, 6 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

Opera on Tap — Opera, 7 p.m., 2Toms Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 446-6246

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Cardenales de Nuevo Leon & Los Ligaditos — Latin, 11 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$60, (260) 492-6064

Centoph w/Legion, Filth Spewer, Negriem — 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

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

#1YKYK — 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

Kevin B. Klein — Rock, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Necromoon w/Sleep Keeper, Seventh Cloud — 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

Plan B Band — Rock, 9 p.m., Bar 13, Pierceton, no cover, (574) 688-0889

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

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

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Variety, 10 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 4 p.m., Huntington Street Bar & Grill, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-3399

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

West Central Quartet w/Special Guests — Jazz, 7 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

Alicia Pyle Duo — Variety, 2 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

Cherry Bomb — Rock, 9:30 p.m., Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 483-1311

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 w/The Holy Nothing, CloudMaker — Rock, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Humans Among Us w/I Think Too Much — Space rock, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

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, Warren, Free, (260) 375-2201

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

Meka Schwartz — Singer-songwriter, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

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

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 3:30 p.m., Fort Wayne International Airport Terminal, Fort Wayne, \$10

The Sweetwater All Stars — R&B/soul/funk, 8:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Todd Harrold Band — Variety, 5:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Amberlight w/Mauve, The Moser Brothers — Alternative, 7 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 399-6336

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

Gored w/Hamarr, Concuss — Metal, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$13, (260) 492-6064

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Debutants — Newgrass, 5 p.m., Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 203-4045

Nelson Grate — 7 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

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

Sherry Hong & Ryan Behan — Violin/Piano, 6 p.m., Honeywell House, Wabash, \$50, (260) 563-2326

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

Kanin Wren — Taylor Swift tribute, 5 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, Free, (260) 203-0239

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Blue Diggity w/Cedar Creek, Muddy Krick Mountain Band, Ottawa County Bluegrass — Bluegrass, 5 p.m., Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, Free, (260) 347-0666

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

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

June Dunes — Alternative, 9:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$9, (260) 267-5303

OK Boomer — Variety, 6 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Rick Springfield — Rock, 8:30 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$68-\$128, (260) 427-6000

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 6 p.m., Crickets, Auburn, no cover, 260-925-9980

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Blue Diggity w/Fox Crossing, Muddy Krick Mountain Band, Steve Scott & Scott Bros., The Carl Bentley Band — Bluegrass, 5 p.m., Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$3-\$45, (260) 347-0666

Catalina Breeze — Yacht rock, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Dani Flow — Reggaetown, 11 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$75, (260) 492-6064

Debutants w/Mama Said String Band — Bluegrass, 9 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 267-5303

Whoa, Man! — Women of rock tribute, 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

Jordan Bridges — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

Karen Wehr & Friends — Rock/Country, 8 p.m., The Local Saloon, Roanoke, no cover, (260) 676-2233

Matt Gabriel — Americana, 7 p.m., Warsaw Parks and Recreation, Central Park, Warsaw, Free, (574) 372-9554

OK Boomer — Variety, 8 p.m., Hide-away Lounge, Bluffton, no cover, (260) 824-0455

Party Boat Band — Variety, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 47, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-3960

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

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

Teaz'n Lacey — Rock, 9 p.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 7 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

Yacht Party — Yacht rock, 8 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, \$10, (260) 854-9463

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Appalachian Swing w/Debutants, Dry Branch Fire Squad, High Fidelity, My Brother's Keeper, New Outlook, Suzuki Fiddlers — Bluegrass, noon, Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$3-\$45, (260) 347-0666

Cathode ULT w/Altered States, Black Powder, Massasauga — Metal, 9 p.m., Carl's Tavern, New Haven, \$10, (260) 749-9133

Eric Clancy Duo — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

For Darlene — Singer-songwriter, 7 p.m., Draft Taproom, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 739-3147

Harrold, Patterson, & Carr — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 209-2930

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra — Funk, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

#IYKYK — Pop, 9:30 p.m., The Frog Tavern, Syracuse, no cover, (574) 457-4324

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

Minus One — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Smokestack Jack — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Grandview Bend Campground, Howe, no cover

Stress Dolls w/Middle Names, Love-seat! — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 267-5303

Sunshine Production Company — 60s pop, 7 p.m., Chapman's Brewing: Electric Works, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 250-4371

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 8 p.m., Cold Springs Resort, Hamilton, \$10, (260) 488-2920

The Kickbacks w/OLC, The Shadow Within, Something In Your Mouth — Rock, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 492-6064

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

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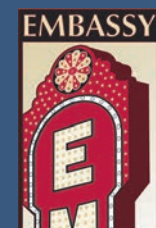
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7:30 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 19 · SWEETWATER PERFORMANCE PAVILION

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic continues their excellent offerings when they present *Blood, Sweat, Tears, Earth, Wind, Fire... and a Little Chicago* at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion on Sunday, May 19.

Some of the best music of the '70s came from these three classic horn bands, and the Philharmonic will give them new life with unique arrangements.

Accompanied by guest vocalists, you will hear timeless classics like "Boogie Wonderland," "September," "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?," and "Spinning Wheel" like you have never heard them before. For the finale, you will want to hold on to your hats when the orchestra breaks out their rendition of "25 to 6 to 4." — *Chris Hupe*

Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Big 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

Big 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 Stand Up — 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

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

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

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 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Comedy Battle Royale — 7 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 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

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

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Jay "JJ" Lewis & Mope Williams — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, MAY 26

Appalachian Swing w/Fresh Cut Grass, High Fidelity, New Outlook, The Matchsellers — Bluegrass, noon, Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, \$3-\$45, (260) 347-0666

Baby Money — Hip-hop, 9 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$40-\$75, (260) 492-6064

OK Boomer — Variety, 7 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

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

The DeeBees — Variety, 4 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

MONDAY, MAY 27

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

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Los Electro — Latin rock, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Aleena & The Tall Boys — Variety, 5 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, Free, (260) 203-0239

Phil Schurger Band — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Bob Thompson — Variety, 6 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Daniel Donato w/Debutants — Country, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$27.50, (260) 747-0989

Gray Matter — Variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, Free, (888) 260-0351

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

OK Boomer — Variety, 8 p.m., Cricket's 7th St. Bar & Grille, Auburn, no cover, (260) 925-9980

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 5:30 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 619-3424

Heartland Sings brings unprecedented show to town

Professional choir conducts competition with opera on May 22

BY WHEAT WILLIAMS

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Grand opera!

On Wednesday, May 22, Fort Wayne will witness a concert of vocal pyrotechnics like nothing ever heard in this town, certainly not on this scale.

Heartland Sings, our hometown professional choir and vocal group led by Maestro Robert Nance, is mounting a massive singing competition with international competitors, within a concert featuring songs and scenes from operas from the golden age of the 1600s presented by more than 50 professional singers and a 50-piece professional orchestra. It's audacious and completely unprecedented for these parts — not to mention centered on singing in a style that most of our readers have never heard live on stage.

The competition begins downtown at Plymouth Congregational Church from May 20-21. Winners will then be announced during A Night at the Opera on Wednesday, May 22, at Purdue University Fort Wayne's Auer Performance Hall.

REACHING THE SUMMIT

Fort Wayne, for a city its size, has a surprising amount of fine classical music. The Philharmonic orchestra have performed full seasons more than 80 years, but the Summit City has never had a professional opera company. Of course, local university music schools stage small, scaled-down opera productions with student singers from time to time, as a means of teaching, but it's not the big time.

Grand opera in the full scale thrives only in the largest cities. You need to go to places like Chicago and Cincinnati, or farther afield, to see the great works of the genre performed by companies with decades of experience, not to mention with the financial support it takes to put on these colossal productions.

Heartland Sings is bringing us a taste of all that with A Night at the Opera. The singers and orchestra will be there, but without the staging, costumes, swordplay, and dancing. It's a good start to build what may become a new tradition.

NO SHORTAGE OF MUSIC

The 16 semi-finalists taking part in the Vocal Artists Competition are young world-class singers, from grad-school age to their early 30s.

These sopranos, mezzo-sopranos, countertenors, tenors, and baritones have been performing with opera companies around the world and have sung in other professional



COURTESY PHOTO

Heartland Sings will host A Night at the Opera on Wednesday, May 22, at Auer Performance Hall on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

competitions. Most are from the U.S. and all of them live here, but several are from other countries, including the Philippines, South Korea, and Germany.

You can see photos of each contestant and read their bios at heartlandsings.org/ competition.

On May 22, you will hear the three finalists, backed by the semi-finalists, 35 professional choral singers and soloists from Heartland Sings, and a 50-piece professional orchestra conducted by Nance. The finalists, singing famous solo arias, will compete for thousands of dollars in prizes. The audience will get to vote along with the panel of six judges.

The six judges — Caroline Smith, Kathryn Cowdrick, Keith Brautigam, Timothy Cheek, Natalie Young, and Nance — have lifetimes of experience not only as international performers but also as college professors, training generations of singers.

Opening and closing the show, Heartland Sings will present pieces from a swath of grand opera from the 1600s and 1900s. You'll hear arias, duets, and choruses from Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*, Bizet's *Carmen*, Donizetti's

L'Elisir d'Amore and *Lucia di Lammermoor*, and Verdi's *Nabucco* and *La Traviata*, from the golden age of the 1630s through the 1670s in Europe, and sung by the cast in the original German, French, and Italian. The outlier is Bernstein's *Candide*, from 1956, sung in English. Local favorites Ashlee Bickley McCrory, Wagner Pástor, Antonio Azpiri, Ian Williams, Lisa Gerstenkorn, and Young will be featured.

THE COMPETITION

Those are just the set pieces between the actual competition.

As for the soloists, each has chosen their own solo aria, accompanied by orchestra, some from operas spanning even farther back, to Mozart and Handel in the 1600s.

On Monday, May 20, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church is where the intense competition among the 16 semi-finalists will occur. It's open to the public at no charge, if you want to drop by and hear the range of talent.

The competition will be closed to the public the following day as students participate

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA W/HEARTLAND SINGS

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22

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in master classes with judges, and Nance will hold the rehearsal with the singers and orchestra.

The big show is Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Auer Performance Hall, and for that you'll need tickets.

Nance and Heartland Sings have spent the better part of a year planning all this out, and it's required heavy financial support from a number of patrons, donors, and foundations. The Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Music and the Philharmonic Players Association are providing support, too.

ASPIRATIONS FOR CITY

Like all classical music on this scale, the money from tickets sales is only a fraction of what it costs to put on a show like this.

The competition began in November, when more than 150 applicants from around the world sent in audition videos. A team of distinguished judges, professors from famous music schools, screened them down to the 16 finalists that Heartland is paying to bring to Fort Wayne.

The work all this creates for Nance as a conductor is staggering. In addition to all the set pieces we mentioned above with the chorus, he will have to be ready to conduct the full orchestra in any of the 16 pieces, from many different operas by many composers, that the semi-finalists have chosen, although only three will be performed by the finalists in the concert. The 50-piece orchestra will have two short rehearsals with Nance the day before.

Nance is working closely with music librarian, arranger, and bass player Adrian Mann to make sure their orchestra is ready for anything.

I had a long conversation with Nance about the motivation behind all this. I wish I had a podcast where you could hear how eloquently he talks about his life's work and his imperative, through Heartland Sings, to make a contribution to Fort Wayne's evolution as a music destination. They are building a platform where singers of many styles of music can have a sustainable career and earn a full-time living making art that enriches peoples' lives; opera is only one phase of that. Heartland Sings hopes that this event will influence world-class musicians to make Fort Wayne their home.

So, come on out to PFW on May 22 to hear what's guaranteed to be an astonishing display of vocal talent on an amazing scale. Tomorrow's opera stars may well be on stage in Fort Wayne today.

Kickbacks releasing album with Piere's show

Release WTKB FM with OLC, Shadow Within, SIYM on main stage

BY NICK BRAUN

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

It is said the average life expectancy of a band is seven years. During that time, the band forms, plays an abundance of gigs, releases some music, hits a peak, then falls into decline that results into a breakup.

I've seen it a million times.

That may be the case for some bands, but it's not for the local post-grunge trio The Kickbacks. They are about to celebrate 10 years of existence with an album release show on Saturday, May 25, on the main stage at Piere's with OLC, The Shadow Within, and Something In Your Mouth.

STICKING TOGETHER

Complete with Eric Williams on guitar and vocals, Kris Collier on drums, and Jeff Cottle on bass, their name is synonymous with the past decade of Fort Wayne rock history and success. Their upcoming album, *WTKB FM*, is as versatile as it is consistent and proof that 10 years in, The Kickbacks have plenty of gas left in the tank.

So what's their secret for longevity?

"It comes down to being good friends," Williams told *Whatzup*. "We just work really well together, and it probably helps that we're all involved in other bands so we're not always at each other's throats all the time."

Those other projects include Decade Divide, SODA: System of Dying Angels, and Controller.

"We tend to keep things light and fun on stage," Collier said. "We've never been in this for money, and that takes the burden and restrictions off booking shows and doing what we want to."

"Plus, whether it's local shows, benefits, house parties, or opening for nationals, we give that same energy and just let loose."

However they do it, it works. During their run, they've had a couple releases, performed on every stage you can think of, and opened



PHOTO BY MOON MCCARTHY

The Kickbacks will play an album release show on Saturday, May 25, at Piere's.

THE KICKBACKS W/OLC, THE SHADOW WITHIN, SIYM

7 p.m. Saturday, May 25

Piere's

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for an array of national acts including Nonpoint, Puddle of Mud, Sevendust, Cold, Jackyl, and 10 years. That's a résumé most bands would love to have.

LONG PROCESS

The new album will be another notch under their belts as they roll into another decade.

"Yeah, the process was long," Collier said about eight months of recording. "We tried to take advantage of COVID and got into a friend's studio (formerly Olde 303 in Bluffton), but between travel, other projects, booked gigs, and the 9-5 day jobs, it was tough getting all the tracks layered and mixed."

Eventually, things began to take shape when they connected with Adam Hudson of Sundance Sound Studios and the final touches on the album began to take place. In the end, the album contains some re-recorded material, some flashes from previous EPs, and some nuances they tied to a "road trip listen."

Just imagine being out on the road and turning the radio dial to different stations. That's exactly what takes place with the album as you're tuning through their transitions

from surfer rock to grunge and hard rock. In between songs, you will hear the static of someone switching channels including shout-outs to other bands.

Now you know why the album title consists of radio call letters: *WTKB FM*.

WORTH THE WAIT

"Probably my favorite off the album is 'Rabbit Hole,' a song I wrote the lyrics for," Williams said. "It's lyrically messed up and dark and about someone going crazy and killing people."

Don't worry, it's not a true story, and from what I was told, it will be a rare live feature, so it will be special when you catch it.

As for Collier, he says "Falter" is his top track.

"It's heavy, got a great bridge, and Jeff nails a smooth guitar solo," he said. "The time signature is just a groove, too."

With 16 tracks of incredibly catchy, crushing, and gnarly guitar riffs, killer bass, and bombastic drumming highlights, this is an album you won't want to miss come May 25. It will be available on your favorite streaming platform with no plans for physical copies.

You can hear the new material along with fan-favorites at the release show which will also include performances by our favorite party punk band OLC, the Nickelback tribute SIYM: Something In Your Mouth, and The Shadow Within from Paulding, Ohio. This is an all-ages show scheduled for 7 p.m.

Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS



FOOD TRUCK NIGHT W/DEBUTANTS

5-9 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 16

TEDS BEERHALL

Food Truck Nights at teds beerhall on Coldwater and Union Chapel roads have become a summer staple for those looking for the best in food, drink, and entertainment on Thursday nights.

The perfect way to kick off the weekend a little early, teds' first Food Truck Thursday takes place May 16, featuring food trucks Who Cut the Cheese?, Bravas, Junk Ditch, Drop It Like It's Tot, The Spicy Bird, and Whip & Chill, as well as music from one of Fort Wayne's most popular bands, Debutants.

Don't forget that teds also features 30 taps of craft beer and more than a hundred options in cans and bottles as well as seltzers, wine and non-alcoholic drinks to satisfy your thirst.

This is an all-ages free show and a great introduction to what you can expect at teds beerhall every Thursday through Sept. 19. — *Chris Hupe*

TAYLOR SWIFT-THEMED FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

5-9 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

UNION 12, COLUMBIA CITY

Union 12 in Columbia City has the perfect event to get all the Swifties in your family excited.

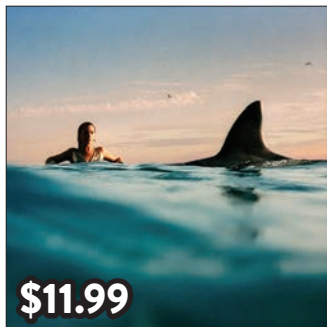
A Taylor Swift-themed Food Truck Night, taking place on Wednesday, May 22, will not only feature local food trucks Junk Ditch, Isabel's Tacos, Who Cut the Cheese?, Coterie Pizza, and Wicked Wraps, but they will also host Kanin Wren: A Taylor Swift Experience as the main entertainment.

Wren, a singer-songwriter in her own right, has taken up this side project rooted in a love and appreciation for Swift. She will have fans singing and dancing the whole night as she plays many of their favorite Swift hits.

Plus, don't forget to stop by the free mini-Taylor Swift photo shoots to capture the night and shop the local vendors for unique gifts perfect for Swifties and non-Swifties alike. — *Chris Hupe*

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SURPRISE
Love Hate Music Box |
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| 6 | 4 | ST. VINCENT
All Born Screaming |
| 7 | — | KINGS OF LEON
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Sankofa *Impossible Bottle Service*

Forget your Kendrick/Drake diss tracks, people. The only rapper you need to be concerned with and excited about is Fort Wayne's Sankofa. Stephen Bryden, better known to the hip-hop world as Sankofa, doesn't concern himself with all that noise. He's too busy dropping hot tracks at a startling rate.

Releasing a new album every month of 2024, April brought us *Impossible Bottle Service*, an album that came together after an email hit his mailbox. Inside this email? Oh, 80 or so of the hottest beats you'll likely hear this year, courtesy of beat wizard Chumzilla.

Impossible Bottle Service is Sankofa at his best, as he usually is. It's another album of absolute fire.

"Proof of Concept" opens the album, telling the tale of how the album came about. It's a killer beat (one of many) and Sankofa takes us along on the journey. "Rinse/Repeat" sounds like a Spaghetti Western meets *Lawrence of Arabia* with a New York twist. "Kashal-Tee" comes in hard with an Annie Lennox name drop.

Laid right in the middle of this album are two tracks that hit like Mike Tyson in his prime, "Mark Gruffalo" and "Fish To Fry." "Mark Gruffalo" will make even the most rhythm lacking listener bust a move. "Undeniable" indeed, Kofa. And "Fish To Fry" comes rolling in right after and keeps the street funk going. Funk, soul, and a gritty beat lays out the path for Sankofa to lay down absolute fire on the mic.

The best art comes out of the purest of inspiration. Be it music, paintings, literature, or film, great art begets great art. Sankofa's inspiration came in the form of an email with a file containing some killer beats. Kofa took those beats and added some amazing rhymes and flow. *Impossible Bottle Service* is the result.

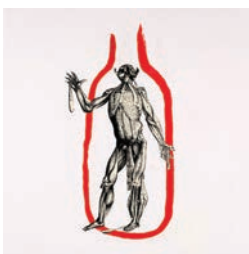
Hit play and let Sankofa and Chumzilla take you on a journey. — J. Hubner

Kings of Leon *Can We Please Have Fun*

When it came time to pick an album to review, I gotta admit Kings of Leon had me more than a bit apprehensive. Yes, I dug into my CD collection (one I have because that's what we had in the olden times) and found my copy of 2008's *Only By the Night*, which I purchased after hearing "Knocked Up" off 2007's *Because of the Times*.

However, like My Morning Jacket, Cold War Kids, and The Lumineers, I left them behind and had not given them much thought.

With low expectations, I queued up their ninth



release from brothers Caleb, Nathan, and Jared Followill, and their cousin Matthew Followill, *Can We Please Have Fun*, and was pleasantly surprised.

From the start, "Ballerina Radio" is catchy little rock number with a head-bopping bass line that actually led to a repeat listen immediately since maybe I was not in the right frame of mind. Instead, it was just as good the second time. The second track, "Rainbow Ball," is even catchier and one of my favorites on the album. The bass and organ intermingle exquisitely with Caleb Followill's Nashvillian vocals.

From there, solid tracks abound. They are the kind of songs that I would definitely let play through while the record spins, but with a phone in hand, I may skip through.

However, if I were to skip through, it would be straight to the closer "Seen." With another prominent bass line, Caleb Followill's vocals seem to be come as an echo, not being much louder than the other instruments. Midway through, synthesizer comes in and solidifies the song as my favorite on the album.

In short, this is an album I'm glad to have tried, and, yes, I did have fun. — Anthony Gadson

St. Vincent *All Born Screaming*

If ever there was a proper heir to the throne of our beloved David Bowie it would be Annie Clark, a.k.a. St. Vincent.

From the Texas native's beginnings as a member of The Polyphonic Spree to a stint in Sufjan Steven's band to her 2007 debut, *Marry Me*, Clark has shown a need to never be stagnant.

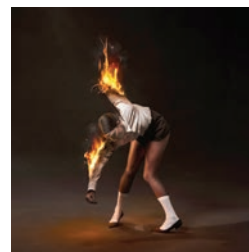
With each successive solo album, St. Vincent built on from what came before and grew as an artist and performer.

On her latest album, the excellent *All Born Screaming*, Clark seems to bring all those personas and styles into one wonderfully chaotic self-produced LP.

From the sweet to the sour to the funky and metallic, *All Born Screaming* is the most vast and revealing St. Vincent album yet.

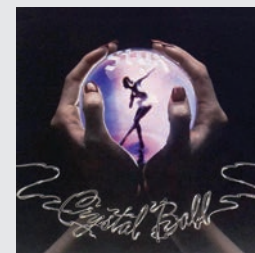
"Hell Is Near" opens the album on an almost Gothic note with Clark's vocals whispering from some echoing void. Soon enough, drums, bass, and keys come in sounding like Thom Yorke and The Smile. It's a slinky and ominous track that sounds very different from the St. Vincent of the past near decade. "Reckless" opens on a somber piano and an aching vocal, bringing to mind early Tori Amos. But the song explodes in almost industrial chaos as the song comes to its conclusion. "Broken Man" clinks and clanks like Kraftwerk and PJ Harvey in all attitude and seething condemnation. Some definite NIN vibes.

Elsewhere, "Big Time Nothing" is all electro funk in the style of Tobacco and Beck. You can't help but want to dance awkwardly alone in your living room. "Violent Times" is another banger,



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Styx *Crystal Ball* (1976)



On Styx's sixth album, new guitarist Tommy Shaw filled the role after John Curulewski departed. Shaw not only wrote several of the tracks but provided vocals as well. He went on to write other well-known tracks including "Fooling Yourself" and "Blue Collar Man."

This release opens with "Put Me On," a synth, prog-pop track with Shaw getting down with crisp rock guitars and Jimmy Young on the lead vocals with harmony from Dennis DeYoung. "Mademoiselle" written and sung by Shaw was one of the more recognizable tracks from the winter of 1976, and became the band's third Top 40 hit. The title track has an acoustic vibe and, again, Shaw has lead vocals. The simple arrangement picks up speed as it progresses and is another great song from one of the better crossover bands of the 1970s.

Side Two continues to artsy-rock sound they developed with "Shooz," and it hit a little harder than tracks from their earlier work, something Shaw contributed since he spent a decade with the band before they went into the pop-rock genre at DeYoung's insistence.

"This Old Man" has DeYoung on lead vocals, and although I loved his keyboards, I still preferred Shaw on the microphone. Still, this track continues to be more folk-rock and less prog as they dialed back on the overproduced synthesizers.

DeYoung covers French composer Claude Debussy to open the final track "Ballerina" and it trots around for almost six minutes. It almost sounds like Queen and closes a surprisingly good album from a band that has sold more than 50 million records, with 16 singles landing in the Top 40. — Dennis Donahue

like if Portishead wrote a *James Bond* theme. With its sultry horns and big bass you can almost imagine "Ian Fleming Presents" coming up on some opening credit scene. "Sweetest Fruit" is its own weird and danceable beast, while closer "All Born Screaming" finishes the album out on an '80s note. Talk Talk and Wang Chung comes to mind, with touches of Talking Heads. Plus, Clark gets help here from Cate Le Bon.

Once again, Clark makes another stunning album that surpasses what came before. *All Born Screaming* is dark, heavy, and with just the right amount of dance floor fodder to keep you moving. — J. Hubner

Local bands: Send two copies of new CD releases to Whatzup, 7100 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Or send links to downloadable files to jon@whatzup.com. Also email any bio information, publicity photos, and cover art. Only professionally produced CDs or EPs are accepted. Submitted materials cannot be returned.

Make trip to Chicago for free, 4-day blues festival

As is usually the case, there are a lot of festivals happening in and around the Chicago area this summer, starting with the annual Chicago Blues Festival, June 6-9.

The largest free blues festival in the world, the 2024 Chicago Blues Festival is three days of top-tier talent performing in Chicago's Millennium Park with the opening night being at Ramova Theatre.

At Millennium Park, there will be three stages welcoming more than 35 performances, including a special Sunday evening performance by Chicago living legend **Buddy Guy** as part of his Damn Right Farewell tour.

Additional headliners include **Shemekia Copeland**, **Mr. Sipp**, and **Southern Avenue**.

Full slate for Summer Smash

Chief Keef will play his home state for the first time in a decade and **Travis Scott** and **Playboi Carti** will make their only North American festival appearances of 2024 at Summer Smash in June.

The trio will headline the sixth edition of the Lyrical Lemonade Summer Smash at SeatGeek Stadium in the Chicago suburb of Bridgeview, June 14-16.

Scott, who wrapped up the Circus Maximus Tour in January, will headline Friday. Playboi Carti will top the bill Saturday with local legend Chief Keef wrapping things up Sunday.

Other notable acts include **Lil Yachty**, **Kodak Black**, **Ski Mask the Slump God**, **Flo Milli**, **Bia**, **Destroy Lonely**, **Lucki**, **Ken Carson**, **Lil Tecca**, **Denzel Curry**, and **Lil Skies**.

In total, more than 50 acts are scheduled.



Road Notes

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On the Road NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

CONFIRM WITH THE VENUE ABOUT ANY EVENT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

21 Savage	May 21	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
21 Savage	May 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
21 Savage	May 23	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
21 Savage	May 28	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
21 Savage	May 29	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
2K Baby & Friends	May 16	Piere's	Fort Wayne
311	July 20	Hard Rock Casino	Cincinnati
311	July 21	The Salt Shed	Chicago
311	July 23	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
311	July 24	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
311	July 27	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
311	July 28	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
38 Special	May 18	Honeywell Center	Wabash
6lack	June 19	Bogart's	Cincinnati
A Boogie With Da Hoodie	June 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
A Boogie With Da Hoodie	June 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
A Day To Remember	June 11	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
A Day To Remember	June 12	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
A Day To Remember	June 14	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
A Day To Remember	June 15	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
A Day To Remember	July 25	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
AJR	June 27	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
AJR	June 28	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
AJR	June 29	Allstate Arena	Chicago
AJR	June 30	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
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
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
Alanis Morissette	July 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Alex Hooper	July 18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Alexandra Kay	July 28	Piere's	Fort Wayne
All Time Low	July 26	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Allen Stone	June 19	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Allen Stone	June 21	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Alvvays w/Houndmouth, Pom Pom Squad, Murder by Death, Overlook	June 15	Parkview Field	Fort Wayne
The Amity Affliction	May 20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Anitta	June 1	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Architects	May 17	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Architects	May 18	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
As I Lay Dying	July 19	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
As I Lay Dying	July 21	House of Blues	Chicago
Ashley McBryde	May 30	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Ashley McBryde	May 31	The Fillmore	Detroit
Asleep at the Wheel	May 18	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Austin Meade w/Lakeview	June 27	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Aventura	May 19-20	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Baby Money	May 26	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 17	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bad Religion & Social Distortion	May 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Band of Horses	June 15	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Band of Horses	June 17	House of Blues	Cleveland
Band of Horses	June 18	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Band of Horses	June 30	Holliday Park	Indianapolis
Band of Horses	July 9	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Band of Horses	July 10	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Banned from Utopia w/Paul Green Rock Academy	July 13	Sweetwater Sound	Fort Wayne
Barenaked Ladies	July 13	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Barry Manilow	July 26	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Barry Manilow	July 27	Allstate Arena	Chicago
The Beach Boys	July 1	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH

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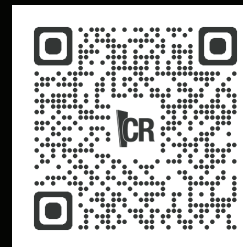
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The Beach Boys	July 5	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
The Beach Boys	July 6	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Ben Folds	June 27	Peristyle Theater	Toledo
Ben Folds	June 29	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Ben Folds	July 16	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Ben Platt	June 28	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Ben Platt	July 2	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
Big Jay Oakerson	May 17-18	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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
Blackberry Smoke	July 26	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Bleachers	May 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Bleachers	June 4	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Blink-182	Aug. 2	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Blood, Sweat, and Tears	May 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
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
Bowling For Soup	July 26	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Bowling For Soup	July 27	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Bowling For Soup	July 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Bowling For Soup	July 31	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Bowling For Soup	Aug. 1	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Bowling For Soup	Aug. 2	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
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
Bubba Dub	May 31-June 1	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Buckwheat Zydeco Jr. & The Legendary IIs Sont			
Paris Band w/Zion Lion, Unlikely Alibi, Sankofa	Aug. 2	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wayne
Bush	Aug. 4	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Bush	Aug. 7	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Cage the Elephant	Aug. 7	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 29	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Caifanes & Cafe Tacvba	June 30	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Cain	June 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Carnifex	May 16	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Cassadee Pope	July 20	Turntable	Indianapolis
Charlie XCX	June 12	Radius	Chicago
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	July 13	Ford Field	Detroit
Chris Stapleton & George Strait	July 20	Soldier Field	Chicago
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

The Convalescence w/Sea of Treachery, Monochromatic Black, Gorepig, Anti-Clutch, The Green Leaves

	June 10	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Corinne Bailey Rae	June 12	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Creed	July 31	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Creed	Aug. 2	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Cults	Aug. 2	The Pyramid Scheme	Grand Rapids
Dada	June 15	Park West	Chicago
Damedot	June 21	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Dan + Shay	July 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dan + Shay	July 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dan + Shay	Aug. 1	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dan + Shay	Aug. 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dani Flow	May 24	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Daniel Donato	May 30	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Danny Gokey	May 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Danny Worsnop w/Jericho Rose	July 21	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Daryl Hall and Elvis Costello & The Imposters	July 6	Ravinia Park Pavillion	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
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
Def Leppard & Journey	July 30	Progressive Field	Cleveland
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
Dirty Heads & Slightly Stoopid	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Don McLean	May 18	Trine T. Furth Center	Angola
Drake White w/Clayton Anderson, Staci Stork	June 15	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Drive-By Truckers	June 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Duke Tumatoe	July 11	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Dustin Nickerson	July 26-27	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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 Six	May 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Emmylou Harris	May 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Eric Eaton	Aug. 1	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Everclear	June 21	Central Park	Warsaw
Everclear	June 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Faye Webster	July 30	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Feid	May 30	United Center	Chicago
Five Finger Death Punch	Aug. 7	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Five Finger Death Punch	Aug. 8	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
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
For King & Country	July 23	Elkhart County Fairgrounds	Goshen
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
Foreigner & Styx	July 26	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
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

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Country music and BBQ

The Windy City Smokeout takes place July 11-14 in the parking lot of Chicago's United Center.

Country megastar **Carrie Underwood** headlines the event, performing on Sunday night. **Thomas Rhett** headlines Thursday night, **Parker McCollum** on Friday, and **Cody Johnson** on Saturday.

Other acts include **Lee Brice**, **Billy Currington**, **Chase Rice**, and about a dozen others.

Along with the world-class performers, many of the best pitmasters in the world will provide some of the best BBQ you will ever have the chance to purchase.

Can't beat EDM in Chicago

North Coast Festival will also be at SeatGeek Stadium and bills itself as Chicago's Biggest Labor Day Weekend Party.

Boasting more than 100 artists on seven stages, the festival spans a three-day period, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.

Look for **Shaquille O'Neal**, **Subtronics**, **Above & Beyond**, **AC Slater**, **Sullivan King**, **Alan Walker**, and **Two Friends** to electrify this weekend celebration of everything EDM.

Rise Up mixes up genres

The Rise Up Festival takes place Sept. 12-14 at Petersen Park in McHenry, Illinois, about 50 miles northwest of Chicago.

The multi-genre festival features **Dirty Heads** as the Friday night headliner, **Old Dominion** headlining Saturday night, and **Chris Young** finishing things up on Sunday.

Others booked for the three-day event include **Everclear**, **Sublime**, **Lauren Alaina**, **Tyler Holder**, **Justin Moore**, **Chris Janson**, and **Graylan James**.

Lollapalooza and Pitchfork

And, of course, we have Lollapalooza, Aug. 1-4. in Grant Park and Pitchfork Music Festival, July 19-21, in Union Park.

Lollapalooza has a "who's who" in music lineup featuring **Tyler the Creator**, **Hozier**, **SZA**, **Stray Kids**, **The Killers**, **Blink 182**, **Melanie Martinez**, and dozens more.

Pitchfork boasts **Black Pumas**, **Jai Paul**, **Jamie XX**, **Carly Rae Jepsen**, **Alanis Morissette**, **Brittany Howard**, and **100 gecs**.

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Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

The Bulldogs

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

Debutants

May 17	Sustain Festival, French Lick
May 27	Sugar Branch, Charlestown
May 28	People's Brewing Company, Lafayette
May 31	Folky Fish Festival, Cuba, MO
June 1	Folky Fish Festival, Cuba, MO
June 2	Bluegrass Deathmatch, Kansas City
June 6	Pink Poodle House, Bloomington
June 7	Mousetrap Bar & Grill, Indianapolis
June 14	Brown Town Music Festival, Monterey
June 21	Red Wing Music Festival, Mount Solon, VA
June 28	Blue Ox Festival, Eau Claire, WI
Aug. 31	Hi-Fi, Indianapolis

Hubie Ashcraft Band

June 15	Landeck Tavern, Delphos, OH
June 29	Moose Lodge 2387, Fremont
July 12	Homecoming Festival, Bristol
July 17	James Dean Festival, Fairmount
July 18	Huggy Bear Campground, Middle Point, OH
July 19	Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
July 30	Concert in the Park, Gas City
Aug. 2	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 8	Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI
Aug. 9	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 18	Kasota Island, Fremont

Jailbreak

June 8	Moose Lodge 2094, Defiance, OH
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Ross Kinsey

June 6	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Aug. 1	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

Sun. Dyle

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

Tom Koenig

May 19	Bayview Pub & Grill, Celina, OH
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We Are Checkmark

June 15	Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont
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Fruit Bats	July 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Future & Metro Boomin	Aug. 4	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
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	June 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Garbage Greek	Aug. 1	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
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
George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic	May 31	Wexner Center	Columbus, OH
Gin Blossoms & Toad the Wet Sprocket	Aug. 7	Cain Park	Cleveland
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
Great White w/Slaughter, Vixen	Aug. 2	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Greensky Bluegrass	June 11	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Greta Van Fleet	May 19	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Gr!wood	June 22	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Grupo Firme	July 19	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Guided By Voices	July 19	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
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
Hardy	June 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hardy	July 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hardy	July 27	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
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
Hayley & The Crushers	July 26	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
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
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
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 27	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 28	House of Blues	Cleveland
Hobo Johnson & The Lovemakers	July 30	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
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
Hootie & The Blowfish	Aug. 9	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Hot Water Music	June 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Hozier	Aug. 6	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Hozier	Aug. 7	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
I Made Rock N Roll Festival	May 18	American Legion Mall	Indianapolis
Idina Menzel	Aug. 9	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Il Divo	July 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Il Divo	July 26	Music Hall Center	Detroit

In Flames	May 21	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
In This Moment w/We Came As Romans, TX2	Aug. 1	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
In This Moment & Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 3	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Iration & Pepper	Aug. 9	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
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
Jacquees	June 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
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
Jamey Johnson	July 26	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Jamey Johnson	Aug. 3	Ohio Expo Center	Columbus
Janet Jackson	June 19	United Center	Chicago
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 Ellis	July 25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jason Mraz	July 19	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Jay "JJ" Lewis & Mope Williams	June 9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jeff Allen	July 31	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jeff Tweedy	May 31-June 1	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jennifer Lopez	July 26	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Jennifer Lopez	July 27	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Jennifer Lopez	July 31	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Jesse Daniel	May 26	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Jewel & Melissa Etheridge	Aug. 3	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
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 Primer & The Real Deal Blues Band w/Aliah Sheffield, Phil Schurger's Sungate, Swell Time

John Waite	Aug. 3	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wayne
John Waite	June 7	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Jordan Davis	July 31	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jordan Davis	Aug. 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jordan Davis	Aug. 2	Huntington Center	Toledo
Joyner Lucas	May 16	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Joyner Lucas	May 18	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Justin Moore	Aug. 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Justin Timberlake	June 21	United Center	Chicago
Justin Timberlake	July 7	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Justin Whitehead	June 6	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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
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 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Kamelot	May 23	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Kansas	Aug. 10	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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
Khruangbin	May 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Khruangbin	June 4	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Khruangbin	June 7-9	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Kid Cudi	July 27	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Kid Cudi	July 28	Allstate Arena	Chicago

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Kid Cudi	July 31	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Kid Cudi	Aug. 2	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
The Kid Laroi	June 25	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Kid Laroi	June 28	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
The Kid Laroi	July 2	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Kid Laroi	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
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
Lamb of God & Mastodon	Aug. 9	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Lauren Daigle	May 29	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lauren Daigle	May 30	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Lee Brice	Aug. 8	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
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
Lisa Loeb	July 29	Hendricks Live	Plainfield
Lisa Loeb	July 30	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Little Feat	June 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Little Feat	June 20	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Little Feat	June 22	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Lizzy McAlpine	Aug. 6	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Locash	June 8	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Los Hombres G	June 22	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Lucky Daye	July 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Lucky Daye	July 26	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Lucky Daye	July 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
Lucky Daye	July 28	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Lucky Daye	July 30	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
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
Luke Combs	Aug. 2-3	Paycor Stadium	Cincinnati
Maddy Smith	June 7-8	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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
Metallica	Aug. 9	Soldier Field	Chicago
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 13	Riverfront Live	Cincinnati
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 14	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 16	Cain Park	Cleveland
Mick Blankenship w/The Dirty Royals, Bosstel	July 27	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Mojohand	June 27	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Molly Hatchet	June 22	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
The Movement	June 11	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Murder by Death	June 16	Skully's Music Diner	Columbus, OH
Murder by Death	June 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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
Noah Kahan	May 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, 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
Orleans, Peter Beckett, & Walter Egan	July 26	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
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
P.O.D.	July 20	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
PIHarmony	May 20	Credit Union 1 Arena	Chicago
PJ Morton	July 30	Cincinnati Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
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
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	July 27	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Pedro the Lion	June 24	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Pedro the Lion	June 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Pepe Aguilar	July 5	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Pepe Aguilar	July 6	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Peso Pluma	May 31	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Peso Pluma	June 1	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Phil Wickham & Brandon Lake	Aug. 1	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Phil Wickham & Brandon Lake	Aug. 2	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Phish	Aug. 2-4	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Phish	Aug. 6-7	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 5	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Pixies & Modest Mouse	June 19	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Plush	Aug. 9	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Pom Pom Squad	June 9	Subterranean	Chicago
The Pretenders	July 26	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Primus & Coheed and Cambria	July 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Primus & Coheed and Cambria	Aug. 1	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Primus & Coheed and Cambria	Aug. 5	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Primus & Coheed and Cambria	Aug. 6	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Psychedelic Porn Crumpets	May 16	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
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/Thumbrider	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 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 Pavillion	Chicago
The Rolling Stones	June 15	Cleveland Browns Stadium	Cleveland
The Rolling Stones	June 27	Soldier Field	Chicago

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Quick Hits

LOCAL EVENTS



ECO FEST NOON-5 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 19 HEADWATERS PARK

With a mission of creating awareness, educating the community, creating a platform to promote sustainability, and inspiring individuals and businesses to move toward a more sustainable future, Eco Fest returns to Headwaters Park on Sunday, May 19.

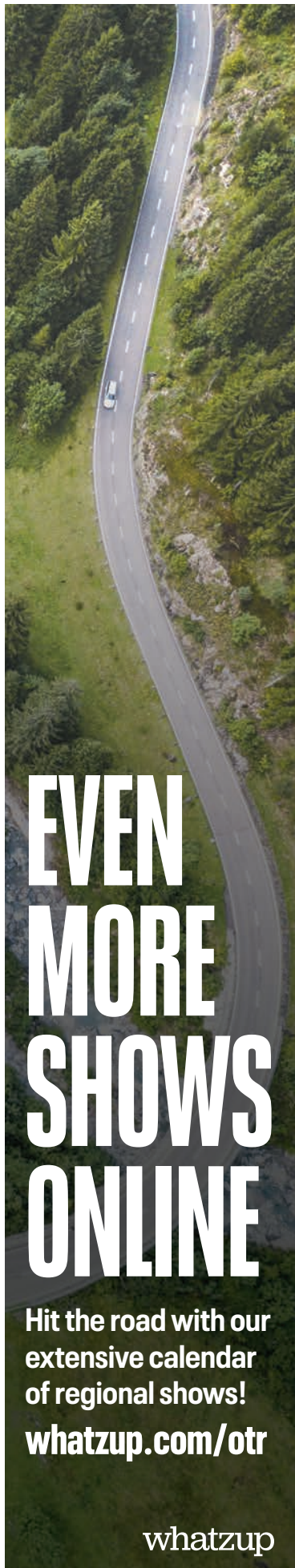
Now in its fifth year, this free event features local vendors with sustainable practices and merchandise, nonprofit organizations ready to tell you about their missions, educational demonstrations, kids' activities, giveaways, local food and beverage options, and live music from A Picker and A Grinner and The Dumpster Drummers to help entertain throughout the day. — *Chris Hupe*

DON McLEAN 8 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 18 T. FURTH CENTER, ANGOLA

"The American Troubadour" Don McLean will stop by the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts on the campus of Trine University on Saturday, May 18, for what is sure to be a night of hits, fun, and nostalgia.

The 78-year-old McLean is best known for his iconic hit "American Pie," which refers to the 1959 plane crash that killed Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, and Richie Valens and is known as "the day the music died." But McLean has had other hits including "Vincent," "Dreidel," and "Wonderful Baby" as well as his rendition of another iconic hit, Roy Orbison's "Crying."

He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2018. — *Chris Hupe*



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Ronnie & Kim Booth, Greater Vision, & Legacy Five	June 4	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Russ	June 23	United Center	Chicago
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
Sad Summer Festival	July 29	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Saliva & Drowning Pool w/Any Given Sin	May 21	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sam Hunt	July 19	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sammy Hagar	July 29	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sammy Hagar	Aug. 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
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
Sawyer Brown	Aug. 1	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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
Scene Queen, Stand Atlantic, Magnolia Park, The Home Team	July 30	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Scene Queen, Stand Atlantic, Magnolia Park, The Home Team	July 31	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Sebastian Bach	May 29	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Sebastian Bach	June 4	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Shelly Belly	May 17	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Silvestre Dangond	May 30	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Skilla Baby w/Rob49	June 24	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Sleater-Kinney	July 26	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Sleater-Kinney	July 27	Rock And Roll Hall of Fame	Cleveland
Sleep Token	May 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Slipknot	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Sofi Tukker	May 25	TAO Nightclub	Chicago
Soja	July 31	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Sonic Temple Art & Music Festival	May 16-19	Historic Crew Stadium	Columbus, OH
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
The Steel Woods	July 19	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Steve Smith & Vital Information	June 6	Sweetwater Sound	Fort Wayne
Straight No Chaser	July 30	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Straight No Chaser	July 31	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Stray Cats	Aug. 10	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
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
Taking Back Sunday	July 26	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Tank	June 2	The Fillmore	Detroit
Tank	June 7	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Tate McRae	July 24	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Tate McRae	July 28	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Tate McRae	Aug. 7	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Tedeschi Trucks Band	July 31	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Tedeschi Trucks Band	Aug. 7	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Tedeschi Trucks Band	Aug. 10	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
The Temptations	June 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
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
Thirty Seconds to Mars	Aug. 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Thirty Seconds to Mars	Aug. 7	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Thirty Seconds to Mars	Aug. 9	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Thirty Seconds to Mars	Aug. 10	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Thomas Dolby, Modern English, & Men Without Hats	July 26	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Thomas Dolby, Modern English, & Men Without Hats	July 27	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	May 31	United Center	Chicago
Tim McGraw & Carly Pearce	June 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	Aug. 9	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
Tomorrow X Together	June 5-6	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Totally Tubular Festival	July 26	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Totally Tubular Festival	July 27	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Tracy Lawrence	July 19	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Trae Crowder	Aug. 2-3	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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
Triumph, Gold City, & Guardians	June 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Troy Bond	Aug. 8-10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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 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
Veil of Maya w/Brand of Sacrifice, Gideon, Left to Suffer, ten56, Tallah, Cabal	July 22	Piere's	Fort Wayne
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
Wang Chung, Men Without Hats, & Naked Eyes	June 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
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
Warren Haynes Band	July 27	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Warren Haynes Band	July 28	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
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
Xscape & SWV	Aug. 9	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Young Buck	June 25	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Zach Seabaugh	June 9	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Zach Williams	Aug. 1	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne

Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

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teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Debutants, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 16**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Catching Rain Wetlands Tour — Free family-friendly tour sequentially explores Beckett's Stream (9 a.m.), Eagle Marsh (11 a.m.), and Camp Scott (1 p.m.) in two-hour intervals, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, various locations, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-1234

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

Spring Bonsai Show — Members of Fort Wayne club will be on hand to discuss art form with some available for purchase, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

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

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

Community Extravaganza — Free event will have games, activities, prizes, and opportunity to register for free summer youth program, **noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18**, McMillen Park Community Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-2420

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

Debs at The Ditch — Monthly event with live music by newgrass band Debutants, as well as variety of food trucks, **5-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21**, Junk Ditch Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 203-4045

UFO & Alien Existence — Monthly meeting will discuss "Kokomo Lights/Booms," an event that happened in 2008 in the Kokomo area, **6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21**, ACPL: Tecumseh, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 280-9918

Union 12 Food Truck Nights: Taylor Swift Night — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by Kanin Wren, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 22**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

FARMERS MARKETS

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**, Electric Works, 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 through 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

The Farmers Market at Winona — Weekly market with fresh flowers and plants, coffee, cheese, meats, eggs, microgreens, produce, and baked goods, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 26**, Miller Sunset Pavilion, Winona Lake, free

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

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

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.**
Saturday, May 25 — Lansing, **6:35 p.m.**
Sunday, May 26 — Lansing, **6:35 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from OK Boomer, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 23**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

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

Remember and Honor Servicemen of Oak Grove Cemetery — See restoration efforts made at Aboite Township cemetery, where American flags will mark service members' graves and check out historic documents outline area development and genealogical information of service members from Civil War and world wars, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, May 26**, Oak Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne, free

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

Union 12 Food Truck Nights: Pet Night — Weekly themed event has food trucks, vendors, and live music by Aleena & The Tall Boys, **5-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 29**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

teds Food Truck Thursday — Weekly event with food trucks with live music from Gray Matter, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 30**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

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

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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

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Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

A Day in the Life — Hilarie Couture exhibit of oil paintings, pastel, and a watercolor of people, animals and places from Fort Wayne and beyond doing what they do on a day to day basis, **9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through June 15**, ACPL Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 421-1200

American Photography — Exhibit features 51 photographs on loan from Evansville Museum that are part of philanthropic endeavor by international and national photographers to express gratitude to institutions that support their art form, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday (closed on Sundays in July), through July 27**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, (260) 704-5400

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) 422-6440

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

For the Love of Art — Exhibit celebrates more than 12 years of gallery with more than 30 artists, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, through June 8**, Crestwoods Frame Shop & Gallery, Roanoke, free admission, (260) 672-2080

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, through 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.-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

The Paintings of Gabriela Gonzalez Dellosso: 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 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, through 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

ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Introduction to Plein Art — Mary Ann Davis, David Seward and Dave Broerman will instruct artists over three days on painting scenes at Lake Wawasee, Between the Lakes, and Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Area, **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 29-31**, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, \$275-\$300, (574) 377-7543

RECEPTIONS

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

The Art of Jeremy Stroup — Local artist will be feature during pop-up show "Hop On In," **4-9 p.m. Friday, May 17**, Phan Gear Prints, Fort Wayne, free admission, phangearprints@gmail.com

Chautauqua-Wawasee 10th Annual Fine Arts Festival — Check out juried art from more than 35 local and regional artists on display and see Plein Art Paint Out artists create works, **8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday**,

May 25, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, free admission, (574) 377-7543

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

Taste of the Arts — Annual celebration of arts and culture includes performances, kids activities, visual art, and food and drink, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24**, Arts Campus, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0646

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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

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

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

46th Members Showcase — Celebration of artists that support Artlink, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; June 13-July 21**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

The Firefly Tour — Fort Wayne Ballet takes their show on the road for free outdoor performances, **7 p.m. Thursday, May 16 (Community Learning Center, Kendallville); 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18 (Commons Park, Angola); 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19 (DeKalb Outdoor Theater, Auburn)**, free, (260) 484-9646

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

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. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$39, (260) 422-4226

The Father — This Fort Wayne premiere focuses on family caring for father suffering from dementia, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 17-18; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$18-22, (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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Dances of Universal Peace Fort Wayne — Dances blending chant, live music, and simple movements through three-day event, **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

Taizhou Luantan Opera w/Taizhou Folk Music Troupe — Through song, music, and dance, attendees will immerse themselves culture of Fort Wayne Sister City, Taizhou, China, **6-8 p.m. Monday, May 27**, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 494-8516

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

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Disney's Beauty & The Beast — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre presents tale of young woman taken to castle of Beast, who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell, **7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 5-6; 8 p.m. Friday, June 7; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 11-12; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13; 8 p.m. Friday, June 14; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 15**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$31-\$61, (574) 267-8041

Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour — Dance, sing, and learn as Blippi and Meekah discover what makes different cities unique, **6 p.m. Thursday, June 13**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$31.50-\$61.60, (260) 424-5665

The 'Do Not Sing' List — Indiana Musical Theatre Foundation presents Broadway's biggest songs that should not be sung at auditions ... unless you really have what it takes, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 14-15**, RKF Studios, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 225-8828

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

Kiss Me Kate — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre presents musical comedy of actor attempting to win back his ex-wife's love during production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 20; 8 p.m. Friday, June 21; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 22; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 25-26; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 27; 8 p.m. Friday, June 28; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$21-\$51, (574) 267-8041

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

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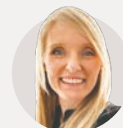
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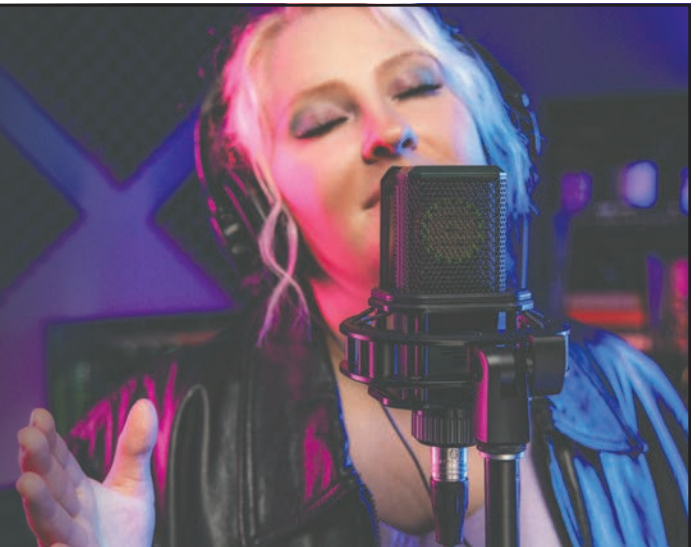
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