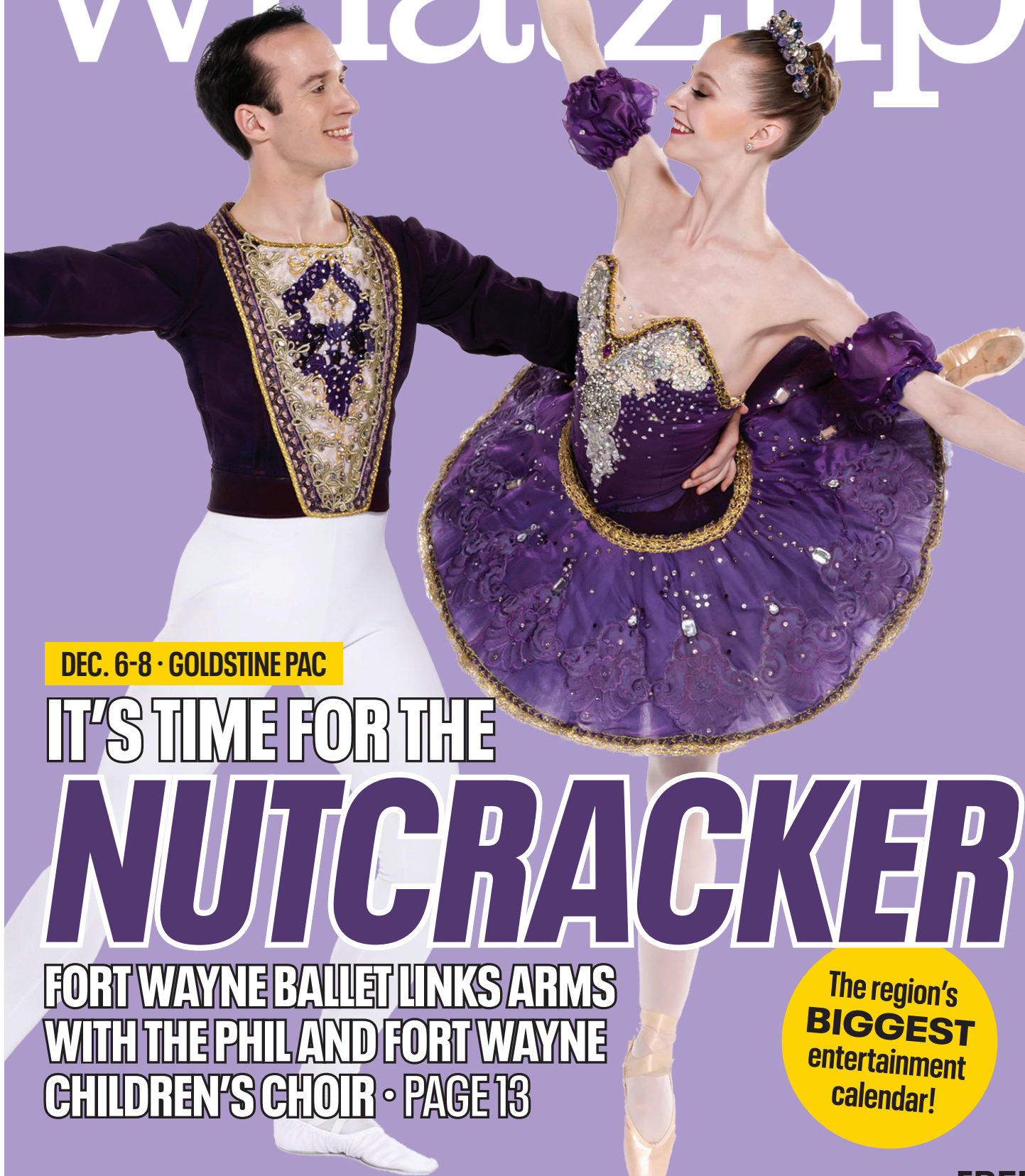


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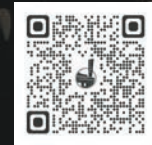
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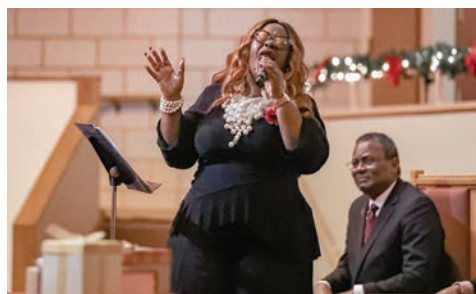
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# 07 District epitomizes what community should be

## Local food, drink, art all wrapped into neighborhood

**BY MAUREEN LOGAN**

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The Historic 07 District in Fort Wayne offers an eclectic mix of local eateries, pubs, and artistic hotspots.

It's the perfect neighborhood to explore for anyone looking to experience authentic local flavor, creativity, and close community.

Here are some standout spots you'll find as you make your way through this vibrant area.

**COFFEE, PASTRIES AT FRIENDLY FOX**

One of the coziest (and my personal favorite) stops in The 07 is The Friendly Fox, 4001 S. Wayne Ave., a charming café and bakery perfect for a morning coffee or a leisurely afternoon lunch.

Sip on a freshly brewed coffee while enjoying one of their homemade treats and unique, fresh house-made grub, either in the welcoming indoor space or the beautiful outdoor garden seating area.

The Friendly Fox is a neighborhood favorite for its inviting and relaxing atmosphere, making it ideal for a recharge or a relaxed start to your day.

**TAP INTO PACKARD TAPHOUSE**

The newest addition to the neighborhood!

With 20 rotating drafts from pilsners and IPAs to ciders and seltzers, there's something for everyone at The Packard Taphouse, 3401 Fairfield Ave.

The Packard opened their doors in October, and it's not your average bar. According to The Packard's website, "It's your go-to spot for real people, real conversations, and really good beer. Step into a place where the vibe is as genuine as the people you'll meet.

Plus it's BYOF (Bring Your Own Food). So grab some carry-out from Bravas across the street and come on in!

This relaxed, friendly spot is perfect for catching up with friends or enjoying a casual drink.

**SAVOR LOCAL FAVORITES AT BRAVAS**

If you're in the mood for unique eats, Bravas is a must-visit at 3416



The murals on the side of Wunderkammer Company, 3402 Fairfield Ave., are just one of the ways the 07 District in Fort Wayne is special. COURTESY PHOTOS

**Fairfield Ave.**

Famous for their inventive burgers, Bravas brings bold flavors to classic American fare. Their signature Spanish-style burger is a standout, and don't miss the loaded fries that add an extra kick.

Bravas embodies the creative spirit of The 07, making it a perfect spot to indulge in some local flavor.

**CATCH SOME SUN AT 07 PUB**

Right in the heart of the neighborhood, 07 Pub, 3516 Broadway, is a beloved local hangout.

Known for their laid-back vibe, outdoor seating, and tasty pub food, 07 Pub is a great place to kick back, grab a drink, and soak in the neighborhood atmosphere.

With a wide selection of comfort foods and refreshing beverages, it's a casual spot where you can spend some time enjoying the local scene with friends and family.

**ART TOUR: MURALS OF THE 07**

Beyond food and drink, The 07 is also known for its vibrant street art.

Take a self-guided mural tour and experience the artistic flair that reflects the community's spirit. It's a good way to walk off some of those drinks.

▪ **Better Together Mural:** Created by local artists Theopolis Smith and Matt Plett, the *Better Together*



After checking out the murals at Wunderkammer Company or grabbing a bite at Bravas, you can head across the street for a drink at the recently opened Packard Taphouse.

mural on the side of the former Tasty Pizza at 4302 Fairfield Ave. is a colorful celebration of community. Its vibrant shapes and uplifting words make it a popular photo spot and a joyful addition to the neighborhood.

▪ **Wunderkammer Company Murals:** Head to 3402 Fairfield Ave. to see the murals at Wunderkammer Company, a local arts organization. The artwork here frequently changes, showcasing the styles of various local artists. It's a fantastic spot to experience Fort Wayne's creative community and take in some thought-provoking art.

▪ **Murals at Fairfield and**

**Nuttman:** At the corner of Fairfield and Nuttman avenues, you'll find murals that add an extra layer of color and pride to The 07. Often depicting themes of community and Fort Wayne's unique cultural character, these pieces make for an inspiring and picturesque stop.

The 07 District is a place where local flavor, creativity, and community come together. From unique eateries and friendly pubs to stunning murals, this area has something for everyone.

Take a stroll, enjoy the people, grab a drink, and experience the vibrant energy that makes The 07 a cherished part of Fort Wayne.

# Christmas cantata is worth your time

*Multicultural musical features Chicago pros working toward unity*

**BY WHEAT WILLIAMS**  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

One of the biggest gospel Christmas events in Fort Wayne is coming back for its third year with the production of *Worthy: A Christmas Cantata* on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

It's a prodigious undertaking featuring all-star musicians and singers from the Chicago gospel, R&B, and jazz scene, led by the cantata's composer, Lana Manson.

Six solo singers and a five-piece band will be backed by a volunteer choir of Fort Wayne singers of all races and backgrounds assembled for this performance, and they've been rehearsing for weeks.

## CONCERT GOES NATIONWIDE

The musical is a celebration of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, built around the theme of racial unity for people in the present day.

I spoke with Fort Wayne's Stephen Styles, the producer and presenter of this local production of *Worthy*. He's a business consultant but also a lifelong jazz drummer. He's been working with Manson, her husband, Michael, and their Chicago music school, the Musical Arts Institute, for many years.

*Worthy* was first performed in 2008. Lana Manson released an album with the St. James AME Church of Chicago choir, which you can find streaming online.

"Lana has done this cantata year over year in Chicago," Styles said. "She's also performed it in other parts of the country. This year, they're performing it in Philadelphia. We're doing it in Fort Wayne, Chicago, and we have plans currently to do it in Detroit, Michigan, as well."

Styles proudly describes *Worthy* as "an amazing piece of music and a fully immersive, multicultural musical experience. And I say



**Lana Manson of Chicago returns to Fort Wayne's Pilgrim Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 7, to lead *Worthy: A Christmas Cantata*.**

PHOTOS BY ADRIAN WILLIAMS

that because it is, No. 1, very high-level musicianship and singing. These are not hobby musicians. These are some of the most elite musicians in the city of Chicago."

Styles called attention to the accessibility of *Worthy* because of its diverse musical styles, meaning there's something to appeal to any holiday music lover.

"There are a couple of operatic pieces," he said. "There is a gospel rap. There is an R&B ballad."

"There is a smooth jazz instrumental piece with a little bit of a vocal duet between a tenor and jazz bass, and a number of other pieces of music."

## WORTHY INSTRUCTOR

Manson brings to bear years as a singer and community music educator. That informs her approach to composing *Worthy*, not only for top-flight professionals, but also with room for an amateur pick-up choir so the community can participate.

"Last year's choir had altogether somewhere around 60 folks, the local Fort Wayne chorus, and some of those people were members of the Summit City Singers," Styles said.

"Lana is an expert with a master's degree in vocal pedagogy and choral music from Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music."

Manson's bio explains that she got her Bachelor of Music Education degree at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. While in college,



***Worthy* will feature musicians coming to Fort Wayne from Chicago.**

she was a member of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, the choir that introduced African American spirituals to the world in the 1870s and that has been the training ground for generations of gospel singers.

Since 2010, Manson and her husband have run the Musical Arts Institute, providing advanced musical instruction to the African American community, to equip students to compete for college scholarships and prepare

## **WORTHY: A CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

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them for sustainable professional careers in music.

Michael Manson, also with a master's degree from the Bienen School at Northwestern, is a tremendously accomplished electric bass guitarist and record producer who has toured the world and worked with artists including George Duke, Al Jarreau, Kirk Whalum, Chaka Khan, and The Winans.

## RAISING MONEY FOR HABITAT

The Fort Wayne concert is free to the public.

Styles said last year the floor seating of Pilgrim Baptist, which seats about 1,200, was full. This time around, they're looking to fill the balcony, too.

Concertgoers will be able to support a worthy cause with donations to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne, helping local families to achieve homeownership.

The production company is bearing all the costs of the concert, so every donation from the audience goes straight to Habitat. You can make a donation when they pass the plate at intermission, or you can donate directly to Habitat staff at a booth in the lobby. You can also donate online at [habitatgfw.com](http://habitatgfw.com). Scroll down to the "Latest News" section and find the link to the concert page with the details. If you like, you can reserve free tickets through the link to Eventbrite on that page.

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide program, based in the U.S. and operating in more than 70 countries.

"For those that may not be familiar, Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit that helps low-income individuals and families learn the principles of financial literacy, improve their budget and credit score," Styles said. "Then, through volunteer hours for the families and hundreds of volunteer hours from other people, those homes are built at below market rate.

"And then they help facilitate the arrangement of mortgages that are capped at a lower percentage rate, so that by the time they do ribbon-cutting and they deliver the keys, that homeowner actually walks into the door with equity in their home, and they are the full owner of the house.

"It's a fantastic program. They help dozens of families every year in Fort Wayne."

Styles is working to stage another concert of Manson's here next year: "She also has a Good Friday cantata, for Easter time, which is called *Glory*. We anticipate bringing that one to Fort Wayne in the spring."

Come on down to Pilgrim Baptist Church on Dec. 7 to celebrate the Christmas story through the unifying power of music, to hear some of the best gospel and jazz artists from Chicago, and to raise money to help families here in Fort Wayne.

# PFW has 24 hours to finish stage production

*Students will have just one day to learn roles, put on show on Dec. 7*

BY ANDREW McNAIR  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Creativity can be an elusive thing, and even the most skilled of us require inspiration to create art. Whether it's a mythic Greek Muse, formative chapters of life, or a new and exciting experience — artistic expression requires a spark, a little shove.

When all else fails and inspiration is hard to find, there's nothing quite like the motivation that rises with the pressure of a ticking clock.

Theater students are accustomed to stretching their limits and finding motivation in novel ways. On Saturday, Dec. 7, the PFW Department of Theatre will be testing their reaction to pressure with a distinctive concept: *The 24-Hour Plays*.

## FAST-MOVING PRODUCTION

Presented at Studio Theatre in Kettler Hall, the idea is simple: On Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m., a group of students with varying degrees of onstage and behind-the-scenes experience

will be split into groups, then assigned traditional live theater roles.

Each group writes, stages, and performs a one-act play.

Here's where the pressure comes in: The entire process, from forming the troupe to curtain time, takes place over 24 hours.

If that sounds impossible, it's actually not. Challenging, but not impossible. The concept has been performed in various incarnations by theater groups of all levels for decades. It's not improv, but audiences are absolutely guaranteed to see something new and unique.

Professor of Theatre Beverly Redman is producing this version of the fast-moving process. There are four roles in this operation: actors, directors, playwrights, and stage managers.

Redman explained how the various roles are chosen.

"Students signed up this week listing their preferences, but we do give privilege to the underclass students as actors," she said. "Students playing the role of directors should have had our directing class that all undergraduates take. The stage managers should have had our stage management class. For the playwrights, we offer a playwriting class infrequently, so we'll give some preference to the students who've had that class."

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## CLOCK IS TICKING

Even experienced writers need a little context to frame their inspiration, and Redman has insured they will have something unique to work with.

Actors are instructed to bring a costume and a prop. Playwrights aren't required to feature the objects provided by the actor, but they should be used to provoke ideas about the play to be written.

The exact number of participants won't be known until the time to split into groups. So, a writer might end up with two actors, five actors, or something in between, with a myriad of possible combinations of props and costumes.

After the initial meet-up on Friday night, the clock is ticking, and the playwrights are in for a long night.

By 8 a.m. on Saturday, they will have a script prepared for actors and crew. Over a bleary breakfast, they review the script with the

group, and the group work of preparing a live stage performance begins. Actors rehearse at separate locations around Kettler Hall, rotating times on the Studio Theatre stage to ensure the busy stage managers can set things up for a series of one-act shows.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday the doors open and the first play begins at 8 p.m. sharp, exactly 24 hectic hours after the initial groups were formed.

## PERFORMING UNDER PRESSURE

Will it work? It's been a while, but PFW has done this kind of performance in the past.

Redman is confident that inspiration will strike.

"It's going to be a potpourri," she said. "It's a group of young artists trying out their new wings in a lot of different roles. Anyone playing the role of playwright or director, they're a relatively new playwright or director. It might not be their very first time, but they're pretty fresh. It's an opportunity for people to try something completely new.

"Oftentimes in that energy, the pressure that you have to produce something in those 24 hours ... terrific and fun things get created. Often quite poignant things. It's fun to be a part of seeing what will happen in just 24 hours' time."

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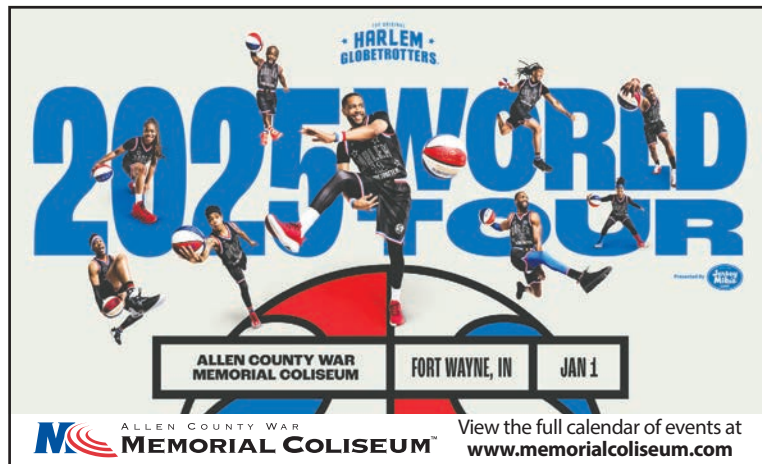
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# Philharmonic takes on Parton songs

**D**olly Parton's *Threads: My Songs in Symphony*, a multimedia concert experience designed to pair the country superstar's songs with local orchestras, has announced a performance at Foellinger Theatre on Saturday, May 17, with the **Fort Wayne Philharmonic**.



## Out and About

NICK BRAUN

Although Parton won't be there in person, she will be featured on screen, leading audiences in a visual-musical journey of her songs, life, and stories.

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will be accompanied by guest vocalists and musicians. Fort Wayne will be the second stop on the 11-city circuit, which begins March 20 in Nashville, Tennessee.

*Threads: My Songs in Symphony*, features new and innovative orchestrations of Parton's hit songs woven into a full-evening multimedia symphonic story-telling experience. Folks can expect to hear her beloved hits spanning her career, including "Jolene," "Coat of Many Colors," and "I Will Always Love You," in addition to her personal favorites.

Tickets are available at [fwphil.org](http://fwphil.org).

## The Clyde have the gift that keeps giving

Are you looking for a Christmas gift for that rocker in the family? How about the Clyde Theatre's Ultimate Rockstar 2025 Concert Pass package?

This year's pass gives fans admission to 13 tribute shows throughout 2025. The package includes a limited-edition Clyde Theatre t-shirt, laminate, reservation for Eats & Beats pre-show dining experience before each show, Premier Experience Level 1 general admission, dedicated access to Premier Deck, Lounge, and other amenities, plus a commemorative poster for each show.

Included shows are **Bluffett**: Tribute to Jimmy Buffett on Jan. 18; **Badfish**: A Tribute to Sublime on Feb. 8; **Pyromania**: The Def Leppard on March 1; **Let's Sing Taylor**: A Live Band Experience on March 15; **Resurrection**: A Journey Tribute on April 5; **Thunderstruck**: America's AC/DC Tribute on May 3; **Jump**: America's Van Halen Experience on June 21; **Rumours**: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show on July 26; **Four Horsemen**: A Celebration of Metallica on Aug. 23; **Zoso**: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience on Sept. 20; **Killer Queen**: A Tribute to Queen on Oct. 4; **Face 2 Face**: Tribute to Billy

Joel & Elton John on Nov. 29; and **That Arena Rock Show** on Dec. 27.

The Clyde are sticking to last year's rates like your favorite rock anthem on repeat. Single passes are \$180 (\$500 value) and two-pack passes are \$300 (\$1,000 value).

There is a limited quantity available and must be purchased from The Clyde box office in person starting Friday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

## Get into holiday spirit with Jazz Orchestra

The **New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** will be working hard this December getting you into the holiday spirit, performing holiday classics as you've never heard them before.

The group has a handful of free, family-friendly Christmas shows featuring live jazz celebrating the joy of the season, bringing warmth, music, and community together.

Among their holiday performances will be:

- Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2:30 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church-Mo Synod, 2313 S. Hanna St.
- Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. at Grace Point Church of The Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road.
- Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m., at St. Joe United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road.
- Sunday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at Taylor Chapel Ministries, 10145 Maysville Road.

There is always time to round up the family and take in a delightful evening of Christmas music.

## Big night of tribute acts at Piere's

On Saturday, Jan. 11, Piere's will host the Kris Collier 5th Annual Tribute Bash featuring nine bands on two stages.

The main stage will feature a good dose of tribute acts including **Something in Your Mouth** (Nickelback), **Phobia** (Breaking Benjamin), **Faint** (Linkin Park), **Dead & Buried** (A Day To Remember), and **My Dinosaurs Wear Ties** (A Warped Tour).

On the Stan's Room stage will be **The Part You Left Out**, **Controller**, **Crystal C-Note**, and **The Kickbacks**.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with the show getting underway at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 day of and can be purchased at [etix.com](http://etix.com) and all Wooden Nickel locations.

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## The Fairfield begins opening their spaces

The Fairfield, a multi-story destination for duckpin bowling, cornhole, bocce ball, indoor golf simulators, and large-capacity event space, has begun to open their doors at 1510 Fairfield Ave.

While opening dates for various floors will be announced through early 2025, the first space to open is The Fairfield Wedding & Events space on the third floor, which opened Nov. 16.



### News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

Later, the first floor, Pinhouse Social, will open. There is no set date for Pinhouse Social, but updates will be forthcoming on social media.

A grand opening celebration is planned for early January. A fourth venue within the complex is expected to be announced in early 2025.

“We couldn’t be more excited to welcome guests into The Fairfield as we open our doors to the community,” co-founder David Beer said.

### The Hedge on the move; Good Bread moves in

The Hedge is moving from its Broadway location to Columbia Avenue.

On Nov. 25, owner Julie Wall took to social media to make the announcement, stating the art gallery will be moving to her old stomping grounds in the 05 District: “It’s a super swanky little space I’m finalizing in the

backyard of our original property at 1136 Columbia Ave.”

Along with the announcement, Wall also informed the community that Roanoke’s Good Bread For All will be moving into her former space at 1016 Broadway.

“I’m so incredibly excited to move over and let Good Bread into the space I love,” Wall said. “I know (Sarah Thompson) is going to bring some serious positive energy to the block, and I hope you will make it one of your regular stops.”

### South Side Esports hosting Mario Kart tourney

South Side High School Esports will host a free *Mario Kart* tournament Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the South Side High School Media Center.

Check-in starts at 4 p.m. and the tournament runs from 4:30-6 p.m. The top racer will win a \$25 Union Street Market gift card. Snacks and water will be available for purchase, and spectators are welcome.

Pre-registration is preferred. Go to [facebook.com/southside.esports](https://facebook.com/southside.esports) for more information and to register.

### Holiday event slated for Stratton-Porter site

Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site will be one of 12 locations across the state to host Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites’ “A Dream of Beauty” from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The event takes visitors back to 1917 to explore the author’s nature-inspired cabin when Stratton-Porter penned a letter to a friend detailing the holiday scene in Wildflower Woods.

Santa will be on hand as well as treats, crafts, and horse-drawn carriage rides around the property.

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## Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

CONTINUES THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 · EMBASSY THEATRE

One of Fort Wayne’s most beloved traditions, The Festival of Trees, is back at the historic Embassy Theatre through Wednesday, Dec. 4.

All the expected traditions of the festival return this year.

On Thanksgiving Day, the exhibit will be open 3-7 p.m., with a screening of 2018 animated film *Dr. Seuss’ The*

*Grinch* on the big screen at 4 p.m., offering an additional enticement to get the family away from the dinner table and out of the house on the holiday.

Senior Day takes place Dec. 3 and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on-site at various times throughout the event to take pictures and hear requests from good girls and boys. — *Chris Hupe*

### FESTIVAL OF GINGERBREAD

FRIDAY, NOV. 29-SUNDAY, DEC. 22 · THE HISTORY CENTER

For nearly four decades, The History Center has created some of their own history by staging the annual Festival of Gingerbread.

The 39th annual festival officially kicks off Friday, Nov. 29, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 22.

The gingerbread houses are built by children, teens, adults, and families. Among the technically edible creations are unique takes on historic buildings, family farms, villages, and a political piece or two.

In addition to the gingerbread designs, storytelling for kids, crafts, entertainment, and a gingerbread cookie sale will take place once again this year, adding

more excitement for younger attendees.

Of course, the event wouldn’t be complete without Santa and Mrs. Claus making themselves available for photos throughout the event while taking note of the names of good little boys and girls they can add to their “nice” list.

Special events include “Hand Puppet Night” on Saturday, Nov. 30, where you can make a reindeer puppet with your hand prints. On Sunday, Dec. 1, you can take home an ornament you make at the Legend of the Gingerbread Man Ornament, and Festival of Gingerbread Free Admission Night on Tuesday, Dec. 3. — *Chris Hupe*



# Salvatori's brings el Azteca into the fold

It's been a busy year for Salvatori's Hospitality Group. On top of operating seven Salvatori's Authentic Italian Eatery locations, they added Powers Hamburgers and Paula's on Main to their holdings. Well, now you can add **el Azteca**, 535 E. State Blvd.

Jeremy McClain, a partner with Salvatori's, said the group wants to preserve classic Fort Wayne eateries.

For el Azteca, McClain reported they are bringing back many classics, including the rice, beans, and salsa. They are also including the original owners in the transition.

In April 2023, el Azteca merged with **Tropic Chicken**. At the time, it was billed as a mash-up of the best dishes from both restaurants.



## Off the Eaten Path

DEAN JACKSON

## Sweet Tooth opens store

**Sweet Tooth Chocolates** has been making an impression at local events like the Johnny Appleseed Festival and the Apple Festival in Kendallville.

Recently, they opened a brick-and-mortar store at 2809 North Ave. in Kendallville.

They are open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and will expand to 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday during December.

That means you can snag their showcase treat — maple creams — along with mint creams, raspberry creams, and orange creams. They also offer buckeyes, truffles, almond butter crunch, cashew crunch with toffee, turtles, chocolate-covered items such as nuts, pretzels, potato chips, Oreos, and marshmallows.

They also offer chocolate fountains to rent for parties, receptions, and other events.

## Iggy's find a home in Parnell Plaza

**Iggy's Gourmet Subs**, 4534 Parnell Ave., is making a comeback.

When they originally opened in 1998, it was on North Anthony Boulevard. Now, they're set up in Parnell Plaza.

Like before, potato bacon, chicken noodle, and broccoli cheese soups highlight a menu that features 19 sandwiches with combinations of veggies, ham, hummus, pepperoni, salami, capicola, roast beef, BBQ meatballs, and sirloin steak on freshly baked bread.

They also feature soft-service ice cream, also known as their "Chillicious" menu.

They are open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Salvatori's Hospitality Group have added el Azteca, 535 E. State Blvd., to their expanding portfolio.

## Aboite Township welcomes Cosmos

**Cosmos**, 10212 Chestnut Plaza Drive, has officially opened in Aboite Township.

Last December, the local restaurant group announced they were moving into the space formerly occupied by Hotel Tango near Kroger at Scott and Illinois Roads.

Cosmos also have a restaurant at 9807 Lima Road in Lima Marketplace, just behind Dunkin' Donuts.

Both locations are open from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.

## New leadership at Jersey Mike's

**Jersey Mike's Subs** has a new owner.

Last week, Blackstone, an asset management company, purchased the quick-serve sandwich chain.

Published reports say the deal is worth \$8 billion, and the move is believed to hasten expansion plans. The company projects more than 2,800 stores this year.

There are two Jersey Mike's franchises in Fort Wayne: 6408 W. Jefferson Blvd. and 10020 Lima Road.

## McRib fans rejoice

The McRib is McBack.

**McDonald's** announced they will begin serving the sandwich Dec. 3 but for a limited time and only at participating restaurants.

And, while they are at it, they are offering half-gallon jugs of the McRib sauce. The sauce, A Whole Lotta McRib Sauce, is available only at [wholelottamcRibsauc.com](http://wholelottamcRibsauc.com).

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## Nightlife

### Baker Street Centre (formerly C2G Music Hall)

Music • 323 W. Baker St., Fort Wayne • (260) 426-6464 • [bakerstreetcentre.com](http://bakerstreetcentre.com)  
**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

### Bootleggers Saloon & Galley

Pubs & Taverns • 2809 W. Main St., Fort Wayne • (260) 387-6307  
**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

### Deer Park Irish Pub

Pub • 1530 Leesburg Road, Fort Wayne • (260) 432-8966 • [deerparkpub.com](http://deerparkpub.com)  
**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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## ALSO COMING TO THE EMBASSY:

Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8  
**NUTCRACKER AT THE EMBASSY**  
 PROJECT BALLET WITH 150 LOCAL CHILDREN

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 10-11  
**CHICAGO**  
 BROADWAY'S LONGEST-RUNNING MUSICAL

Thursday, December 19  
**AN EVENING w/PETER BILLINGSLEY**  
 WITH SCREENING OF A CHRISTMAS STORY

Tuesday, January 21  
**ERTH'S DINOSAUR ZOO LIVE**  
 TOP SHELF TOUR

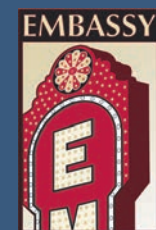
Friday, January 24  
**JUSTIN WILLMAN**  
 ILLUSIONATI TOUR

Tuesday, February 4  
**MOMIX: ALICE**  
 ILLUSION, ACROBATICS, AND MAGIC

Saturday, February 22  
**DOWN THE LINE 19**  
 GREAT BRIT WITH LOCAL MUSICIANS

Friday, February 28  
**JIM JEFFERIES**  
 "SON OF A CARPENTER" COMEDY TOUR

**DOG MAN:  
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*Half Cap*

DEC. 5, 8, 12, AND 15:

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Every Thursday at 5:50 pm and every Friday at 7:35 pm during ALT Homegrown Showcase



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## Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, NOV. 28

**Gary Jones** — Variety, 9 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

**James Baker Duo** — Jazz, 3 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 444-5898

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

### FRIDAY, NOV. 29

**Aleena York Duo** — Variety, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 426-3442

**Boosie Badazz & Friends** — Hip-Hop, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$80, (260) 492-6064

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

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

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

**Rekt** — Rock, 9:30 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

**Sahara w/Sorry Charlie, THEM** — Rock, 8 p.m., Stan's Room at Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 4892-6064

**Sunny Taylor** — Variety, 7 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

**The Basement Band** — Variety, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

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

**Tom Koenig** — Variety, 7 p.m., JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-1311

### SATURDAY, NOV. 30

**Adam Baker** — 9 a.m.-1 p.m., YLNI Farmers Market, Olde East End Building, Fort Wayne, Free

**Blissfully Crisp w/Half Cap, Sahara** — Alternative, 8 p.m., The Firehouse, North Manchester, \$5, (260) 578-0356

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

**Chris Rutkowski & Rich Cohen** — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 426-3442

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

**Forever Motown w/G.C. Cameron, Traci Robinson-Green, Glenn Leonard** — Holiday, 8 p.m., Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$25-\$59, (419) 238-6722

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

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

**OK, Boomer!** — Variety, 8 p.m., Dicky's Wild Hare, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 486-0590

**Ross Kinsey** — Acoustic variety, 7 p.m., JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-1311

**Corporate Circus w/Barney Muggers Street Band, Earmites** — Rock, 7 p.m., Stan's Room at Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 4892-6064

**The Last Chiefs** — Country/Classic Rock, 9 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

**Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** — Jazz, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 209-2930

**Tom Koenig** — Variety, 8 p.m., Kick'n Kountry, Coldwater, MI, \$5, (517) 227-4800

**Union Street Market Open Mic** — 6-8 p.m., Union Street Market, Fort Wayne, Free

**Unlikely Alibi** — Reggae/rock/soul, 9 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

**Whoa, Man!** — Women of rock tribute, 7 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, \$10, (260) 854-9463

**Zoso** — Led Zeppelin tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 747-0989

### SUNDAY, DEC. 1

**Bach Collegium: Messiah Sing-Along** — Choral, 2 p.m., Bach Collegium, Queen of the Angels, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 482-9411

**New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** — Holiday, 2:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Free

### MONDAY, DEC. 2

**Baker Street Centre Open Mic** — 7:30 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 426-6434

**Busco Beans Open Mic Night** — 7 p.m., Busco Beans, Churubusco, Free

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

**Parker Newby** — Indie Folk, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

### TUESDAY, DEC. 3

**An Evening of Saxophone and Band Treasures w/Viet Cuong & Holst** — Classical, 7:30 p.m., PFW School of Music, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$8, (260) 481-4739

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

**4D's Bar & Grill Open Mic** — 7-11 p.m., 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

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

**Open Mic w/Dr. Dom** — 6:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8966

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

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

**Auburn Community Chorus Holiday Carolers** — Holiday, 6 p.m., Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, Free, (260) 925-1444

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

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

**Dungeon Synth Night w/Haudh, Elyvilon, Foglord, Lone Sentinel** — Dungeon Synth, 6 p.m., Stan's Room at Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 4892-6064

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

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

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

**Decade Divide** — Rock, 9:30 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

**Sixteen Candles** — 80s tribute, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 747-0989

**Under the Covers** — Variety, 9:30 p.m., The Venue, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-3922

### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

**Avery Mitchell** — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 209-2930

**Ethan & The Painted Strangers, Cameron Davies & The Vandals, VEO** — Americana, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

**Gregg Bender Trio** — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

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

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

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

**The Lightfoot Band** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$65, (260) 426-6434

**The Subliminal Verses w/Inconvenienced by the System, Persevere, Chokesetter, Sleep Tight, Cocaine Culture, Faith In Nothing, Eyes of Anguish, Controller, Death Hex** — Slipknot tribute, 5:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

**The Wingmen** — Classic Rock, 5 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

**Three Rivers Honor Band** — Variety, 1:30 p.m., PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 481-4739

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# Live Music

LOCAL CALENDAR

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**Todd Harrold Band** — Jazz, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 423-4751

**Ty Causey Band** — R&B, 9 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

**Tyler Poe & The Volunteer Railroad** — Country, 9:30 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 433-6933

**Winona Lake Christmas in the Village Concert** — Nine Lessons & Carols, 4 p.m., Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, \$12-\$15, (574) 372-5100

## SUNDAY, DEC. 8

**New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** — Holiday, 6 p.m., Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, Free

**Winona Lake Christmas in the Village Concert** — Nine Lessons & Carols, 7:30 p.m., Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, \$12-\$15, (574) 372-5100

## MONDAY, DEC. 9

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

**PFW's Home for the Holidays** — Holiday, 7:30 p.m., PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$8, (260) 481-4739

## TUESDAY, DEC. 10

**Fort Wayne Philharmonic: Holiday Pops** — Orchestra, 7 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$22, (260) 563-1102

**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

**Carolyn & Dave Martin** — Classic hits, 6 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

**4D's Bar & Grill Open Mic** — 7-11 p.m., 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

**Open Mic w/Dr. Dom** — 6:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8966

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

**PFW Jingle & Swing: Holiday Favorites with the University Jazz Band** — Holiday, 7:30 p.m., PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$8, (260) 481-4739

**ta'korei** — R&B/Pop, 6 p.m., Charlie's Place, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5292

**Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy** — Jazz, 7:30 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

**Three Rivers Big Band** — Jazz, 7 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

## THURSDAY, DEC. 12

**Hillbilly Casino** — Holiday rockabilly, 8:30 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 267-5303

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

**The Midtown Men Holiday Hits** — Holiday, 7 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$35-\$75, (260) 563-1102

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

## FRIDAY, DEC. 13

**Weird Science** — New Wave, 8 p.m., The Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

**Good Night Gracie** — Variety, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

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

**Janice Anne & Power Train** — Rock/Country, 10 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

**Jon McLaughlin** — Holiday, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 747-0989

**Plan B Band** — Rock, 9 p.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

**The DeeBees** — Variety, 7 p.m., JD Lounge, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-1311

**The Gambler Returns** — Kenny Rogers tribute, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$19-\$39, (260) 563-1102

**The Hubie Ashcraft Band** — Country, 9 p.m., The Venue, Angola, \$5, (260) 665-3922

**The Sweet Orchestra** — Classical, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

**To Breath Again w/Grounds, Mighty Vices, Faith in Nothing** — Rock, 7 p.m., Stan's Room at Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 4892-6064

## SATURDAY, DEC. 14

**Christmas at Baker Street Centre w/The Celebration Quartet, JJ & McRae & Conley, Sunglasses at Night, Vox Deco** — Holiday, 6 p.m., Baker Street Centre, Fort Wayne, \$12-\$25, (260) 426-6434

**Ellise Young** — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 209-2930

**Grateful Groove** — Grateful Dead tribute, 9 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

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

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

**Josh Pantry** — Country, 9:30 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 433-6933

**Real Boston Richey w/Mike Lucci, Ni DaDon, Flat260** — Trap, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$40, (260) 492-6064

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

**ta'korei** — R&B/Pop, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 426-3442

**The Creepy Neighbors w/Pensioners, Squirrel Cage, Lurking Corpses, Deep Coiler, The Speed Knobs, Snakehandler Church** — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Stan's Room at Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 4892-6064

**Todd Harrold Band** — Jazz, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

**Trampled by Turtles w/Debutants** — Bluegrass, 7:30 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

**Under the Covers** — Variety, 10 p.m., Hangar 9 Bar & Grill, Auburn, \$5, (260) 925-6226

**Union Street Market Open Mic** — 6-8 p.m., Union Street Market, Fort Wayne, Free

## SUNDAY, DEC. 15

**A Killer's Confession w/Aaron Nordstrom, LYLVC, Blood of Heroes** — Alt Metal, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$79, (260) 492-6064

**Dean Z: The Ultimate Elvis** — Elvis tribute, 3 p.m., Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$35-\$65, (419) 238-6722

**Natalie Grant & Danny Gokey** — Holiday, 6 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29, (260) 563-1102

**New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** — Holiday, 3 p.m., St. Joe United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 485-9681

**New Millennium Jazz Orchestra** — Holiday, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Chapel Ministries, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 749-8597

## MONDAY, DEC. 16

**Busco Beans Open Mic Night** — 7 p.m., Busco Beans, Churubusco, Free

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

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

## TUESDAY, DEC. 17

**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

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

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

**4D's Bar & Grill Open Mic** — 7-11 p.m., 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 490-6488

**Cece Winans w/Roman Collins** — Holiday, 7:30 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$85, (260) 424-5665

**Hubie & Missy** — Americana, 6 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

**Open Mic w/Dr. Dom** — 6:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8966

**Olivia & The Garden Dogs** — Rock, noon, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

**Son Little** — R&B, 8 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$30, (260) 492-6064

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

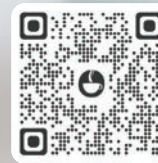
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## Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

### A CLASSIC HOLIDAY: TREE SPECTACULAR

FRIDAY, NOV. 29-TUESDAY, DEC. 31 • AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum's A Classic Holiday: Tree Spectacular features an enchanting display of beautifully decorated Christmas trees sponsored by local businesses.

These trees, representing the creativity and holiday spirit of Auburn and DeKalb County, will be showcased in the museum's historic showroom from Friday, Nov. 29, to Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Celebrate the preservation of automotive heritage as

well as the holiday season as your proceeds go toward the museum's educational programs.

Special events include free admission on Thursday, Dec. 5, and Thursday, Dec. 19.

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will perform their Symphony of Steel concert on Thursday, Dec. 12, and Breakfast with Santa followed by a Day of Cheer, featuring free family and children's activities, will be Saturday, Dec. 14. — *Chris Hupe*

## Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY, DEC. 19

**Auburn Community Band Christmas Concert** — Holiday, 6 p.m., Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, Free, (260) 925-1444

**Dailey & Vincent** — Country, 7 p.m., Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$35-\$55, (260) 563-1102

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

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

**The Hubie Ashcraft Trio** — Country, 6 p.m., Lakers Landing, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-4348

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 20

**Appalachian Outlaws** — Country, 9:30 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 433-6933

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

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

**Straight No Chaser** — Holiday, 8 p.m., Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$46-\$225 (260) 424-5665

**Sweetnotes Music** — Sequencer, 7 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$75-\$95, (260) 492-6064

**The DeeBees** — Variety, 6:30 p.m., Club Paradise, Angola, no cover, (260) 833-7082

**The Hubie Ashcraft Band** — Country, 8 p.m., Mitchell's, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 387-5063

**The Oak Ridge Boys** — Holiday, 7 p.m., Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$39, (260) 563-1102

**The War Room Staff** — Rock, 10 p.m., Vinnie's Bar, Decatur, no cover, (260) 729-2225

### SATURDAY, DEC. 21

**Appalachian Outlaws** — Country, 9:30 p.m., Knockin' Boots Saloon, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 433-6933

**Big Dick & The Penetrators** — Classic rock, 9:30 p.m., Wacky Jac's, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-9071

**Bob Bailey** — Variety, 6 p.m., Deema, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 209-2930

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

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

**Sarah Barton & Second That w/Arthur Cope, Brugada, Baba Kosmicka, Aperture, Charybdis** — Rock, 3 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 492-6064

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

**The Mo Show** — Variety, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

**Todd Harrold Band** — Jazz, 8 p.m., Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 485-1038

**Under the Covers** — Variety, 9 p.m., Dupont Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 483-1311

### SUNDAY, DEC. 22

**The DeeBees** — Variety, noon, Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

**The Hubie Ashcraft Trio** — Country, 11:30 a.m., Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, no cover, (260) 333-7337

### MONDAY, DEC. 23

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

### TUESDAY, DEC. 24

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

**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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

**James Baker Trio** — Jazz, 4 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

### THURSDAY, DEC. 26

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

## Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOV. 29

**Michael Quu** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, NOV. 30

**Improvsgiving Comedy** — 8 p.m., Broken Pencil Improv, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 426-3456

**Michael Quu** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 844-8444

**Shawn Boyd w/Michael Cheselka** — 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, \$15-\$25, (260) 426-6339

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

**JP Sears** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$79, (260) 844-8444

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

**Jay Chandrasekhar** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

**Jay Chandrasekhar** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

**Jay Chandrasekhar** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$22-\$35, (260) 844-8444

**Pete George** — 7:30 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, \$15-\$25, (260) 426-6339

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 12

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 13

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

### SATURDAY, DEC. 14

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

**Trevor Glassman** — 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, \$15-\$25, (260) 426-6339

### SUNDAY, DEC. 15

**Desi Banks** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$45, (260) 844-8444

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 19

**Mojo Brookzz** — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$45, (260) 844-8444

### FRIDAY, DEC. 20

**Jeff Dye** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$26-\$34, (260) 844-8444

### SATURDAY, DEC. 21

**Jamie Utley** — 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, \$15-\$25, (260) 426-6339

**Jeff Dye** — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$26-\$34, (260) 844-8444

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 27

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

### SATURDAY, DEC. 28

**J. Wiley** — 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club, New Haven, \$15-\$25, (260) 426-6339

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

### TUESDAY, DEC. 31

**Aries Spears** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$32-\$42, (260) 844-8444

### FRIDAY, JAN. 3

**K-Von** — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$35, (260) 844-8444

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# Nutcracker conjures up memories for many

*Goldstine PAC houses  
Fort Wayne Ballet show  
before it hits the road*

BY EMMA BACHTEL  
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Fort Wayne Ballet's *The Nutcracker* always takes you on a journey to the Land of sweets, but this year will also be a journey back in time.

FWB will bring this iconic show back to Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center for the first time in more than a decade. For one weekend only, audience members will get to see the talented performers take the stage of this historic venue.

But don't worry: There will be plenty of tickets to go around due to the large seating capacity of the facility.

*The Nutcracker* will run from Dec. 6-8 with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Children's Choir. There will also be a sensory-friendly show Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Following its run in Fort Wayne, the second act of the show hits the road, performing "Land of Sweets" at Kendallville Community Learning Center on Thursday, Dec. 12, and at Defiance Community Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 14.

## REMINISCING WITH ESCOSA

AnnElise Escosa, daughter of FWB founders Dorothy and John Escosa, has spent most of her years living and breathing ballet.

"There wasn't a time in my life when I didn't really want to be a ballet dancer," she said.

Escosa wasn't alone in her desire to be a ballet dancer, it seems to be in the family's DNA.

"My brother, sister, and I were all in the first three *Nutcrackers* that Fort Wayne Ballet did," she said.

Escosa said her brother, John Escosa, was the first FWB *Nutcracker* Prince.

"He was so smart," Escosa said. "He always knew the choreography, and he was so good at remembering the blocking. They would call him in every year to help rehearse the blocking for each scene."

Following in the footsteps — or, dance



PHOTO BY JEFF CRANE

Fort Wayne Ballet's holiday production of *The Nutcracker* will Dec. 6-8 at Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Children's Choir.

steps — of her family members, John Escosa's daughter Elizabeth also went on to dance ballet professionally, portraying the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy for FWB while still in high school.

Escosa fondly recalled her time dancing with FWB in Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center.

"My reminiscence of the Scottish Rite (The Goldstine) is not only massively tied to *The Nutcracker* and ballet, but many, many, many performances I saw and participated in there," she said. "It was the performance space where I would go see community concerts and Fort Wayne Philharmonic concerts. I have a plethora of visual, auditory, and even tactile memories that are so tied with the building.

"I went to the theater recently to help clean and decorate the dressing rooms and it just brought back so many memories. It was fun. Really fun!"

## TRADITIONS AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

FWB will be using some new technology to ensure the audience can experience the

beloved traditions of *The Nutcracker*, even in a different space as renovations continue at Arts United Center.

One of the most iconic moments in the show is the Snow Scene: Dancers dressed in white spin on their toes as the curtain descends and snow begins to fall on the audience. The mechanisms that allow snow to come down on the audience are not normally used at the The Goldstine, so the artistic staff did what artists do best. They got creative.

"This building presents us with some amazing opportunities," FWB Artistic Director Karen Gibbons-Brown said. "It's an older building, so we've had some challenges that we've addressed with creative solutions."

Deciding how to handle backdrops and props in the space was another challenge that required some artistic ingenuity. In place of typical painted canvas backdrops that fly in and out throughout the show, projections will be used.

"We've hired a gentleman out of California named Bryce Cutler to create the projections for us," Gibbons-Brown said. "He's incredibly

## THE NUTCRACKER FORT WAYNE BALLET

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

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## "THE LAND OF SWEETS"

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

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gifted and I'm very excited to see how it looks with the dancers performing in front of it."

In true FWB style, the company is handling each of the challenges with grace and creativity that lead to an enhanced audience experience.

## A FLURRY OF SNOW ... AND PREPARATION

The weeks leading up to *The Nutcracker* are some of the most exciting of the year for every member of the cast, from the smallest mouse to the most experienced Sugar Plum Fairy.

"As you can imagine, we're all a flurry with *The Nutcracker*," Gibbons-Brown said.

Gibbons-Brown discussed that preparation began a little early this year due to the need to prepare for the new theater space.

"The Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center is a whole different setup than our typical performance space," she said. "Not only is the stage different, but also the dressing rooms, the formula for getting people in and out of the space, and the lighting logistics, to name a few things, are all very different. We've had to begin early to make sure our dancers and production crew are ready for the new space."

## ON THE ROAD

As if one new theater wasn't enough, FWB will take the second act, "The Land of Sweets," of *The Nutcracker* on the road this year.

On Dec. 12, they will appear on stage in Kendallville, and on Dec. 14 the company will perform in Defiance, Ohio. It's a chance for members of these communities to experience the magic of an FWB *The Nutcracker* without having to travel all the way to Fort Wayne.

"We get audiences from a lot of different places, including Defiance and Kendallville, so we'll be taking a part of *The Nutcracker* to them this year," Gibbons-Brown said.

Some audience members come from even farther than these locations to experience the show.

"This year, I got a lovely note from a woman who said she and her children would often come to the FWB *Nutcracker* when they were growing up," Gibbons-Brown said. "Her children are now grown and live multiple states away from Indiana, and they're coming in to see *Nutcracker* in Fort Wayne this year."

# Your dollars mean more when you shop small

*Using phone to shop may be easier for you, but it's less impactful*

BY ANTHONY GADSON  
WHATZUP EDITOR

If you're on social media any extended amount of time, it's likely you've seen posts about the importance of shopping at small businesses. There will be pictures of signs outlining what the \$10 you spend at their shop does for their livelihood in comparison to what that \$10 may mean to the big-box stores.

As holiday shopping heats up, Fort Wayne native Taber Olinger swallowed her pride to pull back the curtains on her two boutiques, Fancy & Staple, 1111 Broadway, and Hopscotch House, 1301 Broadway, and made "a plea for your support."

"I wanted to let you guys know that both of my shops are struggling, big time, and they have been the last couple of years," she said in the video. "Just slowly declining."

"I know there's a lot of real things going on like inflation. Shopping small isn't convenient. The hours are limited and the parking is ... limited. The products are specialized and maybe I don't have all the categories or brands that you're looking for, but when I walk around on Mondays and tidy up both shops, I think to myself, 'What's really going on here? What's going to happen? What can I do to survive? What can I do that I haven't tried already?'"

After seeing this, I felt motivated to do whatever I could to highlight the local shops in our community, and tie it in with the national Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 30.

## CITY AND NATIONWIDE EFFORT

Locally, Nov. 30 kicks off Downtown Fort Wayne's initiative Holly Shopping.

Head over to [downtownfortwayne.com/holly-shopping](http://downtownfortwayne.com/holly-shopping) to download a map of small businesses within the 99-block district. There will be trolleys available to take you around the shopping district for get all that holiday shopping in, while helping your neighbors in the process.

Among those stops will be Holly Village at The Porch Off Calhoun, next to Pint & Slice at 816 S. Calhoun St. Each Friday and Saturday from Nov. 30-Dec. 21, rotating artisan vendors will be set up here to sell their wares.

Along with Holly Village, Artlink will also have their Winter Market open each Saturday from Nov. 30-Dec. 14, as well as their Curated Shop, ARTament, and Cup Exhibition and Sale each Thursday-Sunday from Nov. 30-Dec. 14.

These great events will be a boost to our small businesses, but also be sure to check out businesses outside of downtown, as well as throughout the year. No one wants to see more



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Hopscotch House, 1301 Broadway, has the children's item you're looking for.**

empty storefronts.

So, here's my novel approach to highlight some small businesses that are sure to offer up something special for those on your holiday shopping list. While I won't get close to naming them all, hopefully it's a good start that inspires you to dig deeper.

## ANTIQUES

**Delaney's @ 1421 Broadway**, 1421 Broadway  
**Finders Keepers**, 2608 S. Calhoun St.  
**Hidden Treasures Antiques**, 1655 N. Wells St.  
**Mercantile on Main**, 1753 W. Main St.  
**The Rink Antiques & Vintage**, 4540 Bluffton Road  
**This & That**, 3209 N. Anthony Blvd.  
**Vintage Treasures Antique Mall**, 625 Coliseum Blvd. W.

## ART

**Aaron's Rug Gallery**, 1217 Broadway  
**Artlink**, 300 E. Main St.  
**David Talbott Collection**, 532 W. Berry St.  
**Gallery 02**, 1115 Broadway  
**Glassic Art**, 3324 Bass Road  
**The Hedge**, 1016 Broadway  
**Kinhouse Gallery**, 1117 Broadway  
**Kreative Framing**, 1117 Broadway and 3209 N. Anthony Blvd.  
**Masters, Mentors, & Modern Fine Art**, 1241 N. Wells St.  
**Orchard Gallery**, 6312 Covington Road  
**Ruth Koomler Gallery**, 1107 Broadway

## BOOKS

**Books, Comics, & Things**, 2212 Maplecrest Road and 5808 W. Jefferson Blvd.

**Good Shepherd Books & Gifts**, 915 S. Clinton St.  
**Hyde Brothers, Booksellers**, 1428 N. Wells St.  
**The Rcade Comics**, 1245 E. State Blvd.  
**Summit Comics & Games**, Jefferson Pointe and Glenbrook Square  
**Sunbound Books**, 3215 N. Anthony Blvd.

## BOUTIQUES

**Cog & Pearl**, 1420 N. Wells St.  
**Creative Women of the World**, 125 W. Wayne St.  
**Fancy & Staple**, 1111 Broadway  
**The Find**, 133 W. Wayne St.  
**Hopscotch House**, 1301 Broadway  
**Knitting Off Broadway**, 1309 Broadway  
**Meraki Co.**, 1530 N. Wells St.  
**Phil's Hobby Shop**, 3938 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
**Reboot Labs**, 528 W. Berry St.  
**Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts**, 634 W. Berry St.  
**Simply Socks Yarn Company**, 1315 E. State Blvd.  
**Stoner's Funstore**, 712 S. Harrison St.  
**Third World Shoppe**, 611 W. Wayne St.

## CLOTHING

**Duchess J Boutique**, 3702 S. Calhoun St.  
**Maisie & Maude**, 1529 W. Main St.  
**Urban Hippie**, 111 W. Columbia St.

## METAPHYSICAL

**2 Crazy Crystal Guys**, 4039 S. Wayne Ave.  
**Acacia's Journey**, 1930 Bluffton Road  
**Fae's Cabinet**, 3210 Crescent Ave.  
**Ravenwolf Emporium**, 519 Broadway St., New Haven



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## MUSIC

**Fort Wayne Guitar Exchange**, 1517 N. Wells St.  
**Quinlan & Fabish Music Company**, 3678 N. Wells St.  
**Welcome Back Records**, 3019 Broadway  
**Wooden Nickel**, 3627 N. Clinton St., 3422 N. Anthony Blvd., and 6427 W. Jefferson Blvd.

## PLANTS

**Cottage Flowers**, 236 E. Wayne St.  
**Fuller Plants**, 1415 E. State Blvd.  
**Honey Plant**, 1436 N. Wells St.  
**Morning's Flowers & Gifts**, 2135 N. Wells St.

## RECREATION

**Earth Adventures Unlimited**, 1804 W. Main St.  
**Fort Wayne Outfitters**, 1004 Cass St.  
**The Ski Pole**, 6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.

## PARTING THOUGHTS

After reaching out to Olinger ahead of stopping by her shops on Broadway, just a block from each other, she sent me a note stressing the importance of shopping locally.

"When you shop at a small local business, your dollars stay in your community, strengthening the economy in the city that you live in and providing wages for your fellow neighbors," she wrote. "You are contributing to the growth around you and making this city a cooler place to live, work, and play! Digging a little deeper, shopping small often gives a sense of empowerment and connection because it requires you to be more intentional, and in return, you feel like you are part of something good. Your support is appreciated far beyond you know by hard working entrepreneurs who notice and are grateful for every single transaction."

As I visited her shops to take photos, I also found a couple of items that my kids and dog will enjoy on Christmas morning.

I also stumbled upon a vintage Castle Gray-skull from *He-Man* that I also may need to add to my collection!

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**Adam Baker**  
*Self Control*

Singer, songwriter, and band leader Adam Baker keeps himself busy with several music projects.

There was Adam Baker & The Heartache, as well as A Couple of Ukes, and his recent work as guitarist/vocalist for The High Freqs.

Along the way, he also releases his solo music — big, beautifully ornamented pop rock that dabbles in folk, '70s singer-songwriter, and at times power pop that feels both vintage and modern.

While The High Freqs put the finishing touches on their full-length debut, Baker decided to release a three-song EP to satiate fans' appetite for new music.

We have *Self Control*, a mini-sampler of what Baker does best — write thoughtful, engaging pop rock songs.

As with most prolific music makers, Baker does not seem to merely want to put out music on a consistent schedule — he absolutely needs to. Even with a High Freqs album near the finish line, Baker has that drive to keep songs fresh and in the ears of listeners.

There's not much to unlock here. You have three songs with varying vibes and feels. From big melodic swings to more nuanced singer-songwriter fare, Baker gives us a taste of his writing palate in an easy-to-digest "mini" EP.

*Self Control* opens with the grand pop melancholy of "Rise and Fall." With vocal harmonies reminiscent of Paul McCartney & Wings and melodic turns that put this into Granddaddy and Wondermints territory, it's the kind of song that hangs in your ears long after it ends. It's the kind of song you need to listen to more than once before moving on. "Introvert" has a Beck *Sea Change* feel, a gentle acoustic track with a bit of longing in the delivery.

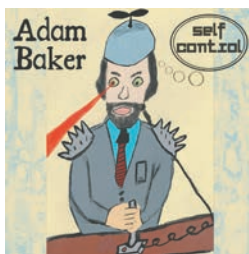
"Whispers and Moans" is a dreamy and big pop song that is led with subtle synth touches that has the feel of early 2000s songwriters, in particular David Gray. It's a much more ethereal song than what came before and seems to hang in the air with tasteful production.

So, if you can't wait anymore for that new High Freqs record, fear not because Baker has got you covered. *Self Control* is the shot in the arm your ears and brain need to keep that musical appetite satiated. — *J. Hubner*

**Jerry Cantrell**  
*I Want Blood*

There's no denying the late, great Layne Staley was the voice of Alice in Chains. It's also without a doubt that guitarist Jerry Cantrell was the sound of the 1990s alt-rock group.

After influencing countless bands prior to



Staley's death, Chains' guitarist Cantrell continued on as a solo musician. Back in 1998, I made sure to nab his solo debut, *Boggy Depot*, thanks to the excellent single "My Song."

Well, 26 years later, the guitar virtuoso is back with his fourth album, and it's a rocker that us '90s kids will appreciate.

*I Want Blood* opens with the guitar-forward "Vilified." A call back to what rock once was, Cantrell's guitar work is front and center, and an echo effect make his vocals reminiscent of Staley's signature sound.

Later, "Afterglow" catches your ear, and the sixth track, "Throw Me a Line," is another old-school rocker.

All the songs on this albums are rockers, but my favorite comes on the ninth and final song, "It Comes." It has a "Man in the Box" in the feel. Cantrell's subdued guitar, with lyrics that hit home: "I'm slowly drifting free/Let me go, it's all over; We have tried, time to say goodbye/Not only scars I see."

It's an album I can't suggest more for us kids of the grunge age. It's not Alice in Chains, but it's close. — *Anthony Gadson*

**Japandroids**  
*Fate & Alcohol*

Canada's Japandroids were, at one time in the early 2010s, the saviors of rock n' roll.

While the Brooklyn neighborhood of Williamsburg was the hub of all things indie — which included bands like Grizzly Bear, The National, and Dirty Projectors — Vancouver guitarist/vocalist Brian King and drummer/vocalist David Prowse arrived in 2009 with *Post-Nothing*. That album was a shot of adrenaline, equal parts Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty anthems mixed with equal parts boozed-soaked Replacements punk swagger.

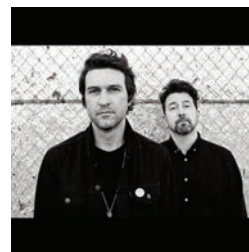
They were a breath of fresh air in a very stuffy scene.

In 2012, Japandroids dominated indie rock with their masterpiece *Celebration Rock*, an opus to weekends, getting drunk, and cranking the amps to 11. After listening to the album, you blew well over the legal limit. It was also an album loaded with youthful abandon and leaving responsibility at the barroom door.

Five years later Japandroids released the follow-up, *Near to the Wild Heart of Life*, an album that remained in the pale light of last calls and buzzing streetlights.

Seven years later, the two have released their swan song, *Fate & Alcohol*. King is ready to call it quits, finding sobriety and soon to be a father. Instead of disappearing quietly, they put it all in one more round. It's a solid farewell.

If there's one song that sums up this goodbye, I suppose it would be "Upon Sober Reflection," a song about coming to terms with wanting to settle down and leave the hangovers behind in place of a quieter life: "Had it with the unknown/And



**Backtracks** CLASSIC ALBUMS

**The Impressions**  
*Keep On Pushing*  
(1964)



The mid-60s were disciplined as far as the music industry was concerned.

Jazz, blues, and Elvis were running their course, but the soulful Motown/Stax labels cranked out some of the best music of the decade. The Impressions, signed to ABC, blended soul with gospel, allowing Chicago to meet their mark with the sub-genre. This was the group's best-selling record, and still sounds great after 60 years.

Lead songwriter Curtis Mayfield managed the vocals on the title track, which opens the release, with the Funk Brothers (a Detroit group of session players) overseeing the sound, including some jolly brass in the background. "I've Been Trying" is one of those broken-hearted love songs that was dominant during the decade and slowly pokes around almost three minutes. "I Ain't Supposed To" was another crafty love ballad co-written by Mayfield's friend and group member Jerry Butler. You get some Sam Cooke vibes with "Dedicate My Song to You," and the blues-jazz arrangement in "Somebody Help Me" is bright with horns and a piano that keeps it all tied together with a handsome guitar solo thrown in at the bridge.

Gospel is obvious in "Amen," a traditional song that was even featured in the 1963 Sidney Poitier film *Lilies of the Field*. "I Thank Heaven" is another track that features a gospel feel and has some strings from the Funk Brothers just to give it a little more shine.

Several iterations of the band went on to record 20 records with Mayfield being responsible for the soundtrack of the 1972 blaxploitation film *Super Fly*. All original members have since passed away. — *Dennis Donahue*

I'm making that known today/I'll repeat every one of my words/So no mistaking what I say" is belted over punk rock riffs and big melodies. It's the perfect summation of where these guys are in their lives.

There are some great songs, like the pop-hooky "Fugitive Summer" and Bob Mould-esque "A Gaslight Anthem." "Chicago" is a belter ode to the Windy City, while "All Bets Are Off" is the perfect end to this album ... and Japandroids.

Eventually, the party ends and everyone has to go home. Japandroids know this. So, they decided to throw one hell of a farewell. *Fate & Alcohol* is the perfect end to an era. — *J. Hubner*

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## Epic sequel keeps you entertained

Ever the maximalist and never one to simply let a good thing be, director Ridley Scott was destined to re-enter the world of Maximus someday. Alas, that time has come, and *Gladiator II* has made its way into theaters across the world.

In typical sequel fashion, this follow-up has more of everything: twice the Colosseum-set battle sequences; three times the amount of hushed, lamp-lit conversations about family and fate; heck, there are even two emperors this time around.



### Reel Views

BRENT LEUTHOLD

If Scott and scribe David Scarpa had applied this ethos to the story itself, we'd have quite the swords and sandals epic on our hands. Instead, the actual premise here — said another way: A justification for its existence in the first place — never develops much past its initial paces. But like an equipped gladiator, this film does have a couple potent weapons in store and knows how to use them.

*Gladiator II* finds Rome in a state of unease, under the rule of the corrupt twin emperors Geta (Joseph Quinn) and Caracalla (Fred Hechinger) 16 years following the death of Marcus Aurelius.

Desperate for new leadership, the Roman people champion fearless general Marcus Acacius (Pedro Pascal), who has just returned from a conquest over the city of Numidia.

During the battle, Numidian warrior Hanno (Paul Mescal) loses his wife and is captured by the Roman army. After being transported to Rome, the enslaved Hanno makes quite the showing in fierce gladiatorial combat and catches the attention of gladiator trainer Macrinus (Denzel Washington). With vengeance on his mind, Hanno plans to rise up the ranks and topple both Acacius and the emperor brothers to return the city to its former glory.

The most immediate challenge *Gladiator II* faces as a sequel to a universally loved film that won five Academy Awards and grossed almost \$500 million is in carrying on without the two leads from the original.

The towering performances of Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix in 2000's *Gladiator* are understandably difficult to top. And try as they might, Mescal and Pascal simply don't leave the indelible impression of their predecessors.

Mescal's wheelhouse is more in low-key work of indies like *All of Us Strangers* and *Aftersun*, but as a brooding fighter, he feels miscast and out of his element. Pascal fares better in his role as a stoic leader, but the character isn't written with nearly the same depth or feeling as Maximus or Commodus from the previous tale.

While Connie Nielsen (Lucilla) and Derek Jacobi (Gracchus) reprise the roles from the first film, the strongest performances in *Gladiator II* come courtesy of players entering the arena for the first time.

Quinn brings a more familiar but still palpable menace to his Geta, but Hechinger brings an unhinged impudence to Caracalla that makes him the more dynamic spectacle. Speaking of his vision for Rome, he announces, "There will be Games ... and mass executions!" so flippantly that its casual cruelty is almost endearing.



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Pedro Pascal, left, and Paul Mescal star in director Ridley Scott's sequel, *Gladiator II*.

### GLADIATOR II

Rated R for strong bloody violence.

2 hours, 28 minutes · In theaters

★★★★☆

As for the aforementioned Games, the fight scenes are enjoyable staged, but often marred by CG effects that seem almost instantly dated, particularly in a sequence meant to mirror the Battle of Salamis. The digitally inserted sharks don't look great, but when two ships collide with one another, the resulting havoc is especially unconvincing.

For a movie about brawny brawlers, it's apt that one man would carry this film on his back, and that man is Washington. Put bluntly, he is the reason to see *Gladiator II*, and if he was replaced by another actor as an advisor with aspirations of authority, it would sink the whole project. Introduced shuffling his many-ringed fingers while overseeing combat, Washington is simply having a magnificent time luxuriating in Scott's larger-than-life version of Rome. You've never heard someone enunciate the word "politics" quite the way that Washington does in a memorable moment from the third act.

It's no coincidence that when the narrative shifts its focus toward Macrinus and his ambitions, the movie becomes infinitely more enjoyable.

*Gladiator II* doesn't quite best its forerunner in the ring, but still has enough spectacular to keep us entertained.

### New movies coming this weekend

■ Playing only in theaters is *Moana 2*, an animated musical sequel starring Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson, following the titular adventurer as she receives an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors and must journey to the far seas of Oceania once more.

■ Streaming on Paramount+ is *Dear Santa*, a Christmas comedy starring Jack Black and Keegan-Michael Key about a young boy who accidentally mixes up his spelling and sends his Christmas list to Satan instead of Santa.

■ Premiering on Max is *Sweethearts*, a romantic comedy starring Kiernan Shipka and Nico Hiraga, rotten involving a pair of college freshmen who try to break up with their high school sweethearts on the same night before Thanksgiving.



# Stewart bringing in Cheap Trick on new tour

**R**od Stewart is bringing his One Last Time tour to North America next year and will employ **Cheap Trick** as his special guest for most of the shows.

According to the announcement, the 79-year-old Stewart is “not slowing down” in the sixth decade of his career as the two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted singer-songwriter. He has been busy this year touring Europe and Asia, along with releasing his 33rd studio album, *Swing Fever*, a collaboration with Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra.



**Road Notes**  
CHRIS HUPE

The 2025 tour is happening between June and August, stopping at Credit Union 1 Amphitheatre in Chicago on Aug. 8, Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Aug. 9, and Pine Knob Music Theatre outside Detroit on Aug. 12.

Stewart has a lot of material to choose from for his setlist with hits such as “You Wear It Well,” “Maggie May,” “Da Ya Think I’m Sexy,” “The First Cut is the Deepest,” “Tonight’s the Night,” “Every Picture Tells a Story,” “Infatuation,” “Forever Young,” “Ooh La La (I Wish That I Knew What I Know Now),” “Young Turks,” and “Have I Told You Lately That I Love You,” to name a few.

Cheap Trick, Rock and Roll Hall of Famers in their own right, are, of course, known for hits like “I Want You To Want Me,” “Dream Police,” “Surrender,” “Ain’t That a Shame,” and “The Flame.”

This should be a great show.

## Post Malone hits stadiums

**Post Malone** announced he’ll be embarking on The Big Ass Stadium Tour in 2025.

The trek comes in support of his sixth studio album, *F-1 Trillion*,

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070 Shake	Jan. 27	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
070 Shake	Feb. 7	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
070 Shake	Feb. 8	The Salt Shed	Chicago
A Hundred Drums	Dec. 13	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>A Killer’s Confession w/Aaron Nordstrom, LYLC, Blood of Heroes</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
A Killer’s Confession	Dec. 18	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
A.J. Croce	April 4	The Palladium	Carmel
A.J. Croce	April 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
ATLiens	Jan. 23	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Aaron Lewis	Dec. 5	Celeste Center	Columbus, OH
Aespa	Feb. 15	United Center	Chicago
<b>Ahren Belisle w/Martin Phillips, Heath Cordes</b>	<b>March 20-22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Air Supply	Feb. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Alan Walker	Feb. 14	The Fillmore	Detroit
Alan Walker	Feb. 15	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Alejandra Guzman	March 21	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Alejandro Fernandez	June 6	United Center	Chicago
Alison Moyet	May 6	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Alison Moyet	May 7	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Allman Betts Band	Nov. 30	Arcada Theatre	Chicago
Anberlin	March 30	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Anberlin	March 31	Columbus Athenaeum	Columbus, OH
Andrea Bocelli	Dec. 11	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Ani DiFranco	April 10	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Ani DiFranco	April 12	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Anthony Gomes	Jan. 11	Baker Street Centre	Fort Wayne
Apocalyptica	Feb. 14	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Apocalyptica	Feb. 15	Athenaeum Theatre	Columbus, OH
Apocalyptica	Feb. 16	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Arcadian Wild	May 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Aries Spears</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ashe	June 6	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Ashe	June 8	Metro	Chicago
Ashley McBryde	Dec. 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Astronomers & Kyle Hume	March 13	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Atmosphere w/Sage Francis, Mr. Dibbs</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Attila	March 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Awolnation	April 25	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Awolnation	April 26	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Ax & The Hatchetmen	Feb. 20	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Badfish</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>The Barricade Boys</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Bay Ledges	Jan. 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Bayem	Dec. 14	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Becky Robinson</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bellamy Brothers w/The Hubie Ashcraft Band	March 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Belmont	April 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Ben Folds & Detroit Symphony Orchestra	May 23-24	Orchestra Hall	Detroit
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	Dec. 13	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Bill Bellamy</b>	<b>May 9-11</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bilmuri	Feb. 20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Bishop Briggs	March 23	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Black Violin	April 26	The Palladium	Carmel
Black Violin	May 8	Valentine Theatre	Toledo
BlackHawk	Feb. 21	Gas City PAC	Gas City
Boney James	June 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Boosie Badazz &amp; Friends</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Born of Osiris	Feb. 22	The Pyramid Scheme	Grand Rapids
Brad Mehldau, Christian McBride, Marcus Gilmore	April 12	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Brett Eldredge	Dec. 6-8	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Brett Eldredge	Dec. 10	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Bright Eyes	April 25	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Bright Light Social Hour	April 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Brooks & Dunn	April 3	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Brooks & Dunn	April 5	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Brother Ali	Dec. 13	Bottom Lounge	Chicago

Brothers of the Heart	April 16-17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Bruce Bruce</b>	<b>Jan. 24-25</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Bryce Vine	Feb. 13	House of Blues	Chicago
Bryce Vine	Feb. 14	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Bryce Vine	Feb. 15	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Bryce Vine	Feb. 16	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Bullet For My Valentine & Trivium	April 23	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Bullet For My Valentine & Trivium	April 26	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Bullet For My Valentine & Trivium	April 27	The Fillmore	Detroit
Burton Cummings	March 28	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Caravan Palace	April 4	House of Blues	Chicago
Caravan Palace	April 5	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Carly Pearce	April 10	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Carly Pearce	April 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Carter Vail	Dec. 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Cece Winans w/Roman Collins</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Celtic Angels Ireland</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Champagne Drip	Feb. 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Charity Gayle	Jan. 25	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Chayce Beckham	Jan. 30	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Cheap Trick	Dec. 8	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Cheap Trick	Dec. 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Cherry Poppin’ Daddies	Dec. 5	The Palladium	Carmel
Chiodos	March 21	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Chiodos	March 22	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Chiodos	April 26	The Vogue	Indianapolis
<b>Chris Botti</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Chris Daughtry	Dec. 2	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Chris Daughtry	Dec. 6	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Chris Young	Feb. 21	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>Coal Chamber</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Collingsworth Family	Dec. 12	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Connor McLaren	Jan. 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Cyndi Lauper	Dec. 5	United Center	Chicago
<b>DJ Pauly D</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>Piere’s</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Dailey &amp; Vincent</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Daily Bread	March 12	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Danae Hays</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Daniel O’Donnell	May 28-30	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Darkside	March 13	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Darkside	March 14	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Dave Koz & Friends	Dec. 13	The Palladium	Carmel
David Gray	Feb. 1	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
David Gray	Feb. 2	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
David Lee Murphy	March 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>David Lucas</b>	<b>June 12-14</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
David Nail	Feb. 14	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
David Phelps	Dec. 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
<b>David Sedaris</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Death Lens	Dec. 4	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Deftones	March 28	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Deftones	March 29	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Deftones	March 31	United Center	Chicago
Deftones	April 1	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Denzel Curry	April 22	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Denzel Curry	April 24	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Denzel Curry	April 25	The Salt Shed	Chicago
<b>Desi Banks</b>	<b>Dec. 13-15</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Destroy Lonely	Jan. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Dionne Warwick	Dec. 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Dirty Nil	Feb. 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Disturbed	March 8	United Center	Chicago
Disturbed	March 10	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Disturbed	March 29	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Disturbed	March 31	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Disturbed	April 9	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Don Was & The Pan-Detroit Ensemble	Feb. 28	The Palladium	Carmel
Donavon Frankenreiter	March 21	The Vogue	Indianapolis

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Donny Benet	Jan. 31	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Dream Theater	March 8	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Dream Theater	March 9	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dream Theater	March 19	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Drew & Ellie Holcomb	Feb. 26	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Drew & Ellie Holcomb	March 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Drew & Ellie Holcomb	March 9	Cahn Auditorium	Chicago
Dropkick Murphys	Feb. 28	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Dropkick Murphys	March 2	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Duki	May 10	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Dwight Yoakam	March 27	Wings Event Center	Kalamazoo
Dylan Schneider	Dec. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Dylan Scott	April 10	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Elderbrook	April 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Elevation Worship	March 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Eli Young Band	March 8	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Elvis Costello	March 8	Michigan Theater	Ann Arbor
Elvis Costello	March 11-12	Park West	Chicago
Elvis Costello	March 14	Park West	Chicago
Emerson, Lake, & Palmer	March 21	The Palladium	Carmel
Emmylou Harris	April 3	The Palladium	Carmel
Eric Hutchinson	Dec. 6	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Evan Honer	Dec. 1	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Explosions in the Sky	April 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Fabulous Thunderbirds	March 21	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Father John Misty	Feb. 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Father John Misty	Feb. 18	The Fillmore	Detroit
Faye Webster	March 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Finneas	Feb. 25	The Fillmore	Detroit
Finneas	Feb. 26	The Salt Shed	Chicago
flipturn	March 21	The Salt Shed	Chicago
flipturn	March 26	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
flipturn	March 27	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
flipturn	March 28	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
<b>Forever Motown w/G.C. Cameron, Traci Robinson-Green, Glenn Leonard</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>Niswonger PAC</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Foster the People	Feb. 15	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Foster the People	Feb. 17	The Fillmore	Detroit
Fountains D.C.	May 6	The Vogue	Indianapolis
The Four Phantoms	Dec. 6	The Palladium	Carmel
Frank Black	Jan. 25-26	Metro	Chicago
Frank Black	Jan. 28	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Frank Foster & Creed Fisher	Jan. 18	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons	March 29	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 11	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 12	Park Theatre	Holland, Michigan
G. Love & Special Sauce	Jan. 15	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Gaither Homecoming Christmas	Dec. 14	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Gang of Four	May 7	Magic Bag	Detroit
Gang of Four	May 8	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Gary Puckett & The Union Gap	May 14	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Gene Watson	April 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Geoff Tate	April 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Geoff Tate	April 10	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Geoff Tate	April 11	Arcada Theatre	Chicago
Geoff Tate	April 12	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
<b>Geoff Tate</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Geoff Tate	April 15	Masonic Temple	Cleveland
Geoff Tate	April 16	Columbus Athenaeum	Columbus, OH
George Thorogood & The Destroyers	March 5	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
The Ghost Inside	Dec. 11	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
The Ghost Inside	Dec. 13	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Girl In Red	Dec. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Glenn Miller Orchestra</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Good Kid	Feb. 13	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Grupo Niche	March 1	The Palladium	Carmel
Guster	Jan. 26	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Guster	Jan. 28	Cloves Memorial Hall	Indianapolis

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Guster	Jan. 29	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Guster	Jan. 31	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Ha'Ash	April 17	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
The Hails & Never Ending Fall	Feb. 28	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Hank Ruff	Dec. 27	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Hans Kim</b>	<b>Feb. 14-15</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Hauser	June 10	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Herman's Hermits	Dec. 7	Gas City PAC	Gas City
High Fade	March 6	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Highly Suspect	Jan. 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Hillbilly Casino</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>The Brass Rail</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Hinder	March 2	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Hinder	March 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
Hippo Campus	Feb. 11	The Fillmore	Detroit
Hippo Campus	May 27	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Hippo Campus	May 29	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Hippo Campus	May 30	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Hol!	Feb. 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Home Free	Dec. 3	The Palladium	Carmel
Hoppers & Gold City	June 3	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
<b>Hypnotist Jason Christopher</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
iHeartRadio Jingle Ball	Dec. 9	Allstate Arena	Chicago
iHeartRadio Jingle Ball	Dec. 10	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Il Volo	March 14	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Il Volo	March 16	KeyBank State Theatre	Cleveland
Il Volo	March 18	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Infekt	Jan. 30	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Itzhak Perlman	April 17	The Palladium	Carmel
J Belvin	April 13	United Center	Chicago
<b>J. Wiley</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
<b>JP Sears</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jack White	April 10-11	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Jack White	April 12-13	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Jack White	April 15	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Jack White	April 16	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
James Bay	April 22	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>Jamie Utey</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Jason Boland & The Stragglers	March 29	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit	Feb. 15	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
<b>Jay Chandrasekhar</b>	<b>Dec. 5-7</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Jeff Allen</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>Eagles Theatre</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
<b>Jeff Dye</b>	<b>Dec. 20-21</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Jenna Kim Jones</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Jennie DeVoe	Jan. 29	The Palladium	Carmel
Jerry Cantrell	Feb. 18	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Jerry Cantrell	Feb. 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Jerry Cantrell	Feb. 23	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jesse Welles	March 4	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Jim Jefferies</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Joe Machi</b>	<b>Dec. 27-28</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Joe, Musiq Soulchild, & Eric Benet	May 2	Arie Crown Theater	Chicago
John Vincent III	April 17	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Johnny Mathis	April 26	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Johnnyswim	March 20	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Johnnyswim	April 8	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
<b>Jon McLaughlin</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Jon McLaughlin	Dec. 14	The Palladium	Carmel
<b>Josh Pray</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>K-Von</b>	<b>Jan. 31-Feb. 1</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
K. Flay	March 7	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
K. Flay	March 8	The Vogue	Indianapolis
K. Flay	March 16	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
Kalani Pe'a	Feb. 22	The Palladium	Carmel
Kane Brown	May 9-10	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Kara Cole	Nov. 29	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Keith Lenart</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
<b>Keller Williams w/Debutants</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Kelsea Ballerini	Jan. 21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids

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## Road Notes

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released in August.

To date, Malone has sold 13 million albums in the United States and 95 million digital singles, making him the eighth best-selling digital artist of all time. Of note, “Rockstar,” “Psycho,” “Better Now,” “Sunflower,” “Circles,” and “I Had Some Help” all reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 Singles chart and will likely be featured during the show.

The tour stops at Ford Field in Detroit on May 18 and Wrigley Field in Chicago on May 22.

Making the show an even bigger event will be opening acts **Jelly Roll** and **Sierra Ferrell**.

## The end for Pitchfork Festival

While it seems Chicago gets a new music festival weekly, Pitchfork Festival reduced that infinitely growing total by one when they announced on social media that the festival will not be returning in 2025.

“This decision was not made lightly,” organizers said in its statement posted to Instagram. “For 19 years, Pitchfork Music Festival has been a celebration of music, art, and community — a space where memories were made, voices were amplified, and the shared love of music brought us all together.

“The festival, while aligned with the taste of the *Pitchfork* editorial team, has always been a collaborative effort taking on a life of its own as a vital pillar of the Chicago arts scene. We are deeply grateful to the City of Chicago for being our festival’s home for nearly two decades, to the artists who graced our stages with unforgettable performances, and to the fans who brought unmatched energy year after year.”

The decision to cancel the Pitchfork Festival comes after parent company Conde Nast laid off many *Pitchfork* staffers in January.

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

## Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

### Austin Marsh

Dec. 14 Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH

### The Bulldogs

Dec. 31 Moose Lodge 2387, Fremont

### The Hubie Ashcraft Band

Nov. 29 The Distillery, Toledo  
Nov. 30 VFW Post 5713, Celina, OH  
Dec. 21 Eagles Grand Lake Aerie 1291, Celina, OH

### Ross Kinsey

Dec. 5 Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI

# On the Road

NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

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Kelsea Ballerini	Jan. 23	United Center	Chicago
Kelsea Ballerini	Feb. 1	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Kelsea Ballerini	Feb. 4	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Killswith Engage	April 1	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
King Buffalo	Jan. 31	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Kylie Minogue	April 2	Allstate Arena	Chicago
Lang Lang	March 28	The Palladium	Carmel
Larkin Poe	May 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Larry Fleet	May 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Latin Mafia	Feb. 13	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
<b>Lee Greenwood</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Leprous	May 1	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Lettuce	Feb. 2	Newport Music Hall	Columbus, OH
<b>The Lightfoot Band</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Baker Street Centre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Lindsey Stirling	Nov. 29	Fishers Event Center	Fishers
Linkin Park	May 1	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Lonestar	March 22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
<b>Lucas Zelnick</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Lynda Randle & The Chitans	June 2	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
<b>Mac McAnally</b>	<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Mac McAnally	Jan. 10	The Palladium	Carmel
Machine Head	April 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Machine Head	May 2	The Fillmore	Detroit
Machine Head	May 3	Radius	Chicago
Magic City Hippies	Jan. 30	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Malingo	Nov. 29	Turntable	Indianapolis
Malingo	Feb. 26	The Palladium	Carmel
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 11	Miller Auditorium	Kalamazoo
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 13	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 14	Rosemont Theatre	Chicago
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 15	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Mannheim Steamroller	Dec. 20	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Marc Broussard	March 13	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Marc Broussard	March 14	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Marc Rebillet	Dec. 5-6	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Marty Friedman	Jan. 30	Arcada Theatre	Chicago
Marty Friedman	Jan. 31	The Token Lounge	Detroit
Marty Friedman	Feb. 1	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Marty Friedman	Feb. 2	The Winchester	Cleveland
Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives	May 1	The Palladium	Carmel
Mary J. Blige	March 14	United Center	Chicago
Mary J. Blige	March 19	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Mary J. Blige	April 2	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Matt Nathanson	March 5	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Matt Nathanson	March 6-7	Cahn Auditorium	Chicago
Matt Nathanson	March 14	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Matt Nathanson	March 15	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Matt Schuster	Dec. 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Matteo Bocelli	Dec. 12	The Palladium	Carmel
Megan Moroney	April 24	Fishers Event Center	Fishers
Memphis May Fire	May 6	Elevation	Grand Rapids
MercyMe	March 13	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
MercyMe	March 23	Elliott Hall of Music	West Lafayette
MercyMe	April 13	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
<b>Michael Ian Black</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Michael Quu</b>	<b>Nov. 29-30</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Michael Shannon & Jason Narducy	Feb. 24	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Michael W. Smith	May 15-16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Micky Dolenz	April 25	The Palladium	Carmel
<b>The Midtown Men Holiday Hits</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Mike	May 24	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Mike Logan</b>	<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Mogwai	April 16	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Mogwai	April 17	Metro	Chicago
<b>Mojo Brookzz</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Montgomery Gentry</b>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Movements	March 24	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Mxmtoon	March 26	House of Blues	Chicago

Mxmtoon	March 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Mxmtoon	March 29	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
NCT 127	March 7	Allstate Arena	Chicago
<b>Natalie Grant &amp; Danny Gokey</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Nessa Barrett	Feb. 6	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nessa Barrett	Feb. 7	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Nessa Barrett	Feb. 8	The Fillmore	Detroit
Newsboys w/Alive City	April 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds	April 19	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds	April 28-29	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds	May 2	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Night Ranger	Dec. 7	Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Nightly	April 26	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Niko Moon	Feb. 20	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Niko Moon	Feb. 22	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Nile	Jan. 23	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Nile	Jan. 24	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
Nile	Jan. 26	Elevation	Grand Rapids
Nile	Jan. 27	The Forge	Joliet, IL
Nile	Jan. 30	Bogart's	Cincinnati
<b>Nile w/Six Feet Under</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ninja Sex Party & TWRP	April 7	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>The Oak Ridge Boys</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
The Oak Ridge Boys	June 5-6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Old Crow Medicine Show	March 14	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Omega X	Dec. 2	House of Blues	Cleveland
Omega X	Dec. 4	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Oso Oso	Dec. 12	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Patterson Hood	March 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Penny & Sparrow	April 23	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Pentatonix	Dec. 8	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Pentatonix	Dec. 11	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Pentatonix	Dec. 12	Allstate Arena	Chicago
<b>Pete George</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Pete McPoland	Nov. 30	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Peter Hook & The Light	May 28	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Phantogram	Feb. 13	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Phantogram	Feb. 14	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Phil Wickham	Feb. 19	Crossroads Community Church	Cincinnati
The Pineapple Thief	Dec. 1	House of Blues	Chicago
Pink Sweats	Feb. 21	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Pink Sweats	Feb. 22	House of Blues	Chicago
Pop Evil & Bad Wolves	Nov. 29	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Poppy	March 21	House of Blues	Chicago
Poppy	March 25	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Poppy	March 26	House of Blues	Cleveland
Post Malone	May 18	Ford Field	Detroit
Post Malone	May 22	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Post Sex Nachos	Feb. 22	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Pouya	April 5	House of Blues	Chicago
Pouya	April 7	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Pouya	April 8	The Fillmore	Detroit
Pouya	April 10	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Pouya	April 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
<b>Preacher Lawson</b>	<b>Feb. 27-March 1</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Primus, Puscifer, A Perfect Circle	May 24	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Primus, Puscifer, A Perfect Circle	May 25	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Primus, Puscifer, A Perfect Circle	May 28	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Psywrrn Simone	April 22	The Palladium	Carmel
Pure Prairie League	April 5	The Palladium	Carmel
Rascal Flatts	Feb. 15	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Rascal Flatts	March 6	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Rascal Flatts	March 7	Huntington Center	Toledo
<b>Ratboys w/James &amp; The Drifters</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Ravenscoon	Dec. 31	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Real Boston Richey w/Mike Lucci, Ni DaDon, Flat260</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Real Estate	Feb. 3	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis

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# Quick Hits

LOCAL EVENTS



## JAY CHANDRASEKHAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DEC. 5-7  
SUMMIT CITY COMEDY CLUB

Jay Chandrasekhar wrote, directed, and starred in *Super Troopers*, arguably one of the greatest comedies of the early '00s.

That film's success allowed his company, Broken Lizard, to achieve a cult status with subsequent films like *Club Dread*, *Beerfest* and, of course, *Super Troopers 2*.

In addition to his feature film work, Chandrasekhar has directed various TV shows, including several episodes of *Arrested Development*, *Up All Night*, *Happy Endings*, *Community*, *Psych*, *Undeclared*, and *The Human Giant*.

When he is not engaged in film or TV, Chandrasekhar tours the country doing stand-up comedy and will stop by the Summit City Comedy Club for five shows, Dec. 5-7. — *Chris Hupe*

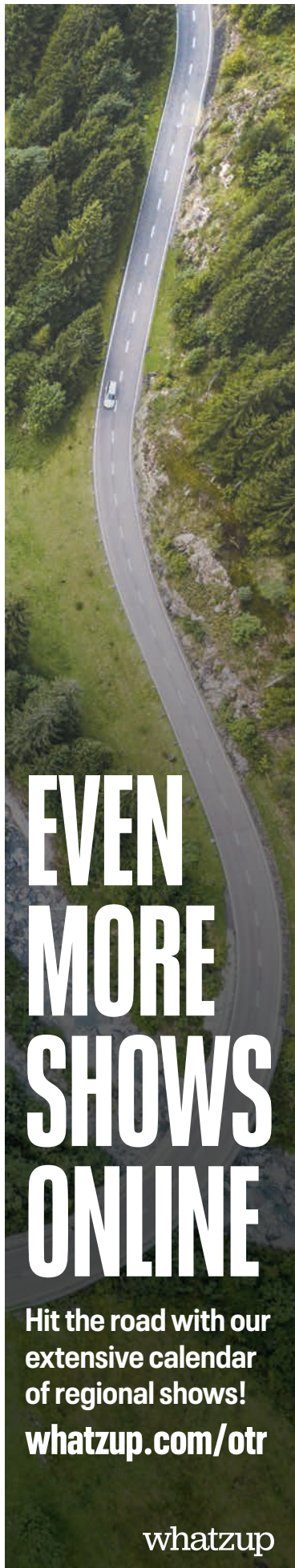
## MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, NOV. 29  
HONEYWELL CENTER, WABASH

Embrace the holiday spirit in a non-traditional way with *A Magical Cirque Christmas* at Honeywell Center in Wabash on Friday, Nov. 29.

A variety show full of nostalgia, charm, and awe-inspiring performances for all ages, this presentation combines a number of crowd-pleasing acrobatic acts from veterans of the Cirque du Soleil troupes and televised variety spectacles like *America's Got Talent*.

The show revolves around a holiday tale dealing with a character called Guardian of Time, whose job is to manage the changing of the seasons with his giant magical clock. The show take you on a time-traveling ride through different eras, accompanied by beautiful holiday music from each period. — *Chris Hupe*



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Real Friends	Nov. 29	House of Blues	Chicago
Real Friends	Nov. 30	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Red Leather	Dec. 8	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Remi Wolf	April 16	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Resonant Language	Dec. 21	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Rhonda Vincent	April 24	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
The Righteous Brothers	April 4	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Riley Green	May 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Riley Green	May 31	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
<b>Rock the Dock w/Ambrosia, John Ford Coley, Peter Beckett</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Role Model	March 20	The Fillmore	Detroit
Role Model	March 22	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Role Model	March 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Ron Pope	Feb. 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Russell Dickerson	March 21	Joe's Live	Chicago
Russell Dickerson	March 29	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Ryan Adams	June 13	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Saint Motel	May 15	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Sal Vulcano</b>	<b>March 28</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
<b>Sarah Barton &amp; Second That w/Arthur Cope, Brugada, Baba Kosmicka, Aperture, Charybdis</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Sawyer Brown	Jan. 10	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Shadowgrass	March 21	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Shakey Graves & Buffalo Hunt	Dec. 5	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington
Shakira	May 22	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Shane Smith & The Saints	Feb. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Shawn Boyd w/Michael Cheselka</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Silverstein	Feb. 10	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Silverstein	Feb. 12	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Sir Woman	May 12	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Sister Hazel	Dec. 12	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Sisters of Mercy	Dec. 31	The Fillmore	Detroit
Six Foot Blonde	Dec. 28	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Snow Patrol	April 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Soccer Mommy	Feb. 5	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Soccer Mommy	Feb. 6	Thalia Hall	Chicago
<b>Son Little</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Spencer Sutherland	March 12	House of Blues	Chicago
Spencer Sutherland	March 27	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Stars	Feb. 15	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Steel Panther	Nov. 29	The Fillmore	Detroit
Steel Panther	Nov. 30	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Steel Panther	Dec. 3	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Steel Panther	Dec. 7	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Steve Wariner	Feb. 21	The Palladium	Carmel
Steven Curtis Chapman	Dec. 7	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
<b>Steven Curtis Chapman</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Straight No Chaser	Dec. 14-15	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
<b>Straight No Chaser</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Embassy Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Strumbellas	Jan. 17	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Suki Waterhouse	Dec. 4	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Suki Waterhouse	Dec. 6	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Suki Waterhouse	Dec. 17	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Suki Waterhouse	Dec. 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Sullivan King	Feb. 15	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Sungazer	Jan. 25	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Swallow the Sun	Feb. 20	The Sanctuary	Detroit
Swallow the Sun	March 15	Reggie's	Chicago
<b>Sweetnotes Music</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Piere's</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
T.G.I. Free & Bigg Woog	Jan. 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Take It or Leave It w/Meredith Masonry &amp; Tiffany Jenkins</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Summit City Comedy Club</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Tanner Adell	Dec. 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Tauk	Feb. 1	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Teddy Swims	May 20	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Teddy Swims	May 21	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Teddy Swims	June 7	Smale Park	Cincinnati
Teddy Swims	June 9	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Teddy Swims	June 13	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
The Temptations & The Four Tops	April 11	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
The Temptations & The Four Tops	April 13	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Tenors	Dec. 8	Cincinnati Memorial Hall	Cincinnati
The Tenors	Dec. 10	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Terri Clark & Deana Carter	May 9	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
The Texas Tenors	Dec. 4	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
This Wild Life	March 7	Metro	Chicago
This Wild Life	March 8	The Loving Touch	Detroit
This Wild Life	March 9	The Roxy	Lakewood, OH
Three Dog Night	March 6	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
<b>Three Dog Night</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>Honeywell Center</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
Tiny Moving Parts	Dec. 5	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Tinzo + Jojo	Feb. 28	The Vogue	Indianapolis
TobyMac	Feb. 27	Huntington Center	Toledo
TobyMac	Feb. 28	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
TobyMac	March 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	March 16	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Too \$hort	Feb. 21	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Toro y Moi & Panda Bear	Feb. 7	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Toro y Moi & Panda Bear	Feb. 8	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Trampled by Turtles	Dec. 12	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trampled by Turtles	Dec. 13	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
<b>Trampled by Turtles w/Debutants</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>The Clyde Theatre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 6	Heritage Bank Center	Cincinnati
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 7	Nutter Center	Fairborn, OH
Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Dec. 8	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Travis	Feb. 8	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Travis	Feb. 10	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Travis	Feb. 11	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Trentemoller	Feb. 7	Outset	Chicago
<b>Trevor Glassman</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
Trey Songz, Omarion, Bow Wow	March 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Trey Songz, Omarion, Bow Wow	March 9	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Trey Songz, Omarion, Bow Wow	April 18	Wintrust Arena	Chicago
Trivecta	Feb. 1	The Vogue	Indianapolis
<b>Trombone Shorty &amp; Orleans Avenue</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>Niswonger PAC</b>	<b>Van Wert</b>
Two Friends	Jan. 22	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Two Friends	Jan. 30	The Fillmore	Detroit
Ty Segall	April 22	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Ty Segall	April 23	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Tycho	Jan. 25	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Tyler, The Creator	March 29	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Underoath	Nov. 30	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
<b>Vanessa Collier</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Baker Street Centre</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
The Vindys	Jan. 11	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Wallows	Feb. 11	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Wallows	Feb. 12	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Warrant	Feb. 1	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
The Warren Haynes Band	Feb. 14	The Palladium	Carmel
Warren Zeiders	May 10	Everwise Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Warren Zeiders	May 16	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Wednesday 13	April 23	Mercury Music Lounge	Lakewood, Ohio
Wednesday 13	April 25	The King of Clubs	Columbus, OH
The Weeks	Jan. 23	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
White Panda	Dec. 27	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Wild Rivers	April 22	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Wilder Woods	Feb. 21	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Willow Avalon	Feb. 10	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
<b>Winston Hodges</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Comedy Club</b>	<b>New Haven</b>
<b>Winter Jam w/Skillet, Anne Wilson, KB, Colton Dixon, Newsong, Micah Tyler</b>	<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Memorial Coliseum</b>	<b>Fort Wayne</b>
Young Nudy	Dec. 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
ZZ Top	April 2	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshevana
Zakk Sabbath	Dec. 18	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Zakk Sabbath	Dec. 19	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Zakk Sabbath	Jan. 7	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Zeal & Ardor	Dec. 2	The Vogue	Indianapolis

# Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

## CURRENT

**Festival of Trees** — Embassy Theatre fundraiser celebrates its 40th year of presenting decorated Christmas trees in the theater and Indiana Hotel, with Santa and other festivities taking place inside, **3-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Monday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10, (260) 424-6287

**A Classic Holiday: Tree Spectacular** — Decorated trees celebrating creativity and holiday spirit of Auburn and DeKalb County, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday-Saturday, Nov. 29-Dec. 31**, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, \$10-\$15, (260) 925-1444

**Festival of Gingerbread** — Annual event features amateurs and professionals putting their gingerbread creations on display, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m., Nov. 29-Dec. 22**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 426-2882

**Berne Christkindmarkt** — German-style marketplace will have unique holiday gifts, **noon-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 22; 4-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24**, Muenster Plaza and Clock Tower, Berne, free, (260) 849-3412

**Gun & Knife Show** — Vendors from across the country will be on hand, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$6-\$7, (260) 483-1111

**Bohemian Holiday Market** — Celebrate Small Business Saturday by visiting more than 75 vendors selling clothing, kids and pet items, home decor, baked goods, and more, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free

**Old Fashioned Christmas** — Annual event has reindeer, live Nativity scent, Santa Claus, Christmas characters, Bible reading of the Christmas story, horse-drawn wagon ride, tree lighting, and music, **5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Oakwood Resort, Syracuse, free, (574) 377-7543

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market** — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, Union Street Market at Electric Works, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

**South Side Farmers Market** — Fort Wayne's oldest farmers market, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499

**YLNI Farmers Market** — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays**, East Ende Building, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

## RECURRING EVENTS

**Fantasy of Lights** — Blue Jacket's holiday tradition features driving through 3-mile loop filled with 165 displays, **5:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 5:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Dec. 31**, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, \$15/vehicle, (260) 744-1900

**Headwaters Park Ice Skating** — Park pavilion turns into ice skating rink for experienced and inexperienced alike, **4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-Feb. 23; noon-9 p.m. Nov. 27, Nov. 29, Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Jan. 2, Jan. 3; noon-6 p.m. Dec. 31; closed Nov. 28, Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Jan. 1**, Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$6, (260) 427-6000

**Holiday Lights** — Inaugural event allows you to walk through display consisting of 1 million lights that are choreographed to holiday music, along with a train ride, **6-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 28-30; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-4; 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-7; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-11; 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12-14; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Dec. 15-18; 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Jan. 4**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$12, (260) 482-6400

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

### BASKETBALL

**Purdue University Fort Wayne** — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum, unless noted  
**Sunday, Dec. 8** — Robert Morris, **2 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11** — IU Indianapolis, **7 p.m.**  
**Friday, Dec. 20** — Defiance, **7 p.m.** (Gates Sports Center)  
**Saturday, Jan. 4** — Youngstown State, **7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 8** — Milwaukee, **7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 11** — Detroit Mercy, **7 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Jan. 30** — Cleveland State, **7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5** — Wright State, **7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 8** — Green Bay, **7 p.m.**  
**Friday, Feb. 21** — Oakland, **7 p.m.** (Gates Sports Center)  
**Thursday, Feb. 27** — Northern Kentucky, **7 p.m.**

### HOCKEY

**Komets** — Upcoming home games at Memorial Coliseum

**Thursday, Nov. 28** — Florida, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, Nov. 29** — Florida, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Nov. 30** — Florida, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, Dec. 6** — Cincinnati, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7** — Kalamazoo, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14** — Allen, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 15** — Allen, **5 p.m.**  
**Friday, Dec. 20** — Indy, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 28** — Cincinnati, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec. 29** — Indy, **5 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 31** — Bloomington, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, Jan. 3** — Toledo, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Jan. 5** — Cincinnati, **5 p.m.**  
**Friday, Jan. 17** — Toledo, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Jan. 18** — Maine, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 1** — Wheeling, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2** — Indy, **5 p.m.**  
**Friday, Feb. 7** — Toledo, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, Feb. 14** — Cincinnati, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Feb. 16** — Kalamazoo, **5 p.m.**  
**Friday, Feb. 21** — Reading, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 22** — Reading, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Feb. 23** — Tulsa, **5 p.m.**  
**Friday, Feb. 28** — Indy, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 1** — Kalamazoo, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 9** — Kalamazoo, **5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 29** — Bloomington, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 4** — Indy, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 6** — Cincinnati, **5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 12** — Bloomington, **7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 13** — Bloomington, **5 p.m.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**Huntertown Woodworkers Craft Sale** — Handmade crafts, gifts and furniture for those hard-to-shop-for friends and family, **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8**, Huntertown Woodworking Club, Fort Wayne, free

**Mixing Masterclass w/Michael Brauer** — Seven-time Grammy winner takes you through his approach to mixing with emotion, using his in-the-box "Brauerize" technique that features multiple bus compressors during three-day class, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8**, Sweetwater Studios, Fort Wayne, \$1,495, (260) 432-8176

**Christmas Tea at Historic Swinney Homestead** — Celebrate the Christmas spirit with the Settlers at a Victorian Tea Party with sweets, savories, and a pot of tea, as well as unique holiday items, **1:30-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7**, Historic Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 432-4232

**Christmas at the Castle** — Take self-guided tour to see more than 120 holy creches (Nativity scenes) will be on display in Brookside mansion, **4-6 p.m. Friday; noon-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-15**, USF Brookside, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 399-7999

**Christmas in the Village: Roanoke** — Annual celebration will have lighted parade, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, a tree lighting, and shopping, **5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, downtown Roanoke, free, discoverroanoke@gmail.com

**City of Churches Tour** — Eighth annual event allows you to see Fort Wayne churches, including The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception (5-9 p.m.), St. John Lutheran Church (6-9 p.m.), St. Patrick's

Catholic Church (5-7 p.m.), Trinity English Lutheran Church (5-9 p.m.), and Trinity Episcopal Church (5-8 p.m.), **5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, various locations, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 705-0718

**The Living Nativity Drive-Thru** — Gospel message brought to life through actors and animals as you visit Bethlehem and Herod's Place, while also having possible run-ins with Roman soldiers, **6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7**, Central Ministries, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 493-1022

**Sleigh Days Christmas Village & Market** — More than 50 vendors will be on hand, as well as Santa Claus, face-painting, and demonstrations by Science Central, Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control, and Camp Potawatomi, **6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Allen County Fairgrounds, Fort Wayne, (260) 449-4444

**University of Saint Francis Holiday Bazaar** — There will be artist and artisan booths from various disciplines, live music, and free custom tote bags to the first 200 patrons, **9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, USF Rolland Art Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-7999

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas** — Learn about the legacy of St. Nicholas during ticketed event while enjoying breakfast, story time, crafts and other activities with family and friends, **10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 7**, USF Hutzell Athletic Center, Fort Wayne, \$7-\$15, (260) 399-8032

**Cookies with Ryder** — Bring the family to decorate cookies, make holiday crafts, with Ryder from Paw Patrol and register at pbsfortwayne.org, **10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 7**, PBS Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 484-8839

**Women's Winter Art Fair** — Along with handcrafted jewelry, fabric art, Native American art, glass, pottery, prints, and photography will be homemade soups and baked goods, **11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 482-7402

**Christmas in the Village: Albion** — Event kicks off with holiday petting zoo, caroling, photo opportunities with The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, as well as Santa, kids crafts, letters to Santa, and a Light Parade at 6 p.m. at Central Noble High School, **3-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, downtown Albion, free, albionchamber@gmail.com

**Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood Holiday Home Tour** — Several residents open their homes for 30th year for you to explore turn-of-the-century homes with carriage rides available, **5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Williams Woodland Park Neighborhood, Fort Wayne, \$13-\$15, williamswoodlandpark.com

**Kickboxing with 9Round** — Monthly exercise class aimed at burning calories through kicking and punching, **9-10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

**Yoga on the Riverfront** — Relaxing, one-hour flow for all skill levels with instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga, **10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Promenade Park Pavilion, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

**Lighting of the Lake and Living Nativity** — Experience the Nativity on the steps of the Oratory of St. Francis, along with Mirror Lake luminaries honoring loved ones, **6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, USF Chapel Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 399-7999

**Wild Walkers: Fox Island** — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of the month, visiting different locations, **9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13**, Fox Island, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-5023

**All Things Open Mic** — Monthly event welcomes people to network before anyone with a hidden talent is able to grab the mic, **6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13**, Visions Event Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5, soulhighstudios@gmail.com

**Day of Cheer with Santa** — Auburn Community Chorus will be caroling, Eckhart Public Library staff will be telling stories, and you can get a photo with Santa beginning at 10 a.m., **8 a.m.-noon Saturday,**

**Dec. 14**, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, Auburn, free, (260) 925-1444

**An Evening with Peter Billingsley and A Christmas Story** — Star of holiday film will be on hand for screening and moderated question-and-answer with Billingsley sharing stories and behind-the-scenes photos from his time on set, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$100

**Indiana Vintage Market** — Shop more than 50 vendors selling primarily vintage clothing alongside vintage home goods, vinyl records, and other items, **noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21**, Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$10

**Glitter Cheer & Dance Co. Throwback Winter Showcase** — Program highlights Fort Wayne group that offers recreational cheerleading and dance classes, **1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$7-\$11, (260) 483-1111

**Rumble in Fort Wayne** — Midget cars race around Expo Center vying to be first when checkered flag flies, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 27-28**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$25, (260) 483-1111

**Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival** — Holiday tradition celebrates 48th year with pageant that celebrates Medieval tradition of celebrating season with elaborate costumes, musical performances, and dramatic portrayals of the Nativity, **5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 29-30**, Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 423-9424

### JANUARY

**Harlem Globetrotters** — Comedic basketball team make outrageous plays and will keep you laughing all along the way, **2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$120, (260) 483-1111

**Rage in the Cage** — Live pro wrestling event, **6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4**, Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 492-6064

**Winter Bridal Expo** — One-stop shop for brides-to-be in search of everything from place settings to photographers, **noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 483-1111

**Nancy Carlson Dodd: Picturesque Lindenwood Cemetery** — Monthly George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series are presented by The History Center and free to the public, **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

**All Things Open Mic** — Monthly event welcomes people to network before anyone with a hidden talent is able to grab the mic, **6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10**, Visions Event Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5, soulhighstudios@gmail.com

**Little Rock Stars** — Geared toward those 4-5 years old, three-week class helps child explore musical genres, create musical experiences, compose short songs, and expand vocal range, **11 a.m.-noon or noon-1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 11-25**, Sweetwater Academy, Fort Wayne, \$45, (260) 432-8176

### FEBRUARY

**Roberta F. Ridley: His-Story, Our Story, and Fort Wayne** — Monthly George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series are presented by The History Center and free to the public, **2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2**, The History Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-2882

**Dirty Dancing in Concert** — Watch iconic film with live band and singers, followed by an encore party where you can dance and sing along with the hits, **7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$29-\$79, (260) 563-1102

**All Things Open Mic** — Monthly event welcomes people to network before anyone with a hidden talent is able to grab the mic, **6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21**, Visions Event Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5, soulhighstudios@gmail.com

**Turnstone's 48th Annual Casino Night** — Test your skills at blackjack, bingo, wheelchair basketball shot, bottle ring toss, and other activities alongside local food tastings and a cash bar at Turnstone Center fundraiser, **6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28**, Turnstone Center, Fort Wayne, \$75, (260) 483-2100

# Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

## CURRENT EXHIBITS

**Art of Hope** — Local artists share inspiring stories about recovery, healing, and hope, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 3**, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-7421

**Clyde Butcher: America's Everglades** — Known for large-scale, black and white photography, Butcher captures landscapes and ecosystems from across U.S., particularly Florida's Everglades, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 26**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Dia de los Muertos** — Annual exhibit celebrates Mexican tradition of decorating memorial altars to remember deceased loved ones and ancestors, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 1**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Diverse Directions: Rethinking the Landscape** — Exhibit explores various meanings of landscape art, which is often associated with physical descriptions of color, light, shadow, atmosphere, and form, **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 Dec. 8**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**Fish Out of Water** — Aquatic art from museum's collection features diverse selection that showcases glass, scientific illustrations, and still-life paintings, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 15**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

**From the Artist's Hand: A Legacy of Works from the Collection of William and Mary Ann Roebel** — Historical prints and works from American and European master artists from the 17th to 20th centuries, include Rembrandt, Renoir, Picasso, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Dali, **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 13**, USF Rolland Art Center, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 399-8064

**Gnome for the Holidays** — Seasonal exhibit will feature mythical poinsettia tree along with large fresh-cut evergreens and playful touches, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday (Nov. 29-Dec. 20) 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday (Dec. 27-Jan. 3); 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Jan. 5**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$1-\$7, (260) 427-6440

**Loose Screws** — Local artists Amber Cox, Jaden Rice, and Kay Allday will have works on display for sale, **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, through Dec. 22**, Dash-In, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 423-3595

**PFW Featured Alumni Artist: Peter Lupkin** — Graduate of IPFW in 2010, artist's portraiture paintings are visual response to his upbringing and influences, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 25-Jan. 5, closed Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 21-Jan. 1**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

**Small Works** — Local artists Kristy Jo Beber, Grace Berg, Nancy Fritz, Morgan Wenner, Janet Lynch, Jan Klee, Kara Saylor, Christy Arbogast, Jamie Grabner, and Becky Stockert have pieces no larger than 12-inch-by-12-inch on display, **11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-6 pm. Thursday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Dec. 31**, Creative Women of the World, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 267-9048

**Thinking in Color** — Works from local artists Cameron Omega, Drece L. Guy, Thomas Leffers, Nancy Fritz, and Teresa Vazquez are on display, **11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Dec. 16**, Chapman's Brewing: Electric Works, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 250-4371

**Women Take the Walls** — Second annual exhibit features works from 16 women creators, including Fort Wayne's Terri Lindvall and Janice Further, as well as Hoagland's Diane Evans, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 22**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, (260) 704-5400

## ART CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

**Hand-Painted Watercolor Holiday Cards** — All supplies and instruction will be offered to help create six one-of-a-kind cards for the holiday season, **1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1**, Swizzle Market, Fort Wayne, \$25, (260) 207-4587

## RECEPTIONS

**PFW Featured Alumni Artist: Peter Lupkin** — Graduate of IPFW in 2010, artist's portraiture paintings are visual response to his upbringing and influences, **4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

## ART EVENTS

**Artlink Winter Market** — More than 10 creative small businesses selling items such as artwork, holiday cards, handmade home goods, and accessories, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 30-Dec. 14**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-7195

**Artlink Curated Shop/Annual Cup Exhibition/ARTament** — Shop will have items from local artists and makers, while cup sale features more than 30 ceramic artists, and ARTament fundraiser will have handmade ornaments hanging from a tree, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 15**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-7195

# Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

**A Magical Cirque Christmas** — Variety show of nostalgia, charms, and awe-inspiring performances from world-class performers, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$49-\$79, (260) 563-1102

**Improvsgiving Comedy** — Broken Pencil Improv host third annual event with proceeds going to Food Not Bombs and Cinema Center charities, **8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30**, Cinema Center, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 426-3456

**A Charlie Brown Christmas** — Adapted from Charles M. Schulz's story featuring the *Peanuts* gang as they learn the meaning of Christmas, **3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$26-\$115, (419) 238-6722

## AUDITIONS

**MisCast** — Bring 32-64 bars of your audition song on flash drive, YouTube link, or played from your phone to speaker for Huntington Theatre Guild: Act II production, **6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19**, Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntington, free, (260) 355-5103

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

### DECEMBER

**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical** — Fire & Light Productions present musical adaptation of a town scrambling after the worst kids in town demand roles in the annual Christmas pageant, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 5-6; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 12-13; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$14, (260) 422-4226

**Madrigal Christmas Dinner Theatre** — Festive holiday celebration includes Medieval-inspired cuisine while you're entertained by live comedy and music, **5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$59, (260) 563-1102

**Christmas My Way: A Rat Pack Holiday Bash** — Show will have 40 swinging hits as four singers perform cool versions of Great American Sound-book standards and holiday favorites, **6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7; 6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15;**

**6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21; 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

**Miracle on 34th Street** — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre holiday classic about young girl's encounters with who may be the actual Santa Claus, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday Dec. 6-7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$21-\$51, (574) 267-8041

**A Christmas Carol** — Summit City Music Theatre returns to Salomon Park's Old Barn for third annual production of Charles Dickens' classic tale with Ebenezer Scrooge and the Cratchit family, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 427-6000

**Longing for the Light** — In conjunction with First Missionary Church, all for One productions set town for Christmas season with music, spoken word poetry, and short dramas, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Redemption Bible Church, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$14, (260) 422-4226

**The Nutcracker** — Fort Wayne Ballet's annual production of holiday story about Nutcracker Prince coming to life to guide Clara to the Land of Sweets, with Fort Wayne Philharmonic supplying music, **7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Robert Goldstine PAC, Fort Wayne, \$58-\$62, (260) 484-9646

**Magic of the Holidays** — Final event to celebrate Stoner's Funstore's 75th anniversary will have magicians Elmer Smith, Rick Reader, Rusty Ammerman, and Sean Bogunia, with Colin Haines emceeing, **8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$20, (260) 426-1100

**Holiday Cabaret** — Huntington Theatre Guild Act 2 present holiday favorites and originals with theatrical flair, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, Huntington University Longaker Recital Hall, Huntington, \$10, (260) 355-5103

**Project Ballet Presents: Nutcracker at The Embassy** — Production by a cast of more than 150 local children present classic holiday tale, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, Dec. 8**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 424-6287

**Christmas at the Movies!** — Fort Wayne's Reverie Dance Studio presents show complete with live narration and music from new and familiar Christmas movies, **6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, ACPL: Downton, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$21, (260) 436-4853

**The Nutcracker** — Wabash Valley Dance Theater present classic holiday tale with accompaniment by Manchester Symphony Orchestra, Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and Manchester High School choir, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$20, (260) 563-1102

**The 24-Hour Plays** — PFW Department of Theatre present night of original work by students that take a piece from playwright at 7 a.m. the previous day and create entire show by the following night, **8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7**, PFW Kettler Hall, Fort Wayne, \$5, (260) 481-6555

**Chicago: The Musical** — Broadway at The Embassy series features iconic musical about fame, fortune, and all that jazz with one showstopping song after another, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 10-11**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35-\$75, (260) 424-6287

**Anastasia** — Fort Wayne Youtheatre presents musical inspired by animated film about young woman who sets out to discover if she's the a Russian princess while being pursued by Soviet officer, **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15; 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 (sensory friendly); 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22**, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$11-\$20, (260) 422-4226

**Make the Yuletide Gay** — Put on your brightest ugly sweater for holiday-themed cabaret, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$21.60, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

**A Christmas Carol** — Classic Charles Dickens' story about curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge being visited by ghosts of Christmas in order to change his ways, **7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14**, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, \$19-\$65, (419) 238-6722

**Assisted Living: The Musical** — The Home ... For the Holidays production is a sequel, featuring plenty

of hijinks, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, \$20, (260) 563-1102

### JANUARY

**Doubt: A Parable** — Fire Line Productions of Wabash present story of nun who is skeptical of church's new priest, **2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$17, (260) 563-1102

**Godspell** — Fire & Light Productions present story of small group of people helping Jesus by telling different parables using variety of games, storytelling techniques, and comic timing, **7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 9-10; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11; 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 16-17; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18**, PPG ArtsLab, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$14, (260) 422-4226

**The Last Quiz Night on Earth** — As an asteroid nears the planet, a landlady and her quizmaster decide to conduct a pub quiz, but unexpected guests create havoc, **6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18; 6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 24-25; 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26; 6:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

**Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live** — Meet and interact with collection of life-like dinosaurs and creatures during tour through prehistoric Australia, **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$45, (260) 424-6287

**Justin Willman** — Illusionist's show mixes magic, comedy, and mind control that is fun for the entire family, **7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$36-\$146, (260) 424-6287

### FEBRUARY

**Momix: Alice** — In collaboration with Fort Wayne Dance Collective, show blends illusion, acrobatics, magic, and whimsy into Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice in Wonderland* tale, **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$30-\$45, (260) 424-6287

**MisCast Cabaret** — Talented performers step into roles they'd never be cast in Huntington Theatre Guild: Act II production, **7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8**, New Hope Church, Huntington, \$10, (260) 355-5103

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