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A Quick Guide to Islamic Definitions for the Unstudied

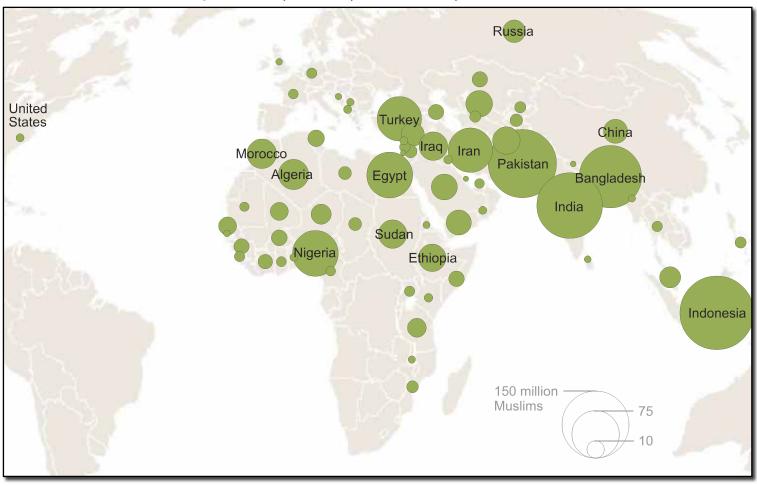
rudimentary primer on Islam concepts and definitions for the average American who does virtually no research - without which most opinions are grossly uninformed - beyond mainstream newspapers and broadcasts.

It is essential to understand that Islam is a beautifully rich and spiritually lofty religion, whose precepts most Christians, Jews, and people of other faiths would gladly embrace because they have far more similarities than differences. Controversies arise from vastly different interpretations of small parts of Islam that take on epic proportions inside the Muslim community (Ummah) as well as the outside world.

Caliph and Caliphate. The Caliph is the leader of the Caliphate, which is a form of Islamic government. The Caliph is the religious and political leader of the entire Muslim community, and ideally considered to be the successor to Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah, the Islamic Prophet of Allah.

Difference between Sunni and Shia. Sunni and Shi'a are the two primary

Distribution of Muslim Population by Country and Territory



2009 Muslim population. Only countries with more than 1 million Muslims are shown. Source: Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life, "Mapping the Global Muslim Population," October 2009, RCReader.com/y/islam5.

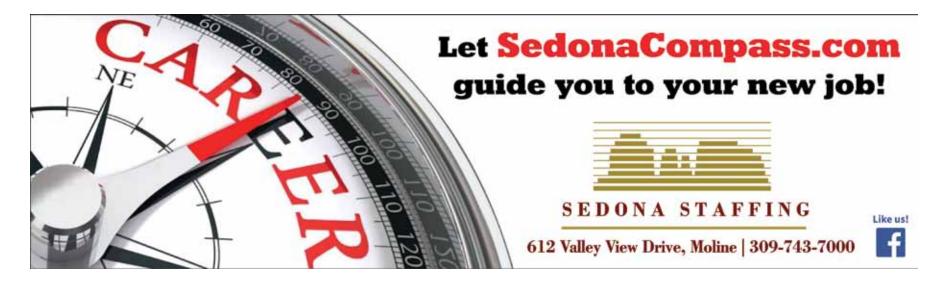
denominations of Islam. It is estimated that 80 percent of the world's Muslims are Sunni, while the remaining 20 percent belong to the Shi'a sect. The schism between the two denominations is the result of each sect's belief as to who

legitimately succeeded to the position of Caliph of the Islamic community after the Prophet Muhammad's death in 632.

The Sunnis believe that the Caliph should be elected by consensus of the Muslim community, while the Shi'as

believe that the Caliph must be an Imam and a direct descendant of Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah. (Either way, historically, most governance throughout the Muslim world is based on a hereditary monarchic

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By George, I Think They've Got It

A Wonderful Life, at the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse through December 27

must confess: When I first saw the Jimmy Stewart film It's a Wonderful Life on TV in the early 1980s, I was not a fan. Was I, I wondered, the only person on the planet who thought the story overly sentimental and a bit of a melodramatic mess? As I was to learn, I was not, for when the film was first released in 1946, some considered it a disappointing addition to director Frank Capra's oeuvre. Although I have begrudgingly come to accept the movie on its own terms over the years, it was with a bit of trepidation that I went to see the November

12 preview of the musical production AWonderful Life at the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse. Would this, my first published review, be my "outing" as a Scrooge?

Circa '21's production opens with Don Denton's solo as George Bailey, delivered on a bare stage, rising to the familiar stars of heaven in a plea of desperation. And his thrilling voice immediately whisked me into his world, creating an anticipation for what was to come. As it turns out, director/choreographer Ann Nieman has created a fast-paced, lively staging of a show that, albeit with minimal, sometimes nonexistent sets, includes the most enjoyable, heartwarming music, a talented ensemble that dances and takes on various roles in multiple costume changes, and some of our best local talent (including costume designer Gregory Hiatt and the rest of the solid production team).

This world turns out to be captivating, in large part, because Don Denton is in it. He is perfectly cast as George Bailey in voice, physical presence, and emotional range. One gladly follows him through his feelings of being trapped with big dreams in a small town, and torn between his own desires and his obligation to his family, the savings and loan, and the customers it serves. (We know George's importance, of course; without him, the greedy banker Henry Potter would own the town and everyone would owe their



Dan Denton and Sara Tubbs

souls to the company store.) Denton is a wonderful talent and I loved every note he sang and every movement he made on

This is also the story of Clarence, an angel who must earn his wings by helping George. Tom Walljasper's movements as the whimsical Clarence are loopy and goofy, like those of a marionette without strings (or, in this case, an angel without wings). Watching him was like being transported back into childhood, with his avuncular attempts to entertain through eccentric mugging and prancing. It appeared as if he won the child-like hearts of us all - which would exclude the angel-in-charge Matthew, whose job it is to keep Clarence focused and on task. Pat Flaherty's Matthew presents a most stolid, stern, stone-like fortress of a presence. Although impressive, one would, however, like to see the tiniest of cracks in this edifice, an acknowledgment that even the most adult of angels could sometimes be just a bit amused.

The beautiful-of-heart Sara Tubbs, perfectly cast as the loveliest of Marys - smitten with George, faithful and long-suffering – has about her a certain delicate frailty and vulnerability, and she and Denton are well-matched and lovely together. Tubbs has a sweetly exquisite voice that, at times, expressed its fullness, but in other moments her performance seemed more of a sketch, holding within itself a promise of something that, once

fully realized, could be rich and beautiful.

There are many memorable scenes. Doug Kutzli, as George's father Tom, delivering a beautiful, heartwarming solo. John Payonk, wowing in a powerful Potter number, trying to convince George to come work for him. (Unlike the melodramatic, one-dimensional movie character, this portrayal made the offer seem a bit more worthy of consideration.) And two words: Erin Churchill. First appearing in a largebrimmed red hat, she then

energetically dances the Charleston, performs a stint as Violet (the girl George saved from a tawdry past), and, for an all-too-brief 45 seconds or so, is exquisitely hilarious as Potter's bespectacled secretary Harriet. Someone please cast Churchill in another Harriettype role in the future!

For those who love the movie *It's a* Wonderful Life, do yourselves a favor, if you can, and leave your memories at home. Accept this production on its own merit, because it works. Let's put it this way: It's a chance to enjoy a period production set in a grand old theatre built in the era in which the play is set, cocktails and conviviality, singing and dancing waiters, and Don Denton leading a very talented cast. Collect your friends, Scrooges and otherwise, and make your A Wonderful Life reservations. It's much better than TV!

Editor's note: Author Dee Canfield will be contributing reviews alongside the Reader's other new local-theatre correspondents Jeff Ashcraft, Heather Herkelman, Victoria Navarro, and Brent Tubbs.

A Wonderful Life runs at the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse (1828 Third Avenue, Rock Island) through December 27, and more information and tickets are available by calling (309)786-7733 extension 2 or visiting Circa21.com.

ILLINOIS POLITICS

by Rich Miller CapitolFax.com

Battles Between Chambers Keep Tensions High

arlier this month when the General ■ Assembly was in Springfield, House Speaker Michael Madigan called Senate President John Cullerton six different times to ask him to move the child-care-programrestoration legislation once it passed the

Yes, six times. The man is most definitely persistent.

As you probably already know, the deal cut with Governor Bruce Rauner's office by state Senator Toi Hutchinson (D-Olympia Fields) and others to mostly restore the draconian Child Care Assistance Program cuts Rauner made this past summer involved not

voting on a bill that would've fully restored the governor's cuts.

Madigan wanted that bill to pass, however, and apparently believed through much of the day that his chamber would pass it, even though it seemed obvious that Representative Ken Dunkin (D-Chicago) had once again jumped into the political bed with the GOP governor. Some House Republicans were talking about voting for the bill, though, and that kept Madigan's hopes alive.

Because he thought it still had a shot, Madigan would not relent on Cullerton. And while the constant calls reportedly irritated Cullerton, they didn't work. Cullerton backed up his member's deal and the speaker was politely refused. Six times. The bill died in the House when all Republicans and Dunkin voted against the speaker.

Madigan's pressure on Cullerton was ironic considering that the speaker is sitting on several Senate bills. Cullerton's chamber has twice passed minimum-wage-increase bills that have gone nowhere in the House despite the fact that Madigan pushed a referendum last year to raise the minimum wage. Cullerton also passed a propertytax-freeze bill that provides more money for Chicago Public Schools and kills off the state's ancient school-funding formula. But that hasn't moved in the House, either.

Cullerton has sent four appropriations bills to the House, but instead of using one of those as a vehicle to fund municipalities, 911 call centers, lottery winners, etc., the speaker refused the governor's requests for additional items and stuck everything he wanted on a House bill, which he then froze in place with a parliamentary hold after his chamber passed it with a huge bipartisan majority.

Madigan's move upset mayors, who really want their money, but it also agitated senators in both political parties.

Because Madigan put a hold on the bill, Cullerton couldn't start the legally required process of "reading" the legislation for three days, which means he now has to bring members back for more than a single day if they return in December.

That doesn't sound like much, but we're

in the holiday season, so getting legislators back to Springfield isn't as easy as you'd think. And if members have to return, they would rather not be in Springfield longer than a single day. It's not the worst problem in the world, but it has aggravated the rank and

file to no end.

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One of the biggest reasons Madigan was angry with Cullerton for allowing the child-care-funding deal to happen is that the speaker just doesn't trust the governor to keep his word.

Madigan didn't believe that Rauner would keep his promise to fund the child-care program and will instead once again use the program - which helps move tens of thousands of parents off welfare and into work and college – as a hostage for whatever else the governor wants sometime down the

So when the Department of Human Services' top lawyer testified last week about the governor's new administrative rules to fund the program, the House Democrats attempted to get him on record that the department would indeed be restoring the full program once a budget agreement is in place, which was the deal cut by Rauner and rank-and-file legislative Democrats. The attorney refused to say either way, and House Democrats saw that as yet more proof that Rauner can't be trusted.

Even a statement by the governor's office later in the day assuring everyone that the deal stood as made didn't satisfy the House Democrats, who are still obviously upset with the Senate.

There has probably been tension between the House and the Senate since 1818, when the state was founded. And it has certainly been far worse - like, for instance, when Emil Jones was Senate president and openly warred with Madigan, who repeatedly returned the favor.

But things are not good right now.

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THE END OF THE TOUR

With a pitch-perfect Jason Segel as late author David Foster Wallace and the astoundingly resourceful Jesse Eisenberg as his interviewer, this ode to a great writer honors its subject – line for line, second for second – by being, in turn, truly great. (Same day as DVD.)



INSIDE OUT

Pixar's hilarious, incredibly sophisticated charmer is a brilliantly animated and inventive outing, and delivers gut-wrenching profundities on everything from the gradual erosion of memory to the inherent bond between joy and sadness – lower-cased and capitalized. (Same day as DVD.)

MR. HOLMES

The gloriously textured and just-hammy-enough Ian McKellen, the soulful Laura Linney, and the young scene-stealer Milo Parker are reasons enough for Bill Condon's meditative Sherlock Holmes movie to exist. The movie itself is quietly wonderful. (Same day as DVD.)





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Have Fun Storming the Capitol!

THE HUNGER GAMES: **MOCKINGJAY - PART 2**

Along with a few dozen other, much younger viewers, I caught Wednesday's double-feature of concluding *Hunger* Games installments, even if my reasons for attending were likely far different from anyone else's. (I really just wanted to lighten my weekend workload and have an excuse to see Philip Seymour Hoffman on the big screen two more times instead of one.) But while I didn't join in my fellow patrons' applause at the close of the awkwardly titled The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2, I was happier with this entry than any since 2012's original, and was glad to have preceded it with Part 1, because it turned out I needed the refresher.

If you're a devoted series fan, you no doubt remember where we left off last November. Katniss Everdeen (eternally well-played by Jennifer Lawrence) and fellow rebels are holed up in a subterranean District 13 compound. President Coin (Julianne Moore) and her advisers (among them Jeffrey Wright's Beetee, Mahershala Ali's Boggs, and the late Hoffman's Plutarch) are executing plans to overthrow the Capitol and its malevolent President Snow (a priceless Donald Sutherland). A film crew is following Katniss, making inspirational PSAs. Her childhood friend Gale (Liam Hemsworth) is still pining for her. Woody Harrelson's Haymitch and Elizabeth Banks' Effie, thankfully, are still nibbling the scenery. And the recently kidnapped and rescued Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) has been effectively brainwashed, and strapped to a gurney to prevent him from tearing out Katniss' throat.

As a modest and begrudging fan, at best, even I remembered all that. What I'd forgotten, and what enhanced my appreciation of Mockingjay as a whole, was how strangely inactive Part 1 is. Barring the bombing of that makeshift hospital and Katniss' lone-



Jennifer Lawrence in The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2

arrow retaliation, the exploding dam, and the climactic scene of Zero Dark Thirty suspense, director Francis Lawrence's second sequel is an awful lot of talk and very little action. Considering I generally like an awful lot of talk, especially when delivered by actors of The Hunger Games' caliber, this wasn't a deal-breaker, and the film was certainly funnier than I recalled. (God bless Banks' Effie "condemned to this life of jumpsuits.") But it still felt, as many of these newly ubiquitous franchise extenders do, like two intermittently pleasurable hours of dutiful foreplay.

By contrast, this outing feels like two hours of climax - and two admirably rich, varied hours after all of its predecessor's preparatory hand-wringing. The Mockingjay saga now feels complete not just because the story and series are finally over, but because Part 2 doesn't feel as lopsided as Part 1. which gave us plenty of dialogue but didn't allow its characters to actually do much. This time, while there are numerous exciting, violent, and nerve-racking set pieces, they're evenly positioned within the tale's telling; the movie isn't merely nonstop action to make up for the previous film's nonstop chatter. It has tension and grandeur and outstanding visual effects, yet tucked amidst them are

tiny, beautifully human touches that make its world of Panem one that, in the end, truly seems worth saving.

I don't want to glide over director Lawrence's more thrilling

sequences, given that they're probably the most thrilling ones he's ever staged. As Katniss and company walk through abandoned Capitol streets, they have to evade booby-trap "pods" that attack trespassers with fireballs or machine-gun bullets or, in one jaw-dropping instance, a veritable waterfall of crude oil. But while this latter assault is appropriately rousing and scary, it's nothing compared to the nightmare of the rebels waylaid by hissing, toothy monstrosities – "lizard mutts" in Suzanne Collins' Mockingbird novel - that look like slimier versions of H.R. Giger's Alien. As with nearly the entire movie, the lighting here is frustratingly murky. (Earlier, when Michelle Forbes' troop commander entered an already-dark room and barked, "Get these curtains closed!", I may have wept a little.) Nevertheless, it's a terrifying, brilliantly choreographed sequence that blessedly lets Katniss employ her archery skills, and Francis Lawrence demonstrates nearly equal compositional skill in the Invasion of the Body Snatchers-like paranoia of Katniss' and Gale's final siege on the Capitol, with the citizenry pathetically lifting their arms toward the parachuted "gifts" descending.

Yet while I greatly admire the movie's broad strokes, it's the little things I find

sticking with me: the words "Mandatory Viewing" televised before our first sight of Stanley Tucci (words that should always preface Tucci's film arrivals); the delicious perversity of Jena Malone's grin; the gender-reversed-fairytale charm of Peeta waking from his stupor after being kissed by a heroic princess; the wildly satisfying adieus allotted to practically every member of the series' stock company. (Only Tucci and Harrelson don't quite get the send-offs they deserve, though Harrelson and Banks did elicit the loudest, most delighted giggles at my tween-heavy screening when Haymitch and Effie shared a quick peck on the lips - out of the blue, they became the series' potential romantic pairing you didn't even know you wanted.) Plot holes abound, contrivances pile sky-high, Katniss again deserves better than Peeta or Gale ... and Mockingjay – Part 2 still ends its series in style, finding a lovely metaphor for The Hunger Games' combined nine hours when Katniss reveals that, upon waking from nightmares, she calms herself by listing the good deeds that people in her life have done. "It can be a little tedious," she admits, "but there are much worse games to play." There certainly are.

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight, director/co-writer Thomas McCarthy's dramatic procedural exploring the events leading to the Boston Globe's 2002 exposé on sexual abuse within the Catholic church, isn't much to look at. Its color palette is generally restricted to sallow browns and grays, and even under the fluorescent illumination of the Globe offices, the air is heavy with

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Sunni Muslims affirm that Abu Bakr was chosen by Muslims to succeed Muhammad as proper protocol dictated according to Shura. Shi'as, however, do not recognize Abu Bakr's succession, favoring Muhammad's son-in-law and cousin Ali, claiming Muhammad himself declared Ali as his successor during a public pilgrimage before his death.

The majority of Sunni Muslims are in south and southeast Asia, China, Africa, and most of the Arab world. Shi'as are the majority population in Iraq, Iran, Azerbaijan, and Bahrain.

Sharia Law. Shariah means a body of moral and religious law, which flows from the Islamic Qu'ran and Hadiths (the recorded opinions and examples of Muhammad during his life). Muslims believe sharia is the "infallible law of God." The Sunnis and Shi'as interpret both the Qu'ran and Hadiths differently in various aspects, but certainly not all.

For issues not covered in the Qu'ran or Hadiths, sharia "derives" from various jurisprudence schools among the two sects, including Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, Hanbali, and Jafari. According to Wikipedia (RCReader.com/y/islam1): "The sharia in these schools is derived hierarchically using one or more of the following guidelines: Ijma (usually the consensus of Muhammad's companions), Qiyas (analogy derived from the primary sources), Istihsan (ruling that serves the interest of Islam in the discretion of Islamic jurists), and Urf (customs)." Sharia law is most completely adhered to as part of the legislative process in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Pakistan, Qatar, and Sudan.

Figh: Figh is the school of Islamic jurisprudence, the process of deducing and applying sharia principles, as well as the collective body of specific laws deduced from sharia using the fiqh methodology. According to Wikipedia (RCReader.com/y/islam1): "While Qu'ran and Hadith sources are regarded as

infallible, the figh standards may change in different contexts. Figh covers all aspects of law, including religious, civil, political, constitutional, and procedural law. Figh deploys the following to create Islamic laws: (1) injunctions, revealed principles, and interpretations of the Qu'ran (used by all schools and sects of Islam); and (2) interpretation of the Sunnah (Muhammad's practices, opinions, and traditions) and principles therein, after establishing the degree of reliability of Hadith's chain of reporters (used by all schools and sects of Islam)."

Jihad. Jihad refers to the religious duty of Muslims to strive in the way of God, apply oneself, and struggle to preserve Islam. A Muslim practicing Jihad is called a Mujahid.

Jihad meaning "holy war" is a highly controversial interpretation of Jihad among sects and schools of Islam, but general agreement exists among scholars of Islam that Jihad includes armed

struggle against enemies.

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Formerly the Organization of Islamic Conference, OIC is the largest international political representative body - second only to the United Nations itself - comprising 57 member states (including the PLO) and representing the entire Muslim world. It was founded in 1969 and is rarely referred to in mainstream news. OIC has delegations at the United Nations and the European Union. Its official languages are Arabic, English, and

Wikipedia is well-footnoted with many links for research. There are volumes of additional information, from easy to complex, for readers to get an informed handle on one of the most important global, historical, political, socioeconomic, and spiritual realities of our time. You can find additional resources at RCReader.com/y/islam2, RCReader.com/y/islam3, RCReader. com/y/islam4, RCReader.com/y/islam5, and RCReader.com/y/islam6. @

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an oppressive pall. A man racing down a courthouse hallway is the closest the film comes to an action sequence. One montage is devoted solely to journalists scanning address directories with rulers. And to my eyes, Spotlight - scene by scene, minute by minute - still emerges as the least boring movie of the year.

It's impossible to be bored, after all, when your brain is being actively engaged, and McCarthy's latest is spectacularly engaging; following its two hours of journalistic legwork and mostly hushed conversation, I left the film's auditorium far more alert than when I walked in. I'll admit I've got a major jones for entertainments of this ilk, and if stranded on a desert island, could likely survive contentedly with only All the President's Men and Zodiac for company. But try as I might, I can't think of a single thing wrong with Spotlight, a film in which the writing (by McCarthy and Josh Singer), directing, acting, and below-theline craftsmanship are in such harmonious accord that what results is something truly contradictory: a thrilling, even exhilarating account of the mundane.

The title refers to the Globe section devoted to investigative journalism, and its team that, in Spotlight's 2001-2 timeframe, consists of four staffers: supervising editor Walter "Robby" Robinson (Michael Keaton) and reporters Mike Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), Sacha Pfeiffer (Rachel McAdams), and Matt Carroll (Brian d'Arcy James). They answer to the Globe's deputy managing editor, Ben Bradlee Jr. (John Slattery), who, in turn, answers to Managing Editor Marty Baron (Liev Shreiber) – who, as the movie opens, has just arrived in Boston from his previous post at the Miami Herald. During his introductory meeting with Globe editors, Baron references a recently published article about a local priest charged with sexually abusing children since 1976. Wondering whether there's more to uncover, and exactly how a priest gets away with such crimes for a quarter-century, Baron suggests filing a motion to have the case's sealed documents opened. Bradlee, incredulous, asks, "You want to sue the church?"

That's not the last time Baron or his staffers will hear that question. As Spotlight progresses, it becomes increasingly clear that in Boston, at least, the Catholic church is an untouchable – a monolith of extraordinary political reach and power that's not to be queried or trifled with. Yet Robinson and his team, in true bloodhound form, start sniffing and scratching anyway, and what begins with interviews with a couple of the charged priest's victims eventually leads to the discovery of dozens of other

clergymen having committed hundreds of similar, unreported crimes. (During a phone interview with a psychiatrist - one voiced by McCarthy's The Visitor star Richard Jenkins - the reporters are told that as many as 6 percent of a city's priests have likely preyed on children, which the Globe's investigation proves correct: 87 priests in Boston alone.) Spotlight's story is, of course, a true one, and a deeply upsetting one, especially once the extent of the church's accountability is made apparent. Yet it's not a grim or unpleasant chore to sit through. Quite the opposite: In its detailed examination of the reporters' months of fact-finding, and its refusal to turn in any way exploitative, McCarthy's film is a fascinating, inspiring account of gifted and dogged professionals doing a job and demanding it be done right.

At no point, thankfully, are there flashback scenes in which the victims' horrific childhood experiences are visualized. (Given how simply yet wrenchingly actors Neal Huff, Jimmy LeBlanc, and Michael Cyril Creighton recall their characters' abuse, they're certainly not needed.) What we're given instead are exactingly written, beautifully paced scenes of reporters and their subjects sharing - or cagily not sharing - information, replete with shots of journalists performing the unglamorous duties of investigation circa 2001: knocking on doors, making phone calls, checking out library books, rifling through newspaper clippings. (Computers do exist in the Globe offices here, but from all evidence, as seems accurate for the period, they're used primarily as word processors.) Consequently, as befits his material, McCarthy's controlled direction and presentational style are determinedly anti-showy. Yet the experience of Spotlight isn't in any way static. There's such snap and electricity in the continual compounding of information that it feels right when the images remain still so the verbiage, and the intensity behind it, can wash over you. And the movie's signature visual motif, which finds us closely trailing our reporters as they walk and talk, feels right, too – McCarthy's camera nipping at their heels while they nip at those of others.

I'd discuss the film's standout performances, but there really aren't any, which I mean as a complete compliment. From Keaton to the one-scene cameos, Spotlight provides a veritable master class in the art of ensemble screen acting, the recruited talents' invested naturalism and easy give-and-take convincing you that everyone on-screen exists in the very same world. There's such a lack of emotive

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Mining Moeller Monday

aytrotter.com's Sean Moeller isn't announcing the acts for his Moeller Monday shows at Rozz-Tox (2108

Third Avenue, Rock Island; RozzTox.com), but band publicists have a way of undermining attempts at secrecy. So here's a preview of a couple groups we know will be playing

Shows start at 8 p.m., and admission is \$8 to



The Legendary Shack Shakers

The Yawpers

accordion to tapped strings - that create an otherworldly, uncomfortable counterpoint to the sturdy groove of "Born Under a Bad

Sign."

That level of careful detail is essential in a collection that careens so wildly. "Demon Rum" is a saloon ditty, while "Young Heart, Old Soul" is basically mid-century rock-androll at breakneck speed

and "Fool's Tooth" is a harmonica-fueled fire that burns for less than a minute. From bite to bite, you never know what you're going to get, but you look forward to it nonetheless.

For more information on The Legendary Shack Shakers, visit LegendaryShackShakers.

The Legendary Shack Shakers, The Southern **Surreal:** December 7

One track on the Legendary Shack Shakers' The Southern Surreal - the 20-yearold band's first album in five years - is a spoken-word piece by actor Billy Bob Thornton concerning road patching and an injured dog. Backed only by a gentle guitar, he builds to the moment that he lifts his shovel to kill the animal. It's an expert piece of lean storytelling.

"It looked up at me, kinda thank ya and f--- ya all at the same time," Thornton says. "It knew what I was gonna do, and it knew why. The dog knew why."

He concludes: "It ain't like I don't think about it. It ain't like I wanted to."

But just before that, he says, "You just can't explain things to some people." And I imagine that's true for Shack Shakers mastermind J.D. Wilkes,

who has crafted a collection brimming with idiosyncratic personality. The Southern Surreal is a masterfully seasoned deep-fried stew, but it's nearly impossible to explain why its disparate components work so well together. Thornton's short

story is the most unusual ingredient, but throughout the record are surprising spices that give a sense of the thoughtfulness that went into it - which helps hold together what might otherwise feel like a fragmentary mishmash.

There's the banjo on the hard-edged rockabilly of "Mud," the use of guitar reverb and acoustic guitar to create a measured, casually ominous vibe on "Cold," and a discordant collection of digressive instruments - from clomping percussion to

The Yawpers, American *Man*; November 30

If the Legendary Shack Shakers are willfully unpredictable, the Denver-based Yawpers stick pretty closely to a roughedged Americana rock-and-roll formula: quiet openings that build to fiery climaxes, dominated by slide guitar and vocals that go from rough to hoarse.

There are exceptions and variations on American Man - the trio's second album and first on the Bloodshot label - but it must be said that the formula works in their hands and never gets tiresome. The title track's final instrumental break has a sleek polish

> that takes the band on a slightly prog-y detour before returning to the main road. "Walter" has a cleaner, smoother sound - ever-so-slightly soft - that gives it a restrained, tensionholding intensity, even in its raucous explosion.



And the change-ups

give a sense of the group's formidable grasp. "Deacon Brody" is insistent, menacing rockabilly, all weird angles and punk intensity. On the other end of the spectrum, "Beale Street" is done largely on bluegrass instruments, and the Yawpers show that even without their signature electric-slideguitar freak-outs and scorched screaming, they can rock out just fine. @

For more information on the Yawpers, visit The Yawpers.com.











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November & December

Final Friday and Shop Small Business Saturday, monthly event featuring demonstrations, activities, sales, and more; featuring the opening of MidCoast Gallery Winter Wonders' juried exhibition and display, including a train set and vintage toys; for information, call 563-324-0667, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, BucktownArts.com, 6pm Fri Nov 27.

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IA, Midcoast.org, 6pm Sat Nov 28.

MOVIES

Adult Coloring Night, color your stress away with a coloring page night just for adults; coloring sheets for adults, art supplies, tea, cocoa and a snack will be supplied; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Mon Nov

International Holiday Bazaar, in Building 1, upper and lower lobbies; shop for unique holiday gifts, with proceeds benefiting the BHC International/English as a Second Language Scholarship Program through the Black Hawk College Foundation; for information, contact Juanita Zertuche at zertuchej@bhc.edu or 309-796-5186, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 8am Wed Dec 2.

Closing Reception: A Gathering of Friends, exhibit of works by Galena and

Ron Hahlen, Mia Ishiguro, Chris Lemmon, Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Joe Pinder, Roberta Polfus, Larry Priske, and Monte Young; light refreshments served; free; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469, Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 4pm Thu Dec 3.

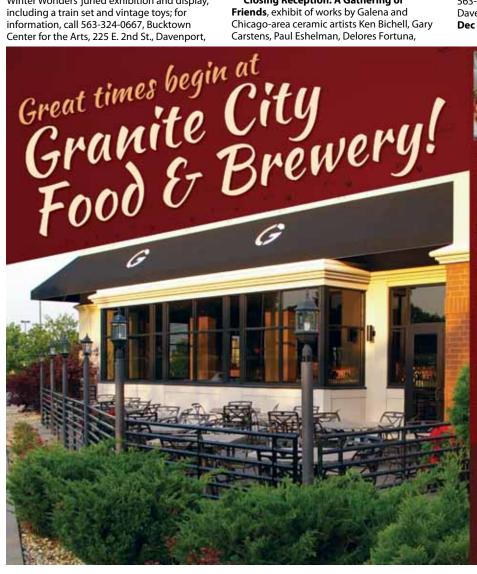
Seasonal Scenery of LeClaire, local photographer Burt Gearhart will present an allages slide presentation and lecture with prints of Bald Eagles, rural scenery, the Mississippi River, and the historic beauty of LeClaire on display; free, LeClaire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA, Leclaire.Lib.ia.us, 6:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Thursdays at the Figge, on Thursdays; art-themed activities, discussions, tours, refreshments, and more; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 5pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 31.

Artist Appreciation Night, a night for artists and the people who appreciate them; free; for information, call 319-338-4442, The Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, ChaitGalleries.com, 5pm Fri Dec 4.

Handmade City Holiday 2015, fifth-annual event featuring 30 vendors selling handmade paper goods, clothing, jewelry, accessories, chocolates, pet treats & toys, baby attire, reconstructed home decor, and more; sponsored by the Figge and Crafted Quad Cities; for information, visit handmade-city.com/, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, Facebook. com/handmade.city.art, 10am Sat Dec 5.

UTHS Craft and Vendor Show, event to help raise money for UT Booster Club; featuring over 50 crafters and vendors in the cafeteria and hallway and concessions, and the Panther shop will be open; free; for information, call 309-752-1633, United Township High School, East Moline, IL, Facebook.com/ events/1001912119828483, 10am Sat Dec 5.





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VISUAL ARTS **OPENINGS & GALLERY EVENTS**

November & December

Winter in Bloom, see the beautiful and historic mansion come alive with holiday cheer at our 48th-annual open house; with free refreshments, live music, a visit from Cinderella, children's crafts, a scavenger hunt through the many rooms (for prizes), and our one-of-a-kind Poinsettia Tree; for information, call 309-732-7666, Hauberg Civic Center Mansion, 1300 24th St., Rock Island, IL, RIGov.org, noon Sun Dec 6.

Framed!, meet with a group who discusses art rather than books; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 1pm Mon Dec 7.

Stroller Tour, bring your little one for a gallery tour specifically geared for babies 12 months and under, with a focus on such themes as animals, faces, colors, and shapes, all before the museum opens to the public, so your little one can made as much noise as he/she wants: \$5, free for members; for information, e-mail ethomas@crma.org or call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, 10:30am Tue Dec 8.

Gallery Hop!, demonstrations, performances, works for sale, and more with local artists at a variety of different downtown venues; for information, e-mail info@midcoast. org or call 563-424-1210, The District of Rock Island, 100 19th St. Suite 109 (office), Rock Island, IL, MidCoast.org, 6pm Fri Dec 11.

Third Thursday Event, the galleries in Bucktown and stores downtown will be open longer than usual, and there will be a shuttle you can take around downtown, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, BucktownArts.com, 5pm Thu Dec 17.

Final Friday Winter Wonders and Wine Walk Final Friday, monthly event featuring demonstrations, activities, sales, and more; for information, call 563-324-0667, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, BucktownArts.com, 6pm Fri Dec 18.

January thru March

Zen Coloring, a program that promotes relaxation and creativity through coloring; enjoy soothing music while you de-stress and stimulate brain areas related to vision and fine motor skills; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Mon Jan 4.

Thursdays at the Figge, on Thursdays; art-themed activities, discussions, tours, refreshments, and more: for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 5pm Thu Jan 7 thru Mar 10.

Family Day, families can view the exhibitions "Wendy Red Star: Peelatchiwaaxpaash/ Medicine Crow (Raven) and the 1880 Crow Peach Delegation" and "Wit and Whimsy: The Photographs of Kenneth Josephson" and enjoy related activities; for information, call 563-326-7804., Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 10am Sat Jan 9

Craft Cafe, use your own creative flair to personalize unique crafts for you and your home; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 3pm Sat

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Livia Sohn @ Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks IV Concerts - February 6 and 7

Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, BucktownArts.com, 5pm Thu Jan 21.

Opening Reception: Multi-Portraits, manipulated digital photography by Kyle Petersen, visual communication instructor at Black Hawk College; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469., Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 4pm Wed Jan 27.

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act Lauren Reid at laurenreid@augustana.edu or 309-793-7323, Augustana Teaching Museum of Art, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/ artmuseum, 5pm Fri Mar 11.

Craft Cafe, use your own creative flair to personalize unique crafts for you and your home: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 3pm Sat Mar 12.

EXHIBITS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

Currently on Display

Thomas Awad - Braulio Amado, exhibit of works by Quad Cities artist Awad and New York City's Amado: for information, call 309-200-0978, Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL. RozzTox.com. Wed Nov 25 thru Mon Nov 30.

A Gathering of Friends, exhibit of works by Galena and Chicago-area ceramic artists Ken Bichell, Gary Carstens, Paul Eshelman, Delores Fortuna, Ron Hahlen, Mia Ishiguro, Chris Lemmon, Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Joe Pinder, Roberta Polfus, Larry Priske, and Monte Young; free; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469, Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, thru Fri Dec 4.

Barbara Bianchi - Joseph Madrigal - Zora Murff, exhibit of mixed-media collage from Bianchi of Fulton, sculpture from Madrigal of Decorah, and a photo-documentary series from Murff of Cedar Rapids; Tue.-Fri. 10am-5pm, Sat. 11am-5pm; for information, call 309-793-1213 ext. 108, Quad City Arts at the Airport, Quad City International Airport, 2200 69th Ave., Moline, IL, QuadCityArts.com, thru Fri Dec 11.

Sonnenzimmer: Objects of Practice, featuring the work of Nick Butcher and Nadine Nakanishi, whose practice merges fine art, printmaking, graphic design, sound art, and publishing; Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm; free; for information, contact Christopher Reno at 563-333-6444 or renochristopherw@sau. edu, Morrissey Gallery, Galvin Fine Arts Center - St. Ambrose University, 2101 Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, thru Fri Dec 18.

Sonnenzimmer: The Impossibility of Language of Construction, featuring the work of Nick Butcher and Nadine Nakanishi, whose practice merges fine art, printmaking, graphic design, sound art, and publishing; Tue.-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; free; for information, contact Christopher Reno at 563-333-6444 or renochristopherw@sau.edu, Catich Gallery - St. Ambrose University, 2101 Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, thru Fri Dec 18.

Everybody Dance!, the art exhibition features works by local and regional artists, photography from Ballet Quad Cites' official photographer Joseph S. Maciejko, and original ballet costumes and headwear on loan from Ballet Quad Cities; \$1 for parking; for information, call 309-793-1213 ext. 108, Quad City Arts at the Airport, Quad City International Airport, 2200 69th Ave., Moline, IL, QuadCityArts.com, thru Wed Dec 30.

A Welcome Place: Quad City Jewish Heritage, the exhibit covers the history of the Quad City Jewish community, from when Jewish families settled in the small prairie towns along the river to the contributions made today; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Lisa Mahar - Carolyn Krueger - Laura Weinberg, mixed media by Mahar, ceramics by Krueger, and acrylics by Weinberg; for information, e-mail info@midcoast.org or call 563-424-1210, MidCoast Gallery West, 1629 2nd Ave., Rock Island, IL, MidCoast.org, thru Thu

Paul Esparza, Respect Abilities, 834 15th Ave., East Moline, IL, Facebook.com/pages/ Respect-Abilities-834-15Th-Avenue-East-Moline/442227939288143, thru Thu Dec 31.

Quilt Tales, this display includes over 30 Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild members' quilts with a brief story of why each is their favorite; for information, call 309-794-0991, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCGardens.com, thru Fri Jan 1.

Edward S. Curtis: One Hundred Masterworks, the exhibit features both wellknown and rare images from Curtis' project to photograph the Native American people of the United States, drawn from a private collection formed over the course of 40 years; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm: free with \$4-7 museum admission: for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 17.

Wendy Red Star: Peelatchiwaaxpáash/ Medicine Crow (Raven) and the 1880 Crow Peace Delegation, multimedia works that explore Native American identity and the distance between romantic images of the Native American and the world of Indians today: Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun, noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 17.

Ellen Wagener: Horizon Lines, working in pastel, and often in series and at large scale, Wagener uses sketches, photographs and her memory to create vivid evocations of particular weather patterns and times of day; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 24.

Cowboy Bronzes: Icons of the West, this small exhibition features some of the most iconic bronze works by Harry Jackson and includes a rare "heroic bronze" of the Bronco Buster, 1909, by Frederic S. Remington; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA. FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 31.

Frank Lloyd Wright: An American Architecture, exhibit will feature furniture, textiles, decorative objects, and drawings dating from Wright's early years at the turn of the 20th century to his death in 1959; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA. FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Jan 31.

8th Annual College Invitational, exhibit of approximately 60 works of art by students from 10 area colleges and universities, including Ashford University, Augustana College, Black Hawk College, Clinton Community College, Knox College, Monmouth College, Scott Community College, St. Ambrose University, Western Illinois University, and University of Iowa: artworks on display include a variety of mediums and techniques, from ink, collage, stoneware clay and etching to digital illustration, watercolor, silkscreen, and found materials; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu. 10am-9pm, Sun. noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Sun Feb 7.

Wit and Whimsy: Photographs by Kenneth **Josephson**, the exhibit will include classic images from Josephson's early work along with more recent investigations of the potential of the photographic image; Tue.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thu, 10am-9pm, Sun, noon-5pm; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call

563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru

A Place Called Home: Frank Lundahl and the Quad Cities, exhibit of works capturing the life of our region through landscapes, genre scenes, and still lifes; noon-4pm Wed.-Sat. when school is in session: free: for information. contact Lauren Reid at laurenreid@augustana. edu or 309-793-7323, Augustana Teaching Museum of Art, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/artmuseum, thru Fri Feb 12.

Augustana Teaching Museum of Art 2015-16 Exhibit, exhibit of works chosen by Augustana faculty, this year's selections include works that complement the college's Augie Reads book, James Baldwin's "The Fire Next Time," as well as Native American pottery and textiles, masks from African cultures. and a number of paintings and works on paper from the Medieval to Modern periods; noon-4pm Wed.-Sat. when school is in session; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at laurenreid@augustana.edu or 309-793-7323, Augustana Teaching Museum of Art, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/ artmuseum, thru Wed Mar 16.

Legacies for lowa, the first display of art from the UIMA at the Figge Art Museum, Legacies for lowa features some of the most important paintings in the UIMA collection; free with \$4-7 museum admission; for information, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, thru Wed Mar 16.

Living Proof Exhibit, exhibit featuring artworks by area cancer survivors, with new works on display every three months; for information, call 309-779-5000, Trinity Cancer Center, 500 John Deere Rd., Moline, IL, UnityPoint.org, thru Wed Mar 16.

Opening January thru March

ArtStart, display of artwork from classes led by Gloria Burlingame at Rock Island Schools; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, Sat Jan 2 thru Sun Jan 31.

Multi-Portraits, manipulated digital photography by Kyle Petersen, visual communication instructor at Black Hawk College; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469., Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, Tue Jan 19 thru Fri Feb 12.

First in the Nation: How the Iowa **Caucuses Have Shaped Presidential Politics** Since 1972, traveling display showcasing the unique role of the Iowa Caucuses; free; for information, contact Joyce Haack at 563-333-6247 or haackjoycea@sau.edu, St. Ambrose University Library, Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, Wed Jan 20 thru Fri Jan 29.

Bishop William Allen: A Non-Violent Journey, exhibition of 20 paintings with illustrations from the children's book "Bishop William Allen, A Non-Violent Journey"; the colorful and historical paintings take viewers on a visual journey of the life and legacy of Bishop Allen, following his journey from slavery to freedom and then onto his leadership in forming the African Methodist Episcopal Church; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, Mon Feb 1 thru Sat Feb 6.

Back and Forth, mixed media paintings by Chicago-area artist Jen Evans; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469., Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, Mon Feb 15 thru Wed Mar 2.

Pop Art of Greg Dickinson, exhibit of

mixed-media works by the Clinton-based artist who enjoys using popular images in his paintings, from local news anchor Paula Sands to brand-name cookies; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, Tue Mar 1 thru Wed Mar 16.

PlantBot Genetics Presents: The Moth Project, exhibit of collaborative works by Wendy DesChene and Jeff Schmuki, whose work combines activism, research, and social space to foster discussion and generate action in the area of ecological awareness; noon-4pm Wed.-Sat. when school is in session; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at laurenreid@augustana.edu or 309-793-7323, Augustana Teaching Museum of Art, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/

artmuseum, Wed Mar 9 thru Wed Mar 16.

Tapestry Innovations, Augustana College art professor Rowen Schussheim-Anderson has been pushing the boundaries of traditional tapestry weaving for more than three decades; free; for information, contact Zaiga Thorson at thorsonz@bhc.edu or 309-796-5469, Black Hawk College ArtSpace Gallery, Building 4, 6600 34th Ave, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 4pm Mon Mar 14 thru Wed Mar 16.

Outlying Areas

Currently on Display

Brad Krieger - Cathy Patterson, exhibit of paintings and watercolors; Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 319-338-4442. The Chait

Galleries Downtown, 218 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, ChaitGalleries.com, thru Fri Nov 27.

Dena Tollefson, exhibit of oil paintings; Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 319-338-4442, The Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, ChaitGalleries. com, thru Thu Dec 10.

It's Your Choice, the Art Center invites the community to vote on their favorite works of art from a group of 150 rarely-seen artworks in the permanent collections; the top 25 to 30 selected works will be on display through December 13; Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Thu. 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, DesMoinesArtCenter.org, thru Sun Dec 13.

HOLIDAYS FILMS

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VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITS

Outlying Areas

Currently on Display

Rose Frantzen & Charles Morris, oilpainting exhibit; 10am-5pm daily; for information, call 563-652-3405, Old City Hall Gallery, 121 S. Olive St., Maquoketa, IA, OldCityHallGallery.com, thru Wed Dec 30.

I Am, I Will, I'm Afraid, exhibit combining photography and text to explore some of the insecurities, fears, and aspirations of local youth, by Brooklyn-based artist and activist Traci Molloy; for information, call 319-331-8893, Public Space One, 120 N. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA, thru Thu Dec 31.

Maize y Mas & More, the artists in this exhibition present the unique heritage of maize and corn in the Americas and illustrate the crop's journey from pre-Columbian times to today; Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 319-364-1580, CSPS/ Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, LegionArts.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

Out of This World: Science Fiction and Fantasy Art, exhibit held in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the sci-fi/fantasy lowa Convention; Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

Small Works Show, our biggest little show in its eighth year, featuring 70 local, state, and national artists and over 100 original works; free; Mon.-Fri. 10am-6pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 319-338-4442, The Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, ChaitGalleries. com, thru Mon Jan 4.

Chris Troutman: Divided Drawings, painting and drawing exhibit by the Lamar University professor: for information, call 309-341-5303 or e-mail ldwalker@sandburg. edu, Lonnie Eugene Stewart Art Gallery - Carl Sandburg College, 2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd., Galesburg, IL, Sandburg.edu, thru Mon Jan 11.

Brave New World: Selections from the Hevelin Collection, these selections from the Hevelin collection, created and distributed by non-professional readers of sci-fi fanzines, demonstrate the importance of fan involvement to drive the genre forward: Tue. Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Sun Jan 17.

East and Beyond: Helen Frankenthaler and Her Contemporaries, the exhibition includes four works on paper by Frankenthaler, as well as 23 works on paper and ceramics by American and Japanese artists who were active during the 1950s to 1980s; Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Thu, 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun, noon-4pm; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, DesMoinesArtCenter.org, thru Sun

Ryan Bentzinger: nAMUH, a solo exhibition of works by the 25-year old Iowa City artist; Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503 Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Sun Jan 17.

Laurel Nakadate: Strangers and Relations, Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Thu. 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun. noon-4pm; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, Des Moines Art Center.org, thru Sun Jan 24.

Iowa Artists 2015: Jessica Teckemeyer, Teckemeyer's sculpture depicts animals in surreal, often threatening situations, and

touches on elements of the dark side of humanity; Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Thu. 11am-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun, noon-4pm; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, DesMoinesArtCenter.org, thru Sun Feb 21.

Single-channel 5: Dance / Rashaad Newsome - Icon, a program dedicated to the exhibition and interpretation of important single-channel video by contemporary artists, and a work combining moving bodies, jewels, stylish clothing, and baroque architecture; Tue.-Fri. 11am-4pm, Sat. 10am-4pm Sun. noon-4pm, Tho. 11am-9pm; free; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, DesMoinesArtCenter.org, thru Sun Feb 21.

Art in Roman Life, over 50 works, including coins, glass vessels, ceramic lamps, marble sculptures, and more: Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 16.

Grant Wood: In Focus, culled from the museum's extensive collection of works, this single-gallery installation serves as a brief overview of the artistic achievements of this important American painter: Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu, noon-8pm, Sat, 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 2.

Living with Pots: Ceramics from the Eric Dean and Tood Thelen Collection, exhibit of international works, plus pieces by Midwestern artists including Warren MacKenzie, Clary Illian, Chuck Hindes, and Ron Meyers; Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 16.

Mauricio Lasansky: Master Printmaker, new takes on the important lowa City artist; Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 2.

The Restless Spirit: American Art from the Collection, a revolving four-gallery presentation that takes in-depth looks at recurring themes in American art; Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 2.

Grant Wood and Marvin Cone: Barns, Farms, and America's Heartland, an exhibition of both artists' work, focusing on the images of barns, farms, and the lowa landscape for which they are beloved: Tue.-Sun. noon-4pm, Thu. noon-8pm, Sat. 10am-4pm; for information, call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, thru Wed Mar 2.

CLASSES

November & December

L&D15 Silkscreen Classes, choose between postcard making, an underpainting activity, or print your own t-shirt as your group learns the basics of silkscreen printing, facilitated by L&D15 co-founder David Balluff: for information and to register, call 563-484-0415, L&D15, 520 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, LAndD15.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Thu Dec 31.

Covered in Paper: Paper Case Books,

Tuesdays thru Dec. 15; with instructor Andrew Huot; this class will explore the use of paper for making covers for hand sewn books: participants will go home with three handmade books: \$105-115; for information and to register, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.

org, 6pm Tue Dec 1.

Watercolor 101 Basics Class, with Bob Zeidler; for information and to register, call 563-508-4630 or e-mail bereskingallery@gmail. com, Bereskin Fine Art Gallery & Studio, 225 E. 2nd St., Suites 102 & 104, Davenport, IA, BereskinArtGallery.com, 6pm Tue Dec 1.

Wreath Making, personalize your creation with provided natural adornments and anything else you bring; dress warm, as we will go on a brief hike to admire earthly winter decorations the surrounding area has to display; \$5; for information, call 319-523-8381, Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge, 9800 120th St., Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 6pm Tue Dec

Figure Drawing/Painting Class, on Thursdays; with facilitators Jason Frank and Brad Bisbey; \$15; for information, e-mail bereskinartgallerv@gmail.com or call 563-508-4630, Bereskin Fine Art Gallery & Studio, 225 E. 2nd St., Suites 102 & 104, Davenport, IA, BereskinArtGallery.com, 6:15pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 31.

Beadology Open Lab, on Thursdays; receive the benefit of Beadology Iowa's experienced staff, and share techniques, get assistance, and help create the area's beading community; on the third Thursday of the month, join Wendy Ford for free soft-glass tutorials from 5:30-7:30pm; free; for information and to register, call 319-338-1566, Beadology Iowa, 220 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA, Beadologylowa. com, 4pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 31.

Landscape 2, Thursdays thru Dec. 17; with instructor Brad Bisbey; work without fear in acrylic painting, and increase your knowledge and technique while creating beautiful landscapes; \$95, Bereskin Fine Art Gallery & Studio, 225 E. 2nd St., Suites 102 & 104, Davenport, IA, BereskinArtGallery.com, 11am Thu Dec 3.

Color Pencil: Holiday Card Workshop, artist Denise Mohr will teach students a variety of techniques and card styles that will make your holiday greetings to friends and family cherished, one-of-a-kind delights; \$35-45; for information and to register, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 5.

Oil Painting 1 & 2, Saturdays thru Dec. 19; with instructor Dave Anderson; learn to see, draw, and understand value and edges, study color by understanding the importance of color charts, grasp the value of composition, and learn how light effects color and apply it to a still life; \$125, Bereskin Fine Art Gallery & Studio, 225 E. 2nd St., Suites 102 & 104, Davenport, IA, BereskinArtGallery.com, 9:15am

Free Soft-Glass Tutorial, with Wendy Ford; for information and to register, call 319-338-1566, Beadology Iowa, 220 E Washington St, lowa City, IA, Beadologylowa.com, 5:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Craft Cafe, free; use your own creative flair to personalize unique crafts for you and your home; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 3pm Sat Dec 12.

Holiday Workshop: Decorating Paper with Paste, with instructor Andrew Huot; a paint and paste mixture is applied to the paper with brushes, then patterned with an assortment of combs, tools, and stamps; we will make a variety of samples that can be used for books, boxes, origami, or as wrapping paper; \$55-65; for information and to register, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 10am Sat Dec 12.

Pinterest Party: Holiday Wreath, monthly craft-making party involving ideas found on the Pinterest social media site; make a holiday wreath out of painted clothespins and colorful ribbons; free; for information, call 309-732-7369, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 6pm Thu Dec 17.

January thru March

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Watercolor 102 Class, Saturdays thru Jan. 23; for information and to register, call 563-508-4630 or e-mail bereskingallery@gmail. com, Bereskin Fine Art Gallery & Studio, 225 E. 2nd St., Suites 102 & 104, Davenport, IA, BereskinArtGallery.com, 9:30am Sat Jan 9.

Acrylic Painting: Capturing Nature -Beginner/Intermediate, Fridays thru Feb. 19: artist Pam Ohnemus will share techniques artists use to create, texture, pattern, collage and abstract designs in this acrylic painting class. Color theory and use of the art elements and principles of design will also be explored; \$95-105; for information and to register, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, noon Fri Jan 22.

Wine & Art: Valentine's Gifts with a Japanese Flair, Japanese artist Anna Ito will teach you how to create a one-of-a-kind Valentine card and ornament using a brush calligraphy technique; \$20; for information and to register, call 563-326-7804, Figge Art Museum, 225 W 2nd St, Davenport, IA, FiggeArtMuseum.org, 6pm Thu Feb 11.

MUSIC CONCERTS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

November

Hot Rods, concert with the classic rock 'n' roll musicians, with a 7pm dance lesson; 6:30pm doors; \$10; for information, e-mail riverdancehall@gmail.com, Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St. Walcott, IA, Facebook.com/ pages/River-Dance-Hall/223701927795722, 7:30pm Fri Nov 27.

Events

Holiday Happenings

November and December

The Reader building is about a order away from Davenport's German American he *Reader* building is about a block-and-a-half Heritage Center. Consequently, as of December 1, we'll be about a block-and-a-half away from undoubtedly the area's largest-scale holiday artwork, as the center's south facade will be turned into a Living Advent Calendar, with one new advent image (by students of Davenport's Creative Arts Academy and Milan's Edward's Creative) popping up in each of the venue's 24 windows every day through Christmas Eve. That's awesome, and I can't



19th Century Christmas - December 6

wait to make daily drives over there to see it. I'd walk, but, you know ... it is a block-and-a-half Then again, the holiday season is kind of all about walking, isn't it? Families are invited to visit Walnut Grove Pioneer Village during Christmas at the Village (November 29), the District of Rock Island's wintertime Gallery Hop! (December 11), Rock Island's 1200/1300 block on 30th Street in the College Hill Holiday Walk (December 3), the Village of East Davenport's Christmas in the Village (December 4 and 5), and the downtown area during Christmas in LeClaire (December 4 through 6). All of these self-guided tours will boast holiday decorations, discounted merchandise, children's activities, and likely a Jolly Old Elf sighting.

If indoor walks are more your speed, several area happenings will allow you to get your exercise while viewing beautiful artworks and staying warm. On December 5, Davenport's Figge Art Museum will house **Handmade City Holiday**, the fifth-annual event (co-sponsored by Crafted Quad Cities) boasting 30 vendors selling hand-crafted clothing, paper goods, jewelry, accessories, and more. The upper and lower lobbies of Black Hawk College's Building 1 will be transformed into an International Holiday Bazaar on December 2, with proceeds from the merchandise, food, and beverage sales benefiting the school's English as a Second Language scholarship program.

Davenport's Bucktown Center for the Arts will, on December 18, present the Winter Wonders & Wine Walk, a holiday-themed edition of the venue's traditional "Final Friday" events featuring artist demonstrations, live music, and special sales. There are also still a few days left to stop by the Davenport RiverCenter and enjoy a leisurely stroll through the makeshift forest of Quad City Arts' Festival of Trees (through November 29).

You can walk not only through Moline's Deere-Wiman Carriage House and Butterworth Center, but also through what feels like a time machine, during the venues' annual 19th Century Christmas (December 6), a period-decorated holiday party featuring refreshments, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and a visit from Santa. Similarly, Rivermont Collegiate will open its doors to seasonal celebrants in the Bettendorf Mansion Centennial Celebration & Holiday Open House, inviting guests to admire the festive décor plus the hand-painted and -carved details of this 100-year-old domicile. And Rock Island's Hauberg Civic Center Mansion will come alive with holiday cheer during the 48th-annual Winter in Bloom (December 3), an event boasting a scavenger hunt through its many rooms, musicians, the mansion's famed poinsettia tree, and a visit from ... Cinderella. (Hey, Santa can't be everywhere at once.)

But there are some respites from all that walking. Davenport's Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host the Believe Women's Christmas Event (December 5), featuring holidaythemed dance, music, stage performance, dinner, and dessert. The German American Heritage Center presentation Treats & Traditions (December 15) will enable you to learn about German Christmas traditions and enjoy German yummies.

If you're a star-gazer by nature, you won't want to miss the annual Season of Light Planetarium Show (December 12 through 18) at Augustana College's John Deere Planetarium - a multimedia presentation that employs the sky projector, astronomical images, music, and narration to explain how holiday traditions are connected to the sky. More lights - many, many, many lights - will also be on display at Davenport's Adler Theatre in the touring stage production Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas (December 18).

Oh yes. And let's not forget about the Project of the Quad Cities' mouth-watering event Project Chocolate (November 30) at Jumer's Casino & Hotel in Rock Island, nor the fifthannual Cookie Walk (December 12) at Davenport's New Hope Presbyterian Church. Sure, they don't have "Christmas," "Winter," or "Season" in their titles, but if you're not thinking at least a little bit about chocolate and cookies during the holidays, your thinking's all wrong.

For more on holiday-themed area events, visit the "Other Events" section of the events calendar on page 28. - Mike Schulz



Mon \$6.50 ½-Pound Burger Baskets, \$2.25 Wells, \$3 Bombs, \$3 25oz. Domestics Tue \$2 Domestic Pints, \$3 Micro Brews Wed \$7 Pitchers, \$5 Martinis, \$4 Bombs Thu \$2-20 Domestic Bottles Fri \$4 Bombs Sat \$3 Bloody Marys Sun \$3 Margaritas

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MUSIC CONCERTS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

November

The Purple Xperience Live in Concert, concert with the Minneapolis-based Prince & the Revolution tribute band led by Matt Fink (a/k/a Doctor Fink), a member of Prince & the Revolution from 1978 to 1991; \$20-25; for tickets and information, call 563-508-2893, Col Ballroom, 1012 W. 4th St., Davenport, IA, LegendaryColBallroom.com, 9pm Fri Nov 27.

Stayin' Alive: A Tribute to the Bee Gees, concert with the touring pop and disco performers; \$25; for information, call 800-843-4753, Ouad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St., Bettendorf, IA, QCWCC. com, 7:30pm Sat Nov 28.

Family Groove Company, concert with the funk/jazz musicians, with an opening set by Frank F. Sydney's Western Bandit Volunteers; \$10 adv / \$12 dos (+fees \$1.50adv/\$2dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 9pm Sat Nov 28.

The Brat Pack, concert with the almosttotally-80s pop musicians; for information, call 309-793-1999, RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave., Rock Island, IL, RIBCO.com, 9pm Sat Nov 28.

RiverBend Bronze Annual Holiday Concert, an evening of holiday music performed by the area handbell ensemble; for information, call 563-332-4648, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3775 Middle Rd., Bettendorf, IA, OurSaviorBett.org, 4pm Sun Nov 29.

Winter Zither Concert, annual holiday event with the Davenport Zither Ensemble. copresented by the German American Heritage Center; \$5 suggested donation; for information, call 563-322-8844, St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2363 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC.org, 2pm Sun Nov 29.

Black Hawk College Student Vocal Recital, voice students will present a variety of songs from the Renaissance through the early 20th Century; for information, call 309-796-5478 or e-mail Ion Palomaki at palomakii@bhc.edu. Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 7:30pm Mon Nov 30.

December

Black Hawk College Community Band Concert, in the Building 4 Hawk's Nest; Sean Talbot directs the BHC Community Band in classic concert band repertoire and some holiday favorites; for information, call 309-796-5051, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 7:30pm Tue Dec 1.

The Piano Guys, pop and classical music with Jon Schmidt, Steven Sharp Nelson, Paul Anderson, and Al van der Bee; \$35-95; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7:30pm Tue Dec 1.

Voice Seminar, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@ augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall -Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 10:45am Tue Dec 1.

String Ensemble Concert, concert of orchestral string music by Mendelssohn, Boyce and Correlli: free: for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesing-flynnterrik@ sau.edu, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 7:30pm Wed Dec 2.

Black Hawk College Holiday Choral Concert, three choral ensembles join forces to present a joint concert of holiday standards and new music; several soloists and instrumentalists will also join the festivities; for information,

contact Jon Palomaki at 309-796-5478 or palomakij@bhc.edu, First Congregational Church - Moline, 2201 7th Avenue, Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 7:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Branson on the Road: Christmas Style, country music and comedy with the popular touring production; noon-12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm show - \$44.41; 7pm show - \$50.16; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Thu Dec 3.

Joe Goodkin's "Odyssey", Goodkin performs a 30-minute one-man musical interpretation of Homer's "Odyssey"; free; for information, contact Kirsten Day at kirstenday@ augustana.edu, Wallenberg Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 7:30pm Thu Dec 3.

The Way Down Wanderers, five-piece roots/ Americana band in concert, with an opening set by Miles Over Mountains; \$7.00 (+\$1.50 adv / \$2 DOS); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 7:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Harpists' Delight, local harpists will provide music to get everyone in the holiday spirit; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, noon Fri Dec 4.

Lessons and Carols, University Chorale and Chamber Singers perform in the Lessons and Carols tradition; free; for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesingflynnterrik@sau.edu, Christ the King Chapel St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 7pm Fri Dec 4.

Christmas at Augustana, at 2 & 7:30pm; 300 student musicians perform holiday music in the Augustana Brass Ensemble, Ascension Ringers, Augustana Symphony Orchestra, Augustana Choir, Cantilena Augustana, Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble, and Wennerberg Men's Chorus: \$10-20; for tickets and information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/tickets, Sat Dec 5

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks III: Winter Fun - Mozart and More!, a potpourri of classic favorites including Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" Mozart's "Piano

Concerto #21" with St. Ambrose professor Marian Lee, and a set of "Sleigh Ride"s; \$6-62; for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, QCSO.org, 8pm Sat Dec 5.

Black Hawk College Community String Orchestra Concert, Roxanne Croegaert directs the chamber string ensemble in nostalgic pieces from the past; for information, contact Croegaert at 309-787-4025, Trinity Lutheran Church - Moline, 1330 13th St, Moline, IL, BHC. edu, 3pm Sun Dec 6.

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Suzy Bogguss: Swingin' Little Christmas, holiday concert with the country singer/ songwriter; \$30 adv/\$35 DOS (+\$2.50 adv/+\$3.00 dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience. org, 7:30pm **Sun Dec 6**.

Flute and Clarinet Choir Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Tue Dec 8.

Student Recital, free: for information. contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 10:45am Tue Dec 8.

Sara Gazarek, recital with the jazz vocalist, faculty member at the University of Southern California, and Quad City Arts Visiting Artist; for information, contact Jon Palomaki at 309-796-5478 or palomakij@bhc.edu, Trinity Lutheran Church - Moline, 1330 13th St, Moline, IL, BHC. edu, 11am Thu Dec 10.

An Ambrosian Christmas, Christmas concert featuring all of the St. Ambrose University Music Department Ensembles; free; for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesing-flynnterrik@sau.edu, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Chordbusters Holiday Show, seasonal concert with the local barbershop chorus. sponsored by Churches United of the Quad Cities; for information, call 309-788-2030, Heritage Church - Rock Island, 4801 44th St. Rock Island, IL, HeritageQC.com, 7pm Fri Dec

Denial 3, the Prophecy Tour: A Tribute to Trans-Siberian Orchestra, concert with the touring progressive-rock performers; \$25; for information, call 800-843-4753, Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St. Bettendorf, IA, QCWCC.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Sara Gazarek, concert with the jazz musicians and Quad City Arts Visiting Artist; refreshments following; free; for information, call 309-743-2701, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, ButterworthCenter.com, 3pm Fri Dec 11.

The Manny Lopez Big Band, Lopez and his 13 piece big band will be playing all your favorites from the Big Band era; featuring hits from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Henry Mancini, and Stan Kenton: 5pm doors, 6pm show: \$13-16; for tickets and information. call 309-786-7733, extension 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 6pm Fri Dec 11.

A Christmas Messiah, annual presentation of Handel's holiday masterpiece, with this year's soloists Jamie Rose Guarrine, soprano, Amanda Crider, mezzo soprano, Tyler Nelson, tenor, and Corey Crider, baritone; Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; for information and tickets, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/tickets, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

Quad City Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert, conducted by Brian L. Hughes; \$8-12, free for students thru 12th grade; for information, e-mail info@qcwindensemble. org, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, QCWindEnsemble.org, 3pm Sun Dec 13.

Lessons & Carols, at 4 & 8pm; the Augustana Chamber Singers and Campus Ministries present the story of Christ's birth in readings and song; free; for information, call 309-794-7306, Ascension Chapel, Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/tickets, Thu Dec 17.

Frank Sinatra Jr.: Sinatra Sings Sinatra, multi-media experience in which Frank Sinatra Jr. delivers first-hand recollections of life on- and off-stage with his iconic father, in a Broadway at the Adler presentation; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7:30pm Thu Dec 17.

Nova Singers: A Nova Christmas, the professional vocal ensemble performs familiar carols in traditional arrangements, and a few new ones, under the direction of Laura Lane; \$15-18, students free; for information, call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu, St. Paul Lutheran Church - Davenport, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, NovaSingers.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 18.

Bucktown Revue, a celebration of Mississippi River Valley culture through music, storytelling, poetry and humor; with emcee

Scott Tunnicliff and special guests; \$13 at the door; for information and to reserve, e-mail mgromkey@gmail.com or call Mike Romkey at 563-940-0508, Nighswander Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, BucktownRevue. com, 7pm Fri Dec 18.

Danielle Nicole, concert with the 2014 Blues Music Award winner, with an opening set by Dan Tedesco; \$10 (+fees \$1.50 in adv / \$2 DOS); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333. The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 8pm Sat Dec 19.

Third Sunday Jazz, Polyrhythms presents a 3pm, jazz workshop (\$5 adults, free for kids) and a 6pm concert (\$10-15); for tickets and information, call 309 373-0790 or visit Polyrhythms.org, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience. org, 3pm Sun Dec 20.

Winter Solstice featuring Dixon's Violin, celebrate the winter solstice with music, meditation, art, and workshops; \$20; for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 6:30pm Tue Dec 22.

Remember the King, musical tribute to Elvis Presley; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Thu Dec 31.

The Tailfins, RSVP by December 27 for New Year's Eve concert with the classic rock 'n' roll musicians, with a 7pm dance lesson; 7pm buffet-style dinner, live music and dancing from 8:30pm to 12:30am; 6:30pm doors; \$30, or \$10 dance-only; for information, call 563-349-1805 or e-mail riverdancehall@ gmail.com, Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St, Walcott, IA, Facebook.com/pages/River-Dance-Hall/223701927795722, 7pm **Thu Dec 31**.

The Travoltas, New Year's Eve concert with the pop and disco performers; \$20; for information, call 800-843-4753, Ouad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St., Bettendorf, IA, QCWCC.com, 8:30pm Thu Dec

January

Man in Black: The Music of Johnny Cash, concert tribute to the King with impersonator Robert Shaw; \$20-25; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, 7pm Sat Jan 2.

The Manny Lopez Big Band, Lopez and his 13 piece big band will be playing all your favorites from the Big Band era; featuring hits from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Henry Mancini, and Stan Kenton; 5pm doors, 6pm show; \$13-16; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733, extension 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 6pm Fri Jan 8.

Civil War Melodies, with music by Dan Haughey; free; for information, call 309-524-2470. Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, noon Fri Jan 15.

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High School Honor Band Festival, the festival will begin with afternoon workshops

and rehearsals, and then there will be a concert with performances by the festival bands; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 6:30pm Mon Jan 18.

Faculty Recital, bassoonist Sue Bawden. part-time instructor of music, will perform; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/ arts, 8pm Tue Jan 19.

Faculty/Student Recital: Kali Yuga, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Wed Jan 20.

David G. Smith, original folk songs in the Brown Bag Lunch series; free; for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, noon Fri Jan 22.

Faculty Recital, voice recital with Michelle Crouch, adjunct assistant professor of music, in the Ensemble Room; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts - Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Fri Jan 22

Percussion Ensemble Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts - Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Sat

Guest Artist Recital, with vocalist Seth Keeton: free: for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana. edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL,

Augustana College



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Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Sun Jan 24. WVIK/QCSO Signature Series III: Horn

Trios, concert with Marc Zyla on horn, Naha Greenholtz on violin, and Marian Lee on piano: for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276. Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 2pm Sun Jan

Augustana Voice Faculty Recital, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Ascension Chapel, Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Tue Jan 26.

Skewed and Such, guest-artist recital with the percussion and electronic music duo; free: for information, e-mail RandallHall@augustana. edu, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Wed Jan 27.

Casual Classics Concert: Craig Hultgren, Holtgren plays contemporary cello music; free; for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesing-flynnterrik@sau.edu, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 5pm Fri Jan 29.

EGi, progressive funk musicians in concert, with an opening set by Dead Larry; \$7 (+\$1.50 in advance / \$2 dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 8pm Fri Jan 29.

Deja Vu Rendezvous featuring Ron Dewitte & Lynne Rothrock, concert with the married duo of blues guitarist Dewitte and chanteuse Rothrock: \$7 (+ fees \$1.50 adv / \$2 dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 8pm Sat Jan 30.

Flute Recital, student recital with Marisa Hollems; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana. edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Sat Jan 30.

February

Student Recital, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 10:45am Tue Feb 2.

Augustana Jazz Ensemble Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Fri Feb 5.

Augustana Four Choirs Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 4pm Sat Feb 6.

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks IV: Song and Dance, featuring violinist Livia Sohn, and performances of Grieg's "Holberg Suite Video," Barber's "Violin Concerto," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7"; for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, QCSO.org, 8pm Sat Feb 6.

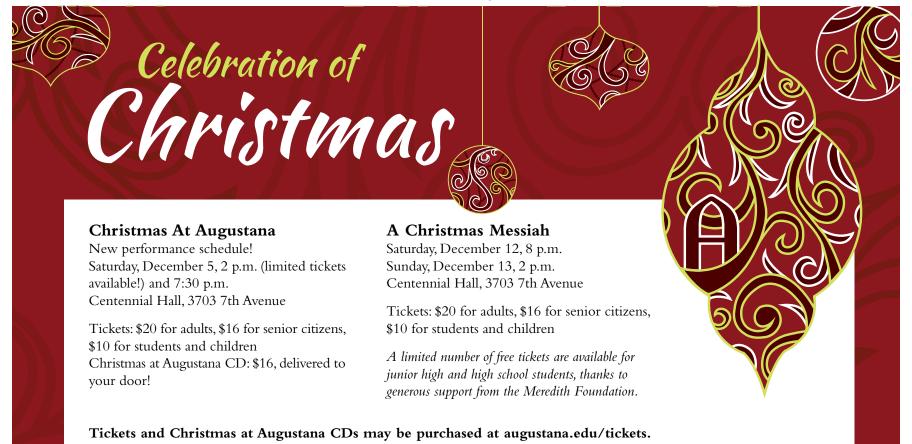
Student Recital: Brian Hinkley, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Sat Feb 6.

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Student Recital, free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@ augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall -Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Tue Feb 9

Augustana Jazz Combo Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Larson Hall -Augustana College, Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, Augustana. edu/arts, 8pm Wed Feb 10.

Davina & the Vagabonds, jazz, blues, and roots musicians in concert, with an opening set by the Appleseed Collective; \$12 adv / \$15 dos (+\$1.75 in adv/\$2 dos); for information and tickets,. call 563-326-1333. The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 8pm Fri Feb 12.



MUSIC CONCERTS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

February

Folk Songs & Sing-Alongs with Chris Dunn, free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, noon Fri Feb 12.

The Manny Lopez Big Band, Lopez and his 13 piece big band will be playing all your favorites from the Big Band era; featuring hits from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Henry Mancini, and Stan Kenton; 5pm doors, 6pm show; \$13-16; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733, extension 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 6pm Fri Feb 12.

Augustana Concert Band Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 2pm Sat Feb 13.

Augustana Symphony Orchestra Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Sat Feb 13.

Nova Singers: A World Beloved -- A Bluegrass Mass, the professional vocal ensemble and guest artists Monroe Crossing perform traditional choral music with folk and bluegrass styles, under the direction of Laura Lane: \$15-18, students free: for information. call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu, St. Paul Lutheran Church - Davenport, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, NovaSingers.com, 4pm Sun Feb 14.

Melanie Devaney, the Americana singer/ songwriter performs in the Brown Bag Lunch series; free; for information, call 563-344-4187, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, noon Fri Feb 19.

Bucktown Revue, a celebration of Mississippi River Valley culture through music, storytelling, poetry and humor; with emcee Scott Tunnicliff and special guests; \$13 at the door; for information and to reserve, e-mail mgromkey@gmail.com or call Mike Romkey at 563-940-0508, Nighswander Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA, BucktownRevue. com, 7pm Fri Feb 19.

Third Sunday Jazz: Miguel Zenon, concert with the Grammy-nominated saxophonist in a Quad City Arts Visiting Artists presentation. held in collaboration with Ployrhythms Third Sunday Jazz series: for information, call 309-793-1213, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, QuadCityArts.com, 6pm Sun Feb 21.

Youth Choir, Prelude Strings, and Youth String Ensemble Concert, for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, OCSO.org, 2pm Sun Feb 21.

Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert, for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 5pm Sun Feb 21.

Symphony Day, the Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform educational concerts at 9:15am, 11am, and 1pm, for nearly 6,000 fourth and fifth graders from southeast lowa and northwest Illinois: for information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 9:15am Tue Feb 23.

Longfellow Family Night Concert, for information, call 563-322-7276, Longfellow Liberal Arts School, 4198 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, Thu Feb 25.

Miguel Zenón, concert with the Grammynominated saxophone player and Quad City Arts Visiting Artist; refreshments following;



Ragtime the Musical @ Adler Theatre - February 17

free; for information, call 309-743-2701, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, ButterworthCenter.com, 3pm Fri Feb 26.

Nicholas David, concert with the alternative-soul singer/songwriter and 2012 performer on TV's "The Voice"; \$15 adv / \$18 DOS (+\$1.75 in adv / \$2 dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 7:30pm Sat Feb 27.

Winter Bands Concert, concert featuring the St. Ambrose University Symphonic Band and the Jazz Ensemble; free; for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesingflynnterrik@sau.edu, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 7:30pm Sat Feb 27.

Quad City Wind Ensemble Winter Concert, conducted by Brian L. Hughes; \$8-12, free for students thru 12th grade; for information, e-mail info@qcwindensemble.org, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, QCWindEnsemble.org, 3pm Sun Feb 28.

March

SAU Winter Choir Concert, performed by the St. Ambrose University Chorale, Chamber Singers, Bee Sharp and STAMVOJA vocal ensembles; free; for information, contact Terri Flynn at 563-333-6001 or buesing-flynnterrik@ sau.edu; Galvin Fine Arts Center - St. Ambrose University, 2101 Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU. edu, 7:30pm Thu Mar 4.

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks IV: Song and Dance, three local stars bring life to a world premiere "Dream Variations for Bassoon," Brahms' "Variations on a Theme of Haydn," and Elgar's "Enigma Variations"; for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, QCSO.org, 8pm Sat Mar 5.

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks IV: Song and Dance, three local stars bring life to a world premiere "Dream Variations for Bassoon," Brahms' "Variations on a Theme of Haydn," and Elgar's "Enigma Variations"; for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO. org, 2pm Sun Mar 6.

An Evening with Christian Howes, concert with the jazz musician and violinist; \$15-20; for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 7pm Wed Mar 9.

An Evening with Albert Cummings, concert with the blues musician in support of his newest recording "Someone Like You"; \$15 adv / \$17 dos (+\$1.75 in adv / \$2 dos); for tickets and information, call 563-326-1333, The Redstone Room, 129 Main St, Davenport, IA, RiverMusicExperience.org, 7:30pm **Thu Mar 10**.

Greenmore, Irish music with Joe Nobiling and Rob Dahms; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, noon Fri Mar 11.

The Manny Lopez Big Band, Lopez and his 13 piece big band will be playing all your favorites from the Big Band era; featuring hits from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Henry Mancini, and Stan Kenton; 5pm doors, 6pm show; \$13-16; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733, extension 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 6pm Fri Mar 11.

Augustana Choir Home Concert, the choir returns home from California to share the music they created while on their annual performance tour; free; for information, contact Lauren Reid at 309-794-7323 or laurenreid@augustana.edu; St. Paul Lutheran Church - Davenport, 2136 Brady St., Davenport, IA, NovaSingers.com, 8pm

Augustana Symphonic Band Home Tour Concert, for tickets and information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 8pm Sat Mar 12.

The Don't Be Brothers, Irish pub band in a St. Patrick's Day concert; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Tue Mar 15.

St. Patrick's Day Flute Concert, for information, call 309-794-7306, Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 8pm Wed Mar

Outlying Areas

November & December

Irish Christmas in America, Irish musicians, singers and dancers in a performance rich in history, humor, and energy; \$30-35; for information, call 319-364-1580, CSPS/ Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, LegionArts.org, 8pm Fri Nov 27.

The Maggie Mae Holiday Show, seasonal concert with the country singer and Nashvillebased recording artist; \$13-22; for tickets and information, call 563-652-9815, Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maquoketa, IA, OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com, 7pm Sat Nov 28.

The Pines, folk and roots concert with the lowa-born, Minneapolis-based musicians; \$16-19; for tickets and information, call 319-364-1580, CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, LegionArts.org, 8pm Sat Nov 28.

Tony Orlando's Christmas Show, holiday concert with one of America's most endearing and enduring stars; \$28-48; for tickets and information, call 877-677-3456, Riverside

Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, RiversideCasinoAndResort.com,

Eugene Gaub & Nancy McFarland, concert with the piano and violin duo; \$15; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Mon Nov 30.

The Gibson Brothers, concert with the award-winning bluegrass musicians; \$17-21; for tickets and information, call 319-364-1580, CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, LegionArts.org, 7pm Wed Dec 2.

UI Symphony Orchestra & Choirs, featuring Charpentier's "Te Deum," Part's "Te Deum," and Dvorak's "To Deum"; conducted by Timothy Stalter: for information, call 319-335-1160, lowa Memorial Union Main Lounge - University of Iowa, 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Wed Dec 2.

Christmas at Heritage Center: Journey to Bethlehem, a dynamic concert presentation featuring the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Wind Ensemble, live narration, and more; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq.edu/heritagecenter, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4

Christmas with the Celts, an uplifting and spirited holiday musical celebration staring the world renowned Irish music group The Celts, Irish dancers, theatrics, a children's choir, and spontaneous Irish humor; \$15-38; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4.

JACK Quartet, with soprano Caroline Shaw; performing works of UI composers; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4.

An Irish Christmas, holiday music and dance with the touring Celtic performers; \$34-49; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 8pm Fri Dec 4.

Dickie, concert with veteran tunesmith Dick Prall and violinist Kristina Priceman; for information, call 563-263-3176. River's Edge Gallery, 216 W 3rd St, Muscatine, IA, RiversEdgeArt.com, **Sat Dec 5**.

JACK Quartet, with soprano Caroline Shaw; performing Shaw's "Ritornello 2 sq. 2" and "By the By," Zorn's "Remedy of Fortune," and Sharp's "Tranzience"; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat

Taylor Mac: A 24-Decade History of Popular Music 1846-1856: Whitman vs. **Foster**, a subjective history of the past 240 years since America's founding, told through the music of the times and a showdown between Walt Whitman and Stephen Foster, in a Hancher Auditorium presentation; \$10-30; for information, call 319-335-1160, The University of Iowa's E. C. Mabie Theatre, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Dec 5.

Center for New Music Concert, featuring music by guest composer Caroline Shaw; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sun Dec 6.

UI Chamber Orchestra & All-University String Orchestra, for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 3pm Sun

UI University Band/Concert Band,

conducted by Scott Corley, Carl Rowles, and Karl Kastens; for information, call 319-335-1160, Iowa Memorial Union, 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Mon Dec

UI Chamber Music Recital, conducted by Joe Cernuto, Scott Corley, Carl Rowles, and Joe Scheivert; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Tue Dec 8.

Lee Greenwood Christmas Concert, holiday concert with the chart-topping country musician; \$30; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm **Thu** Dec 10.

UI Steel Band II, for information, call 319-335-1160, 150 Music West, 150 N. Riverside Dr., lowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 6:30pm Thu Dec 10.

The Celtic Tenors, concert of classics and contemporary works with the internationally touring singers; for tickets and information. call 563-585-7469. John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq.edu/ heritagecenter, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

The Ellis Marsalis Quartet, concert with New Orleans' premier modern jazz pianist and his ensemble, in a Hancher Auditorium presentation; \$10-37; for information, call 319-335-1160, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa. edu, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

UI Semi-annual Last Chance Percussion Concert, for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 6:30pm Fri Dec

Christmas with the Quad City Singers, local vocal ensemble performs arrangements of "Jingle Bells," "Up on the Housetop," and other festive favorites under the direction of Lori Potts: 6pm cocktail hour, 7pm dinner and concert: \$45: for information and to reserve. call 309-781-7266, Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona, IL, OuadCitySingers.org, 7pm Fri Dec 11 thru Sat Dec 12.

Laptop Orchestra, new works by UI students under the direction of Christopher Jette; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Dec

Sara Gazarek, with the jazz vocalist, faculty member at the University of Southern California, and Quad City Arts Visiting Artist; donations encouraged; for information, call 309-793-1213, Central Performing Arts Center, 519 E. 11th St., DeWitt, IA, QuadCityArts.com, 7pm Sat Dec 12.

Sonny Knight & the Lakers, R&B and soul musicians in concert; \$15; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, 8pm Sat Dec 12.

Under the Streetlamp, holiday songs and classic hits from the American radio songbook with the group showcasing leading cast members of the Tony Award-winning musical "Jersey Boys"; \$15-45; for tickets and information, call 877-677-3456, Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, RiversideCasinoAndResort.com, 8pm Sat Dec 12.

Euforquestra Home for the Holidays, holiday concert with the funk musicians, performing with quests Tallgrass and Jack Lion; \$15-20; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert.org, 8pm

Fri Dec 18.

Nova Singers: A Nova Christmas, the professional vocal ensemble performs familiar carols in traditional arrangements, and a few new ones, under the direction of Laura Lane; \$15-18, students free; for information, call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu. First Lutheran Church - Galesburg, 364 E. Water St., Galesburg, IL, NovaSingers.com, 7:30pm Sat **Dec 19**

The Fez, pop, rock, and soul with the Steely Dan tribute musicians; \$12-15; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, 8pm Sat Dec 19.

The Neverly Brothers, tribute concert of favorite hits ranging from 1950s American Rockabilly to the 1964 British-invasion groups: \$25-30; for tickets and information, call 563-652-9815. Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maquoketa, IA, OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com, 7pm Thu Dec 31.

January

Talk + Music: The Songs of Downton Abbey, join Michael Lasser, music historian and host of National Public Radio's "Fascinatin' Rhythm," with jazz vocalist Max Wellman and Katy Merriman of the Repertory Theatre of Iowa for songs, stories, and a bit of history that bring the world of "Downton Abbey" alive through the music of the day; for information, call 515-277-4405, Des Moines Art Center, 4700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, DesMoinesArtCenter.org, 6:30pm Thu Jan 7.

Ana Gasteyer & Her Jazz Quintet, jazz standards and humor with the star of "Saturday Night Live" and Broadway's "Wicked" and her ensemble; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq.edu/heritagecenter, 7:30pm Sat Jan 9.

American English, concert with the internationally touring Beatles tribute band; \$28-38; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 8pm Fri Jan 15.

Joseph Hall's Elvis Rock 'n' Roll Remember Tribute Show, tribute concert with the touring Elvis impersonator Hall; \$13-25; for tickets and information, call 563-652-9815, Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maquoketa, IA, OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com, 7pm Sat Jan 16.

RATT, multi-platinum-selling heavymetal musicians in their "2016 Re-Invasion Tour"; \$25-45; for tickets and information, call 877-677-3456, Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, RiversideCasinoAndResort.com, 8pm Sat Jan

Peoria Symphony Orchestra: Fairy Tales & Scary Tails Family Concert, an afternoon of musical ghost stories and fairy tales told by some of the world's greatest composers, along with a celebrity narrator; children of all ages are encouraged to wear their favorite costume for the on-stage costume parade and contest; \$9-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 3pm Sun Jan 24.

VoicePlay, music, humor, and unpredictable stage antics with the performers famed from season 4 of NBC's "The Sing-Off"; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq. edu/heritagecenter, 7:30pm Fri Jan 29.

Vocalosity, Deke Sharon presents an evening of a cappella renditions of everything from Gregorian chant to contemporary Top 40 hits; \$10-35; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert.org, 7:30pm Sat Jan 30.

February

Paul Jones: Alter at the Heart, concert in the Chamber Spotlight Series; \$15; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts. Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA. FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Tue Feb 9.

Bobby McFerrin, concert with the pop

artist and 10-time Grammy Award winner, in a Hancher Auditorium presentation; \$10-45; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Fri Feb 12.

David Brooks & the Piano Man Xperience, tribute concert to piano greats such as Elton John, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, Little Richard, Liberace, Jerry Lee Lewis; \$13-25; for tickets and information, call 563-652-9815, Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maquoketa, IA, OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com, 7pm Sat Feb 13.

Nova Singers: A World Beloved - A Bluegrass Mass, the professional vocal ensemble and guest artists Monroe Crossing perform traditional choral music with folk and bluegrass styles, under the direction of Laura Lane: \$15-18, students free: for information, call 309-341-7038 or e-mail nova@knox.edu, Knox College's Kresge Recital Hall, 2 East South St., Knox College, Galesburg, IL, NovaSingers.com, 7:30pm Sat Feb 13.

Peoria Symphony Orchestra: Romance, an evening of romantic classics with favorite torch songs sung by guest artist Marisa Buchheit, Miss Illinois 2014; the concert features the romantic music of Rossini, de Sarasate,

Rachmaninoff, and Ravel; \$9-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 8pm Sat Feb 13.

The Guess Who, concert with the charttopping pop musicians of "American Woman" fame; \$30-55; for tickets and information, call 877-677-3456. Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside, IA, RiversideCasinoAndResort.com, 8pm Sat Feb

Center for New Music Concert, featuring music by guest composer Dan Welcher; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sun Feb 14.

Gaelic Storm, concert with the Celtic-rock and world musicians: \$35; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre. 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, 7pm Sun Feb 14.

UI Symphony Orchestra, featuring Brahams' "Symphony No. 1 in C minor" and Ravel's "Piano Concerto in G major"; conducted by William LaRue Jones; for information, call 319-335-1160, Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge - University of Iowa, 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City, IA,





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Theatre

Musicals and Dance

November through March

You know Dasher and Dancer. And Prancer and Vixen. And Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen. But do you recall The Most Famous Reindeer of All? Probably not. Director Andrea Moore's holiday-themed family comedy will be making its area debut at Rock Island's Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse on November 27 (running through December 27), and it's just one of the musical and dance titles designed to engage local theatre audiences this winter with a delightful blend of the familiar and the brand-spanking-new.

For instance, you and your family may be well-



Ballet Quad Cities' The Nutcracker - December 12 & 13

acquainted with the beloved holiday film A Christmas Story. But in Moline, when Quad City Music Guild takes on this cherished, 1940s-set classic, director Bob Williams' A Christmas Story: The Musical (December 3 through 6) will bring the tale of Ralphie, Randy, and a box marked "Fra-GEE-lay" to life through a Tony-nominated score and an adaptation that earned the show a Best Musical nod. Similarly, you and your young uns may love the Will Ferrell screen comedy Elf. But you've perhaps never seen it performed with accompanying song and dance, as you will when Rock Island's Center for Living Arts treats holiday crowds to Elf: The Musical (December 4 through 12), which will be performed over successive weekends by two sets of student-actor casts.

As it is again this year, the winter season for the talents of Ballet Quad Cities is traditionally bookended by December productions of Tchaikovsky's holiday perennial The Nutcracker and the February dance vignettes of Love Stories. But as is also traditional, those Love Stories performances at Moline's Scottish Rite Cathedral (February 12 and 13) will boast new choreography, new music, and new dancers for Love Stories veterans to fall in love with. And Davenport's Adler Theatre performances of The Nutcracker (December 12 and 13) will not only boast company dancers in different roles, but live accompaniment by Orchestra Iowa and, for the very first time, musical contributions by the young talents of the Quad City Symphony's Children's Choir.

A couple months after *The Nutcracker* closes, the Adler will segue from Tchaikovsky to the Tony-winning team of Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens, and Terrence McNally with the touring production *Ragtime: The Musical* (February 17). A sure-to-be-exceptional presentation in the Broadway at the Adler series, this kaleidoscopic look at early-20th Century America is based on the essential E.L. Doctorow novel and Oscar-nominated 1981 film that followed, and an Oscar-winning movie gets similar treatment in the Adler's Flashdance: The Musical (March 15), which follows the exploits of a welder-byday/dancer-by-night. As Irene Cara herself would say: What a feeling!

Kander & Ebb's musical drama Cabaret is always worth a hearty "Wilkommen!", as it no doubt will be when Maquoketa's Ohnward Fine Arts Center and the city's Peace Pipe Players present director John Burrow's 50th-anniversary take on this Berlin-set classic February 26 through 28. The timeless tale of the Phantom of the Opera is given stage treatment in Circa '21's and director Seth Reines' Phantom (January 13 through March 5), collaborators Maury Yeston's and Arthur Kopit's adaptation that BroadwayBaby.com called "altogether more engaging than ALW's." (If there's any confusion, that's initialized shorthand for "Andrew Lloyd Webber's.")

Moline's i wireless Center may again be presenting a *Disney on Ice* spectacular, but this one will be the area debut *Treasure Trove* (December 3 through 6), featuring hardwater takes on Peter Pan, The Lion King, and other Mouse House classics. Kim Furness may again be directing Junie B. Jones in "Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" (December 5 and 6) - having previously performed that duty for Circa '21 in 2011 - but this time she's doing it at Davenport's St. Ambrose University with an exciting student cast.

And the District Theatre may be reprising composer Danny White's and book writer Tristan Tapscott's A Christmas Carol (December 10 through 20) for its fourth-annual presentation, but director James Fairchild's endeavor will boast a new set of Dickensians, and will also, of course, be housed within the new District space at the former Rock Island Argus building. So that's area theatre's listing of wintertime musical and dance productions. God bless them all. Every one.

For more on the area's seasonal musical and dance scene, visit the "Theatre" and "Dance" sections of the events calendar on pages 21 and 24. - Mike Schulz

MUSIC **CONCERTS**

Outlying Areas

February

Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Wed Feb 17. Orchestra Invitational, for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N

Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7pm **Fri Feb 19**.

UI lowa Honor Band Festival, conducted by Richard Mark Heidel, with Courtney Jones

on trumpet; for information, call 319-335-1160, Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge - University of Iowa, 125 N. Madison St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 7pm Sat Feb 20.

Mainstreet Souvenirs featuring Pianist Scott Kirby, concert of works of Americana including Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster and John Philip Sousa, and continuing up to the present; \$20; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Tue Feb 23.

Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra, New Zealand musicians in an evening of Kiwi humor, disarmingly small instruments, and sublime musicality; \$15-33; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787. Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Thu Feb 25

Aeolus Quartet, performing Haydn's "String Quartet Op. 71, No. 2," Ranjbaran's "String Quartet," and Beethoven's "String Quartet No. 13, Op. 130"; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Feb

March

Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys, concert with the Michigan-based roots and Americana ensemble; for information, call 563-263-3176, River's Edge Gallery, 216 W 3rd St, Muscatine, IA, RiversEdgeArt.com, Fri Mar 4.

Kantorei & University Choir, conducted by Timothy Stalter; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Fri Mar 4.

Get the Led Out, concert with the Philadelphia-based Led Zeppelin tribute musicians: \$28-38: for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 8pm Fri Mar 4.

Camerata, conducted by David Puderbaugh; for information, call 319-335-1160, Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Sat Mar 5.

Aaron Tippin: Unplugged, concert with the chart-topping Americana singer/songwriter; \$15-38; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787. Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Sat Mar 5.

UI Chamber Orchestra, featuring Copland's "Three Latin American Sketches," Rossini's "Pas de Six, No. 5, William Tell," Schubert's "Symphony No. 2, Bb major, D125," and Marcello's "Concerto for Oboe, C minor"; Riverside Recital Hall, 405 N Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, 3pm Sun Mar 6.

UI University Band/Concert Band, featuring Charpentier's "Te Deum," Part's "Te Deum," and Dvorak's "To Deum"; conducted by Joe Cernuto and Karl Kastens; for information, call 319-335-1160, Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge - University of Iowa, 125 N. Madison

St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7:30pm Mon Mar 7.

Alpin Hong's Chasing Chopin, theatrical concert event telling of the life of the piano virtuoso/storyteller; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dba.edu/ heritagecenter, 7:30pm Wed Mar 9.

Queen Machine, tribute artists perform "We are the Champions," "We Will Rock You," "Somebody to Love," "Bohemian Rhapsody," and many other hits; \$15-33; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Fri Mar 11.

Switchback, Celtic roots and soul with musicians Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack: \$15-25: for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, TheOrpheum.org, 7:30pm Fri Mar 11.

Celtic Woman: The Destiny Tour, concert with the chart-topping quartet of Irish chanteuses; \$42-108; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm Sat Mar 12.

The Infamous Stringdusters, acoustic bluegrass quintet in concert, with an opening set by Nicki Blum on her "Ladies & Gentlemen Tour"; \$25; for information, call 319-335-1160, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 7pm Sun Mar 13.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

WQPT Seeking Music Videos, seeking music-video submissions from area musicians for use in the music segment of "The Cities" with Jim Mertens; videos should be shot in high definition (HD) and use an independent audio mix; WQPT reserves the right to reject songs that contain inappropriate language or images; music videos may be dropped off at the WQPT offices at 3300 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265, or contact us for information on how to upload your materials at 309-764-2400 and ask for . Chris Ryder, WQPT-TV, 3561 60th St., Moline, IL, WQPT.org, thru Thu Dec 31.

Black Hawk College Community Jazz Band, 11am-12:15pm Mondays and Wednesdays and 6-8:20pm Thursdays; local musicians and singers are invited to join, no auditions required; \$20/semester; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave.

Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 11am Mon Nov 30 thru Thu Dec 31.

Black Hawk College Community String Orchestra, on Mondays; local musicians and singers are invited to join, no auditions required; \$20/semester; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Dec 28.

Black Hawk College Community Band, on Tuesdays local musicians and singers are invited to join, no auditions required; \$20/ semester; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 6:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 29.

Black Hawk College Community Chorale, on Thursdays; local musicians and singers are invited to join, no auditions required; \$20/ semester; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 6:30pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 31.

LITERARY ARTS

READINGS & DISCUSSIONS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

November & December

Lunar Traditions Storytelling: Beaver Moon, stories, songs, and drumming with Larry Lockwood; for information, call 309-794-0991, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCGardens.com, Wed Nov 25.

LeClaire Community Library Book Club Discussion, free; 4th Wed. of the month; for information, call 563-289-4242, LeClaire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA, LeClaire.lib.ia.us, Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 23.

Local Author Book Fair, support Small Business Saturday by shopping from local author small businesses; free to attend; for information and to participate, call Ryan at 563-324-1410 or email mwc@midwestwritingcenter. org, SouthPark Mall, 4500 16th St, Moline, IL, MWCQC.org, 1pm Sat Nov 28.

The Aviator's Wife, a discussion of Melanie Benjamin's book with the Last Monday Book Club; refreshments served on the theme of the book; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Books on Tap, the Davenport Public Libraries host a fun, casual book discussion; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, The Phoenix Restaurant & Martini Bar, 111 West 2nd St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Local Author Event and Book Signing, 13 Quad Cities authors will be signing and selling their books and giving brief readings/presentations of their work; free; for information and to participate, call Ryan at 563-324-1410 or email mwc@midwestwritingcenter. org, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MWCQC.org, 10am Sat Dec 5.

Writers' Studio, a writing critique group for all genres; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Dec 5.

Jan Brett Author/Illustrator Visit & Signing, the children's-book author gives a 15-minute drawing illustration and presentation at 10am, then will be available to sign books, including copies of her new release "The Turnip"; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library (Main), 321 Main Street, Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com. 10am Sun Dec 6

The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry, a discussion of Gabrielle Zevin's book with the Alpha Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 3pm Mon Dec 7.

The First Bad Man, a "Get Lit" discussion of Miranda July's book; free; for information, call 563-344-4179 or e-mail cwalters@bettendorf. org, Dunn Bros. Coffee, 787 Middle Rd., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 7pm **Tue** Dec 8

Beer & Books, meet important contacts, discuss literature, and make new friends among editors, writers, readers, translators, booksellers, librarians, teachers, students, and anyone else who enjoys talking about books and writing; free; for information, call 319-351-9529, The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., Iowa City, IA, ICMill. com, 5pm Tue Dec 8.

Read Local with Trisha Georgiou, the author of "Quartered Enlightenment, A New Life and Other Poems of Living Passion" will also be launching her latest collection "A Bizarre Sentence," in a co-presentation with the Midwest Writing Center; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Bettendorf Public Library,

2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, MWCQC.org, 7pm Wed Dec 9.

Between the Lines, discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction at this lively book discussion group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 7pm Wed Dec 9.

Emily Dickinson Poetry Discussion, retired SAU professor Bea Jacobson will lead a discussion of Dickinson's poetry, with a theme to be announced; birthday cake will be served; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, 7pm Thu Dec 10.

The Ice Princess, a discussion of Camilla Lackberg's book with the Mystery Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Dec 12.

Bagels & Books, travel, explore and discover passions with the library's newest on-site book discussion group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 10am Sat Dec 12.

See YA, an adult book club with a teenbook twist; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 7pm Mon Dec 14.

Short & Sweets, discuss short stories while eating yummy sweets; all registrants receive a complimentary copy of the story; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 10am Mon Dec 14.

West End Book Club Discussion, discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction books with this fun group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 7pm Tue Dec 15.

To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918, a discussion of Adam Hochschild's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group, led by St. Ambrose University Professor of History Sandy McKinley; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 7pm Wed Dec 16.

Flight of the Sparrow, a discussion of Amy Belding Brown's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 1pm Wed Dec 16.

Writers' Studio, a writing critique group for all genres; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Dec 19.

Last Monday Book Club Discussion, a book discussion with refreshments based on the theme of the book; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6:30pm Mon Dec 28.

January

Writers' Studio, a writing critique group for all genres; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Jan 2.

The Rosie Project, a discussion of Graeme Simsion's book with the Alpha Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 3pm Mon Jan

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LITERARY ARTS

READINGS & DISCUSSIONS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

January

Pageturners Book Discussion Group, free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm **Tue Jan 5**.

Books on Tap, the Davenport Public Libraries host a fun, casual book discussion; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, The Phoenix Restaurant & Martini Bar, 111 West 2nd St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Jan 7.

My First Murder, a discussion of Leena Lehto-Lainen's book with the Mystery Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 9:30am Sat Jan 9.

Bagels & Books, travel, explore and discover passions with the library's newest on-site book discussion group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 10am Sat Jan 9.

See YA, an adult book club with a teenbook twist; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 7pm Mon Jan 11.

Short & Sweets, discuss short stories while eating yummy sweets; all registrants receive a complimentary copy of the story; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 10am Mon Jan 11.

Black Swan Green, a discussion of David Mitchell's book with the 30/31 Book Club: all those who have read the book are welcome to attend; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6:30pm Mon Jan 11.

Jewelweed, a "Get Lit" discussion of David Rhodes' book; free; for information, call 563-344-4179 or e-mail cwalters@bettendorf.org, Dunn Bros. Coffee, 787 Middle Rd., Bettendorf, IA. BettendorfLibrtary.com. 7pm Tue Jan 12.

Between the Lines, discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction at this lively book discussion group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 7pm Wed Jan 13.

River Reading: Eula Biss, readings from the author of "On Immunity: An Inoculation," "Notes from No Man's Land: American Essays," and "The Balloonists"; free; for information, e-mail MicheleHill14@augustana.edu, Denkmann Memorial Hall - Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 7pm Thu Jan 14.

Corn Poll Reading and Discussion, Zachary Jack will read from and discuss with all comers his newest book; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 12:30pm Sat Jan 16.

Writers' Studio, a writing critique group for all genres: free: for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Jan 16.

Use the Force: Read! Winter Reading Program, thru Feb. 27, at all Rock Island libraries; pick up reading contest forms and participate in fun Use the Force: Read! Winter Reading events for all ages; children, teens, and adults can win prizes for meeting their reading goals; for information, call 309-732-7323, RocklslandLibrary.org, Sat Jan 16 thru

Sat Feb 27.

Everything I Never Told You, enjoy a cocktail or two while discussing Celeste Ng's book with the Last Call Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Icons Martini, 124 18th St, Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 7pm Tue Jan 19.

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Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the **Table**, a discussion of Ruth Reichl's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, 1pm Wed Jan 20.

Last Monday Book Club Discussion, a book discussion with refreshments based on the theme of the book; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6:30pm Mon Jan 25.

Necessary Lies, a discussion of Diane Chamberlin's book with the Southwest Branch Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Jan 26.

February

The Boston Girl, a discussion of Anita Diamant's book with the Alpha Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 3pm **Mon Feb**

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Nights of Awe, a discussion of Harri

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I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, a 30/31 Book Club discussion of Maya Angelou's autobiography; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library -30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 6:30pm Mon Feb 15.

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Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, World War II, and the Long Journey Home, a discussion of Gary W. Moore's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group, led by St. Ambrose University English Professor Michael Hustedde; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm Wed Feb 17.

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The Keeper of Lost Causes, a discussion of Jussi Adler-Olsen's book with the Mystery Book Discussion Group; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 9:30am Sat Mar 12.

West End Book Club Discussion, discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction books with this fun group; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 7pm Tue Mar 15.

Elizabeth Is Missing, enjoy a cocktail or two while discussing Emma Healey's book with the Last Call Book Club; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Icons Martini, 124 18th St, Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 7pm Tue Mar

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity, a discussion of Katherine Boo's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group, led by Augustana College professors; free; for information, call 563-344-5705; Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1:30pm Wed Mar 16.

Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, World War II, and the Long Journey Home, a discussion of Gary W. Moore's book with the Contemporary Books Discussion Group, led by St. Ambrose University English Professor Michael Hustedde; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Wed Mar 16.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

December & January

USA VETS Writers' Studio, led by Jodie Toohey; writing veterans or active military members talk about writing, do some writing, and share some writing with people who understand one another; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 1pm Thu Dec 3.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information. call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Dec 5.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Dec 19.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the

group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Jan 2.

USA VETS Writers' Studio, led by Jodie Toohey; writing veterans or active military members talk about writing, do some writing, and share some writing with people who understand one another; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 1pm Thu Jan 7.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCOC.org, 11am Sat Jan 16.

English 207: Introduction to Women Writers, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; students will read works from a diverse group of writers; for information, contact instructor Dr. Amy Kolker at kolkera@bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu/register, 10am Wed Jan 20.

English 205: Literature of the Supernatural, on Mondays and Wednesdays; students will read stories about witches. vampires, zombies, and ghosts; for information, contact instructor Dr. Amv Kolker at kolkera@ bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu/ register, 1pm Mon Jan 25.

QC Writers Social Mixer, the Midwest Writing Center sponsors an event designed for writers to spend time with each other, swap stories and tips, and spread goodwill among their fellow writers; writers of any genre, skill, or experience level are invited; free; for information and to register, call 563-324-1410, Bennigan's, 226 17th St, Rock Island, IL. MWCQC.org, 5:30pm Thu Jan 28.

February & March

USA VETS Writers' Studio, led by Jodie Toohey; writing veterans or active military members talk about writing, do some writing, and share some writing with people who understand one another; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 1pm Thu Feb 4.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Feb 6.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Feb 20.

QC Writers Social Mixer, the Midwest Writing Center sponsors an event designed for writers to spend time with each other. swap stories and tips, and spread goodwill among their fellow writers; writers of any genre, skill, or experience level are invited; free; for information and to register, call 563-324-1410, Bennigan's, 226 17th St, Rock Island, IL, MWCQC.org, 5:30pm Thu Feb 25.

USA VETS Writers' Studio, led by Jodie Toohev: writing veterans or active military members talk about writing, do some writing, and share some writing with people who understand one another; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 1pm Thu Mar 3.

Writer's Studio, writing critique group for all genres; bring several pages to read to the group and get feedback; free; for information, call 563-324-1410, Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA, MWCQC.org, 11am Sat Mar 5.

THEATRE PERFORMANCES

Scott & Rock Island Counties

Now Playing

A Wonderful Life, stage-musical adaptation of Frank Capra's holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life," directed by Ann Nieman; Fri., Sat., & Wed. 6-7pm buffet, 7:15pm pre-show, 7:45pm show; Sun. 4-5pm buffet, 5:15pm pre-show, 5:45pm show; Wed. matinee 11:45am-12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm pre-show, 1:30pm show; \$42.50-48; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Sun Dec 27.

The Most Famous Reindeer of All. family-musical twist on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," directed by Andrea Moore: scheduled 10am show-only performances and noon brunch performances; \$10.50-20; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

Opening in December

A Christmas Story: The Musical, musical comedy based on the beloved holiday movie, directed by Bob Williams; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$11-16; for tickets and information, call 309-762-6610, Quad City Music Guild - Prospect Park Auditorium, 1584 34th Ave., Moline, IL, QCMusicGuild.com, Thu Dec 3 thru Sun Dec 6.

Elf: The Musical, a Youth Musical Theatre Class (cast 1) performance of the holiday musical based on the Will Ferrell comedy; Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2 & 7pm; \$10; for information, call 563-340-7816, The Center for Living Arts, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, CenterForLivingArts. org, Fri Dec 4 and Sat Dec 5.

Love, Loss, & What I Wore, Nora and Delia Ephron's play of monologues on women's relationships with fashion, presented in a joint fundraiser for the OC Theatre Workshop and Dress for Success Quad Cities, directed by Lora Adams; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; \$25 suggested donation; for information, call 563-650-2396, QC Theatre Workshop, 1730 Wilkes Ave., Davenport, IA, QCTheatreWorkshop.org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 13.

Junie B. Jones in "Jingle Bells, Batman Smells", family musical based on Barbara Park's children's books, directed by Kimberly Furness; \$8-9; for tickets, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA. SAU.edu/theatre, 3pm Sat Dec 5 and Sun Dec

The Santaland Diaries, at 7 & 10:30pm; Joe Mantello's stage adaptation of David Sedaris' comedic holiday tale, co-presented by the District Theatre, directed by Tristan Tapscott; \$12; for information and tickets, call 309-235-1654, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, DistrictTheatre.com, Sat Dec 5.

A Christmas Carol, annual presentation of Tristan Tapscott's and Danny White's musical based on Charles Dickens' holiday classic, directed by James Fairchild; Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; \$20; for information and tickets, call 309-235-1654, The District Theatre, 1724 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, DistrictTheatre.com, Thu Dec 10 thru Sun Dec 20.

Elf: The Musical, a Youth Musical Theatre Class (cast A) performance of the holiday musical based on the Will Ferrell comedy; Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2 & 7pm; \$10, The Center for Living Arts, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, CenterForLivingArts.org, Fri Dec 11and Sat

Events

Adler Theatre

November through March

To matter your preferred choice in entertainment, it seems pretty evident that you'll find it at Davenport's Adler Theatre over the next few months, as the venue' wintertime lineup boasts events celebrating pop music, classical music, classical dance, musicals based on beloved movies, Motown hits, improvisational comedy, YouTube sensations, black-clad figures wrapped in neon lights moving to the strains of Mariah Carey and the theme from The Godfather



Lightwire Theater's A Very Electric Christmas - December 18

Yeah, I'd better begin with that last one. On December 18, the Adler houses an evening with the touring sensations of Lightwire Theater's A Very Electric *Christmas*, and it's probably safe to presume that you've never seen anything like it. With its performers, set pieces, and props visible only through their attached, wildly colorful neon illumination, this stage spectacular details the holiday adventure of Santa's avian helper Max, who gets thrown off course while flying south for the winter. Where he winds up, though, is in the midst of a joyous celebration of seasonal sights and sounds, with the gloriously eclectic soundscape encompassing everything from the aforementioned Carey and Godfather tunes to Nat King Cole, "Ride of the Valkyries," "Jingle Bell Rock," the Home Alone score, and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite."

Those seeking *The Nutcracker* in its entirety are also in luck, because once again the Adler will host the annual productions of Ballet Quad Cities' The Nutcracker (December 12 and 13), featuring live music by Orchestra Iowa and, for the first time ever, special appearances by the members of the Quad City Symphony's Children's Choir. But if that's not enough dancing for you this season, fear not - there will also be Dancing in the Streets inside the Adler on March 16, with a gifted cast of touring professionals bringing exciting new life to beloved songs by artists including the Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, the Temptations, and the Supremes.

What's that? You want even more dancing? You got it! On March 15, the Adler will find a maniac, ma-a-a-aniac, on the floor in the movie adaptation Flashdance: The Musical, a Broadway at the Adler presentation preceded by the venue's hosting of a Tony Award-winning smash similarly inspired by an Oscar-nominated film - Ragtime: The Musical (February 17). Heck, even the Quad City Symphony Orchestra – which offers up seasonal entertainment in December 5's "Masterworks" presentation Winter Fun: Mozart & More! - is getting in a dance-y mood this winter with its fourth "Masterworks" offering titled Song & Dance (February 6), featuring pieces by Grieg, Barber, and Beethoven. (The concerts will also be performed at Augustana College's Centennial Hall on December 6 and February 7, respectively.)

You may not dance along to his tunes, but you'll likely be grinning from ear to ear when pop crooner Frank Sinatra Jr. performs numbers made famous by his ol'blue-eyed father in the touring event Sinatra Sings Sinatra (December 17), with an ensemble of big-band musicians providing gorgeous accompaniment to such classics as "Strangers in the Night," "New York, New York," and "My Way." As for musicians Paul Anderson, Steven Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt, and Al van der Beek, they did it their way, and now their YouTube fame as **The Piano Guys** brings them to the Adler in a December 1 concert event in which the quartet tickles the ivories on everything from One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful" to Frozen's Oscar-winning "Let It

And we end the Adler's winter lineup the way it begins, with the November 27 engagement featuring renowned comedians and improv artists Colin Mochrie and **Brad Sherwood**. Best known for their quick-witted work on TV's Whose Line Is It Anyway?, Mochrie and Sherwood may not boast the musical bona fides evident in the rest of the Adler's seasonal lineup, but if they ask for audience suggestions and you scream out "Neon Mozart ballet-dancing to Sinatra's rendition of 'Let It Go'!", I'm betting they won't disappoint.

For more information on the Adler Theatre's winter 2015-16 schedule, visit AdlerTheatre.com. - Mike Schulz

THEATRE **PERFORMANCES**

Scott & Rock Island Counties

Opening in December

Trifles, student-directed production of Susan Glaspell's one-act drama; Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$3-5; for tickets and information, call 309-794-7306, Augustana College Black Box Theatre, Bergendoff Hall, 3701 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Dec 12.

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Dec 18.

Gashlycrumb Orphanage & Chicago Stories, two original one-acts co-written and performed by professional performer and former Center for Living Arts student Michele Stein: \$10: for information, call 563-340-7816. The Center for Living Arts, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, DistrictTheatre.com, 7pm Fri Dec 18.

The Santaland Diaries, Joe Mantello's stage adaptation of David Sedaris' comedic holiday tale, directed by Tristan Tapscott; \$10; for information and tickets, call 309-235-1654, The District Theatre, 1724 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, DistrictTheatre.com, 8pm Fri Dec 25 and Sat

Opening in January

Arsenic & Old Lace, Joseph Kesselring's comedy classic about two elderly murderesses, directed by Donna Weeks: Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm. Sun. 3pm; \$13; for tickets and information, call 309-762-0330, Playcrafters Barn Theatre, 4950 35th Ave., Moline, IL, Playcrafters.com, Fri Jan 8 thru Sun Jan 17.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St. Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Jan

Phantom, Maury Yeston's and Arthur Kopit's musical adaptation of "Phantom of the Opera," directed by Seth Reines; Fri., Sat., Wed., and Jan. 14: 6-7pm buffet, 7:15pm pre-show, 7:45pm show; Sun. 4-5pm buffet, 5:15pm pre-show, 5:45pm show; Wed. matinee 11:45am-12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm pre-show, 1:30pm show; \$42.50-48; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2. Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse. 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Wed Jan 13 thru Sat Mar 5.

KCACTF Showings, for information, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/theatre, 4pm Fri Jan 15.

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann: \$35 includes dinner and show: for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187. Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Jan 15.

Love's Labour's Lost, the Prenzie Players' presentation of William Shakespeare's comedy, directed by Cait Bodenbender; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm doors, 8pm show, Sun. 2:30pm doors, 3pm show; Fri. & Sat. \$15, Thu. & Sun. \$10; for information and tickets, call 563-484-4210 or e-mail info@prenzieplayers.com, QC Theatre Workshop, 1730 Wilkes Ave., Davenport, IA, PrenziePlavers.com, Fri Jan 22 thru Sat Jan 30.

Moon Over Buffalo, Ken Ludwig's Tonynominated backstage comedy; Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; \$20; for information and tickets, call 309-235-1654, The District Theatre, 1724 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, DistrictTheatre.com, Thu Jan 28 thru Sat Feb 13.

Getting Out, Marsha Norman's drama about a reformed prisoner, directed by Jeff Coussens; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 1:30pm; \$7-11; for tickets and information, call 309-794-7306. Potter Theatre - Augustana College, 3701 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, Fri Jan 29 thru Sun Feb 7.

Opening in February & March

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Feb 13.

Ragtime: The Musical, Tony-winning musical based on the E.L. Doctorow novel, in a Broadway at the Adler presentation; \$37-57; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7:30pm Wed Feb 17.

Hedda Gabler, Henrik Ibsen's dramatic classic, directed by Corinne Johnson; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; \$9-13; for information, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/theatre, Fri Feb 19 thru Sun Feb 21.

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Feb 19.

The Velveteen Rabbit, student-performed adaptation of the storybook classic, written by Anita Larsen, directed by Daniel Sheridan: Sat. 1 & 4pm, Sun. 2pm; \$6-8 at the door; for information, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.org, Sat Feb 20 thru Sun Feb 28.

Map of My Kingdom, a play commissioned by Practical Farmers of Iowa and written by Iowa's Poet Laureate Mary Swander that tackles the critical issue of land transition; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Wed Feb 24.

The Big Meal, Dan LeFranc's dramatic comedy following four generations of family, directed by Mike Schulz; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; "pay what it's worth" ticket pricing; for information, call 563-650-2396, QC Theatre Workshop, 1730 Wilkes Ave., Davenport, IA, QCTheatreWorkshop.org, Fri Mar 4 through Sun Mar 20.

Shear Madness, interactive mysterycomedy by Paul Portner, directed by Sean McCall: Fri., Sat., Wed., and Mar. 10 - 6-7pm buffet, 7:15pm pre-show, 7:45pm show; Sun. 4-5pm buffet, 5:15pm pre-show, 5:45pm show; Wed. matinee 11:45am-12:45pm plated lunch, 1pm pre-show, 1:30pm show; \$42.50-48; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave.,

Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Wed Mar 9 thru Wed Mar 16.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Mar 11.

Mama Won't Fly, Southern road-trip comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten, directed by Aaron Lord: Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; \$13; for tickets and information, call 309-762-0330, Playcrafters Barn Theatre, 4950 35th Ave., Moline, IL, Playcrafters.com, Fri Mar 11 thru Sun Mar 20.

Flashdance: The Musical, stage musical based on the Oscar-winning 80s film, in a Broadway at the Adler presentation; \$37-57; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7:30pm Tue Mar 15.

Outlying Areas

Now Playing

Nuncrackers, holiday-themed musicalcomedy sequel to "Nunsense"; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm; Sun., Wed., & Thu. 3pm; \$18.50-28; for tickets and information, call 319-622-6262, Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, OldCreamery.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Sun Dec 20.

Outside Mullingar, John Patrick Shanley's Tony-nominated family drama, directed by Cherryl Moon Thomason; \$10-25; for tickets and information, call 319-622-3222, lowa Theatre Artists Company, 4709 220th Trail, Amana, IA, IowaTheatreArtists.org, 7:30pm Fri Nov 27 thru Sat Nov 28, 2:30pm Sat Nov 28 thru Sun Nov 29.

A Christmas Story: The Musical, holiday musical based on the beloved movie, directed by Leslie Charipar; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2:30pm; \$25; for tickets and information, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 102 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, TheatreCR.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 6.

Jingle Arrgh the Way! A Christmas Pirate Adventure, musical-comedy adventure based on the story by Melinda Long; scheduled 10am & 1pm performances on Saturdays; \$9; for tickets and information, call 319-622-6262, Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, OldCreamery.com, Sat Nov 28 thru Sat Dec 19.

Opening in December

Interrupted: A Collaborative Performance, students from the University of Iowa Department of Dance, School of Music, School of Art and Art History, and Department of Theatre Arts will present an interdisciplinary performance created through the collaboration of choreographers, musicians, poets, composers, designers, and stage managers; Wed. & Thu. 8pm, Sat. 2pm; for information, call 319-335-2700, The University of Iowa's David Thayer Theatre, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Ulowa.edu, Wed Dec 2 thru Sat Dec 5.

The Mortal Instruments, a Workshop Series presentation of Sean David DeMers' play; free, but ticket required; for information, call 319-335-2700, Theatre B - University of Iowa, Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, 8pm Thu Dec 3 and Fri

All Through the Night, L. Don Swartz's holiday-themed comedy/drama, directed by Janith Cratsenberg; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$15-16; for tickets and information, call 319-462-4793, Starlighters II Theatre, 200 E. Main St., Anamosa, IA, Starlighters.org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 13.

Theophilus North, New England-based

drama adapted from Thornton Wilder's novel, directed by Kehry Anson Lane; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$9-17; for tickets and information, call 319-338-0443, Iowa City Community Theatre, 4261 Oak Crest Hill Rd., Iowa City, IA, IowaCityCommunityTheatre.com, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 13.

Coming of Age in Chore Boots, onewoman dramatic comedy written and performed by Janet Schlapkohl, directed by Tim Budd; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; \$18-30; for tickets and information, call 319-338-7672. Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, RiversideTheatre.org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sat Dec 19.

Divalicious: A Musical Tribute to Great Ladies, a spin down memory lane with your favorite tunes from the 50s, 60s, & more; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sat. & Sun. 2:30pm; \$10-25; for tickets and information, call 319-622-3222, Iowa Theatre Artists Company, 4709 220th Trail, Amana, IA, IowaTheatreArtists.org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sat Dec 19.

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, Tom Mula's comedic re-telling of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, directed by Shannon Hill; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; for information and tickets, call 815-879-5656, Grace Performing Arts Center, 316 S. Main St., Princeton, IL, Festival 56. com, Sat Dec 5 thru Sun Dec 20.

Royal Shakespeare Company: Henry V, an HD screening of Shakespeare's history play, directed by Gregory Doran; \$15-18; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert.org, 7pm Wed Dec 9.

Undergraduate Directors Festival, a Gallery Series presentation; free; for information, call 319-335-2700, Theatre B -University of Iowa, Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, 8pm Thu Dec 10 thru Sat Dec 12.

Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Radio Play, radio-show version of the Oscar-winning holiday film classic; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$8-15; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, TheOrpheum.org, Fri Dec 11 thru Sun Dec 13.

Oliver!, City Circle Acting Company presents the musical classic based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," directed by Elizabeth Tracey; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$12-27; for tickets and information, call 319-248-9370, Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 5th St., Coralville, IA, CoralvilleArts.org, Fri Dec 11 thru Sun Dec 20.

Sal Fink, Catfish Wrangler, at 10am & 1pm; watch Sal tame a bear, wrestle a vicious snake, vanquish a tornado, and play with her pet pig, Suey; the production features live music written and performed by Iowa musician Ron Hillis; presented by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre; for information, call 319-627-2487, Owl Glass Puppetry Center, 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, IA, PuppetsPuppets.com, Mon Dec 28.

Opening in January

Pinocchio, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre presents John Davies' fairytale adaptation in a school outreach production performed by members of CR Opera's Young Artist Program: free; for information, call 319-365-7401 or e-mail jlschulte@cr-opera.org, Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 1st St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CR-Opera.org, 10:30am Sat Jan 9.

La Traviata, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre presents Verdi's classic sung in Italian with English supertitles, with accompaniment by Orchestra Iowa; conducted by Daniel Kleinknecht with stage direction by James Marvel: Fri. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; for information and tickets, call 319-365-7401 or e-mail ilschulte@ cr-opera.org, Paramount Theatre, 123 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CR-Opera.org, Fri Jan 15 and

Sun Jan 17.

Avenue Q, Tony-winning "Sesame Street" for grown-ups, directed by Leslie Charipar; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; \$25; for tickets and information, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 102 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, TheatreCR.org, Fri Jan 15 thru Sun Jan 31.

MLK Week Event, for information, call 319-335-2700, Theatre B - University of Iowa, Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA. Theatre. Uiowa.edu. 8pm Mon Jan 18.

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Tony-winning musical comedy directed by Susan Hamel; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$11-19; for tickets and information, call 319-338-0443, lowa City Community Theatre, 4261 Oak Crest Hill Rd., Iowa City, IA, lowaCityCommunityTheatre.com, Fri Jan 22 thru Sun Jan 31.

Fairy Tales!, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre hosts a community puppet show, inviting local and area residents to help perform and construct; this year's show will feature a large circular shadow puppet stage, beautiful shadow puppets, and live music to present some of Eulenspiegel's favorite fairy tales; for information, call 319-627-2487, Owl Glass Puppetry Center, 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, IA, PuppetsPuppets.com, 2pm Sun Jan 24.

Million Dollar Quartet, Tony-winning musical about the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins; \$15-45; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Fri Jan 29.

PHIL, a Workshop Series presentation of Sam Lahne's play; free, but ticket required; for information, call 319-335-2700, University of Iowa Theatre Building - Room 172, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, 8pm Fri Jan 29 and Sat Jan 30.

Line of Descent, William McCauley's farcical comedy, directed by Sam Osheroff; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; for tickets and information, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, RiversideTheatre.org, Fri Jan 29 thru Sun Feb 21.

Opening in February & March

Food and Fadwa, Lameece Issaq's and Jacob Kader's comedy/drama about a Palestinian woman living in Bethlehem, directed by Marina Johnson; Wed.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; for tickets and information, call 319-335-1160, The University of Iowa's David Thayer Theatre, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre.uiowa. edu. Thu Feb 4 thru Sun Feb 14.

The Great God Plan, Dreamwell Theatre's production of Amy Herzog's family drama, directed by Joseph Anderson; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm; \$10-13; for information, call 319-423-9820, Public Space One, 120 N. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA, Dreamwell.com, Fri Feb 5 thru Sat Feb 13.

19th Annual 10-Minute Play Festival, premieres of works by undergraduate playwrights, in a Gallery Series presentation; Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; \$5; for information, call 319-335-2700, Theatre B - University of Iowa, Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, Thu Feb 11 thru Sun Feb 14.

SPT Theatre: I Yam What I Yam, an evening of sketch comedy and drama, monologue, poetry and live music provided by SPT and musical guests; featuring Taylor Foster and Jake Stigers: \$20-25: for tickets and information, call 319-364-1580, CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, LegionArts.org, 8pm ${f Fri}$ Feb 12 and Sat Feb 13.

Danelaw, a Gallery Series presentation of Guadalupe Flores' play; Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun.

2pm: \$5: for information, call 319-335-2700. Theatre B - University of Iowa, Theatre Building, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, Thu Feb 18 thru Sun Feb 21.

Puppets & Pastries: Dessert Theatre For Adults, tickle your imagination and your sweet tooth in this evening presented by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre; for information, call 319-627-2487, Owl Glass Puppetry Center, 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, IA, PuppetsPuppets. com, Fri Feb 26.

Wendigo, a Workshop Series presentation of Chris Matheson's play; free, but ticket required; for information, call 319-335-2700, University of Iowa Theatre Building - Room 172, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre. Uiowa.edu, 8pm Fri Feb 26 and Sat Feb 27.

Cabaret, 50th-anniversary production of Kander & Ebb's musical classic, presented by the Peace Pipe Players and the Ohnward Fine Arts Center, directed by John Burrow; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; for information, call 563-652-9815 or e-mail director@ ohnwardfineartscenter.com, Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St., Maquoketa, IA, OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com, Fri Feb 26 thru Sun Feb 28.

Next to Normal, Pulitzer Prize-winning dysfunctional-family musical drama, directed by Angie Toomsen; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2:30pm; \$25; for tickets and information, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 102 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, TheatreCR.org, Fri Feb 26 thru Sun Mar 13.

Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School, stage version of Barbara Park's beloved children's book performed by New York's Theatreworks USA; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq.edu/ heritagecenter, 2pm Sun Feb 28.

Bullets Over Broadway, Tony-nominated musical comedy based on Woody Allen's Oscar winning film; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm Tue Mar 1 thru Wed Mar 2.

Iphigenia Crash Land Falls on the Neon Shell That Was Once Her Heart (a rave fable), Caridad Svich's modernization of Euripides' "Iphigenia at Aulis," directed by Mario El Caponi Mendoza; Wed.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm; for tickets and information, call 319-335-1160, The University of Iowa's David Thayer Theatre, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA, Theatre.uiowa. edu. Fri Mar 4 thru Sat Mar 12.

Roar!: A Weird, Wild, & Wonderful Night of Solo Works, new one-person plays by local and national playwrights; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm; for tickets and information, call 319-338-7672, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St., Iowa City, IA, RiversideTheatre.org, Fri Mar 4 thru Sun Mar 13.

Lost in Yonkers, Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prizewinning dramatic comedy, directed by Nate Sullivan; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$9-17; for tickets and information, call 319-338-0443, lowa City Community Theatre, 4261 Oak Crest Hill Rd., Iowa City, IA, IowaCityCommunityTheatre. com, Fri Mar 4 thru Sun Mar 16.

God Bless You, a Workshop Series presentation of Alosha Robinson's play, directed by Hiram Alexander Orozco free, but ticket required; for information, call 319-335-2700. University of Iowa Theatre Building - Room 172, 200 N. Riverside Dr., Iowa City, IA Theatre.Uiowa.edu, 8pm Fri Mar 11 and Sat Mar 12.

Music

Holiday Concerts

November and December

Tf you're planning to treat the family to a holiday **L**concert (or several) and check out the "Music" section of the Winter Guide events calendar, the sheer volume of area options can appear a tad overwhelming. I consequently recommend viewing the seasonal scene not as a mass of individual happenings but as one big, beautiful advent calendar, with a different musical treat behind every window flap. Granted, it's not quite the same as those awesome advent calendars that have chocolate hidden inside, but what's revealed will do doubt be just as sweet.



Christmas at Augustana - December 5

It goes without saying that houses of worship will be bursting with holiday spirit, as well as with a number of special seasonal events. Davenport's St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for example, hosts the German American Heritage Center's Winter Zither Concert on November 29, while the same day finds Bettendorf's Our Savior Lutheran Church celebrating the art of the handbell with the Riverbend Bronze Annual Holiday Concert. Barbershop crooning will fill Rock Island's Heritage Church in the Davenport Chordbusters' Celebrate the Holidays (December 11), with additional performances by Hersong, Riverbend Bronze, the Bend of the River Chorus, the Quad City Music Guild Youth Chorus, Jonathan Turner, Laila Haley, and more. And the professional vocal ensemble the Nova Singers will deliver their seasonal greeting A Nova Christmas to two area churches: Davenport's St. Paul Lutheran Church on December 18, and Galesburg's First Lutheran Church on December 19.

Davenport's annual spectacular First Presbyterian Church Christmas Concert takes place on December 19 and 20. And if it's Lessons & Carols you're looking for, you'll be able to find such nonsecular tales and songs at both St. Ambrose University's Christ the King Chapel (on December 4) in Davenport, and Augustana College's Ascension Chapel (on December 17) in Rock Island - with these events just two of the holiday-themed musical celebrations scheduled for our area's institutions of learning.

Moline's Black Hawk College gets in the spirit with the BHC Holiday Choral Concert on December 3. St. Ambrose's Galvin Fine Arts Center will house not only the Quad City Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert (December 13), but also student ensembles in An Ambrosian Christmas (December 11), featuring performances by the University Chorale and Chamber Singers. Augie's Centennial Hall will be the site for the annual Christmas at Augustana concert (December 5), with songs of the season rendered by the Augustana Brass Ensemble, Ascension Singers, Augustana Symphony Orchestra, Augustana Choir, Cantilena Augustana, the Wennerberg Men's Chorus, and the Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble. And let's hear a big "Ha-a-a-aa-alelujah!" to the return of A Messiah Christmas, with Handel's choral masterpiece receiving Centennial Hall stagings December 12 and 13.

Our area's professional venues are also hauling out the holly with some exciting holiday music. A Nashville star opens the season when Maquoketa's Ohnward Fine Arts Center presents The Maggie Mae Holiday Show on November 28, and down-home tunes can also be heard in Rock Island in the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse engagement Branson on the Road: Christmas Style (December 3). Similarly, Davenport's Redstone Room will get toes a-tappin' with Suzy Bugguss: Swingin' Little Christmas (December 6), but will then offer some seasonal soothing with December 22's Winter Solstice featuring Dixon's Violin, an event also boasting meditation, Reiki, and music therapy with performer EmJay.

Area talents will gather at Colona's Lavender Crest Winery for the annual performances of Christmas with the Quad City Singers (December 11 and 12), while monthly gigs take on a seasonal flavor in holiday-themed editions of **The Manny Lopez Big Band Concert** at the Circa '21 Speakeasy (December 11) and the **Bucktown Revue** at Davenport's Nighswander Theatre (December 18). The third "Masterworks" concerts of the season boast holiday flair at Davenport's Adler Theatre on December 5 and Augustana's Centennial Hall on December 6, when the Quad City Symphony Orchestra presents Winter Fun: Mozart & More!

And if you're an indie-music fan, you won't want to miss what Daytrotter's Sean Moeller has prepared for his next offering at Davenport's Village Theatre: Moeller's Holiday Mystery Show! I could tell you who's performing, but then it wouldn't be a mystery, would it? (Of course, it would also be a lie, 'cuz I have no idea who's performing - that advent window is staying firmly closed until December 17).

For more information on our area's holiday-concert lineup, visit the "Concerts" section of the events calendar on page 12. - Mike Schulz

THEATRE AUDITIONS

Cabaret, auditions for the 50th-anniversary production of Kander & Ebb's musical classic, presented by the Peace Pipe Players and the Ohnward Fine Arts Center, directed by John Burrow; prepare a song of your choice and be prepared to dance and read from the script; Sun. 6:30pm, Tue. 7pm; for information, call 563-652-9815 or e-mail director@ohnwardfineartscenter.com, Peace Pipe Players, 400 N. Eliza St., Maquoketa, IA, PeacePipePlayers.net, Sun Dec 6 and Tue Dec

DANCE **PERFORMANCES**

Scott & Rock Island Counties

The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet performed by dancers from the Nolte Academy; Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 2 & 7:30pm Sun. 2 & 6:30pm; \$16-28.50; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 6.

Ballet Quad Cities' The Nutcracker, annual presentation of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, with live music by Orchestra Iowa and guest appearances by the Quad City Symphony's Children's Choir: Sat. 1:30 & 7:30pm, Sun 1:30pm; \$10.50-36; for information, call 309-786-3779, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA, BalletQuadCities.com, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

Pradhanica, the powerful Indian dance form of Kathak comes together with sitar and high-energy drumming on the cajon, djembe, and tabla, in a Quad City Arts Visiting Artist presentation; \$11-15; for information and tickets, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA. QuadCityArts.com, 7:30pm Sat Jan 30.

Love Stories, Ballet Quad Cities' annual presentation of classic and debuting dance vignettes; \$12-22; for information, call 309-786-3779, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1800 7th Ave., Moline, IL, BalletQuadCities.com, 7:30pm Fri Feb 12 and Sat Feb 13.

Outlying Areas

The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet performed by dancers from the Nolte Academy; Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 2 & 7:30pm, Sun. 2 & 6:30pm; \$16-28.50; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 6.

University of Iowa Dance Gala 2015, dance vignettes of powerful energy, graceful flight, and electrifying performances including those led by the school's internationally acclaimed faculty choreographers; Tue.-Sat. 8pm, Sat. & Sun. 2pm: \$5-20: for tickets and information. call 319-335-1160, University of Iowa's Space/ Place Theatre, 20 Davenport St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, Tue Dec 8 thru Sun Dec

The Nutcracker, Peoria Ballet presents Tchaikovky's holiday classic, with live accompaniment by the Heartland Festival Orchestra; Sat. 2 & 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$12-47; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

UI Youth Ballet and School of Dance Winter Concert, Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; for information, call 319-335-1160, University of Iowa's Space/Place Theatre, 20 Davenport St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher. Ulowa.edu, Sat Dec 19 and Sun Dec 20.

University of Iowa Department of Dance Faculty/Graduate Concert, for information, call 319-335-1160, University of Iowa's Space/ Place Theatre, 20 Davenport St., Iowa City, IA, Hancher.Ulowa.edu, 8pm Thu Feb 11 thru Sat Feb 13.

Jump Rhythm Jazz Project, blues, jazz, funk, hip hop, and world-music moves performed by Chicago's multiple-Emmy-Award-winning dance company; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq. edu/heritagecenter, 7:30pm Sat Feb 13.

Dancers in Company Home Concert, the company presents works by nationally and internationally active faculty and quest choreographers created around this year's theme of "water": \$5-12: for tickets and information, call 319-335-1160, University of Iowa's Space/Place Theatre, 20 Davenport St., Iowa City, IA, Uiowa.edu, 8pm Thu Feb 25 thru Sat Feb 27.

CLASSES & EVENTS

Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance Classes, offering classes in Ballet Pointe, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Conditioning, Creative Movement, and Adult Ballet, for ages 3 to adult; all classes taught by the company's professional dancers: for information and to register, call 309-786-2677, Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance, 617 17th St. Rock Island, IL, BalletOuadCities.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Lyle Beaver Trio Dance, \$10; for information, call 563-349-1805, Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St, Walcott, IA, 7pm Sat Nov 28.

Lost Country Dancers Dance, \$7; for information, call 309-764-9357, Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St, Walcott, IA, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11.

Jerry Beauchamp Dance, \$10; for information, call 563-349-1805, Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St, Walcott, IA, 7pm Fri Dec 18.

COMEDY

WEEKLY EVENTS

Comedy Open Mic Night, on Wednesdays; for information, call 309-781-9617, The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy.com, 7:30pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Comedy Open Mic, on Wednesdays; 6:30pm sign-up, 7:30pm performances; for information, call 319-363-0606, Penguin's Comedy Club, 208 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 7:30pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

ComedySportz, on Fridays & Saturdays; interactive comedy with the area's longrunning improv troupe; \$12; for tickets and information, call 309-786-1111 or e-mail Info@ ComedySportzQC.com, The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL, ComedySportzQC.com, 7pm Fri Nov 27 thru Sat Mar 12.

Circumstantial Comedy Show, on Sundays: for information, call 563-424-5506, BREW, 1104 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, Facebook.com/ EastVillageCoffee, 9pm Sun Nov 29 thru Sun

Tom Garland's Catacombs of Comedy Showcase, on Mondays; \$3-5; for information, call 319-337-6464, Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St, Iowa City, IA, IowaCityYachtClub.org, 10pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Comedy Open Mic, on Tuesdays; 7:30pm sign-up, 8:30pm hot mic; for information, call 563-355-0655, Harley Corin's, 1708 State St., Bettendorf, IA, 8:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue

Studio Series, on Fridays and Saturdays; sketch comedy and improvisational games for ages 17+; \$5 or free with CSz ticket; for tickets and information, call 309-786-1111, The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL, ComedySportzQC.com, 9:30pm Fri Dec 4 thru Sat Mar 12.

The Blacklist, on Saturdays; improvisational games and "bar-proy" with the area comedians: \$10-12; for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617, The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy. com, 9pm Sat Jan 2 thru Sat Mar 12.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Scott & Rock Island Counties

November & December

ComedySportz Classic: Sixth Anniversary at the Establishment, celebrate the venue's night-before-Thanksgiving debut with the Quad Cities' longest-running show; \$12; for information, call 309-786-1111, The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL, ComedySportzQC.com, 7pm Wed Nov 25.

Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood, an evening of hilarious original scenes with the "Whose Line is it Anyway?" comedians; \$28-43; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7pm Fri Nov 27.

Studio Series: The Establishment Stands Up, on Fridays and Saturdays; sketch comedy and improvisational games for ages 17+; \$5 or free with CSz ticket; for tickets and information, call 309-786-1111. The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL, ComedySportzQC.com, 9:30pm Fri Nov 27.

Studio Series: Survivor, on Fridays and Saturdays; sketch comedy and improvisational games for ages 17+; \$5 or free with CSz ticket; for tickets and information, call 309-786-1111, The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL, ComedySportzQC.com, 9:30pm Sat Nov 28.

The Blacklist: Blacklist Against Humanity Thanksgiving Edition, on Fridays & Saturdays; improvisational games and "bar-prov" with the area comedians; \$10-12; for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617, The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy.com, 9pm Sat Nov 28.

The Blacklist: 100 Laughs, on Fridays & Saturdays; improvisational games and "barprov" with the area comedians; \$10-12; for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617, The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy.com, 9pm Sat Dec 5.

The Friends of The Bob & Tom Show Comedy Tour, comedy event featuring radio-show headliners Todd Yohn, Costaki Economopoulos, and Al Jackson; \$25-31; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Davenport RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, RiverCtr.com, 8pm Sat Dec 5.

The After Hour, Andrew King hosts a live, late-night talk show with area guests; \$8-10; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, The Circa 21 Speakeasy.com, 10:30 pm Fri Dec 11.

Bobby Ray Bunch Standup Comedy Show, for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Sat Dec 12.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty: \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Dec

The Blacklist: Blacklist Against Humanity, on Fridays & Saturdays; improvisational games and "bar-prov" with the area comedians; \$10-12; for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617, The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy. com, 9pm Sat Dec 12.

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Dec 18.

The Blacklist: As Seen on TV, on Fridays & Saturdays; improvisational games and "barprov" with the area comedians; \$10-12; for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617. The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy.com, 9pm Sat Dec 19.

Show Us Your Pokeballs, a nerd-themed stand-up comedy show; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Sat Dec 19.

The Blacklist: Blacklist Against Humanity and Shots & Giggles, on Fridays & Saturdays improvisational games and "bar-prov" with the area comedians: \$10-12: for tickets and information, call 309-781-9617. The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA, BlacklistComedy.com, 9pm Sat Dec 26.

January thru March

The After Hour, Andrew King hosts a live, late-night talk show with area guests; \$8-10; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 10:30pm Fri Jan 8.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show: for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Jan

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, Skellington Manor.com, 6pm Fri Jan 15.

The After Hour, Andrew King hosts a live. late-night talk show with area guests; \$8-10; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 10:30pm

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show: for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St. Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Sat Feb

Rock into Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Craig Michaels and Scott Naumann; \$35 includes dinner and show; for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St. Rock Island, IL, Skellington Manor.com, 6pm Fri Feb 19.

Show Us Your Pokeballs, a nerd-themed stand-up comedy show; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Sat Feb 20.

Hunt for Murder, dinner and an interactive murder-mystery comedy with the It's a Mystery troupe, written by Patti Flaherty; \$35 includes dinner and show: for information and to reserve, call 563-344-9187, Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island, IL, SkellingtonManor.com, 6pm Fri Mar

The After Hour, Andrew King hosts a live, late-night talk show with area guests; \$8-10; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 10:30pm Fri Mar 11.

Outlying Areas

Richie Holliday, an evening with the standup comedian; \$12-15; for information and tickets, call 319-362-8133, Penguin's Comedy Club - Cedar Rapids, 208 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, PenguinsComedyClub.com, 7:30pm Fri Nov 27 and Sat Nov 28.

Jeff Dunham: Perfectly Unbalanced, comedian and ventriloguist on his national tour; \$49.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, USCellularCenter.com, 7:30pm **Thu Dec 3**.

J.R. Brow, an evening with the standup comedian; \$15-17; for information and tickets, call 319-362-8133, Penguin's Comedy Club -Cedar Rapids, 208 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, PenguinsComedyClub.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 4 and Sat Dec 5.

Nathan Timmel, an evening with the standup comedian: \$15-17; for information and tickets, call 319-362-8133, Penguin's Comedy Club - Cedar Rapids, 208 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, PenguinsComedyClub.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 11 and Sat Dec 12.

Pete George, an evening with the standup comedian; \$12-15; for information and tickets, call 319-362-8133, Penguin's Comedy Club -Cedar Rapids, 208 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, PenguinsComedyClub.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 18 and Sat Dec 19.

Michael Carbonaro, at 4 & 7pm: performances with the actor, magician, comedian, and improv artist; \$27.50-30; for information and tickets, call 319-362-8133, Penguin's Comedy Club - Cedar Rapids, 208 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, PenguinsComedyClub. com, Sun Dec 20.

The Wonder Bread Years, a Baby Boomer salute to Americana with comedian Pat Hazell; \$15-30; for tickets and information, call 309-342-2299, Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg, IL, TheOrpheum.org, 7:30pm **Sat** Jan 30.

Hooking Up with the Second City, the touring comedy troupe makes mirth out of missed connections, girls'-night-out adventures, and all the crazy things we do for love; \$28.50-33.50; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653, Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert.org, 8pm Fri Feb 12 and Sat Feb 13.

The Improvised Shakespeare Company, the Chicago-based comedians create a fully improvised play using the language and themes of William Shakespeare; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq. edu/heritagecenter, 7:30pm Fri Feb 26.

MUSEUMS

German Advent Adventures, exhibit of artistic advent calendars made by community members; Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. noon-4pm; free with \$3-5 admission; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC.

org, thru Mon Nov 30.

Christkindlmarkt, annual holiday market featuring German nutcrackers, advent calendars, glass ornaments, chocolates and cookies, and more; free with \$3-5 admission; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

Winterscapes, exhibit featuring original, winter-themed works by the female artists of Artists Unlimited: Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm. Sun. noon-4pm; free with \$3-5 admission; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC.org, thru Sun Jan 3.

Quad Cities Jewish Heritage, the exhibit tells the story of the first Jewish settlers in the community and how they paved the way for additional Jews to be able to live and establish themselves in the QC by creating cemeteries, study groups and synagogues; artifacts and stories from the local Jewish population paint a picture of everyday life and a sense of how we can relate with our neighbors, and visitors will also examine their contributions in the arts, finance, business, medicine, and philanthropy; free with museum admission; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam. org, thru Sun Jan 10.

German Advent Adventures, exhibit of artistic advent calendars made by community members; Tue.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. noon-4pm; free with \$3-5 admission; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC. org, Tue Dec 1 thru Thu Dec 24.

Living Advent Calendar Inaugural Lighting Ceremony, presented by the German American Heritage Center and Creative Arts Academy; each evening in December a new advent image will be revealed on the South facade of GAHC-Countdown to Christmas Eve with this community art project;; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC.org, Tue Dec 1.

Treats and Traditions, learn about German Christmas traditions and enjoy German treats in this class; register through Eastern lowa Community College; \$11; for information, call 563-322-8844, German American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA, GAHC. org, 10am **Tue Dec 15**.

The Discovery of King Tut, 10,000 square foot touring exhibition featuring more than 1,000 reproductions of treasures discovered in Tutankhamun's Egyptian tomb; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam. org, Sat Mar 5 thru Wed Mar 16.

MOVIES

November & December

Oklahoma!, 60th-anniversary screenings of the musical classic at 2 & 7pm, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, Wed Nov 25.

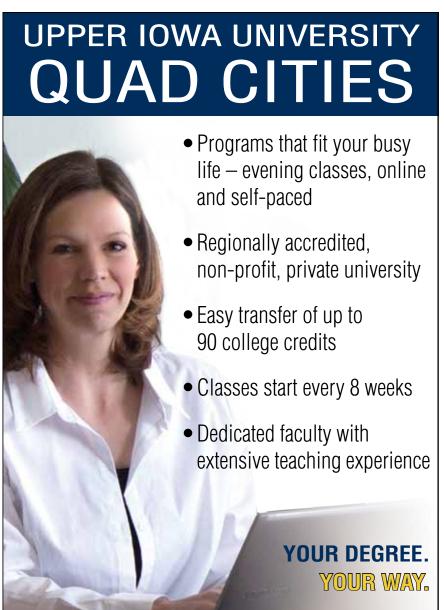
The Wiz, a screening of the Oscar-nominated musical updating of "The Wizard of Oz," starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson; includes free hot dogs, popcorn, and soda; an "At the Movies" event presented by Royal Neighbors of America Chapter 20028 and the Semper Fidelis Club; for information, call 800-627-4762, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, RoyalNeighbors. org, 5pm Wed Nov 25.

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Fleshpot on 42nd Street, a screening of the 2014 horror film in the "Late Shift at the Grindhouse" series, FilmScene, 118 E. College St., Iowa City, IA, ICFilmScene.org, 10pm Wed Nov 25.





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Music

The Redstone Room

November through March

bout a year-and-a-half ago, I performed a Alittle ditty at a Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse fundraising event. Not two songs later, the beloved chanteuse Lynne Rothrock took the stage and delighted the crowd with her warm presence, sharp humor, and gorgeous vocalizing. On January 30 of next year, in conjunction with its "Déjà Vu Rendezvous" series, Davenport's Redstone Room will host a concert headlining not only Iowa Blues Hall of Fame inductee Ron DeWitte, but his jazz-, pop-, and musical-theatre-performer spouse Lynne Rothrock. You know what this means? I can officially say that I was once the opening



Suzy Bogguss - December 6

act for someone who's been booked at the Redstone Room. I've literally never felt cooler.

But enough about me, because beyond the estimable DeWitte and Rockrock, the Davenport venue's wintertime lineup is going to be chockablock with outstanding musicians of nearly every stripe. The season begins with a jazzy blast of rock, or maybe a rockin' blast of jazz, in November 28's engagement with Family Groove Company, preceded by an opening set with the country wizards of Frank F. Sydney's Western Bandit Volunteers. Another two-fer lands with December 3's booking of roots and Americana artists The Way Down Wanderers and Miles Over Mountains, while additional double-features are already lined up for 2016: the gifted progressive-rock and funk musicians of EGi and Dead Larry on January 29, and the soulful, blues-y, roots-y talents of Davina & the Vagabonds and The Appleseed Collective on February 12.

Speaking of 2016, next March will be coming in like a lion - musicallyspeaking, at any rate – with a pair of eagerly anticipated Redstone Room concerts. On March 9, An Evening with Christian Howes will boast the virtuosic gifts of a musician whom the *Minneapolis Tribune* called "arguably the most intriguing young violinist in jazz," and whom the Jazz Journalist Association nominated for its citation "Violinist of the Year." March 15's An Evening with Albert Cummings, meanwhile, will find the hugely acclaimed blues guitarist touring in support of his latest release Someone Like You, and demonstrating exactly why he's served as opening act for the legendary likes of B.B. King, Johnny Winter, and

More musical magic can be found next year in the Redstone Room's February 27 concert with Minneapolis-based singer/songwriter Nicolas David, a 2012 Team CeeLo contestant on TV's The Voice, while this year comes to a close with Blue Year's Eve, a December 31 celebration boasting performances by Juliana & the Soul Purpose Band, Ernie Peniston, Hal Reed, and Ellis Kell & Friends. But before the venue bids adieu to 2015, patrons will also be treated to a countrythemed holiday treat in December 6's Suzy Bogguss: Swingin' Little Christmas and, performing with opening troubadour Dan Tedesco, a 2014 Blues Music Award winner in December 19's night with former Trampled Under Foot vocalist

Plus, on December 22, the Redstone Room will host a debuting seasonal event titled Winter Solstice featuring Dixon's Violin, which finds the visionary violinist performing in an evening that sounds like a sure-fire cure for holiday stress. There'll be a presentation on "the Shamanic Journey" with Kathleen Collins, music therapy with EmJay, massage, yoga, health-product vendors, Reiki self-healing led by musician Lars Rehnberg Hey, wait a second – I once emceed a Reader anniversary party that Lars and his band Ragaman played at. That means I've now been the opening act for *two* talents the Redstone Room has booked. Feeling even cooler now!

But more-than-enough about me. For more on the Redstone Room's schedule this winter, call (563)326-1333 or visit RiverMusicExperience.org. - Mike Schulz

MOVIES

November & December

Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet, animated feature intersperses Gibran's celebrated poetry within a wide variety of animated sequences by renowned filmmakers; a screening in the family-themed Picture Show series; \$2.50, FilmScene, 118 E. College St., Iowa City, IA, ICFilmScene.org, 3:30pm **Thu Nov 26**.

The Testament of Jason Kale, screening of a locally shot film by Christopher M. Carber: 6pm reception, 7pm screening; free; for information, call 309-737-2066, Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport,

Frozen, 3D screenings of the Oscar-winning animated musical; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St. Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

The Polar Express, 3D screenings of the Oscar-nominated holiday classic: for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

Up on the Wooftop, family movie about Santa's talking dog Toby: a screening in the family-themed Picture Show series: \$2.50. FilmScene, 118 E. College St., Iowa City, IA. ICFilmScene.org, 10am Sat Nov 28.

Frozen Sing-Along Sunday, sing along with the Oscar-winning animated musical; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, 4:15pm Sun Nov 29 thru Sun Dec 27.

Sino Cinema Series: Blind Massage, screening of the Lou Ye film in Mandarin with English subtitles: free: for information, call 309-200-0978, Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, RozzTox.com, 8pm Sun Nov 29.

Roman Holiday, screenings of the 1953 romantic comedy with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck at 2 & 7pm, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, Sun Nov 29 and Wed Dec 2.

Branagh Theatre: The Winter's Tale, the Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company's production of William Shakespeare's dramatic comedy, starring Sir Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com/theatre-1090, 7:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Holiday, screening held in commemoration of Cary Grant's passing away in Davenport; Bob King from the Classic Film Society will give a short introduction, and refreshments will be brownies baked by librarian Hedy Hustedde using a Katharine Hepburn family recipe; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Everyone's A Critic, screenings at 6 & 7:15pm of an unannounced documentary that has never before been seen at the Putnam; after the film, everyone will get the opportunity to become a critic by rating their experience: the film that scores the highest will then be brought back for a full run: \$7 includes the film, a small popcorn, and small soda: for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, Tue Dec 1.

Roman Holiday, screenings of the 1953 romantic comedy starring Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck at 2 & 7pm, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, **Tue Dec 1**.

Met Opera: Lulu Encore, Berg's femme fatale opera directed by artist William Kentridge, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark. com, 6:30pm Wed Dec 2.

Aliyah, screening of the French drama in the library's Independent Movie Series; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Thu Dec

RiffTrax Live: Santa and the Ice Cream Bunny, the 1972 movie eviscerated by "Mystery Science Theater 3000"s Michael J. Nelson, Kevin Murphy, and Bill Corbett, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 7pm Thu Dec 3.

Up on the Wooftop, family movie about Santa's talking dog Toby; a screening in the family-themed Picture Show series; \$2.50, FilmScene, 118 E. College St., Iowa City, IA, ICFilmScene.org, 3:30pm Thu Dec 3.

New York City Ballet: The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet with choreography by George Balanchine, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 12:55pm

Bolshoi Ballet: The Lady of the Camellias, John Neumeier's dramatic dance masterpiece performed and broadcast from the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 12:55pm Sun Dec 6.

As I Dream, screening of a locally shot, family-friendly film by Christopher M. Carber; with an art display by Asher Gray; 6:30pm doors, 7pm screening; free; for information, call 563-659-8213, DeWitt Operahouse Theatre, 712 6th Ave., Dewitt, IA, Mon Dec 7

New York City Ballet: The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet with choreography by George Balanchine, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 7pm Thu Dec 10.

Met Opera: The Magic Flute, Julie Taymor's hit production of Mozart's opera presented in a shortened English-language version, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 12:55pm Sat Dec 12.

Weekend Movie, see a 1977 sciencefiction film set in a galaxy far, far away; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 2pm Sat Dec 12.

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Afternoon Classic Films, relax while Henry Fonda, Audrey Hepburn, Rock Hudson, Katherine Hepburn, and some of your alltime favorites deliver the glitter and grit of yesteryear's Hollywood; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Dec 16.

Holiday Movies, watch your favorite seasonal movies while enjoying a warm cup of cocoa; all movies will be G or PG rated with different titles shown throughout the day; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 10am

Winter Favorite Movies, bring the kids and catch your favorite winter movies on the big screen; all movies will be G or PG rated, with different titles shown throughout the day; free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000

Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 10am **Tue Dec 29**.

January thru March

Independent Movie Night, enjoy a film with a discussion afterward; in French with English subtitles, may contain adult content; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 5:45pm Thu Jan 7.

Recent Releases, join us as we watch all the newest DVD releases; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Fri Jan 8.

Winter Film Festival Screening, a special display and movies shown on the hour from 10am-3pm on Sat. & Sun., and at 1pm on Mon.; free; for information, call 563-873-3491 ext. 202, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 151 Hwy 76, Harpers Ferry, IA, NPS.gov/efmo, 10am Sat Jan 9 thru Mon Mar 14.

Met Opera: Les Pecheurs de Perles, HD broadcast of Bizet's operatic masterpiece subtitled "The Pearl Fishers", Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 11:55am Sat Jan 16.

Persepolis, Oscar-nominated animated film about a young Iranian girl during the Islamic Revolution; free; for information, call 563-344-4179, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com. 6 pm **Tue Jan 19**.

Afternoon Classic Films, relax while Henry Fonda, Audrey Hepburn, Rock Hudson, Katherine Hepburn, and some of your all-time favorites deliver the glitter and grit of yesteryear's Hollywood; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Jan 20.

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Bolshoi Ballet: Taming of the Shrew, choreographer Jean-Christophe Maillot's adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy, Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, 12:55pm Sun Jan 24.

Met Opera: Turandot, Franco Zeffirelli's production of Puccini's opera conducted by Paolo Carignani, Sat. 11:55am, Wed. 6:30pm; Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, Sat Jan 30 and Wed Feb 3.

Independent Movie Night, enjoy a film with a discussion afterward; in French with English subtitles, may contain adult content; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Thu Feb 4.

Recent Releases, join us as we watch all the newest DVD releases; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Fri Feb 12.

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Women of Faith: An Amazing Joyful Journey, celebration of the country's largest annual non-denominational Christian women's conference, Thu. 7pm, Sat. 12:55pm; Rave Cinemas Davenport 53rd 18 + IMAX, 3601 E. 53rd 5t., Davenport, IA, Cinemark.com, Thu Feb 18 and Sat Feb 20.

Independent Movie Night, enjoy a film with a discussion afterward; in French with English subtitles, may contain adult content; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 5:45pm Thu Mar 3.

Wales Land of Song, 1 & 7pm screenings in the museum's World Adventure Series, presented by Monty Brown; \$6.50-10; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, **Tue Mar 8**.

Recent Releases, join us as we watch all the newest DVD releases; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Fri Mar 11.

Movie Night, free; for information, call 563-344-4179; Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 6pm **Tue Mar 15**.

Afternoon Classic Films, relax while Henry Fonda, Audrey Hepburn, Rock Hudson, Katherine Hepburn, and some of your all-time favorites deliver the glitter and grit of yesteryear's Hollywood; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Mar 16

minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm **Sat Dec 19**.

Quad City Mallards vs. Indy Fuel, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Sat Dec 26.

Quad City Mallards vs. Evansville IceMen, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 6:30pm Wed Dec 30.

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Quad City Mallards vs. Allen Americans, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm **Sat Jan 2**.

Quad City Mallards vs. Fort Wayne Komets, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards. net, 7pm Fri Jan 8.

The Original Harlem Globetrotters, slapstick comedy and athletic grace with the legendary basketball team; \$21.50-98.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, iwireless Center.com, 7pm Sat Jan 9.

The Original Harlem Globetrotters, slapstick comedy and athletic grace with the legendary basketball team; \$26.50-86.50; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 2pm Sun Jan 10.

Quad City Mallards vs. Fort Wayne Komets, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless 2015/16 *River Cities' Reader* Winter Guide **27**

Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards. net, 4pm **Sun Jan 10**.

Quad City Mallards vs. Kalamazoo Wings, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Jan 15.

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Quad City Mallards vs. Rapid City Rush, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 6:30pm Wed Feb 3.

Quad City Mallards vs. Rapid City Rush, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Feb 5.

Quad City Mallards vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Feb 19.

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Quad City Mallards vs. Kalamazoo Wings, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Nov 27.

Quad City Mallards vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Sat Nov 28.

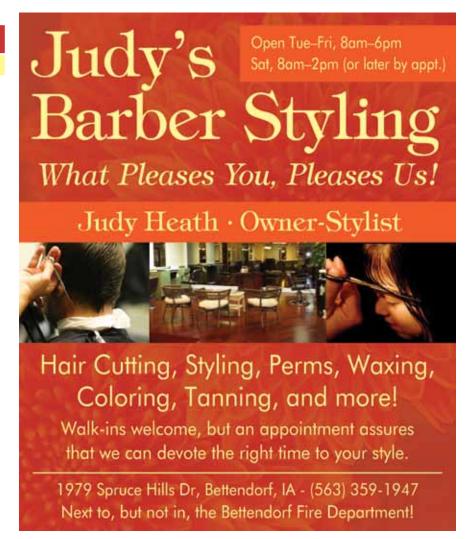
Quad City Mallards vs. Indy Fuel, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 4pm Sun Nov 29.

Caged Aggression XVI: The Aftermath, touring event featuring MMA bouts between over 30 amateur and professional fighters; \$30-60; for information, e-mail cagedaggressionmma@gmail.com, Davenport RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, CagedAggressionEvents.com, 7pm Sat Dec 5.

MVC VS. MAC Women's Basketball Double-Header, as part of the Missouri Valley Conference/Mid-American Conference Challenge, the Northern Iowa Panthers will take on Akron at 1pm, while the Illinois State Redbirds face Northern Illinois at 3:30pm; \$7; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, iwirelessCenter.com, 1pm Sun Dec 13.

Quad City Mallards vs. Wheeling Nailers, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Dec 18.

Quad City Mallards vs. Wheeling Nailers,



SPORTS

January thru March

Quad City Mallards vs. Utah Grizzlies, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 6:30pm Wed Mar 2.

Quad City Mallards vs Cincinnati Cyclones, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for Mar 4.

Quad City Mallards vs. Wichita Thunder, minor-league professional ice hockey; \$10-28; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, MyQCMallards.net, 7pm Fri Mar 5.

OTHER EVENTS

November & December

Ouad City Arts Festival of Trees, annual Quad City Arts fundraiser featuring 100 designer trees, 14 special events, the largest helium balloon parade in the Midwest, and more; \$3-10; closed for Thanksgiving; for information, call 309-793-1213, Davenport RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, QuadCityArts/festivaloftrees, Wed Nov 25 thru Sun Nov 29.

A Feast of Plenty, a free traditional Thanksgiving dinner; if you would like to bring a dish to pass, please do, but it is not required; for information and to volunteer, call 309-786-2631, Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St., Rock Island, IL, BroadwayQC.org, noon Thu

Thanksgiving Day Service, all are invited to attend; free; for information, e-mail pastorboehringer@gmail.com, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2410 E. 32nd St., Davenport, IA, Gethsemane144.org, 9am Thu Nov 26.

Bottom's Up Quad City Burlesque: Komic Kahn, the area burlesque artists and comedians in a salute to emcee Joshua Kahn; \$18-20; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 8pm Fri Nov 27 and Sat Nov 28.

College Hill Small Business Saturday, support local businesses at the top of the hill; for information, call 309-786-3511, Rock Island College Hill District, 1200/1300 Block, 30th St., Rock Island, IL, Sat Nov 28.

Small Business Saturday, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, Sat Nov

Christmas at the Village, visit with Santa in the General Store, and enjoy cookies and hot drinks, live music, letters to Santa, crafts, games, and more; free with a donation of nonperishable goods for the North Scott Food Pantry; for information, call 563-328-3283, Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, 18817 290th St., Long Grove, IA, ScottCountylowa.com/ conservation, noon Sun Nov 29.

Challenge Entertainment Trivia Night, on Mondays; cash prizes for first and second place, prizes for third place; free; for information, call 309-797-8384, Governor's Pub & Grill - Moline, 2180 53rd St., Moline, IL, 8:30pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Dec 28.

Project Chocolate, event featuring sweet and savory chocolate creations made by Quad City vendors, in a fundraiser for The Project of the Quad Cities; funds raised will provide holiday presents for children who are affected by or living with HIV/AIDS; \$10, ages 6 & under free; for information, call 309-762-5433, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, 777 Jumer Dr., Rock Island, IL, TPQC.org, 6pm Tue Dec 1.

College Hill Holiday Walk, area-wide event featuring holiday decorations, sales discounts, and more; for information, call 309-786-3511, Rock Island College Hill District, 1200/1300

Block, 30th St., Rock Island, IL, 5am Thu Dec 3.

First Friday in LeClaire, featuring fun food and cocktail sampling at the Mississippi River Distilling Co., wine tasting at Wide River Winery, live music at the Faithful Pilot with Bobby Ray Bunch, restaurant specials, and many shops open late, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, 5:30pm Fri Dec 4.

Christmas in the Village, featuring live music, trolley rides, a petting zoo, children's activities, visits from Santa, Saturday-night fireworks, and carolers strolling throughout the downtown area; free, Village of East Davenport, Davenport, IA, VillageOfEastDavenport.com, 6pm Fri Dec 4 and Sat Dec 5.

Christmas in LeClaire, annual event featuring strolling Santas, children's activities, food and drink specials, trolley rides, booksignings with Blake Ross, and more; for information, call Joyce at 563-289-4205 or Diane at 563-370-3509, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 6.

Viva La Divas Drag Show, featuring awardwinning performers from across the Midwest; \$10: for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2. The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 8pm Fri Dec 4.

Believe Women's Christmas Event, enjoy an elegant, holiday-themed evening of drama, dance, music, dinner, and dessert; \$10-12; for information, call 563-391-4519, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 415 W. 53rd St., Davenport, IA, POPQC.org/#/believe, 5:30pm Sat Dec 5.

Holiday Book Sale, buy a new Rock Island Library book bag and fill it to the top for \$10, or buy one book, get one book free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 9am Sat

Quad Cities Food Hub Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, 10 rounds of 10 questions each, with the 1st-place team getting \$160 and 2nd place getting \$80; \$10/person, 8 players/ table; with door prizes, raffles, and games; refreshments available for purchase, no outside beverages allowed; for information and to register, call 563-265-2455, Freight House, 421 W. River Dr., Davenport, IA, QCFoodHub.com, 7pm Sat Dec 5.

Volunteer Service Day, work on various projects around the marsh with friends and family, Nahant Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave., Davenport, IA, NahantMarsh.org, 9am Sat Dec 5.

High Tea, enjoy a high tea in a beautiful Italianate home that features 12-foot ceilings. ornate gold crown moldings, five marble fireplaces, magnificent chandeliers and two large winding staircases; learn about the history of high tea during your three course tea; \$10, Geneseo Historical Museum, 205 S. State St., Geneseo, IL, https://Web.Extension.Illinois. edu/registration/?RegistrationID=13163, 11am Sat Dec 5

Puzzle Exhange, trade your old puzzles for "new" ones: free: for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 2pm Sat Dec 5.

19th Century Christmas, annual event at the center and Deere-Wiman House, featuring live music, children's crafts, face painting, displays, entertainers, refreshments, and a visit from Santa; free; for information, call 309-743-2701, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, ButterworthCenter.com, noon Sun

St. Ambrose University McMullen Awards, one of the highest honors given by the university; join us for the Feast of St. Ambrose Mass: all are welcome: free: for information, call 563-333-6290 or e-mail alumni@sau.edu, Christ the King Chapel - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/alumni,

10:30am Sun Dec 6.

Come to the Quiet: Darkness, \$20; for information and to register, call 563-336-8414 or e-mail olpretreat@gmail.com., Our Ladv of the Prairie Retreat, 2664 145th Ave, Near Wheatland, IA, CHMlowa.org, 9:30am Wed Dec

Holiday Bus Tour, enjoy the historic charm of Galena while exploring their unique shops and dining at one of their many cafes; a visit to the Sinsinawa Mound Center will include a tour of the historical museum & chapel and shopping in their gift gallery; dinner will be at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque, followed by a scenic drive through the holiday light display at Louis Murphy Park's winter wonderland: \$95-110; for tickets and information, call 309-794-0991, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCGardens.com, 7:30am Thu Dec 10.

5th Annual Cookie Walk, cookies and bars will be available for \$6/pound; other items available incude candies, snacks, and baked goods; for information, call 563-386-5278 or e-mail newhope@g.com, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 4209 W Locust St, Davenport, IA, CUQCA.org, 9pm Sat Dec 12.

Season of Light Planetarium Show, a multimedia planetarium show that uses the sky projector, astronomical images, music and narration, all projected onto a 30-foot dome to tell the story of how holiday traditions are connected to the sky above; led by planetarium director Dr. Lee Carkner; weekdays at 7pm, Sat. & Sun. at 2pm; free; for information and to reserve, call 309-794-7318, John Deere Planetarium - Augustana College, 820 38th Street, Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, Sat Dec 12 thru Fri Dec 18.

Marriage Spirituality, led by Daryl and Pat Fortin; a day of reflection on what it means to live out your marriage vocation with God as the third partner, and a day for prayer, talks, walks and conversation on how to grow together spiritually as a couple; the day concludes with Mass at 4pm with Msgr. Frank Henricksen; \$40/ couple; for information and to register, call 563-336-8414 or e-mail olpretreat@gmail.com... Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, 2664 145th Ave. Near Wheatland, IA, CHMlowa.org, 9am Sat Dec 12.

Tabletop Gaming: Games for Grown-ups, tabletop games with a twist for classic grownup gamers; join the fun and meet some new people, play your favorite tabletop games, and have the chance to learn a few new ones; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5:30pm Wed Dec 16.

Advent Taize' Vigil Service, with special guest artist David Haas; Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer; all people of faith are invited to participate; free; for information and to register, call 563-336-8414 or e-mail olpretreat@gmail.com., Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, 2664 145th Ave, Near Wheatland, IA. CHMlowa.org, 6:30pm Wed Dec 16.

Speakeasy Trivia Night w/ Mr. Trivia 3rd Thu. of the month; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Thu Dec 17, thru Thu Feb 18.

Lightwire Theater: A Very Electric Christmas, the electro-luminescent artists perform a magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to timeless holiday hits: \$21-38; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, AdlerTheatre.com, 7:30pm Fri Dec 18.

Quad City Lip Sync Battle, for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Fri Dec 18.

St. Ambrose University Winter 2015 Commencement, undergraduate and graduate students receive their degrees; free, Davenport RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St, Davenport, IA, SAU.

edu/commencement, 11am Sat Dec 19.

The National Acrobats and Circus of the People's Republic of China, colorfully costumed acrobats and contortionists defy gravity with impressive circus and gravitydefying acrobatic and aerial acts, such as solo trapeze, aerial silk, diving through rings, feet juggling with umbrellas, unicycles, adagio of four, grand martial arts, and many more; \$15-38; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Sat Dec 19.

Eight-Day Trip to the Pacific Northwest & California, register by December 21 for trip taking place June 26 - July 3; highlights of this trip include Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Portland Spirit Cruise, Newport, Bandon State Natural Area, Redwood National Park, Eureka, Avenue of the Giants, and San Francisco; price includes round trip air from the Quad City Airport; reservations and \$250 deposit due December 21, final payment due Apr. 26; for tickets and information, call Andy Koski at 309-762-8800, Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCGardens.com, Mon Dec 21.

Happy Hour Wine Tasting, \$15/person; for information, call 563-729-1035, 129 Coffee & Wine Bar, 129 N. Cody Rd., LeClaire, IA, Facebook.com/pages/129/138916382868336, 5pm Tue Dec 29.

Bottom's Up Quad City Burlesque: Best of Show, New Year's Eve performance with the area burlesque artists and comedians: for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2. The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Thu Dec 31.

January thru March

First Friday in LeClaire, featuring fun food and cocktail sampling at the Mississippi River Distilling Co., wine tasting at Wide River Winery, live music, restaurant specials, and many shops open late, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, 5:30pm Fri Jan 1.

Tabletop Gaming: Games for Grown-ups, tabletop games with a twist for classic grownup gamers; join the fun and meet some new people, play your favorite tabletop games, and have the chance to learn a few new ones: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5:30pm Wed Jan 20.

World's Toughest Rodeo, touring event featuring bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, barrel racing, comedy, competitions, and more; \$9.50-60; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, iwirelessCenter.com, 7:30pm Fri Jan 22 and Sat Jan 23.

Fairmount Street Library 10th Anniversary Celebration, free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Sat Jan 23

Sammy Cortino: Magic to Rock a New Generation, an evening with one of the youngest internationally touring magicians in history: \$15-21: for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 7:30pm Sat Jan 23.

St. Ambrose University Trivia Night, gather a team of eight for a night of brainy fun: 10 rounds of 10 questions; \$64-80/table; for

information, contact Paige Nagle at 563-333-6285 or e-mail NaglePaige@sau.edu, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/alumni, 6pm Sat Jan 30.

LeClaire Chamber Annual Awards Dinner, Davenport Country Club, 25500 Valley Drive, Pleasant Valley, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, Sat Jan

First Friday in LeClaire, featuring fun food and cocktail sampling at the Mississippi River Distilling Co., wine tasting at Wide River Winery, live music, restaurant specials, and many shops open late, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, 5:30pm Fri Feb 5.

Viva La Divas Drag Show, featuring awardwinning performers from across the Midwest; \$10: for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 8pm Fri Feb 5

Quad City Lip Sync Battle, for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Sat Feb 6.

Tabletop Gaming: Games for Grown-ups, tabletop games with a twist for classic grownup gamers; join the fun and meet some new people, play your favorite tabletop games, and have the chance to learn a few new ones: free: for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5:30pm Wed Feb 17.

First Friday in LeClaire, featuring fun food and cocktail sampling at the Mississippi River Distilling Co., wine tasting at Wide River Winery, live music, restaurant specials, and many shops open late, Downtown LeClaire, LeClaire, IA. VisitLeClaire.com, 5:30pm Fri Mar 4.

Viva La Divas Drag Show, featuring awardwinning performers from across the Midwest; \$10; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, TheCirca21Speakeasy.com, 8pm Fri Mar 4.

Quad City Lip Sync Battle, for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Fri Mar 5.

Wine at the Warehouse, wine tasting event with Dimitri and Kathy Papageorgiou in a benefit for St. Ambrose University scholarships; for information, contact Bobby Harris at 563-333-6290 or HarrisBobbyJ@sau.edu; 1735 W. Third St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/alumni 4pm Sat Mar 5.

Tabletop Gaming: Games for Grown-ups,

tabletop games with a twist for classic grownup gamers; join the fun and meet some new people, play your favorite tabletop games, and have the chance to learn a few new ones; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com. 5:30pm Wed Mar 16.

LECTURES

December

Iran: Foe or Possible Friend?, Dr. Art Pitz delivers the third presentation in the four-part lecture series "The Middle East," co-hosted by Rock Island Public Library and Moline Public Library, and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities; an in-depth look at topics straight out of news headlines; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6pm Tue Dec 1.

Lifelong Learner Lunch: Sounds of the Season, presentation geared toward ages 55 and older, but learners of all ages are welcome; the Davenport Central High School choir will perform; \$22; for information and to register, call 309-796-8223, Abbey Station, 3031 5th Ave., Rock Island, IL, BHC.edu/lifelong, 11:30am Tue Dec 1.

Folktales and Fables: Gender Stereotypes in Children's Literature, in room #310: presented by Danielle Beliveau-Derion, assistant professor of education; one of the TEA Talks series sponsored by the women's and gender studies department; free; for information, e-mail daniellebeliveau-Derion@ augustana.edu, Augustana College's Old Main, 3600 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/ arts, 4pm Wed Dec 2.

Lifelong Learner Lunch: Sounds of the Season, presentation geared toward ages 55 and older, but learners of all ages are welcome; teh Davenport Central High School choir will perform; \$22; for information and to register, call 309-796-8223, Abbey Station, 3031 5th Ave., Rock Island, IL, BHC.edu/lifelong, 11:30am Fri Dec 4.

Concert Conversations, learn about the Quad City Symphony Orchestra's "Masterworks" event with Kai Swanson, conductor Mark Russell Smith, and special guests; free; for information, call 563-322-7276, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, QCSO.org, 7pm Sat Dec 5.





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December

St. Ambrose and Growth in the Christian

Life, featuring Fr. David Voprada; for information, e-mail GannawayEthanB@sau.edu, Christ the King Chapel - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 4:30pm Sun Dec 6.

Concert Conversations, learn about the Quad City Symphony Orchestra's "Masterworks" event with Kai Swanson, conductor Mark Russell Smith, and special guests; free; for information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 1pm Sun Dec 6.

Quad-City Jewish History Lecture, Dr. Arthur Pitz will trace Quad City Jewish history from its earliest days on each side of the river, discussing problems and issues faced by early Jewish immigrants to the area; he will also discuss how the Jewish community developed and the many contributions Jewish residents made to the Quad City culture, even though it never numbered more than a few thousand individuals, how the Holocaust impacted the community, and how survivors found new lives and were welcomed; free; for information, call 563-344-5705, Bettendorf Public Library 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 6:30pm Mon Dec 7.

Persecuted Minorities in the Middle East, Dr. Art Pitz delivers the fourth presentation in the four-part lecture series "The Middle East," co-hosted by Rock Island Public Library and Moline Public Library, and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities; an in-depth look at topics straight out of news headlines: free: for information, call 309-732-7323, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6pm Tue Dec 8.

Financial Aid Presentation, free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 6:30pm **Thu Dec 10**.

The Revolution Will Wear Pink Bunny Ears: Bob's Burgers and Birth Order

Theory, presented by Dr. Margaret France; one of the TEA Talks series sponsored by the women's and gender studies department; free; for information, e-mail MargaretFrance@ augustana.edu, Carlsson Evald Hall - Augustana College, 3601 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, Augustana.edu/arts, 4pm Wed Dec 16.

Senior Day, local radio talent and singer Jack Carey will perform holiday and patriotic songs; refreshments will be served after the program; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com. 1:30pm Thu Dec 17.

Trax from the Stax, attendees can expect to hear music, stories, and information about the artist or musical style being presented; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Thu Dec 17.

January thru March

Begin Genealogy Here, we'll provide an overview of how we can help, with a tour of how to use the genealogical resources we offer, from computers and online tools to microfilm room, stacks and our local history room; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 3pm Wed Jan 13.

Death Valley, lectures about geology in our national park with Dr. Richard Baker, a professor emeritus in the Geoscience Department at University of Iowa; free; for information, call



Flashdance: The Musical @ Adler Theatre - March 15

319-643-2541, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, off I-80 at exit 254, West Branch, IA, NPS. gov/heho, 7pm Wed Jan 13.

Financial Aid Presentation, free; for information, call 309-524-2470. Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 6:30pm Thu Jan 14.

Trax from the Stax, attendees can expect to hear music, stories, and information about the artist or musical style being presented; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Thu Jan 21.

Ghost Hunting FUN-01, with ghost hunter Aaron G. Thompson: a dinner and presentation that will end will a small group paranormal investigation of the building, Quarters 1, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, GhostCrier.com, Fri Jan 22.

Creation Studio Residency: I Hate Critics Podcast, Sean is a professional movie critic, Bob is a music writer, Josh is a film fan, and together they record a weekly podcast about movies; stop in after their recording has ended, ask a question about equipment, talk about your favorite podcatcher, or ask, "What in the world is a podcast?": free: for information. call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 11am Sat Jan 23.

World Affairs Council: The Relevance of Persian Literature in Iran Today, presented by Dr. Cyrus Zargar, Associate Professor of Religion at Augustana College; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtarv.com, 7pm Tue Jan 26

Justice for All? Impacts of Implicit Racial Bias in Social Work Practice, featuring Professor of Social Work Chris Martin; free; for information, contact Christie Holdridge at 563-333-3911 or holdridgechristinal@sau. edu, St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 1pm Thu Feb 4.

Concert Conversations, learn about the Quad City Symphony Orchestra's "Masterworks" event with Kai Swanson, conductor Mark Russell Smith, and special quests; free; for information, call 563-322-7276, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, QCSO.org, 7pm Sat Feb 6.

Concert Conversations, learn about the Quad City Symphony Orchestra's "Masterworks" event with Kai Swanson, conductor Mark Russell Smith, and special guests; free; for information, call 563-322-7276, Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave., Rock Island, IL, QCSO.org, 1pm Sun Feb 7.

Black Hawk College Lifelong Learner Lunch: The Basics of Jewish Beliefs, enjoy a kosher lunch and learn about Jewish traditions and Jewish practice from Rabbi Jeffre Lipschultz; learn about the significance of keeping kosher, putting on Tefillin (Prayer Boxes), wrapping the Tallit (Prayer Shawl), covering the head, studying Torah and more; the biblical and historical background of each practice and insight into its contemporary use and significance will be discussed; 11:30am lunch, 12:15 presentation; \$23; for information and to register, call 309-796-8223, Tri-City Jewish Center, 2715 30th St., Rock Island, IL, BHC.edu, 11:30am Tue Feb 9.

Rocky Mountain, lectures about geology in our national park with Dr. Richard Baker, a professor emeritus in the Geoscience Department at University of Iowa; free; for information, call 319-643-2541, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, off I-80 at exit 254, West Branch, IA, NPS.gov/heho, 7pm Wed Feb 10.

Trax from the Stax, attendees can expect to hear music, stories, and information about the artist or musical style being presented; free; for information, call 563-344-4175. Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Thu Feb 18.

World Affairs Council: Commercial Rule of Law, presented by Henry F. Marquard, Attorney and Vice President of Stanley Consultants; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7pm Tue Feb 23.

Sylvan Slough, Fact and Fiction, professor Curt Roseman presents a talk on the natural, historical, and industrial historical significance of Sylvan Slough, including its place in the development of Moline, its role in water power to industry, and the multiple bridges that connected it to the mainland; in our fiction angle, local author Chuck Oestreich joins us to present a short reading from his fictional work, Sylvan Slough, and discuss what inspired him to make this small island the setting of his second book: free: for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 2pm Thu Feb 25.

Folwell Lecture, delivered by Thomas Weiss from the Graduate Center, CUNY; free, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/justice, 1pm Wed

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Catholic Studies Lecture, the annual lecture is delivered by Monsignor Kevin Irwin from the Catholic University of America Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/alumni, 7pm Tue Mar 8.

COURSES

November & December

Fresh Fall Centerpiece, learn to design beautiful floral arrangements for your home or train for an entry-level position as a floral designer: \$56: free: for information and to register, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 5:45pm Wed Nov 25.

Affirmative Action Plan Workshop, Dec. 1 & 2; participants will receive the tools needed to write a federally-sound affirmative action plan from start to finish, including the preparation of all critical statistical analysis; MRA members: \$460, non-members: \$665; for information and to register, contact Kathy Riley at 309-277-4186 or Kathy.riley@mranet. org, MRA - Iowa/Western Illinois Division, 3800 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 100, Moline, IL, www. MRANet.org, 8am Tue Dec 1.

Advanced Floral Design II, Wednesdays thru Dec. 16; learn to design beautiful floral arrangements for your home or train for an entry-level position as a floral designer; \$144; free; for information and to register, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Ouad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 5:45pm Wed Dec 2.

Introductory Beekeeping: First Year and Beyond, Dec. 2 & 9, with a refresher course February 24 from 8:30am-noon; with instructor Tim Wilbanks, a fifth-generation beekeeper and owner of the Kalona Honey Co.; designed for beginners and those who have some experience; \$45-50; for information and to register, call 309-756-9978, Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, IL, https://Web.Extension.Illinois.edu/registration/ ?RegistrationID=13151, 8:30am Wed Dec 2.

Principles of Leadership Excellence Series: Module 6 - Leading Change and Putting it All Together, learn the skills, behaviors, and knowledge needed for effective, successful leadership; MRA members: \$495, nonmembers: \$655; for information and to register, contact Kathy Riley at 309-277-4186 or Kathy. riley@mranet.org, MRA - Iowa/Western Illinois Division, 3800 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 100. Moline, IL, www.MRANet.org, 8am Thu Dec 3.

Time Management, learn time management techniques that get to the heart of reducing pressure levels, maintaining harmony, and increasing productivity; explore how to use different technologies as time management tools; conquer and identify the critical time wasters that take you from your priorities: \$250, non-members: \$340; for information and to register, contact Kathy Rilev at 309-277-4186 or Kathy.riley@mranet. org, MRA - Iowa/Western Illinois Division, 3800 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 100, Moline, IL, www. MRANet.org, 8am Tue Dec 8.

Project Management: Managing Project Communication, Dec. 14 & 15; tools and approaches for influencing outcomes, negotiating results and managing conflicts; \$695; for information, contact Stacy Banfield, at 563-333-5720 or pd@sau.edu, SAU Downtown Education Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Suite # 140, Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/pd, 8:30am Mon Dec

Christianity, Part II, and Conclusion, a class in the year-long "Exploring World Religions" series; free; for information, e-mail office@ uucqc.org or call 563-359-0816, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Quad Cities, 3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, UUCQC.org, 6:30pm Mon Dec 21.

TechnoHelp, learn & ask questions about a variety of technology related topics; each session will begin with a short presentation followed by time where a librarian will be available to answer questions & help to troubleshoot devices; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5pm Tue Dec 22.

January thru March

PaCE Information Night, learn more about the variety of programs and classes offered by Black Hawk College Professional and Continuing Education; talk with PaCE coordinators to determine if a class is right for you; spring schedules will be available, and registration will be open during this event; for information, call 309-796-8223, Geneseo Public Library, 218 S State St, Geneseo, IL, BHC.edu, 4:30pm Tue Jan 19.

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PaCE Information Night, learn more about the variety of programs and classes offered by Black Hawk College Professional and Continuing Education; talk with PaCE coordinators to determine if a class is right for you; spring schedules will be available, and registration will be open during this event; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College Adult Learning Center, 4610 Blackhawk Commons Dr., Rock Island, IL, BHC.edu, 4:30pm Thu Jan 21.

Business Analysis Essentials, the class focuses on methods of practice, required skills, and traditional and adaptive project techniques; \$395; for information, contact Stacy Banfield, at 563-333-5720 or pd@sau. edu, SAU Downtown Education Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Suite # 140, Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/pd, 8:30am Mon Jan 25.

TechnoHelp, learn & ask questions about a variety of technology related topics; each session will begin with a short presentation followed by time where a librarian will be available to answer questions & help to troubleshoot devices; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5pm Tue Jan 26.

Project Management: Planning, Execution and Control, Feb. 2 & 3; this two-day course provides a project-ready tool kit for initiating, planning, executing, monitoring and controlling, and closing out projects within a practical system of professional project management; \$695; for information, contact Stacy Banfield at 563-333-5720 or pd@sau. edu, SAU Downtown Education Center, 331 W.

3rd St., Suite # 140, Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/pd, 8:30am Tue Feb 2.

St. Ambrose University Winter Visit Day, register today for a special winter visit; bring your boots for a winter wonderland tour; free; for information, contact Hilary Callas at 563-333-6300 or admit@sau.edu, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 8:45am Mon Feb 15.

FYI Night at Black Hawk College, in Building 4, second floor, Hawk's Nest; staff members and current students will discuss topics such as financial aid, how to register for classes, and what support systems are available to help make your college career successful; for information, contact Gabriella Hurtado at 309-796-5341 or ghurtado@bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu/go, 6pm Tue Feb 16.

Tap the Sap, learn tree identification, selection, drilling, tapping, collection and boiling; see how to use simple equipment and view examples of past and present sap collection techniques; for information, call 319-523-8381, Toolesboro Indian Mounds, 6568 Toolesboro Ave., Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 1pm Sat Feb

TechnoHelp, learn & ask questions about a variety of technology related topics; each session will begin with a short presentation followed by time where a librarian will be available to answer questions & help to troubleshoot devices; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 5pm Tue Feb 23.

Program Management, this fast-paced class will cover attributes of an effective program manager through a typical program containing multiple projects and operations: \$395; for information, contact Stacy Banfield, at 563-333-5720 or pd@sau.edu, SAU Downtown Education Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Suite # 140, Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/pd, 8:30am Fri Mar 4.

Managing Project Teams, Mar. 8 & 9; focusing on the complex skills required to work with people, including managing project teams at the highest performance levels; \$695; for information, contact Stacy Banfield, at 563-333-5720 or pd@sau.edu, SAU Downtown Education Center, 331 W. 3rd St., Suite # 140. Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/pd, 8:30am Fri Mar 4.

St. Ambrose University Spring Visit Day, register today for a special winter visit; juniors can get a head start on their search; free; for information, contact Hilary Callas at 563-333-6300 or admit@sau.edu, Rogalski Center - St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu, 8:45am Wed Mar 9.

FYI Night at Black Hawk College, in Building 4, second floor, Hawk's Nest; staff members and current students will discuss topics such as financial aid, how to register for classes, and what support systems are available to help make your college career successful; for information, contact Gabriella Hurtado at 309-796-5341 or ghurtado@bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Quad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu/go, 6pm Thu Mar 10.

MEETINGS

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY

House Church Meeting, on Saturdays; join the a non-denominational, ecumenical, ecology-minded, all-faith group that supports one another, prays together, helps one another, and helps the community; for information, e-mail ecumenicalfellowship@hotmail.com or e-fellowship@hotmail.com, or call 563-508-1852, Sat Nov 28 thru Sat Mar 12.

Issues Class 2015-2016, on Sundays; discuss Global/Current issues, ways for Christians to relate and deal with everyday issues, and more; free; for information, call 309-786-2631 or e-mail broadway@broadwayqc. org, Broadway Presbyterian Church, 710 23rd St., Rock Island, IL, BroadwayQC.org, 10:45am Sun Nov 29 thru Sun Mar 13.

East Moline/Silvis Kiwanis Club, on Mondays; help celebrate the club's 60th anniversary of community service: for information, contact Mike Laufenberg at malaufenberg@mchsi.com, Genesis Medical Center, Silvis, 855 Illini Dr, Silvis, IL, Kiwanis.org, 6pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Women's Bible Study Group, on Mondays; for information, call 563-324-9560, Downtown Central Perk, 226 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, DowntownCentralPerk.com, 7pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Fireside Knitters, on Tuesdays; enjoy knitting and crocheting by the fireside at this fun weekly even; volunteers are there to help you learn how to knit, and supplies are provided; all knitted items are donated to local charities; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 6:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Mar 15.

Independent Scholars Evening, on Thursdays; a free-standing, public forum for

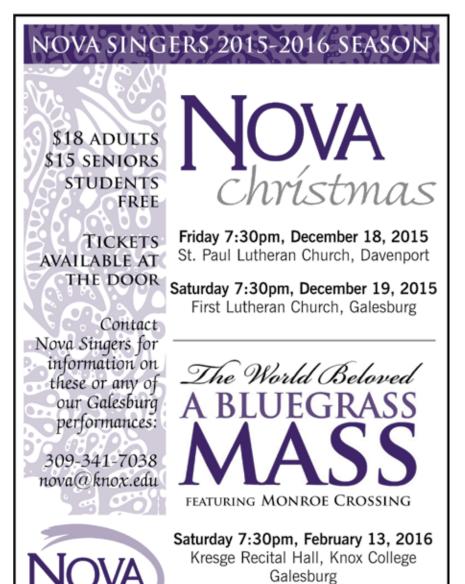
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the support of area scholars and interested co-learners; refreshments provided, cash bar available; free; for information, call 309-762-9202 or e-mail institutecht@gmail.com, Moline Commercial Club, 1530 5th Ave., Moline, IL, QCInstitute.org, 7pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Mar

Citizens to Reform Animal Control, on the second and last Mon, of the month; review and discuss the changing of animal-control laws with Cheryl Draeger; for information, call 563-508-1852 or 563-676-8956, or e-mail ecumenicalfellowship@hotmail.com or e-fellowship@hotmail.com, Hy-Vee - East Kimberly, 1823 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, IA, noon Mon Dec 14 thru Mon Mar 14

Citizens to Reform the Department of Human Services, on the second and last Mon. of the month; review and discuss the DHS with Cheryl Draeger; for information, call 563-508-1852 or 563-676-8956, or e-mail ecumenicalfellowship@hotmail.com or e-fellowship@hotmail.com, Hy-Vee - East Kimberly, 1823 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, IA, noon Mon Dec 14 thru Mon Mar 14.



Sunday 4:00pm, February 14, 2016 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

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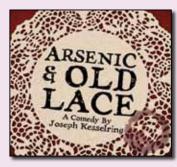
Theatre

Comedies and Dramas

November through March

So, ya know: winter. Crummy weather. Quickly darkening skies. Depressed moods once December 26 – or, at very best, January 1 – arrives. Our area's theatre scene is probably gonna be similarly sad for the next three months, yes? Au contraire! What I find most fascinating about the local season regarding wintertime comedies and dramas is that it's remarkably upbeat, with even the most downbeat titles suggesting the possibility of exhilaration.

Take, for example, *Hedda Gabler*, running at Davenport's St. Ambrose University February 19 through 21. Henrik Ibsen's dramatic classic is certainly heady and heavy stuff, but it also features numerous opportunities for thrilling emotionalism



Playcrafters' Arsenic & Old Lace - January 8 - 17

and humor ... as director Corinne Johnson certainly knows from appearing in 2010's Curtainbox Theatre Company take on the material. (A show in which, I'm proud to say, I was fortunate enough to act alongside Ms. Johnson.) Or take Getting Out, which Rock Island's Augustana College and director Jeff Coussens will stage January 29 through February 7. Playwright Marsha Norman's drama about a reformed prisoner may be dark, but it's the sort of darkness that led the Los Angeles Times to call it a play of "enormous power" that won its author a 1979 Outer Circle Award for its depiction of a complicated protagonist's harrowing life. (Augie's black-box theatre will also house a student-directed production of Sarah Glaspell's hour-long drama Trifles December 12 and 13, which the New York Times described as an "engrossing story" that creates "an eerie, affecting mood.")

And elsewhere in the area, pure happiness reigns! Moline's Playcrafters Barn Theatre and director Donna Weeks present the endlessly entertaining homicidal comedy Arsenic & Old Lace January 8 through 17, and the venue follows that joyful lark with director Aaron Lord's Southern-fried Jones/Wooten/Hope road-trip comedy Mama Don't Fly March 11 through 20. The Quad Cities' It's a Mystery troupe presents interactive, Rock Island-based dinnerand-a-killing nights with Skellington Manor Banquet & Event Center stagings of author Patti Flaherty's Hunt for Murder (December 12, January 9, February 13, and March 11) and co-authors Craig Michaels' and Scott Naumann's Rock into Murder (December 18, January 15, and February 19).

A lighthearted wintertime spirit will be on display at Rock Island's Center for Living Arts, when the venue's former student Michele Stein presents two of her original one-acts: Gashlycrumb Orphanage and Chicago Stories (December 18). Current students get their chances to shine when Davenport Junior Theatre and director Daniel Sheridan present a stage adaptation of the beloved children's-book classic *The Velveteen Rabbit* (February 20 through 28).

Sheer silliness, or rather "shear" silliness, will be on hand when Rock Island's Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse houses director Sean McCall's take on the hugely popular, interactive mystery comedy Shear Madness (March 9 through April 30), with the theatre's sister venue, the Circa '21 Speakeasy, hosting Anthony Natarelli in the one-man David Sedaris comedy The Santaland Diaries (December 5) – a District Theatre production, directed by Tristan Tapscott, that the neighboring District Theatre itself will house December 25 and 26.

Rock Island's District Theatre will also treat audiences to the backstage-farce slapstick of playwright Ken Ludwig's Moon Over Buffalo (January 27 through February 13), while Davenport's QC Theatre Workshop begins its winter with Nora and Delia Ephron's monologue collection Love, Loss, & What I Wore, director Lora Adams' co-fundraiser for the theatre and Dress for Success Quad Cities that will feature two different casts of female talent during its two successive weekends.

"Gee, Mike, and what will *you* be up to this winter?" Gosh, I'm glad you asked, because I am busy! I'm preparing to direct the March 4 through 20 Workshop production of Dan LeFranc's family dramedy *The Big Meal* – a show I saw at the Timber Lake Playhouse this summer and loved so much that I considered proposing to it. And prior to that, I am, at age 47, going to be appearing in my first-ever Shakespeare as a castmate in the Prenzie Players' and director Cait Bodenbender's romantic comedy Love's Labour's Lost. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I'm praying that won't be true.

For more on theatrical comedies and dramas in this and surrounding areas, visit the "Theatre" section of the events calendar on page 21. - Mike Schulz

MEETINGS

November & December

QC Casual Chess Club, a new club for people to meet and play new opponents in casual unrated games of chess; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10:30am

Friends of the Silvis Public Library Meeting, for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 5pm Tue Dec 1.

Quad Cities Photography Club, join photographers in discussing images, helping one another improve, and socializing; free, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, QCPhotoClub.com, 6:30pm Thu Dec 3.

Quad Cities Computer Society Meeting, guests can attend the Beginners SIG (Special Interest Group) which meets at 5:30pm just before the main meeting; free; for information, call 309-764-5570 or e-mail joseph85_us@ vahoo.com, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, QCS.org, 7pm **Mon Dec 7**.

LeClaire Chamber Networking Event, LeClaire Subway, 1303 Eagle Ridge Rd., LeClaire, IA, VisitLeClaire.com, noon **Tue Dec 8**.

Friends of the Silvis Public Library Meeting, free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Dec 8.

How and Why Zentangle?, a Quad Cities Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONSQC) presentation by Donna Martin; zentangling is a fun, relaxing, and creative activity to open your life to living your soul's purpose; join Martin as she shares zentangle principles while clearing your DNA and your soul blocks; free, with a take-home kit and class materials for \$5 payable at the time of the class; for information, contact Christine at IONSQC@aol.com or 563-332-7259, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, Noetic.org, 6:30pm Thu Dec 10.

QC Business Women of Faith Meeting, monthly meeting of Christian businesswomen who gather to support each other in business and life; bring lunch if you'd like, Home Instead Senior Care, 1977 Spruce Hills Dr, Bettendorf, IA, Facebook.com/businesswomenoffaith, noon Fri Dec 11.

QC Casual Chess Club, a new club for people to meet and play new opponents in casual unrated games of chess; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10:30am Sat Dec 12.

Silvis Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6pm Mon Dec 14.

Popular Astronomy Club Meeting, visitors and prospective members welcome; for information, call Wayland at 563-332-4032 or Alan at 309-797-3120, John Deere Planetarium - Augustana College, 820 38th Street, Rock Island, IL, PACAstronomy.50megs.com, 7pm Mon Dec 14.

Second Mondays Lunch Forum, monthly discussion group; free program, \$8 for catered lunch by At Your Service; reservations required for lunch; for information and to reserve, contact Pam Gustafson at 309-781-1210, Trinity Anglican Church, 1818 6th Ave., Rock Island, IL, 11:30am Mon Dec 14.

QCMUG (Quad Cities Macintosh Users Group) Meeting, with a special program/ presentation on Macintosh Applications or hardware, and an "Open Forum" Q&A period where members help other Macintosh users solve problems and improve their computer skills; \$24/year membership, guests welcome, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, QCMUG.org, 6:30pm Tue Dec 15.

Mississippi Valley Country & Western Music Association Dance, bring your instrument, iam with us, sing your song; for information, contact Robert Kunz at Alframer@ mchsi.com or 309-740-8126. Fast Moline American Legion, 829 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, 6pm Mon Dec 21.

Quad Cities Astronomical Society Membership Meeting, for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, QCAS.org, 7pm Mon Dec 21.

QC Casual Chess Club, a new club for people to meet and play new opponents in casual unrated games of chess; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10:30am Sat Dec 26.

January

Quad Cities Computer Society Meeting, guests can attend the Beginners SIG (Special Interest Group) which meets at 5:30pm just before the main meeting; free; for information, call 309-764-5570 or e-mail joseph85_us@ yahoo.com, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline, IL, QCS.org, 7pm Mon Jan 4.

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Quad Cities Institute of Noetic Sciences Meeting, featuring video highlights of the IONS International July 2016 meeting; free; for information, contact Christine at IONSQC@ aol.com or 563-332-7259, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, Noetic.org, 6:30pm Thu Jan 14.

Mississippi Valley Country & Western Music Association Dance, bring your instrument, jam with us, sing your song; for information, contact Robert Kunz at Alframer@ mchsi.com or 309-740-8126, East Moline American Legion, 829 16th Ave., East Moline, IL, 6pm Mon Jan 18.

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February

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HEALTH

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY

Healing Heart Center's Integrative Healing Series, on the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month; an ongoing series featuring a different healing modality on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month; free; for information, e-mail director@ thehealingheartcenter.org or call 563-370-7995, The Healing Heart Center, Porter Cottage, Building G. 2800 Fastern Ave., Davenport, IA. TheHealingHeartCenter.org, 7pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 23.

Improve Your Health with Essential Oils, enjoy natural health & wellness with doTERRA Essential Oils, Essential Mama.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Thu Dec 31.

Aqua Motion, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; a moderate-intensity, drop-in exercise class; for information, call 309-796-5603 or e-mail amvettei@bhc.edu, Black Hawk College - Community Aquatic Center, 6600 34th Avenue, Moline, IL, BHC.edu/aquatic, 11am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 30.

Breath-Centered Yoga, on Wednesdays, with Johanna Welzenbach-Hilliard; \$12 dropin class; for information and to register, call 563-726-2623 or e-mail mississippipearl@ hotmail.com, The Cottage Wholistic Health Center, 1227 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, PromotingWellness.net, 5:30pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 30

Pilates Class, on Mon. & Wed.-Fri.; lengthen your muscles as you strengthen them, and improve stability and strength while relieving stress through classic Pilates positions, fitness balls, resistance bands, and weights, Bettendorf Life Fitness Center, 2222 Middle Rd., Bettendorf, IA, LifeFitnessCenter.org, 9:15am Wed Nov 25 thru Thu Dec 31.

Private Yoga Lessons w/ Johanna, if you have special issues that prevent you from joining a group yoga class? Johanna Welzenbach-Hilliard can help adapt a practice to meet your specific needs; for information, call 563-726-2623 or e-mail mississippipearl@hotmail.com., The Cottage Wholistic Health Center, 1227 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, PromotingWellness. net, Wed Nov 25 thru Thu Dec 31.

Yoga for Fibromyalgia, on Fridays, with Johanna Welzenbach-Hilliard; \$12drop-in class; for information and to register, call 563-726-2623 or e-mail mississippipearl@ hotmail.com, The Cottage Wholistic Health Center, 1227 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, PromotingWellness.net, 10am Fri Nov 27 thru Fri Dec 25.

All Levels Hot Yoga, on Saturdays, led by Karie John; for information, call 309-764-9642, Indigo Wellness Hot Yoga - Rock Island, 3416 Blackhawk Rd., Rock Island, IL, IndigoWellness. info, noon Sat Nov 28 thru Sat Dec 26.

Zumba, on Saturdays; Latin-inspired fitness infused with international beats and the hits of today; an xcellent workout for all ages; \$6, Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center, 4303 24th St., Rock Island, IL, Facebook.com/Tika.Zumba, 9:30am Sat Nov 28 thru Sat Mar 12.

Core Strength Yoga, on Sundays; led by Karie John; for information, call 309-764-9642, Indigo Wellness Hot Yoga - Rock Island, 3416 Blackhawk Rd., Rock Island, IL, IndigoWellness. info, 6pm Sun Nov 29 thru Sun Dec 27.

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Breath-Centered Yoga, on Mondays, with Johanna Welzenbach-Hilliard; refresh yourself in the middle of the day; \$12 drop-in class; for information and to register, call 563-726-2623 or e-mail mississippipearl@hotmail.com, The Cottage Wholistic Health Center, 1227 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, PromotingWellness. net, 12:15pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Dec 28.

Genesis Health Care Health Insurance

Navigators, on Mondays; the navigators will be available to offer assistance to those needing to sign up for health insurance using the health exchange; for information, call 563-344-4191, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, 9am Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Jan 25.

Breath-Centered Yoga, on Tuesdays, with Johanna Welzenbach-Hilliard; \$10 drop-in class; for information, call 563 726-2623, The Good Samaritan Society, Georgian Square, 985 Lincoln Rd., Bettendorf, IA, PromotingWellness. net, 5:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 29.





HEALTH

WEEKLY & BI-WEEKLY

Mindfulness Meditation, join us for silence, stillness, sitting, walking, breathing, and being mindfully present and connected; please arrive five minutes early and dress warmly; we share brief readings on mindfulness and end by jointly wishing loving kindness, peace, wellness, and happiness to ourselves and others; free; for information, call 563-359-0816 or e-mail office@uucqc.org, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Ouad Cities, 3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, UUCQC.org, 5:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Dec 29.

Medicare Q&A w/ SHIIP, on the first & third Wed. of the month; get information and answers to your Medicare questions from a SHIIP representative; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 9am Wed Dec 2 and Wed Dec 16.

All Levels Hot Yoga, on Thursdays, led by Karie John; for information, call 309-764-9642, Indigo Wellness Hot Yoga - Davenport, 5161 Utica Ridge Rd., Davenport, IA, IndigoWellness. info, 5:45pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 31.

Easing Holiday Stress Meditation Series, on Thursdays; learn simple, effective ways to create a more joyful, meaningful holiday experience; with a few simple meditations, we can learn how to gain a fresh perspective of our selves, our families, and our activities during the holiday season; \$10/class, \$25/series; for information and to register, call 563-322-1600 or e-mail info@meditateiniowa.org, Lamrim Kadampa Buddhist Center, 502 1/2 3rd St., Davenport, IA, MeditateInlowa.org, 6:30pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Dec 17.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November Discount Special and Healthy Happy Hours at QC Colon Hydrotherapy, hydrotherapy packages will be lowered to the discount price of \$60 per session for all packages of three or more; for information, call 309-235-0764, QC Colon Hydrotherapy, 150 16 1/2 St., Rock Island, IL, QCColonHydrotherapy. com, 8am Wed Nov 25.

General MDA Support Group, for individuals and families affected by muscular dystrophy; for information, call 319-393-8905, Trinity 7th Street Campus, 500 John Deere Rd, Moline, IL, Wed Nov 25.

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Nutrition Before, During, and After Cancer Therapy, a Trinity dietitian will discuss nutrient needs before, during, and after cancer; information on common herbal and vitamin supplements and antioxidants; free; for information, call 309-779-2000 or 877-242-8899, Trinity Regional Health System, 5pm Thu

Health Care Career Programs: An Overview, held in the Health Sciences Center; this informational session will give prospective students information on Black Hawk College Professional and Continuing Education health care programs such as Medical Receptionist, Medical Scribe, Medical Terminology, EKG Technician, Home Health Care, Phlebotomy, Physical Therapy Aide, Pharmacy Technician and Veterinary Assistant. Instructors will be available for a brief overview of the various programs; free, with registration required; for information, call 309-796-8223, Black Hawk College - Ouad City Campus, 6600 34th Ave., Moline, IL, BHC.edu, 4pm Wed Jan 20.

SENIORS

WEEKLY & MONTHLY

Senior Session, on the last Wed. of the month: learn about topics that affect seniors' lives; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 11am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed

Grief Support Group, on the second & fourth Wed. of the month; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9:30am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 9.

TRIAD (Reducing Crime Against Seniors), on the fourth Wed. of the month; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org. 9:30am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Feb 24.

Billiards, Mon.-Fri.; \$1-2; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 8am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Bunco, on Wednesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 2pm Wed Nov 25 thru

Wed Mar 16. Chair Massage with Mary, on Wednesdays; 20-minute sessions; \$15-20; for information, call 563-484-4024, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 10am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Cribbage, on Wednesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 1pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Energizing Yoga, on Wednesdays; \$7-9; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 2pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Low-Impact Exercise, Mon.-Fri.; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Personal Reflexology, on Wed. & Thu. by appointment only, with Janet Latchaw; \$20; for information, call 563-349-5832, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 1pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Pinochle, on Wednesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 1pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

T'ai Chi Ch'un, on Wednesdays; \$24-36/6 weeks; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 10:25am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

TOPS Meeting, on Wednesdays; the Taking Off Pounds Sensibly Group; 11:30am weigh-in, noon meeting; \$1-2; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors org, 11:30am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Zumba Gold, on Wednesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 1pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Line Dancing II, on Thursdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center

> Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 2:30pm Thu Nov 26 thru Thu Mar 10. **New Horizons** Band Practice, on Thursdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors),

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IA, CASISeniors.org, 12:30pm **Thu Nov** 26 thru Thu Mar 10. Zumba Gold,

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on Thursdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org. 9:30am Thu Nov 26

thru Thu Mar 10. **Zumba Gold** Beginners & Chair, on Thursdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active

Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 9am Thu Nov 26 thru Thu Mar 10.

Euchre, on Thursdays & Fridays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 12:45pm Thu Nov 26 thru Fri Mar 11.

Bingo, on Fridays; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors. org, 12:30pm Fri Nov 27 thru Fri Mar 11.

Golden Tones Chorus Practice, on Fridays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 9am Fri Nov 27 thru Fri Mar 11.

Senior Theatre, on Fridays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 10:30am Fri Nov 27 thru Fri Mar 11.

Zumba Toning, on Fridays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, casiseniors.org, 8am Fri Nov 27 thru Fri Mar 11.

Bridge, on Mondays & Fridays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 12:30pm Fri Nov 27 thru Mon Mar 14.

Ceramics I, on Mondays; \$7-9; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road,

Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9:30am Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Drawing, Clay Sculpting, & Acrylics, on Mondays at 12:30 & 5pm; \$5-6 plus materials; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 12:30pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14

Shuffleboard, on Mondays: \$2-4: for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 2:15pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Ugly Quilts, on Mondays; no sewing experience necessary; free; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 8am Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Zumba Gold Toning, on Mondays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 10:30am Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Mar 14.

Canasta, on Tuesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 1pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue

Ceramics II, on Tuesdays; \$7-11/session, \$9-12/all day; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9:30am Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Mar 15.

Crocheting & Knitting Volunteer Class, on Tuesdays; make hats, scarfs, and mittens for children and the homeless; donations of yarn and other knitting needs accepted; free; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 12:30pm Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Mar 15.

Line Dancing Free Lessons, on Tuesdays; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 8:30am Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Mar 15.

Line Dancing I, on Tuesdays; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9am Tue Dec 1 thru Tue Mar 15.

Low Vision Support Group, on the first Thu. of the month; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 10am Thu Dec 3, 10am Thu Jan 7, 10am Thu

Poetry Roundtable, on the first Thu. of the month; \$2-4; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 1:30pm Thu Dec 3 thru Thu Mar 3.

Blood Pressure Check, on the second Tue. of the month; free; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors. org, 9am Tue Dec 8, 9am Tue Jan 12, 9am Tue

Blood Pressure Screening, Shingles Screening, & Medication Review, on the second Thu, of the month; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 9am Thu Dec 10 thru Tue Mar 8.

Caregivers Support Group, on the second Mon. of the month; free; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org, 10:30am Mon Dec 14 thru Mon Mar 14.

Parkinson's Support Group, on the third Sat. of the month; for information, call 563-386-7477, CASI (Center for Active Seniors), 1035 W. Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA, CASISeniors.org 10am Sat Dec 19 thru Sat Feb 20



Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Sara Gazarek @ **Central Performing Arts Center** - December 12

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November & December

Creation Studio Drop-In: Chibitronics -Circuit Stickers, circuit stickers are an easy and fun way to introduce participants to the basic concepts of how an electrical circuit works; with no previous experience, participants can create simple electrical circuits; free; for information, call 563-344-4175. Bettendorf Public Library. 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3pm Mon Nov 30

Creation Studio Drop-In: Early-Out Make-It Take-It, ages 5 & up make a fun make-it take-it craft; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 2pm Wed Dec 2.

Doctor Who Weeping Angel Craft, a fun and creepy Weeping Angel craft inspired by Doctor Who; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 6pm Thu Dec 3.

Kid's Christmas Craft Day, stop in and make beautiful crafts you can give as presents to everyone on your list; free; for information, call 309-792-0548, Colona Public Library, 911 1st St., Colona, IL, ColonaLibrary.com, 12pm Sat Dec 5.

Child's Play | Create: Explore: Experience, on Saturdays, best suited for preschool students; rotating programs may include components of traditional storytimes, active movement and rhythm with music and dance, and simple crafts; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10am Sat Dec 5 thru

Creation Studio Drop-In: Maker Monday, drop-in craft projects geared for the older youth and above, but all are welcome: free: for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3pm Mon Dec 7.

Make a "Made with My Own Hands" Paper Wreath, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Dec 8.

Stroller Tour, bring your little one for a gallery tour specifically geared for babies 12 months and under, with a focus on such themes as animals, faces, colors, and shapes, all before the museum opens to the public, so your little one can made as much noise as he/she wants; \$5, free for members; for information, e-mail ethomas@crma.org or call 319-366-7503, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CRMA.org, 10:30am Tue Dec 8.

STEM-azing Program: Pop-up Card Art, it may look like art, but there's science and engineering involved in making a pop-up card; try it for yourself; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 4pm Wed Dec 9.

Creation Studio Drop-In: Library Laboratory, ages 5 & up take part in handson science experiments or watch a science demonstration; free; for information, call 563-344-4175. Bettendorf Public Library. 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Dec 9.

Art Lab, for ages 7+; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu

Make a "Made with My Own Hands" Paper Wreath, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch,



Faith Hardacre, Joseph Brune, and Paul Hansen in Quad City Music Guild's A Christmas Story: The Musical - December 3 through 6

9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 10am Sat Dec 12.

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Geek&Craft, teens hang out, eat snacks, and make projects featuring geeky tech; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 5pm Tue Dec 15.

Kids Craft Day, in addition to creating that perfect piece of artwork, kids can climb on a variety of awe-inspiring machines or visit the Discovery Zone and learn where food comes from, why we need roads and bridges, and how to take care of the environment, John Deere Pavilion, 17th St & River Dr, Moline, IL, Deere. com, 10am Sat Dec 19.

Make It and Take It: "I Spy" Holiday **Ornament**, you will be able to create a unique ornament that will be a fun addition to your traditional fare; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 11am Sat Dec 19.

Kids' Craft Workshop, an hour of creative fun just for grade-schoolers; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 4pm Tue Dec 22.

Kids Craft Workshop: Holiday Special, come on in for our special craft workshop and create that one of a kind gift that will be cherished for years to come; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 2pm Wed Dec 23.

Kids Craft Workshop: Year-End Special, for ages 6-11; get out of the house and use up some of that winter-break energy by being creative at the library; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 2pm Wed Dec 30.

January

Creation Studio Drop-In: Maker Monday, on Mondays; drop-in craft projects geared for the older youth and above, but all are

welcome; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 3pm Mon Jan 4 thru Mon Jan 25

Child's Play | Create: Explore: Experience, on Saturdays, best suited for preschool students; rotating programs may include components of traditional storytimes, active movement and rhythm with music and dance, and simple crafts; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA BettendorfLibrary.com, 10am Sat Jan 9 thru Sat Jan 30.

Make a Cute Sock Snowman, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Jan 12.

STEM-azing: Art BOTS, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math learning for school-age kids; make a robotic pen out of a electric toothbrush motor and make spiral drawings; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 4pm Wed Jan 13.

Art Lab, for ages 7+; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu

Arduino Adventures, drop-in program where teens can learn the first steps in making cool DIY electronics and programming; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm Sat Jan 16.

Make a Cute Sock Snowman, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 10am Sat Jan 16.

Geek&Craft, teens can hang out, eat snacks, and make projects featuring geeky tech; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 5pm Tue Jan 19.

Creation Studio Drop-In: Early-Out Make-It Take-It, make a fun make-it take-it craft; best-suited for children at least 5 years old; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 2pm Wed Jan 27.

February & March

Creation Studio Drop-In: Maker Monday, on Mondays; drop-in craft projects geared for the older youth and above, but all are welcome; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 3pm Mon Feb 1 thru Mon Feb 29.

Creation Studio Drop-In: Library Laboratory, ages 5 & up take part in handson science experiments or watch a science demonstration; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Feb 3.

Make a String of Colorful Hearts for Valentine's Day, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Feb 9.

STEM-azing: Little Bits, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math learning for school-age kids; make a flashlight with circuits; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 4pm Wed Feb 10.

Creation Studio Drop-In: Early-Out Make-It Take-It, make a fun make-it take-it craft; best-suited for children at least 5 years old; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 2pm Wed Feb 10.

Art Lab, for ages 7+; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm **Thu** Feb 11.

Make a String of Colorful Hearts for Valentine's Day, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 10am Sat Feb 13.

Geek&Craft, teens can hang out, eat snacks, and make projects featuring geeky tech; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 5pm Tue Feb 16.

Creation Studio Drop-In: Library Laboratory, ages 5 & up take part in handson science experiments or watch a science demonstration; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 2pm Wed Feb 24.

Make Paper Flowers, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Mar 8.

STEM-azing: Pi Day, hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math learning for school-age kids; learn about the number 3.14 free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 4pm Wed Mar 9.

Art Lab, for ages 7+; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu

Make Paper Flowers, a family craft program; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 10am Sat Mar 12.

Geek&Craft, teens can hang out, eat snacks, and make projects featuring geeky tech; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 5pm Tue

STORIES

November & December

Dance Party Storytime, for ages 0-5; stories and songs are mixed with movement, yoga, dancing, and more; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 10am Wed Nov 25.

Toddler Tales: Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, trot into the library to feast on plentiful stories, songs and craft, all about our favorite bird; free; for information, call 309-732 7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 10:30am Wed Nov 25.

Preschool Story Time, free; for information, call 309-755-3393. Silvis Public Library, 105 8th. St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 10am Wed Nov

Preschool Storytime, on Wednesdays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10am Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 16.

Children's Story Time w/ Ms. Kristen, on Mondays; free; for information, call 309-523-3440, River Valley District Library, 214 S. Main St., Port Byron, IL, RiverValleyLibrary.org, 10am Mon Nov 30.

Nanowrimo Write In, teens discuss writing strategies, encourage one another in their novels, and more; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 7:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Preschool Puppet Time, on Mondays; with stories, songs, and a puppet craft; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 10am Mon Nov 30.

Preschool Storytime, on Mondays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30 thru Mon Dec 14.

Spartan Writing Club, the PVJH Writing Club meets in the Elizabeth R Malmros Room; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 6:30pm Mon Nov 30.

Toddler Tales: Santa's List, join us for stories, songs, and a craft all about who's been naughty and who's been nice; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 10:30am Tue Dec 1.

Preschool Storytime, on Tuesdays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10am Tue Dec 1 thru

Toddler Tales: Santa's List, join us for stories, songs, and a craft all about who's been naughty and who's been nice; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 10:30am Wed Dec 2.

Reading Assistance Dogs, children have the opportunity to practice reading aloud to dogs from Quad City Canines; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 6pm Thu Dec 3.

Preschool Storytime, on Thursdays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 10am Thu Dec 3 thru

Thu Dec 17.

Toddler Tales: Santa's List, join us for stories, songs, and a craft all about who's been naughty and who's been nice; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 10:30am Fri Dec 4.

Preschool Storytime, on Fridays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 10am Fri Dec 4 thru

Baby Bounce, songs, stories, and playtime for ages birth to ages 18 months; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com. 9:30am Fri Dec 4

Spartan Writing Club, the PVJH Writing Club meets in the Elizabeth R Malmros Room; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 6:30pm

Wee Wigglers Toddler Time, on Mondays at 9:30 & 10:45am, for ages 18-36 months; nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement, stories, and art exploration while helping to develop their language, motor, and social skills; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, Mon Dec 7 thru Mon Dec 28.

QC CAN - Reading Assistance Dogs, kids read to dogs to get the practice necessary to build vocabulary, increase understanding of the material, and gain fluency as a reader; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 6:30pm Tue Dec 8.

Toddler Tales: Reindeers & Elves, fly into the library for stories about Santa's helpers, songs, and a dashing craft; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 10:30am **Tue Dec 8**.

YA Book Club, join for the books, snacks and friends, stay for the certificate of completion signed by State Librarian Jesse White: free: for information, call 309-755-3393. Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 6pm Tue Dec 8.

Tales for Tots, simple exercises, stories, songs, rhymes, and more for ages 0-3 and a caregiver; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 6:30pm Tue Dec 8.

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Saturday Storytimes, for ages 0-5; a Christmas/Santa Claus theme: free: for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 11am Sun Dec

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Baby Bounce, songs, stories, and playtime for ages birth to ages 18 months; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 6pm Mon Dec 14.

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Baby Bounce, wear your PJs and bring your stuffed animal to hear new stories for ages

4-8; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm Mon Dec 28.

Pajama Story Time, for ages 4-8 and adult caregivers; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6:30pm Mon Dec 28.

January

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Mark Your Calendars!

Come see us on Sunday, December 6th from noon to 5pm for WinterFest at the Family Museum in Bettendorf.

Teachers: our 2015/2016 School Dental Hygiene & Nutrition Education Program has begun. Call now to schedule your classroom visit with our program educators Addi & Karen. Not only is the program educational, but it's fun and open to all Quad City area elementary schools.

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STORIES

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Awaken the Reading Force! Winter Reading Kickoff, play the Jedi Obstacle course, tour the spacecraft station, fight the dark side, build Legos, visit with Garrison members, fold snowflakes and "Star Wars" characters, make buttons and more activities for all ages; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 2pm Sat Jan 16.

Childrens' Winter Reading Program, for ages birth-12; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, Sat Jan 16 thru Sun Jan 31.

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February & March

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Wee Wigglers Toddler Time, on Mondays at 9:30 & 10:45am, for ages 18-36 months; nurture your toddler's love of books through music, movement, stories, and art exploration while helping to develop their language, motor, and social skills; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, Mon Feb 1 thru Mon Mar 14.

Preschool Storytime, on Tuesdays; themed stories for ages 3-5; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 10am Tue Feb 2 thru Tue Mar 15.

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Books on the Big Screen, for grades 6-12; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 12pm Wed Feb 3.

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Bishop William Allen: A Non-Violent Journey, join us during Black History Month for a presentation and book reading by Kit Evans-Ford, author of a new children's biography on Bishop William Allen and his journey from slavery to freedom; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 11am Sat Feb 6.

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ICCA Battle of the Books (Bettendorf School District), for information, call 563-344-4194, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, 6pm Mon Feb 29 thru Wed Mar 2.

Teen Poetry Contest, for grades 6-12; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, Tue Mar 1 thru Wed Mar

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LIBRARY EVENTS

November & December

Teen Gaming, on Wednesdays; teens play

PS3, Xbox 360, Wii, Dungeons & Dragons, Yu-Gi-Oh, and more; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 2:30pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 30.

Exploratorium, on Wednesdays; an experiment in S.T.E.A.M.-powered programming for grades K-4; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 2pm Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Dec 16.

Let's Play! Gaming with Board Games, families can enjoy nostalgic games like Checkers or Old Maid, choose from the many newer games we own, or bring their own; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 10am Sat Nov 28.

After School Mondays, on Mondays; activities for students who love anime, manga, and video games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3pm Mon Nov 30 thru

Magic: The Gathering Club, trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 3:30pm **Wed Dec 2**.

Teen Advisory Group, your chance to help plan programs and events for teens, recommend new books and materials for the library, earn service credits, make friends, and have fun; free; for information, call 309-524 2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 3:30pm Thu Dec 3

Holiday Party, welcome the holiday season at the library with crafts, food, and a special jolly visitor; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 2pm Sat Dec 5.

Lego Club, enjoy a morning of free-building with Lego blocks; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 11am Sat Dec 5.

Lego Mindstorm Programming, we will be programming pre-constructed robots with the LEGO Mindstorm Intelligent Brick, and exploring how and why of Mindstorm programming; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm Sat Dec 5.

Doctor Who Holiday Party, for all ages; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 6pm Mon Dec 7.



LIBRARY EVENTS

November & December

Anime Club, for grades 6-12 who love anime, manga, and all things Japanese; drop by to watch anime, enjoy snacks, and make new friends; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 3:30pm Tue Dec 8.

Early Release Activities, students early release day for the Bettendorf School district with board games, card games such as Magic, and the occasional video game or movie; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 1pm Wed Dec 9.

Lego @ the Library, kids in 1st-6th grade are invited to build some epic creations using the library's Lego and K'Nex sets; featuring a Lego Competition with prizes for the winners: free: for information, call visit www. scottcountylibrary.org or contact the Library at 563-285-4794, Eldridge Library, 200 N. 6th Ave., Eldridge, IA, ScottCountyLibrary.org, 4:30pm Thu Dec 10.

Teen Gaming Night, join us to play XBox 360, Wii, and board games, and eat snacks with friends; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 5:45pm **Thu Dec 10**.

Play and Grow Time, a structured play group, modeling early literacy skills and information sharing; toddlers ages three and under can talk, sing, read and play their way to early literacy; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 10:30am Thu Dec 10.

Cinnamon Swirl Celebration, a one-stop family holiday experience, featuring makeyour-own cinnamon ornaments, other holiday crafts, and kids' games to get everyone ready for the big day; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library -Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 2pm Sat Dec 12.

Star Wars Party, make your own light saber, test your Jedi skills with JarJar Jars, and enjoy out of this world beverages and snacks; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 2pm Sat Dec 12.

Holiday Community Service Event, for middle and high-school students; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 6pm Mon Dec 14.

Teen Volunteer Council, teens hang out, eat snacks, and share ideas on how to make the library better; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA. DavenportLibrary.com, 4pm Tue Dec 15

Magic: The Gathering Club, trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 3:30pm Wed Dec 16.

Lego Block Club, for grades pre-K-6; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 4pm Wed Dec 16.

Doctor Who Party, enjoy a (non-canon, non-BBC) Doctor Who movie, snacks fit for a Time Lord, plus trivia, crafts and prizes; grab your sonic screwdriver and join us; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Thu Dec

Holiday Open House, enjoy our holiday decorations and sweet treats while your kids visit with Santa; each child will receive a special goody bag from Santa; free; for information, call 309-792-0548, Colona Public Library, 911 1st St., Colona, IL, ColonaLibrary.com, 6:30pm Thu Dec 17.

Building with Books Lego Club, ages 4-12 build with Lego blocks and listen to stories; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6pm Thu Dec 17.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG), all invited to help determine library activities, with attendance earning Service Learning Hours; free; for information, call 563-289-4242, LeClaire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA, LeClaire.lib.ia.us, 6:30pm Thu Dec 17.

Kids' Gaming Tournament: Mario Kart, contestants will be paired off randomly and competition will be bracket-style; the winner will receive a Gamestop gift card; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 3:30pm **Tue Dec 22**.

Anime Club, teens hang out with other anime & manga fans while eating noodles and watching favorite series; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 4pm Mon Dec 28.

Teen Gaming Tournament: Super Smash Bros., contestants will be paired off randomly and competition will be bracket-style; the winner will receive a Gamestop gift card; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Mon Dec 28.

Miniature Minion Party, bring your miniature minions for fun games and crafts from 4-5pm, followed by a movie from 5-6:30pm; extra points if you dress like your favorite Minion; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library -Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 4pm Tue Dec 29.

Teen Tuesday, a relaxing evening of books. music, and a different activity; snacks will be provided; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 5:30pm Tue Dec 29.

Minion Mayhem Movie & More, enjoy a newly-released-to-DVD movie at 3:30pm, and make a minion craft before the movie starts; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary. com, 1pm Wed Dec 30.

January

After School Mondays, on Mondays; activities for students who love anime, manga, and video games: free: for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA BettendorfLibrary.com, 3pm Mon Jan 4 thru Mon Jan 25.

Afterschool Mania, ages 5-12 are invited to join us weekly for Play-Doh sculpting, fun crafts, Lego, and more; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Mon Jan 4.

Geek&Snack, teens join us in creating delicious snacks inspired by some of our favorite fandoms such as Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and others; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 3:30pm Tue Jan 5.

Homework Helpdesk, on Tuesdays;

stop in for help on your homework; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Tue Jan 5 thru Tue Jan 26.

Exploratorium, on Wednesdays; an experiment in S.T.E.A.M.-powered programming for grades K-4: free: for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 2pm Wed Jan 6 thru Wed Jan 27.

Teen Gaming, on Wednesdays; our current gaming systems include PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, XboxONE, Wii, and WiiU, along with laptops available for online gaming; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2:30pm Wed Jan 6 thru Wed Jan 27.

Magic: The Gathering Club, on Wednesdays; trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3:30pm Wed Jan 6 thru Wed Jan 20.

Tween Gaming, play our selection of fun and learning video games just for tweens on our big screen, and meet other kids who love gaming, too; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 5:30pm Mon Jan 11.

Anime Club, for grades 6-12 who love anime, manga, and all things Japanese; drop by to watch anime, enjoy snacks, and make new friends; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 3:30pm Tue Jan 12.

Play and Grow Time, a structured play group, modeling early literacy skills and information sharing; toddlers ages three and under can talk, sing, read and play their way to early literacy; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 10:30am Thu Jan 14.

Awaken the Reading Force! Winter Reading Kickoff, play the Jedi Obstacle course, tour the spacecraft station, fight the dark side. build Legos, visit with Garrison members, fold snowflakes and "Star Wars" characters, make buttons and more activities for all ages; free: for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 2pm Sat Jan

Larger Than Life Games, drop-in event for all ages; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 12pm Sat Jan 16.

Teen Volunteer Council, hang out, eat snacks, and share your ideas on how to make the library more awesome; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 4:30pm Tue Jan 19.

Teen Anime Night, enjoy Japanese snacks, learn some Japanese characters, and pick some anime to watch from the Crunchyroll streaming site: free: for information, call 309-732-7323. Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm Thu Jan 21.

Building with Books Lego Club, ages 4-12 build with Lego blocks and listen to stories; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6pm Thu Jan 21.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG), all invited to help determine library activities, with attendance earning Service Learning Hours; free: for information, call 563-289-4242, LeClaire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA, LeClaire.lib.ia.us, 6:30pm Thu Jan 21.

Tween Galaxy Scavenger Hunt, explore the galaxy during our Use the Force: READ! Winter

Reading program with a library scavenger hunt just for kids ages 8 to 12; prizes awarded to the winners; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 6:30pm Mon Jan 25.

Anime Club, hang out with other anime & manga fans while we eat noodles and watch our favorite series; free; for information. call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Mon Jan 25.

Teen Tuesday, a relaxing evening of books, music, and a different activity; snacks will be provided; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 5:30pm Tue Jan 26.

Early Release Activities, teens can enjoy space in the Quad dedicated to board games card games such as Magic, and even the occasional video game or movie; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm

Teen Gaming Night, enjoy snacks and play with our Xbox 360 and Wii video games as well as classic board games; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL. RocklslandLibrary.org, 6pm Thu Jan 28.

Star Wars Celebration!, drop by for fun activities, crafts, and games themed after the popular films; attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite "Star Wars" character and get their picture taken in front of a "Star Wars" backdrop; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm Sat Jan 30.

February & March

YouTube Contest for Teens, for middle and high-school students; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, Mon Feb 1 thru Mon Feb 29.

Afterschool Mania, ages 5-12 are invited to join us weekly for Play-Doh sculpting, fun crafts, Lego, and more; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Mon Feb 1.

After School Mondays, on Mondays: activities for students who love anime, manga, and video games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3pm Mon Feb 1 thru Mon Mar 14.

Geek&Snack, teens join us in creating delicious snacks inspired by some of our favorite fandoms such as Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and others; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 3:30pm Tue Feb 2.

Homework Helpdesk, on Tuesdays; stop in for help on your homework; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Tue Feb 2 thru Tue Mar 15.

Teen Gaming, on Wednesdays; our current gaming systems include PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, XboxONE, Wii, and WiiU, along with laptops available for online gaming: free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2:30pm

Wed Feb 3 thru Wed Mar 16.

Exploratorium, on Wednesdays; an experiment in S.T.E.A.M.-powered programming for grades K-4; free; for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com, 2pm **Wed Feb 3 thru Wed Mar 16**.

Magic: The Gathering Club, on Wednesdays; trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3:30pm Wed Feb 3.

Teen Advisory Group, your chance to help plan programs and events for teens, recommend new books and materials for the library, earn service credits, make friends, and have fun; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 3:30pm **Thu Feb 4**.

Tween Gaming, play our selection of fun and learning video games just for tweens on our big screen, and meet other kids who love gaming, too; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 5:30pm **Mon Feb 8**.

Anime Club, for grades 6-12 who love anime, manga, and all things Japanese; drop by to watch anime, enjoy snacks, and make new friends; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 3:30pm Tue Feb 9.

Early Release Activities, teens can enjoy space in the Quad dedicated to board games, card games such as Magic, and even the occasional video game or movie; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm **Wed Feb 10**.

Play and Grow Time, a structured play group, modeling early literacy skills and information sharing; toddlers ages three and under can talk, sing, read and play their way to early literacy; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - 30/31 Branch, 3059 30th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary. org, 10:30am Thu Feb 11.

Valentine's Day Party, crafts, activities, and snacks you have to love; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 2pm Sat Feb 13.

Teen Volunteer Council, hang out, eat snacks, and share your ideas on how to make the library more awesome; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 4:30pm **Tue Feb 16**.

Magic: The Gathering Club, on Wednesdays; trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary.com, 3:30pm Wed Feb 17.

Building with Books Lego Club, ages 4-12 build with Lego blocks and listen to stories; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 6pm **Thu Feb 18**.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG), all invited to help determine library activities, with attendance earning Service Learning Hours; free; for information, call 563-289-4242, LeClaire Community Library, 323 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA, LeClaire.lib.ia.us, 6:30pm Thu Feb 18.

Teen Galaxy Night, enjoy a free movie, popcorn, and "Star Wars" crafts as part of the library's Use the Force: Read! Winter Reading Event for ages 12 to 18; show us your Jedi reading skills and win prizes; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 5:30pm **Thu Feb 18**.

Doctor Who Party, for all ages; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.

com, 6pm Mon Feb 22.

Anime Club, hang out with other anime & manga fans while we eat noodles and watch our favorite series; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 4pm Mon Feb 22.

Teen Tuesday, a relaxing evening of books, music, and a different activity; snacks will be provided; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 5:30pm **Tue Feb 23.**

Early Release Activities, teens can enjoy space in the Quad dedicated to board games, card games such as Magic, and even the occasional video game or movie; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrtary.com, 1pm **Wed Feb 24**.

Cat in the Hat Is Back!, drop in for games, crafts, and the Cat reading stories; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary. com. 60m Thu Feb 25.

Teen Gaming Night, enjoy snacks and play with our Xbox 360 and Wii video games as well as classic board games; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary.org, 6pm **Thu Feb 25**.

Geek&Snack, teens join us in creating delicious snacks inspired by some of our favorite fandoms such as Harry Potter, Doctor Who, and others; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 3:30pm **Tue Mar 1**.

Magic: The Gathering Club, trade with and compete against other collectors in card games; free; for information, call 563-344-4175, Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf, IA, BettendorfLibrary. com, 3:30pm Wed Mar 2.

Anime Club, for grades 6-12 who love anime, manga, and all things Japanese; drop by to watch anime, enjoy snacks, and make new friends; free; for information, call 309-524-2470, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com. 3:30pm Tue Mar 8.

Tween Gaming, play our selection of fun and learning video games just for tweens on our big screen, and meet other kids who love gaming, too; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 5:30pm **Mon Mar 14**.

THEATRE PERFORMANCES

November & December

The Most Famous Reindeer of All, family-musical twist on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," directed by Andrea Moore; scheduled 10am show-only performances and noon brunch performances; \$10.50-20; for tickets and information, call 309-786-7733 ext. 2, Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Ave., Rock Island, IL, Circa21.com, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

A Christmas Story: The Musical, holiday musical based on the beloved movie, directed by Leslie Charipar; Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2:30pm; \$25; for tickets and information, call 319-366-8591, Theatre Cedar Rapids, 102 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, TheatreCR.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 6.

Jingle Arrgh the Way! A Christmas Pirate Adventure, musical-comedy adventure based on the story by Melinda Long; scheduled 10am & 1pm performances on Saturdays; \$9; for tickets and information, call 319-622-6262, Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana, IA, OldCreamery.com, Sat Nov 28 thru Sat Dec 19.

Disney on Ice: Treasure Trove, a jampacked ice show that commemorates the legacy of Disney animated films, with appearances by Disney princesses and characters from "Peter Pan," "The Lion King," and other classics; Thu. & Fri. 7p;, Sat. 11am, 3 & 5pm; Sun. 1 & 5pm; \$13-53; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, i wireless Center, 1201 River Dr, Moline, IL, iwireless Center.com, **Thu Dec 3 thru Sun Dec 6**.

A Christmas Story: The Musical, musical comedy based on the beloved holiday movie, directed by Bob Williams; Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun 2pm; \$11-16; for tickets and information, call 309-762-6610, Quad City Music Guild - Prospect Park Auditorium, 1584 34th Ave., Moline, IL, QCMusicGuild.com, Thu Dec 3 thru Sun Dec 6.

Elf: The Musical, a Youth Musical Theatre Class (cast 1) performance of the holiday musical based on the Will Ferrell comedy; Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2 & 7pm; \$10; for information, call 563-340-7816, The Center for Living Arts, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, CenterForLivingArts. org, Fri Dec 4 and Sat Dec 5.

Junie B. Jones in "Jingle Bells, Batman Smells", family musical based on Barbara Park's children's books, directed by Kimberly Furness; \$8-9; for tickets, call 563-333-6251, Galvin Fine Arts Center, 2101 N. Gaines St., Davenport, IA, SAU.edu/theatre, 3pm Sat Dec 5 and Sun Dec

Bettendorf High School Artists Show,

hip-hop dance with the RusHour duo of Juan Valtierra and Curtis Bell, spoken-word artists, ballet dancing, musicians, and more; for information, call 563-332-7001, Bettendorf High School Performing Arts Center, 3333 18th St., Bettendorf, IA, Bettendorf.K12.ia.us, **Sun Dec 6**.

Elf: The Musical, a Youth Musical Theatre Class (cast A) performance of the holiday musical based on the Will Ferrell comedy; Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2 & 7pm; \$10, The Center for Living Arts, 2008 4th Ave, Rock Island, IL, CenterForLivingArts.org, Fri Dec 11 and Sat Dec 12

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical, a new stage adventure based on the beloved holiday TV special; \$25-65; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 2pm Sun Dec 20.

Sal Fink, Catfish Wrangler, at 10am & 1pm; watch Sal tame a bear, wrestle a vicious snake, vanquish a tornado, and play with her pet pig Suey; the production features live music written and performed by lowa musician Ron Hillis; presented by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre; for information, call 319-627-2487, Owl Glass Puppetry Center, 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, IA, PuppetsPuppets.com, Mon Dec 28.

January thru March

Pinocchio, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre presents John Davies' fairytale adaptation in a school outreach production performed by members of CR Opera's Young Artist Program; free; for information, call 319-365-7401 or e-mail jlschulte@cr-opera.org, Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 1st St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, CR-Opera.org, 10:30am Sat Jan 9.

Fairy Tales!, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre hosts a community puppet show, inviting local and area residents to help perform and construct; this year's show will feature a large circular shadow puppet stage, beautiful shadow puppets, and live music to present some of Eulenspiegel's favorite fairy tales; for information, call 319-627-2487, Owl Glass Puppetry Center, 319 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, IA, PuppetsPuppets.com, 2pm Sun Jan 24.

Clifford the Big Red Dog Live!, all new family musical with the beloved storybook character; \$15-33; for tickets and information,

call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC. com. 6:30pm **Thu Feb 11**.

The Velveteen Rabbit, student-performed adaptation of the storybook classic, written by Anita Larsen, directed by Daniel Sheridan; Sat. 1 & 4pm, Sun. 2pm; \$6-8 at the door; for information, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.org, Sat Feb 20 thru Sun Feb 28.

Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School, stage version of Barbara Park's beloved children's book performed by New York's Theatreworks USA; for tickets and information, call 563-585-7469, John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St., Dubuque, IA, Dbq.edu/ heritagecenter, 2pm Sun Feb 28.

Peter Rabbit Tales, family production based on the Beatrix Potter books featuring fantastic masks, whimsical puppets, gorgeous scenery, and original music; \$15-33; for tickets and information, call 641-472-2787, Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Fairfield, IA, FairfieldACC.com, 6:30pm Tue Mar 1.

CLASSES

Acting for Ages 5-6, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology, improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 10am Sat Jan 16.

Acting for Ages 7-9, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology, improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 11:15am Sat Jan 16.

Broadway for Ages 7-9, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; become a "triple threat" by learning what it takes to dance, sing, and act; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 11:30am **Sat Jan 16**.

Creative Theatre Fun for Ages 3-4, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; students explore creative role-play, mime, imaginary play, basic improvisation, movement, crafts, and games to develop a healthy and physical imagination; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9am Sat Jan 16.

Intermediate Acting for Ages 10-12, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; build on skills learned in previous courses; physicality, characterization, and vocalization skills are expanded; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre. com, 10:45am Sat Jan 16.

Intermediate Acting for Ages 7-9,

Saturdays thru Apr. 9; build on skills learned in previous courses; physicality, characterization, and vocalization skills are expanded; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre. com, 12pm **Sat Jan 16**.

THEATRE **CLASSES**

Sound Design for Ages 12+, Saturdays thru Apr. 9; manage and configure sound equipment, record and edit sound effects and music, create incidental music, and use special software to create playlists for theatrical performances: \$108-135; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9:15am Sat Jan

Acting for Ages 10-12, Mondays thru Apr. 4; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology, improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6pm Mon Jan 18.

Acting for Ages 7-9, Mondays thru Apr. 4; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology, improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5:30pm Mon Jan 18.

Acting for the Camera for Ages 8-11, Mondays thru Apr. 4; focusing on the techniques and skills required to perform on screen, students get the chance to see playback of their work in the classroom; students learn new vocabulary and how to successfully audition for film; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:45pm Mon

Broadway for Ages 5-6, Mondays thru Apr. 4; become a "triple threat" by learning what it takes to dance, sing, and act; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Mon Jan 18.

Creative Theatre Fun for Ages 3-4. Mondays thru Apr. 4; students explore creative role-play, mime, imaginary play, basic improvisation, movement, crafts, and games to develop a healthy and physical imagination; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:30pm Mon

Teen Acting, Mondays thru Apr. 4; get professional theatrical training, some onstage experience, and meet other teens from around the theatre circuit in the Quad Cities; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre. com, 7:15pm Mon Jan 18.

Acting for Ages 10-12, Tuesdays thru Apr. 5; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology. improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5:45pm Tue Jan 19.

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Disney on Ice: Treasure Trove @ i wireless Center - December 3 through 6

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Advanced Acting for Ages 9-12, Tuesdays thru Apr. 5: this class deepens the imagination and technique of storytelling; the class uses a variety of tools to develop new skills, while reinforcing old ones; \$108-135; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6:30pm Tue

Broadway Babies for Ages 3-4, Tuesdays thru Apr. 5; explore storytelling through song and dance: this class develops coordination and social skills through exercises, movement. crafts and games; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Tue Jan

Improv for Ages 10-12, Tuesdays thru Apr. 5; through a collection of games and exercises, students develop the ability to think quickly and imaginatively; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Fastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 7pm Tue Jan

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Acting for Ages 5-6, Wednesdays thru Apr. 6; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology. improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:30pm Wed Jan 20.

Acting for Ages 7-9, Wednesdays thru Apr. 6; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology.

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Acting for Ages 10-12, Thursdays thru Apr. 7; this imaginative, high-energy environment also provides basic theatre terminology, improvisation, characterization, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 7:30pm Thu Jan 21.

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Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6pm Thu Jan 21.

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Homeschool Theatre for Ages 11-14,

Thursdays thru Apr. 7; classes are run like our traditional theatre classes with the addition of some theatre history, vocabulary, technical theatre, design and other educational content; this imaginative, high-energy environment provides theatre terminology, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 12:15pm Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Theatre for Ages 5-6,

Thursdays thru Apr. 7; classes are run like our traditional theatre classes with the addition of some theatre history, vocabulary, technical theatre, design and other educational content; this imaginative, high-energy environment provides theatre terminology, vocal technique, and physical skills; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9:30am Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Theatre for Ages 7-10,

Thursdays thru Apr. 7; classes are run like our traditional theatre classes with the addition of some theatre history, vocabulary, technical theatre, design and other educational content; this imaginative, high-energy environment provides theatre terminology, vocal technique, and physical skills: \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 10:45am Thu

Intermediate Acting for Ages 7-9,

Thursdays thru Apr. 7; build on skills learned in previous courses; physicality, characterization, and vocalization skills are expanded; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Fastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre. com, 7:15pm Thu Jan 21.

Spectrum Theatre for Ages 12+, Thursdays thru Apr. 7; theatre class for youths living with autism or dealing with other challenges that may inhibit expression or communication; with a focus on having fun, students learn social skills and interpreting others' communication based on body language, intonation, and situational context; \$100-125; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre. 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.org, 5:45pm **Thu** Jan 21.

Spectrum Theatre for Ages 7 - 11,

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DANCE **EVENTS**

Dance Me a Story: The Nutcracker, join dancers from Ballet Quad Cities as they encourage youngsters to bring "The

Nutcracker" to life; free; for information, call

563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 7pm Tue Dec 1.

The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet performed by dancers from the Nolte Academy; Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 2 & 7:30pm, Sun. 2 & 6:30pm; \$16-28.50; for tickets and information, call 319-688-2653. Englert Theatre. 221 East Washington St., Iowa City, IA, Englert. org, Fri Dec 4 thru Sun Dec 6.

Dance Me a Story: The Nutcracker, presented by Ballet Quad Cities, sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council and Iowa Arts Council: for information, call 309-524-2440, Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline, IL, MolineLibrary.com, 2:30pm Wed Dec 9.

Ballet Quad Cities' The Nutcracker, annual presentation of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, with live music by Orchestra Iowa and quest appearances by the Ouad City Symphony's Children's Choir; Sat. 1:30 & 7:30pm, Sun 1:30pm; \$10.50-36; for information, call 309-786-3779, Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA, BalletQuadCities.com, Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13.

The Nutcracker, Peoria Ballet presents Tchaikovky's holiday classic, with live accompaniment by the Heartland Festival Orchestra; Sat. 2 & 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm; \$12-47; for tickets, call 800-745-3000, Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL, PeoriaCivicCenter.com, 7:30pm Sat Dec 12 and Sun Dec 13

Dance Me a Story: Love Stories, join dancers from Ballet Quad Cities for an hour of movement, music, sweetness, and drama; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 7pm Wed Jan 27.

Hug-A-Book Children's Dance Party, rock out with Rock Island musician Chris Dunn with dancing and book fun for preschoolers age five and under; every child attending gets a free book to keep thanks to the Merrill Harris Hug-A-Book Fund of the Rock Island Public Library Foundation; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RockIslandLibrary. org, 6pm Thu Feb 18.

CLASSES

Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance Classes. offering classes in Ballet Pointe, Modern, Jazz Tap, Conditioning, Creative Movement, and Adult Ballet, for ages 3 to adult; all classes taught by the company's professional dancers; for information and to register, call 309-786-2677, Ballet Quad Cities School of Dance, 617 17th St, Rock Island, IL, BalletQuadCities.com, Wed Nov 25 thru Wed Mar 16.

Advanced Ballet for Kids, Mondays thru May 9: on teacher recommendation: classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA. DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6:30pm Mon

Ballet I for Ages 7+, Mondays thru May 9; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6pm Mon Jan 18.

Ballet II for Ages 8+, Mondays thru May 9; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:10pm Mon Jan 18.

Ballet III for Ages 10+, Mondays thru May 9; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5:20pm Mon Jan 18.

Beginning Ballet for Ages 5-6, Mondays thru May 9; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Fastern Ave. Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5pm Mon Jan 18.

Budding Ballerinas for Ages 3-4, Mondays thru May 9; the class focus is on developing core basics and having fun; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Mon Jan 18.

Hip Hop I for Ages 7-9, Tuesdays thru May 10; this course uses high energy, contemporary routines with current moves and popular music: \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5:10pm Tue Jan

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Hip Hop III for Ages 13+, Tuesdays thru May 10; this course uses high energy, contemporary routines with current moves and popular music; \$124-155; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 7:10pm Tue Jan 19.

Li'l Hip Hop for Ages 5-6, Tuesdays thru May 10; this course uses high energy, contemporary routines with current moves and popular music; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:10pm Tue Jan 19.

Tumble I for Ages 5+, Tuesdays thru May 10: floor gymnastics for the beginning to intermediate tumbler: \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5pm Tue Jan 19.

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Tumble Tots for Ages 3-4, Tuesdays thru May 10; our littlest tumblers begin learning basic floor gymnastics and exercises to increase flexibility, strength, and balance; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Tue Jan 19.

Beginning Ballet for Ages 5-6, Wednesdays

thru May 11; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4:15pm Wed Jan 20.

Beginning Tap for Ages 5-6, Wednesdays thru May 11: this class develops timing, rhythm. and coordination; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Wed Jan 20.

Budding Ballerinas for Ages 3-4, Wednesdays thru May 11; the class focus is on developing core basics and having fun; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5:15pm Wed Jan 20.

Dance for Theatre: Ages 8+, Wednesdays thru May 11; students learn basic dance moves that are used in theatre musical performances, as well as basic tap and jazz skills that are valuable to any stage performer; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6:45pm Wed Jan 20.

Lyrical I for Ages 9+, Wednesdays thru May 11; dancers learn to express themselves as artists while dancing to stories revealed in the lyrics of contemporary music; focus is on the feeling behind the music and expressing emotion through movement; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 7:10pm Wed Jan 20.

Mainstage Dance Company for Ages 9+, Wednesdays thru May 11; by audition only; comprised of our most dedicated dancers who are seeking an additional challenge and performance opportunities; mainstage dancers will also serve as role models for younger students and have opportunities to assist in class and/or performance; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5pm Wed Jan 20.

Budding Ballerinas for Ages 3-4, Thursdays thru May 12; the class focus is on developing core basics and having fun; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 4pm Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Ballet I for Ages 5+, Thursdays thru May 12; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 2pm Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Ballet II for Ages 6+,

Thursdays thru May 12; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 1pm Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Ballet III for Ages 8+,

Thursdays thru May 12; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com,

12pm Thu Jan 21.

Homeschool Ballet IV, Thursdays thru May 12; on teacher recommendation; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 11am Thu Jan

Homeschool Ballet V, Thursdays thru May 12; on teacher recommendation; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$124-155; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9am Thu Jan 21.

Poms Dance Team I for Ages 5-6, Thursdays thru May 12; a fun and high-energy class focused on areas of dance, cheer, leaps, turns, jumps and more tricks; learn precision and strong arm motions while focusing on technical dance skills of balance, strength, and flexibility; learn routines in areas of jazz, hip hop, kick line, and more; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA. DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 5pm Thu Jan 21.

Poms Dance Team II for Ages 7-9, Thursdays thru May 12; a fun and high-energy class focused on areas of dance, cheer, leaps, turns, jumps and more tricks; learn precision and strong arm motions while focusing on technical dance skills of balance, strength, and flexibility; learn routines in areas of jazz, hip hop, kick line, and more; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA. DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 6pm Thu Jan 21.

Poms Dance Team III for Ages 10+, Thursdays thru May 12; a fun and high-energy class focused on areas of dance, cheer, leaps, turns, jumps and more tricks; learn precision and strong arm motions while focusing on technical dance skills of balance, strength, and flexibility; learn routines in areas of jazz, hip hop, kick line, and more: \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Fastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 7pm Thu Jan 21.

Tap/Jazz I/II for Ages 7+, Thursdays thru May 12; tap uses special tap shoes to make rhythmic sounds and combinations; this class develops timing, rhythm and coordination; jazz uses techniques and movements from ballet and modern dance; this class is designed to develop expression of music through creative movement: \$120-150: for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, Thu Jan 21.

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Beginning Ballet for Ages 5-6, Saturdays thru May 14; classes provide proper training in ballet technique, alignment and terminology, incorporating the discipline that is an integral part of all dance styles; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862. Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 10am Sat Jan 23.

DANCE

Budding Ballerinas for Ages 3-4, Saturdays thru May 14; the class focus is on developing core basics and having fun; \$112-140: for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9am Sat Jan 23.

Mommy/Daddy & Me, Saturdays thru May 14, for ages 18 months - 3; class gets toddlers and parents creatively moving to music while learning and having fun together; nursery rhymes and lullaby music are used to get parents and toddlers acquainted with the dance classroom while in the comfort of each other's presence; \$76-95; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 11am Sat Jan 23.

Tumble I for Ages 5+, Saturdays thru May 14; floor gymnastics for the beginning to intermediate tumbler; \$120-150; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 10:50am Sat Jan 23.

Tumble Tots for Ages 3-4, Saturdays thru May 14; our littlest tumblers begin learning basic floor gymnastics and exercises to increase flexibility, strength, and balance; \$112-140; for information and to register, call 563-326-7862, Davenport Junior Theatre, 2822 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportJuniorTheatre.com, 9:50am Sat Jan 23.

MUSEUMS

Putnam Explorers Jr., for grades preK-1; hands-on learning that invites students to dive deep into exciting concepts; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam. org, 9am Sat Dec 5.

Putnam Explorers, for grades 2-6; hands-on learning that invites students to dive deep into exciting concepts; for information, call 563-324 1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, 1:30pm Sun Dec 6.

Polar Express Pajama Parties, dress in your PJs and enjoy activities such as decorating your own sleigh bell, getting your face painted, a Lights-Out Museum Scavenger Hunt, and holiday games; then grab a cup of hot cocoa for a viewing of "The Polar Express 3D"; Thu. 3:30pm, Fri. 3pm, Sat 5:30pm; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam. org, 3:30pm Thu Dec 17 thru Sat Dec 19.

Putnam Explorers Jr., for grades preK-1; hands-on learning that invites students to dive deep into exciting concepts; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam. org, 9am Sat Jan 2.

Putnam Explorers, for grades 2-6; hands-on learning that invites students to dive deep into exciting concepts; for information, call 563-324 1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, 1:30pm Sun Jan 3.

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MOVIES

The Wiz, a screening of the Oscar-nominated musical updating of "The Wizard of Oz," starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson: includes free hot dogs, popcorn, and soda; an "At the Movies" event presented by Royal Neighbors of America Chapter 20028 and the Semper Fidelis Club; for information, call 800-627-4762, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, RoyalNeighbors. org, 5pm Wed Nov 25.

Family Animated Movie, screening of the just-released DVD about a happy, hockeyloving 11-year-old Midwestern girl whose world turns upside-down when she and her parents move to San Francisco; free; for information, call 309-755-3393, Silvis Public Library, 105 8th St., Silvis, IL, SilvisLibrary.org, 2pm Fri Nov 27.

Frozen, 3D screenings of the Oscar-winning animated musical; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

The Polar Express, 3D screenings of the Oscar-nominated holiday classic; for information, call 563-324-1933. Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, Fri Nov 27 thru Sun Dec 27.

Frozen Sing-Along Sunday, sing along with the Oscar-winning animated musical; for information, call 563-324-1933, Putnam Museum & Science Center, 1717 W 12th St, Davenport, IA, Putnam.org, 4:15pm Sun Nov 29 thru Sun Dec 27.

Holiday Movies, watch your favorite seasonal movies while enjoying a warm cup of cocoa; all movies will be G or PG rated with different titles shown throughout the day; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Fairmount Street Library, 3000 N. Fairmount St., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary.com, 10am Mon Dec 21.

Winter Favorite Movies, bring the kids and catch your favorite winter movies on the big screen; all movies will be G or PG rated, with different titles shown throughout the day; free; for information, call 563-326-7832, Davenport Public Library - Eastern Ave. Branch, 6000 Eastern Ave., Davenport, IA, DavenportLibrary. com, 10am Tue Dec 29.

Family Movie Fest, join us on President's Day for a fun family movie on our big screen and complimentary popcorn; the G-rated adventure/family/fantasy features adorable pups who "take one small step for dog and one giant leap for dog-kind"; free; for information, call 309-732-7323, Rock Island Public Library - Main Library, 401 19th St., Rock Island, IL, RocklslandLibrary.org, 3pm **Mon Feb 15**.

OTHER EVENTS

November & December

Niabi Zoo Homeschool Program: Snow Leopards, for ages 5-12; take a closer look at what makes these animals special and what we can do to help them; \$7-14; for information,

call 309-799-3482, Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo.com, 9:30am Wed

Zoo Tots, event for ages 2-4 in which upclose animal encounters, crafts, and a story make the animal world come alive; today's subject: the letter D, from ducks to dogs; \$6-12; for information, call 309-799-3482., Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo. com, 9:30am Thu Dec 10.

4-H Holiday Extravaganza, ages 8 & up enjoy a variety of fun hands-on activities, ranging from crafts to cookies all wrapped and ready to go by the end of the day; supply fees will vary; for information, call 309-756-9978., University of Illinois Extension - Milan, 321 W. 2nd Ave., Milan, IL, Web.Extension.illinois.edu/ hmrs, 10am Sat Dec 12.

Holiday Extravaganza: Homemade Gifts Workshop, ages 7 & up make a variety of fun hands-on activities ranging from crafts to cookies, all wrapped and ready to go by the end of the day; \$25 for supplies and lunch, Rock Island County Extension, 321 W 2nd Ave, Milan, IL, Web.Extension.Illinois.edu, 10am Sat Dec 12.

Santa at the Center, bring the kids to meet the Jolly Old Elf, Princeton Community Center, 428 South River Dr., Princeton, IA, VisitLeClaire. com, 6pm Sat Dec 12.

Zoo Tots, event for ages 2-4 in which upclose animal encounters, crafts, and a story make the animal world come alive: today's subject: the letter D, from ducks to dogs; \$6-12; for information, call 309-799-3482., Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo. com, 9:30am Sat Dec 12.

4-H Military Scrapbooking Club, for ages 12-18; at the Cession Room in Building 60; get your smartphone or Instagram photos printed off and into a memorable scrapbook; embellish a unique scrapbook each month and learn new scrapbook techniques: \$20 supply fee: for information and to register, call 309-756-9978, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, Web. Extension.illinios.edu/hmrs/4hpyd, 5:30pm Wed Dec 16.

Winter Nature Camp: Grades 3 - 6, each camp will be filled with winter games, exploration, and adventure; \$10; for information, call 319-523-8381, Langwood Education Center, 14001 H Ave., Wapello, IA LouisaCountyConservation.org, 1pm Tue Dec 29.

Winter Nature Camp: Preschool & Kindergarten, each camp will be filled with winter games, exploration, and adventure; \$10; for information, call 319-523-8381, Langwood Education Center, 14001 H Ave., Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 9am Tue Dec

Winter Nature Camp: Grades 1 &

2, each camp will be filled with winter games, exploration, and adventure; \$10; for information, call 319-523-8381, Langwood Education Center, 14001 H Ave., Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 9am Wed Dec

January

Zoo Tots, event for ages 2-4 in which upclose animal encounters, crafts, and a story make the animal world come alive; today's subject: the letter E, from elk to eclectus parrots; \$6-12; for information, call 309-799-3482., Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo.com, 9:30am Thu Jan 7.

Zoo Tots, event for ages 2-4 in which upclose animal encounters, crafts, and a story make the animal world come alive; today's subject: the letter E, from elk to eclectus parrots; \$6-12; for information, call 309-799-3482., Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo.com, 9:30am Sat Jan 9.

Niabi Zoo Homeschool Program: Grossology, for ages 5-12; explore all of the things that make us go eeww; \$7-14; for information, call 309-799-3482, Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo. com, 9:30am Wed Jan 13.

4-H Military Scrapbooking Club, for ages 12-18; at the Cession Room in Building 60; get your smartphone or Instagram photos printed off and into a memorable scrapbook; embellish a unique scrapbook each month and learn new scrapbook techniques: \$20 supply fee: for information and to register, call 309-756-9978, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, Web. Extension.illinios.edu/hmrs/4hpyd, 5:30pm Wed Jan 20.

February & March

Niabi Zoo Homeschool Program:

Enrichment, for ages 5-12; from papier mache to perfume ads, learn all about the different ways we keep the animals interested in what's going on around them; \$7-14; for information, call 309-799-3482, Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo.com, 9:30am Wed Feb 10.

Zoo Tots, event for ages 2-4 in which upclose animal encounters, crafts, and a story make the animal world come alive; today's subject: the letter F, from fox to frogs; \$6-12; for information, call 309-799-3482., Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo. com, 9:30am Thu Feb 11.

eXtreme kids: Winter Fun!, for grades 3-5; dress in layers as we will be exploring, sledding, ice fishing, and more; \$10; for information, call 319-523-8381, Langwood Education Center, 14001 H Ave., Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 10am Sat Feb

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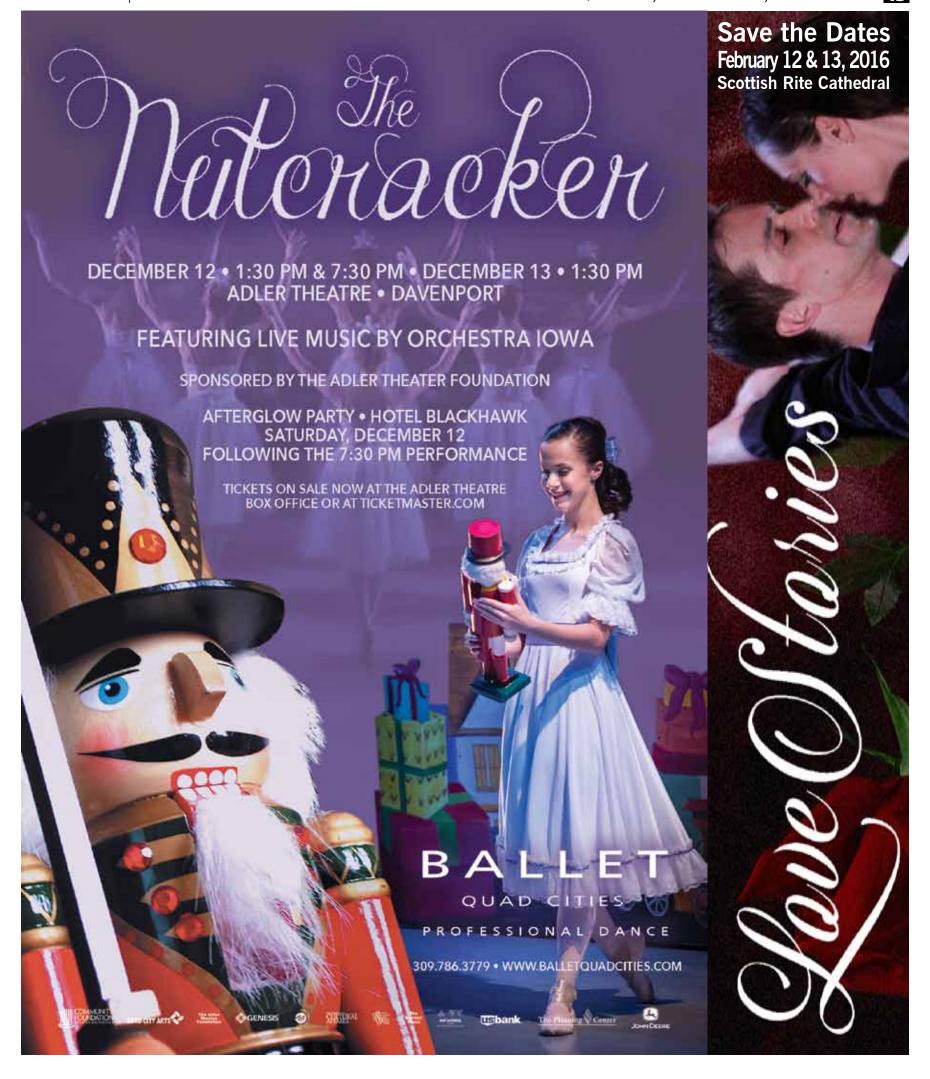
eXtreme Adventures: Rock Wall Climbing, for grades 6-8; put your climbing skills to the test on the amazing fifty foot indoor climbing wall on the University of Iowa campus; \$30; for information, call 319-523-8381, Louisa County Conservation Office, 12635 County Rd G56, Wapello, IA, LouisaCountyConservation.org, 4pm **Sat Feb 27**.

Niabi Zoo Homeschool Program:

Enrichment, for ages 5-12; look at animals who change as they grow and why they do it; \$7-14; for information, call 309-799-3482, Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd., Coal Valley, IL, NiabiZoo. com, 9:30am Wed Mar 9.

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4-H Military Scrapbooking Club, for ages 12-18: at the Cession Room in Building 60: get your smartphone or Instagram photos printed off and into a memorable scrapbook; embellish a unique scrapbook each month and learn new scrapbook techniques; \$20 supply fee; for information and to register, call 309-756-9978, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, IL, Web. Extension.illinios.edu/hmrs/4hpyd, 5:30pm Wed Mar 16.



Advice



Sweeping Beauty

My new boyfriend is messy. He drops his socks, underwear, and clothing on the floor by the bed. He's not lazy or entitled, just a space-head. It's no big deal for me to pick this stuff up, as I feel like I'm showing him love by caretaking. However, he says his ex said she didn't mind, either, and then was screaming about his socks eight months later. Is that my future?

- Worried

It was so much easier when we only wore fig leaves and you could just rake next to the bed.

To be human is to be annoying to some other human. Like by doing that weird clicking thing with your tongue or always leaving the kitchen cabinets ajar (very helpful for any dishes prone to claustrophobia).

At first, such behaviors can seem oddly endearing - as does a new boyfriend's abandoning his socks instead of making that harrowing 62.5-inch trek to the hamper. In time, however, a woman can start having some less-than-constructive ideas. You know, little things, like nailing his socks and underwear to the floor or perhaps lying in wait for him to drop something and then spraying him with a water bottle like a cat on the counter.

But as your boyfriend's letting his socks fall to the bedroom rug like snow, do you think he's all "Ha, I'll show her!", or more "Pillow, here I come!"? The air bag against resenting him is love – not love as a mere feeling but love as an activity, an action you choose to take. Assuming your guy's basically a good person who loves you, try to behave as if you haven't forgotten that you love him. Even when you hate him a little.

Unfortunately, change is hard. Behaviors become habits, and the personality traits that contribute to them are biologically driven. However, psychologist Art Markman explains that we can structure our environment to help us reshape our behavior. In Smart Change, he advises building a reminder to do a desired behavior into your environment in a way that it can't be avoided. Upon repeating a new behavior about 20 times, you create the beginnings of a new habit.

In your situation, this could even be fun. Each night for a few weeks, leave a sheet of paper with a different message on his pillow, maybe starting with a Magic Marker-ed smiling cartoon hamper saying, "Feed mee-e-e!" (One night, you could even tuck the hamper in under the covers.) Should you fail to amuse him out of his laundry-leaving ways, try to maintain perspective. Consider the idiocy of some people who say they'll do "anything" for love: move, quit, give up the British throne (sadly, a moot point for most of us). Their stance only changes once they have love - at which point "anything" involves stopping just short of picking up a small fabric item from the rug.

Minnie Mouth

I contributed to the ruin of my marriage with my big mouth, constantly sharing our intimate details with my girlfriends. Well, my wonderful new boyfriend is a pretty private person and has asked that I not share this stuff with my chick circle, and I've agreed. However, my friends have gotten used to living vicariously through my drama, and they aren't liking my new tightlipped approach. They even seem resentful, as if I don't trust them anymore.

- New Boundaries

Him: "I think I have psoriasis on my penis." You, picking up your phone to text: "Ohh ... that's terr- ... can you spell that for me?"

Yes, I've heard - privacy is supposedly dead (buried in a shallow grave with a dial-up modem somewhere in Jersey). And yes, many people treat it that way. However, though the private details of our lives - our thoughts, emotions, and closed-door doings - aren't things you can hold (like your "Hooked on Phonics" coffee mug), they are our possessions just like the physical objects we own. In an 1890 Harvard Law Review article, Louis Brandeis and Samuel Warren explain that privacy is a natural human right that comes out of our right to be left alone. Basically, unless you're a public figure or you've done some bad thing that affects the public, the information about your life belongs to you.

Gently inform your girl posse that the info cookie jar is now closed. Explain that this has nothing to do with them and everything to do with your boyfriend's right to pick the privacy settings on his life. And no, the fact that you and he are in situations together doesn't change that. He's agreed to share his life with you, not your friends, your Twitter followers, and three cranky federal agents in the "Heating and Cooling" van outside his house. @

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "We are torn between nostalgia for the familiar and an urge for the foreign and strange," wrote novelist Carson McCullers. "As often as not, we are homesick most for the places we have never known." I'm guessing that these days you're feeling that kind of homesickness, Aries. The people and places that usually comfort you don't have their customary power. The experiences you typically seek out to strengthen your stability just aren't having that effect. The proper response, in my opinion, is to go in quest of exotic and experimental stimuli. In ways you may not yet be able to imagine, they can provide the grounding you need. They will steady your nerves and bolster your courage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The Pekingese is a breed of dog that has been around for more than 2,000 years. In ancient China, it was beloved by Buddhist monks and emperors' families. Here's the legend of its origin: A tiny marmoset and huge lion fell in love with each other, but the contrast in their sizes made union impossible. Then the gods intervened, using magic to make them the same size. Out of the creatures' consummated passion, the first Pekingese was born. I think this myth can serve as inspiration for you, Taurus. Amazingly, you may soon find a way to blend and even synergize two elements that are ostensibly quite different. Who knows? You may even get some divine help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Author Virginia Woolf wrote this message to a dear ally: "I sincerely hope I'll never fathom you. You're mystical, serene, intriguing; you enclose such charm within you. The luster of your presence bewitches me ... the whole thing is splendid and voluptuous and absurd." I hope you will have good reason to whisper sweet things like that in the coming weeks, Gemini. You're in the Season of Togetherness, which is a favorable time to seek and cultivate interesting kinds of intimacy. If there is no one to whom you can sincerely deliver a memo like Woolf's, search for such a person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some people are so attached to wearing a favorite ring on one of their fingers that they never take it off. They love the beauty and endearment it evokes. In rare cases, years go by and their ring finger grows thicker. Blood flow is constricted. Discomfort sets in. And they can't remove their precious jewelry with the lubrication provided by a little olive oil or soap and water. They need the assistance of a jeweler who uses a small saw and a protective sheath to cut away the ring. I suspect this may be an apt metaphor for a certain situation in your life, Cancerian. Is it? Do you wonder if you should free yourself from a pretty or sentimental constriction that you have outgrown? If so, get help.

LEO (July 23-August 22): "Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted," wrote Leo author Aldous Huxley. That's the bad news. The good news is that in the coming weeks you are less likely to take things for granted than you have been in a long time. Happily, it's not because your familiar pleasures and sources of stability are in jeopardy. Rather, it's because you have become more deeply connected to the core of your life energy. You have a vivid appreciation of what sustains you. Your assignment: Be alert for the eternal as it wells up out of the mundane.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): In their quest to collect nectar, honeybees are attuned to the importance of proper timing. Even if flowering plants are abundant, the quality and quantity of the nectar that's available vary with the weather, season, and hour of the day. For example, dandelions may offer their peak blessings at 9 a.m., cornflowers in late morning, and clover in mid-afternoon. I urge you to be equally sensitive to the sources where you can obtain nourishment, Virgo. Arrange your schedule so you consistently seek to gather what you need at the right time and place.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Are you willing to dedicate yourself fully to a game whose rules are constantly mutating? Are you resourceful enough to keep playing at a high level even if some of the other players don't have as much integrity and commitment as you? Do you have confidence in your ability to detect and adjust to ever-shifting alliances? Will the game still engage your interest if you discover that the rewards are different from what you thought they were? If you can answer yes to these questions, by all means jump all the way into the complicated fun!

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): I suspect your body has been unusually healthy and vigorous lately. Is that true? If so, figure out why. Have you been taking better care of yourself? Have there been lucky accidents or serendipitous innovations on which you've been capitalizing? Make these new trends a permanent part of your routine. Now I'll make a similar observation about your psychological well-being. It also seems to have been extra strong recently. Why? Has your attitude improved in such a way as to generate more positive emotions? Have there been fluky breakthroughs that unleashed unexpected surges of hope and good cheer? Make these new trends a permanent part of your routine.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): From the dawn of civilization until 1995, humans

cataloged about 900 comets in our solar system. But since then, we have expanded that tally by more than 3,000. Most of the recent discoveries have been made not by professional astronomers, but by laypersons, including two 13-year-olds.

They have used the Internet to access images from the SOHO satellite placed in orbit by NASA and the European Space Agency. After analyzing the astrological omens, I expect you Sagittarians to enjoy a similar run of amateur success. So trust your rookie instincts. Feed your innocent curiosity. Ride your raw enthusiasm.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): Whether or not you are literally a student enrolled in school, I suspect you will soon be given a final exam. It may not happen in a classroom or require you to write responses to questions. The exam will more likely be administered by life in the course of your daily challenges. The material you'll be tested on will mostly include the lessons you have been studying since your last birthday. But there will also be at least one section that deals with a subject you've been wrestling with since early in your life - and maybe even a riddle from before you were born. Since you have free will, Capricorn, you can refuse to take the exam. But I hope you won't. The more enthusiastic you are about accepting its challenge, the more likely it is that you'll do well.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): For \$70,000 per night, you can rent the entire country of Liechtenstein for your big party. The price includes the right to rename the streets while you're there. You can also create a temporary currency with a likeness of you on the bills, have a giant rendition of your favorite image carved into the snow on a mountainside, and preside over a festive medieval-style parade. Given your current astrological omens, I suggest you consider the possibility. If that's too extravagant, I hope you will at least gather your legion of best friends for the Blowout Bash of the Decade. It's time, in my opinion, to explore the mysteries of vivid and vigorous conviviality.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Are you available to benefit from a thunderbolt healing? Would you consider wading into a maelstrom if you knew it was a breakthrough in disguise? Do you have enough faith to harvest an epiphany that begins as an uproar? Weirdly lucky phenomena like these are on tap if you have the courage to ask for overdue transformations. Your blind spots and sore places are being targeted by life's fierce tenderness. All you have to do is say, "Yes, I'm ready." 🙋

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over Crossword

GOBBLE IT UP · November 25, 2015 Nov. 12 Answers: Page 47 127 130 134 39. Sadder anagram

ACROSS

- 1. Damage, in a way
- 5. Greek letters 10. Paragon
- 15. Breed of horses
- 19. Gray wolf
- 20. Not suitable
- 21. Role in Italian opera
- 22. Sunfish 23. Indigo
- 25. Start of a quip by cartoonist Jim Davis
- 27. Cease's partner
- 29. Clio's sister
- 31. Like a swimsuit: Hyph.
- 32. Abounds
- 34. Malted 36. Fast gait
- 37. Portuguese wine
- 40. Put by
- 42. Pronouncements
- 46. Cousin to "aye"
- 47. Get lost!
- 50. Amendment's undoing 53. First: Abbr.
- 54. Part 2 of quip: 7 wds
- 57. Luxor's river
- 58. Deceiver
- 59. Voice: Prefix 60. Stream
- 62. Foundation
- 63. Marsh plant
- 65. A et thoro 68. Place in Asia
- 70. Part 3 of quip: 3 wds
- 76. Make
- 77. Lawn tool
- 78. Moistens
- 81. de coeur
- 84. Avant-garde movement
- 86. Willow tree 89. Needlecase
- 90. Mata
- 92. Part 4 of quip: 3 wds. 97. Old Greek festival
- 98. Afterword: Var.
- 99. Frisco footballer 100. Pipe joint

- 101. Fractional part
- 105. Deli machines
- 110. "_ Russia With Love" 111. Direct

- 118. Hold
- 122. End of the quip: 2 wds.
- 124. Disprove
- 126, Oxford, e.g.
- 127. River in Italy
- 128. Kind of onion
- 129. Test answer
- 130. Water bird
- 131. Diamond or Sedaka 132. Homeless
- 133. Saddled animal
- 134. Crv

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- 2. Whetstone 3. Sacred bird
- 4. Well-bred
- 5. Crowfoot relative
- 6. Suffix in chemistry
- 7. Recordings
- 9. Cooks a certain way
- 10. Intricate 11. John _
- 12. Reasoner's word
- 13. Catkin
- 14. Delayer's motto
- 15. Aim
- 16 Kind of model
- 17. Fish sauce
- 18. Substructure
- 26. Footless
- 28. Earthquake
- 30. Glittering headband
- 33. Wetland 35. Military cap
- 37. Per diem expense

- 103. Bargains
- 107. Bridge position

- 112. Blackens with heat
- 116. The March King

- 51. Slanted 52. Purple shade 55. Wrangle
 - 56. word (neologism)
 - 61. Rich, crumbly soil
 - 64. Minced oath

43. Storage structure

44. Mahjong piece

48. Corpuscles

49. French artist

45. Like some steaks

- 66. Unfortunate
- 67. Inert gas 69. Raced downhill
- 71. Scrape a little
- 72. Become: 2 wds.
- 73. Plant exudation
- 74. Antelope
- 75. Landed property
- 79. Radio part
- 80. Factions
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Have Fun Storming the Capitol!

grandstanding that when Rezendes flies off the handle and delivers a fiery, pissedoff speech, it's countered by Robinson asking, "You finished?" - a gentle but firm reminder that the task at hand leaves no time for histrionics. McCarthy's movie doesn't have time for them, either. Everyone is exceptional, but no one is showcased above anyone else, and I don't think it's an accident that the cast boasts so many Tony-nominated and -winning stage actors - Ruffalo, d'Arcy James, Stanley Tucci, Billy Crudup, Jamey Sheridan, Len Cariou - who clearly understand when to take charge and when to gracefully melt into the background and cede the attention to others.

And Spotlight never lets you forget that it's always about the "others" - the victims of sexual abuse whose stories weren't told, and voices not listened to, through a combination of fear, intimidation, shame, political pressure, blatant cover-up, and even journalistic laziness. (The Globe itself is no innocent party, as it's revealed that evidence of sexual misconduct in the church was sent to the Boston paper years before the film's events and effectively buried; more than once, when meeting a

new interview subject, reporters are angrily asked, "What took you so long?") At the end of this devastating, smart, incisive, and, yes, powerfully entertaining movie, there's the expected closing crawl of historical catch-up, but it doesn't inform us what happened to the characters or the Globe, or so much as mention the Pulitzer Prize awarded for the sex-abuse coverage. Instead, it lists the staggering number of victims who came forward as a result of the articles, and the cities of America (and the rest of the world) in which similar violations have been reported. To the end, the film remains focused on those who endured these crimes, and doesn't make gods or martyrs of those whose job it was to spotlight them. McCarthy's movie is, to my mind and to date, 2015's finest. It may also be its most humane.

For reviews of Secret in Their Eyes, The Night Before, Love the Coopers, The 33, Suffragette, and other current releases, visit RiverCitiesReader.com.

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RED MEAT from the secret files of MAX CANNON interminable sloth battle I'll be fine, Honey. I just need to get all the phlegm up out of my... **KOFF!** Gkk! On second thought, I will take one of those lozenges. A staple KOFF!! gun too, if you've got one handy. For pete's sake, Ted. you've been coughing your head off all day. Please take a lozenge.

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MIDNESDA

Burlington Street Bluegrass Band The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. lowa City, IA

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Chris Avey Experience Acoustic Show - Rascals Live, 1414 15th St. Moline, IL **Cosmic** - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Dark Side of the Rainbow: Pink Floyd Party - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St Davenport, IA

Kerry & Rich Acoustic Duo - Len Brown's North Shore Inn, 700 N. Shore Dr. Moline, IL

Modern Baseball - PUP - Jeff Rosen stock - Tiny Moving Parts (5:30pm) Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA

North of 40 - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W.

Locust St. Davenport, IA

The Hooks - Rascals Live, 1414 15th t. Moline, IL

The Maytags - The Candymakers - The Dawn - The Low Down - Bent River Brewing Company, 1413 5th Ave

Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

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Bad Hair - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave. Rock

Chuck Murphy - Riverside Grille, 1733 State St. Bettendorf, IA Cosmic - 11th Street Precinct, 1107

Mound St. Davenport, IA Eleven Fifty Two - Drama Major - The Hong Kong Sleepover - Dead Forms

Rascals Live, 1414 15th St. Moline, IL Hello Weekend - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22

Riverside, IA

Hot Rods - Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St Walcott, IA

Irish Christmas in America - CSPS/ Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE Cedar Rapids, IA

Steve McFate Acoustic - River House 1510 River Dr. Moline, IL

The Chris & Wes Show - My Place the Pub, 4405 State St. Bettendorf, IA The Night People - Harley Corin's, 1708 State St. Bettendorf, IA

The Old 57's - Chesty P's Pub, 104 East Mason St. Polo, II The Purple Xperience Live in Con-

cert - Col Ballroom, 1012 W. 4th St. Davenport, IA

Tim the Hitman (5pm) - Lynn Allen (9pm) - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W. Locust St. Davenport, IA

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SATURDAY

4th Annual Holiday Ramble - The Mill. 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa City, IA

Charlie Hayes & "Detroit" Larry Davison - Service Station Bar & Grill, 432 1st Ave. W. West Milan, IL

The Tailfins - Riverside Casino and Chuck Murphy - Dam Bar & Grill, 5898 Main St. Troy Mills, IA

Dirt Road Rockers - Harley Corin's, 1708 State St. Bettendorf, IA

Don't Tell Your Mom w/ Brian Skow - My Place the Pub, 4405 State St. Bettendorf, IA

Douglas & Tucker - River House, 1510 River Dr. Moline, IL

Family Groove Company - Frank F. Sidney's Western Bandit Volunteers - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St

Davenport, IA Funktastic Five - Rascals Live, 1414 15th St. Moline, IL

Justin Morrissey - Governor's Pub & Grill, 3470 Middle Rd, Rettendorf, IA



TRISTAN BUSHMAN @ RME COMMUNITY STAGE - DECEMBER 5

LKB Trio - Ubriaco's Trattoria, 1029 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Lyle Beaver Trio - Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St Walcott, IA

Lynn Allen - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W. Locust St. Davenport, IA

National Oil - Satellite Heart - Blood Banked - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

North of 40 - Hawkeye Tap Sports Bar N Grill, 4646 Cheyenne Ave. Davenport, IA

RM-212 - Cranial Decay - Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA
Rosie & the Rivets (7pm) - Hello Week-

end (8:30pm) - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

Russ Reyman Request Piano Bar - The Phoenix Restaurant & Martini Bar, 111 West 2nd St. Davenport, IA Soul Storm - 11th Street Precinct, 1107

Mound St. Davenport, IA Stavin' Alive: A Tribute to the Bee Gees - Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St.

Bettendorf, IA

The Brat Pack - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave. Rock Island, IL

The Maggie Mae Holiday Show Ohnward Fine Arts Center, 1215 E Platt St. Maguoketa, IA

The Pines - CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE Cedar Rapids, IA
Tony Orlando's Christmas Show

Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

Uniphonics - Dead Larry - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St Iowa City, IA

SUNDAY

Buddy Olson (3pm) - Ducky's Lagoon, 13515 78th Ave W. Taylor Ridge, IL

RiverBend Bronze Annual Holiday Concert (4pm) - Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3775 Middle Rd. Bettendorf, IA

Rossonian - The Passes - Gabe's, 330 E.

Washington St. Iowa City, IA

Steve McFate Acoustic - Mr. Ed's Liquor Store and Tap, 127 4th St. W. Milan, IL Sunday Jazz Brunch w/ the Josh Duffee Jazz Quartet (9am) - Bix Bistro,

200 F 3rd St Davenport, IA Winter Zither Concert (2pm) - St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2363 W. 3rd St. Davenport, IA

MONDAY

Moeller Mondays Presents - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

HHSDAY

Chris Avey Live - My Place the Pub, 4405 State St. Bettendorf, IA Pine Travelers - Gabe's, 330 E. Washing

ton St. Iowa City, IA QC Kix Orchestra - Freight House, 421

W. River Dr. Davenport, IA The Piano Guys - Adler Theatre, 136 E.

3rd St. Davenport, IA

HDM SDAY (2)

Chris Avey Experience Acoustic Show Rascals Live, 1414 15th St. Moline, IL Ego Death - Sister Missile - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave Rock Island, II

The Gibson Brothers - CSPS/Legion Arts, 1103 3rd St SE Cedar Rapids, IA

HURSDAV

ranson on the Road: Christmas Style (1 & 7pm) - Circa '21 Dinner Play house, 1828 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL Dave Ellis & Guests - Grumpy's Saloon, 2120 E 11th St Davenport, IA

Joe Goodkin's "Odyssey" - Wallenberg Hall, Augustana College, 3520 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL

The Heavy Set - Mike Munson - lowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St Iowa

City, IA

The Way Down Wanderers - Miles Over Mountains - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St Davenport, IA

University of Iowa Christmas Concert (6pm) - James Tutson (10pm) - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa City, IA

ERIDAY

Chris Avey & "Detroit" Larry Davison - Bleyart's Tap, 2218 E. 11th St. Davenport, IA

Christmas at Heritage Center: Journey to Bethlehem - John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St Dubuque, IA

Cobalt Blue - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Eric Pettit Lion - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd

Ave. Rock Island, IL Harpists' Delight (noon) - Moline Pub-

lic Library, 3210 41st St. Moline, IL

Jazz After Five w/ the Eric Thompson

Fun-Time Music Hour (5pm) - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa Justin Morrissey - River House, 1510

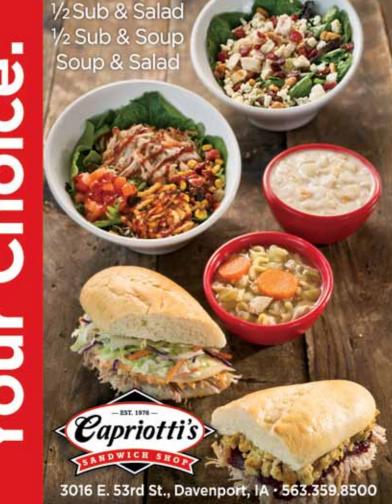
River Dr. Moline, IL

Mike Cochrane - RMF Community Stage, 131 W. 2nd St. Davenport, IA Neverly Brothers - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

Nightmare on Washington Street: Dead Emperors - Zuul - In the Mouth of Radness - Leviathans - Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA

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The Way Down Wanderers - Bone Jugs N Harmony - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St Iowa City, IA

SATURDAY

B-Tho - Young \$ir - Will Murk - TayBeez Fasheez - Justis - Shakes - Marley

Jap - Black Kartel Family - Lou Kane - Insight - Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA

Ben Schmidt - Rvan Bernemann - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa City, IA

Blues Rock It w/ Detroit Larry Davison - Jim's Knoxville Tap, 8716 Knoxville Rd. Milan. IL

Christmas at Augustana (2 & 7:30pm) - Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL

Code 415 - Hawkeye Tap Sports Bar N Grill, 4646 Cheyenne Ave. Dav-Condor & Jaybird - Harakiri - Rozz-Tox.

2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL Henhouse Prowlers - Billy Strings & Don Julin - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13

S Linn St Iowa City, ÍA Lilywren - Uptown Bill's Coffee House, 730 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA

Live Lunch w/Tristan Bushman (noon) - RME Community Stage, 131 W. 2nd St. Davenport, IA

LKB Trio - Ubriaco's Trattoria, 1029 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Neverly Brothers (5pm) - The JC Project (8:30pm) - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks III: Winter Fun - Mozart and More! - Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA

Russ Reyman Request Piano Bar - The Phoenix Restaurant & Martini Bar. 111 West 2nd St. Davenport, IA

Tangent - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Taylor Mac: A 24-Decade History of Popular Music 1846-1856: Whitman vs. Foster - The University of Iowa's E. C. Mabie Theatre, 200 N. Riverside Dr. Iowa City, IA

The Greens - River House, 1510 River Dr. Moline, IL

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Buddy Olson (3pm) - Ducky's Lagoon. 13515 78th Ave W. Taylor Ridge, IL

Quad City Symphony Orchestra Masterworks III: Winter Fun - Mozart and More! (2pm) - Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL

Rockin' the Bern: Dave Zollo - Dave Moore - The Feralings - Brooks Strause - The Cedar County Cobras - Scott Cochran - Matthew Grimm - Hannah Drollinger - Jason Lewis - Ben Schmidt - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa City, IA

Sunday Jazz Brunch w/ the Josh Duffee Jazz Quartet (9am) - Bix Bistro, 200 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA

Suzy Bogguss: Swingin' Little Christmas - The Redstone Room, 129 Main St Davenport, IA

Take No A Capella (3pm) - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa City, IA



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MONDAY

Moeller Mondays Presents - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

Chris Avey Live - My Place the Pub, 4405 State St. Bettendorf, IA

WEDNESDAY

Burlington Street Bluegrass Band The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Iowa

Chris Avey Experience Acoustic Show - Rascals Live, 1414 15th St. Moline, IL Experimental Improvisations w/ Randall Hall & Tony Oliver - Rozz-Tox. 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

THURSDAY

DICKIE - Dave Tamkin - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

Jef & Doc - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA

Joshua James - Field Division - Eliza **beth Moen -** Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St Iowa City, IA

Lojo Russo - Grumpy's Saloon, 2120 E 11th St Davenport, IA

ara Gazarek (11am) - Trinity Lutheran Church - Moline, 1330 13th

Steve McFate Acoustic - Racers Edge, 936 15th Ave East Moline, IL

ERIDAY

Bongzilla - Obsidian Sword - Morphine Dream - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave. Rock Island, IL

Christmas with the Quad City Singers - Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6 Colona, IL

Dave Ellis - River House, 1510 River Dr. Moline II

Denial 3, the Prophecy Tour: A Tribute to Trans-Siberian Orchestra -**Ouad-Cities Waterfront Convention** Center, 2021 State St. Bettendorf, IA DICKIE - Dave Tamkin - The Mill, 120 E.

Burlington St. Iowa City, IA

Lost Country Dancers - Walcott Coliseum, 116 E Bryant St Walcott, IA

Passion - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA Sara Gazarek (3pm) - Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street Moline, IL

The Celtic Tenors - John and Alice Butler Hall, University of Dubuque Heritage Center, 2255 Bennett St. Dubuque, IA

The Ellis Marsalis Quartet - Englert

Theatre, 221 East Washington St. Iowa City, IA

The Jason Carl Band - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA The Manny Lopez Big Band (6pm) -The Circa '21 Speakeasy, 1818 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

SATURDAY

A Christmas Messiah - Centennial Hall. Augustana College, 3703 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL

Christmas with the Quad City Singers - Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6 Colona, IL

Code 415 - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W. Locust St. Davenport, IA

Cosmic - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St. Davenport, IA DICKIE - Dave Tamkin - River's Edge

Gallery, 216 W 3rd St Muscatine, IA Dimefest 2015 w/ Cemetery Gatez -RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave. Rock Island, IL

Hex Girls - Waking Robots - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL Jordan Danielsen - River House, 1510

River Dr. Moline, IL Kevin Gordon - The Mill, 120 E. Burling

ton St. Iowa City, IA Passion - Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA Radkey - Summertown - Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St. Iowa City, IA

Russ Reyman Request Piano Bar - The Phoenix Restaurant & Martini Bar. 111 West 2nd St. Davenport, IA

Sara Gazarek - Central Performing Arts Center, 519 E. 11th St. DeWitt, IA

Sonny Knight & the Lakers - Englert Theatre, 221 East Washington St. lowa City, IA

The Heard - Meteor Cat - Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S Linn St Iowa City, IA Under the Streetlamp - Riverside Casino Event Center, 3184 Highway 22 Riverside, IA

Who Cares - Fargo Dance & Sports, 4204 Avenue of the Cities Moline, IL

Wild Oatz - Len Brown's North Shore Inn, 700 N. Shore Dr. Moline, IL

A Christmas Messiah (2pm) - Centennial Hall, Augustana College, 3703

7th Ave. Rock Island, IL Buddy Olson (3pm) - Ducky's Lagoon,

13515 78th Ave W. Taylor Ridge, IL Grea & Rich Acoustic Duo (3pm) - Len Brown's North Shore Inn, 700 N.

Shore Dr. Moline, IL Quad City Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert - Galvin Fine Arts Center,

2101 N. Gaines St. Davenport, IA Steve McFate Acoustic - Mr. Ed's Liquor

Store and Tap, 127 4th St. W. Milan, IL Sunday Jazz Brunch w/ the Josh Duffee Jazz Quartet (9am) - Bix Bistro 200 E. 3rd St. Davenport, IA

MONDAY

Blet - Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St Iowa City, IA

Moeller Mondays Presents - Rozz-Tox, 2108 3rd Ave. Rock Island, IL

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DJs/Karaoke/ Jams/Open Mics

WEDNESDAYS

Acoustic Jam Night w/ Steve McFate -McManus Pub, 1401 7th Ave., Moline, IL Cross Creek Karaoke - Harley Corin's, 1708 State St., Bettendorf, IA.

Cross Creek Karaoke (Nov. 25) - The Edge Eatery & Drinkatorium, 1802 2nd Ave., Rapids City, IL.

Cross Creek Karaoke (Nov. 25) - Uncle Harley's Bar & Grill, 202 W. Mayne St., Blue Grass, IA

Karaoke Night – 11th Street Precinct, 1107

Mound St., Davenport, IA. **Karaoke Night** – Circle Tap, 1345 West Locust St., Davenport, IA Karaoke Night - RIBCO, 1815 2nd Ave.,

Rock Island, IL. Karaoke Night – Sharky's Billiards, 2902 E.

Kimberly Rd., Davenport, IA. Karaoke Night – Thirsty's on Third, 2202 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

Open Jam w/ Earth Ascending - Bent River Brewing Company, 512 24th St. Rock Island, IL.

Open Mic Night - Boozie's Bar & Grille, 114 1/2 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA.

Rock'N the House Karaoke - Harley Corin's, 1708 State St., Bettendorf, IA.

THURSDAYS

Cobra Kai Karaoke - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

Cross Creek Karaoke - Central Avenue Tap, 2604 Central Ave., Bettendorf, IA. DJ Night w/ 2-Tone - Shenanigan's Irish Pub, 303 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

DJ Night w/ 90s Music - Thirsty's on Third, 2202 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

Jam Night - My Place the Pub, 4405 State St., Bettendorf, IA.

Karaoke Night - Bier Stube Moline, 415 15th St. Moline II

Open Jam Night – Harley Corin's, 1708 State St. Bettendorf, IA

The TuckerAfterTen Happy Fun Time Music Explosion! - The Dark Horse Hall 1510 N Harrison St. Davenport IA Thumpin' Thursdays DJs - Rascals Live, 1414 15th St., Moline, IL

Twisted Mics Music & Entertainment - Broken Saddle, 1417 5th Ave., Moline, IL.

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Cross Creek Karaoke - Firehouse Bar & Grill, 2006 Hickory Grove Rd., Dayenport, IA.

DJ Dolla - The Smoking Dog Pub. 1800 Second Ave., Rock Island, IL

DJ K Yung - Barrel House Moline, 1321 Fifth Ave., Moline, IL.

DJ Night w/ 2-Tone – Shenanigan's Irish Pub, 303 W. Third St., Davenport, IA. Karaoke Night - Circle Tap, 1345 West

Locust St., Davenport, IA. **Karaoke Night –** The Grove Tap, 108 S. 1st St., Long Grove, IA.

Karaoke Night – Miller Time Bowling, 2902 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, IA. Karaoke Night - Roadrunners Roadhouse

3803 Rockingham Rd., Davenport, IA Karaoke Night - Thirsty's on Third, 2202 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

SATURDAYS

Community Drum Circle (Nov. 28, 10:30am) – RME Community Stage, 131 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA

Cross Creek Karaoke (Dec. 5) – The Edge Eatery & Drinkatorium, 1802 2nd Ave. Rapids City, IL.

DJ Dolla - The Smoking Dog Pub, 1800 Second Ave., Rock Island, IL.

DJ Night w/ 2-Tone - Shenanigan's Irish Pub, 303 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

Karaoke Night - The Grove Tap, 108 S. 1st St., Long Grove, IA. **Karaoke Night** – Miller Time Bowling, 2902

E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, IA.

Karaoke Night - Roadrunners Roadhouse, 3803 Rockingham Rd., Davenport, IA. Karaoke Night – Thirsty's on Third, 2202 W. Third St., Davenport, IA.

Karaoke w/ Scott Pool (Nov. 28) - Rock Island Eagles Club, 5103 11th St., Rock

Open Mic Night - Downtown Central Perk, 226 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA.

Twisted Mics Music & Entertainment -Barrel House Moline, 1321 Fifth Ave., Moline, IL

SUNDAYS

Karaoke Night - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St., Davenport, IA.

Karaoke w/ JB Promotions - The Rusty Nail, 2606 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA

Musicians Jam w/ CJ Lomas (Dec. 7, 6pm) - Theo's Java Club, 213 17th St., Rock Island, IL.

TUESDAYS

Acoustic Jam Night w/ Steve McFate (Dec. 8) - Mr. Ed's Liquor Store & Tap, 127 Fourth St. W., Milan, IL.

Acoustic Music Club (4:30pm) - River Music Experience, 129 N. Main St., Davenport, IA

Open Mic Night (6:30pm) – Cool Beanz Coffeehouse, 1325 330th St., Rock Island, IL.

Open Mic w/ Corey Wallace - 11th Street Precinct, 1107 Mound St., Davenport, IA.

Comedy

WEDNESDA (25)

Comedy Open Mic (7:30pm) - Penguin's Comedy Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

ComedySportz: Sixth Anniversary at the **Establishment (7pm)** – The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

The Backroom Comedy Open Mic Night (7:30pm) - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

The Blacklist Friends-Giving Comedy Show (9pm) - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

FRIDAY

Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood (7pm) - Adler Theatre, 136 E. 3rd St., Dav-

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ComedySportz (7pm) - The Establishment. 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

Richie Holliday (7:30pm) - Penguin's Comedy Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Studio Series: The Establishment Stands Up (9:30pm) - The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

SATURDAY

ComedySportz (7pm) - The Establishment,220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

Richie Holliday (7:30pm) - Penguin's Comedy Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Studio Series: Survivor (9:30pm) - The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL. The Blacklist: Blacklist Against Humanity

 Thanksgiving Edition (9pm) - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

SUNDAY

The Circumstantial Comedy Show (9pm) - BREW, 1104 Jersey Ridge Rd., Dav enport, IA.

IONDAY

om Garland's Catacombs of Comedy **Showcase (10pm)** – Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA.

TUESDAY

Comedy Open Mic (8:30pm) - Harley Corin's, 1708 State St., Bettendorf, IA.

HIIN SHAY

Comedy Spectacular: Daniel Frana -Clare Roth - Robert Flannagan - Mike Vamosi - Dan Vaughn - Alice Galloway (9pm) - The Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., Iowa City, IA.

Comedy Open Mic (7:30pm) - Penguin's Comedy Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

The Backroom Comedy Open Mic Night (7:30pm) - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

Jeff Dunham: Perfectly Unbalanced (7:30pm) - U.S. Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

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(4) ComedySportz (7pm) - The Establishment 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

Brow (7:30pm) - Penguin's Comedv Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Studio Series: Tubbs & Kelly Present (9:30pm) – The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

SATURDAY ComedySportz (7pm) - The Establishment

220 19th St., Rock Island, IL. J.R. Brow (7:30pm) - Penguin's Com-

edv Club, 208 Second Ave. SE, Cedar

Studio Series: Wisenheimer's Fourth-Anniversary Show (9:30pm) - The Establishment, 220 19th St., Rock Island, IL.

The Blacklist: 100 Laughs (9pm) - The Backroom Comedy Theater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA.

The Friends of the Bob & Tom Show Comedy Tour (8pm) – Davenport RiverCenter, 136 E. 3rd St., Davenport, IA.

The Circumstantial Comedy Show (9pm) - BREW, 1104 Jersey Ridge Rd., Dav enport, IA.

MONDAY

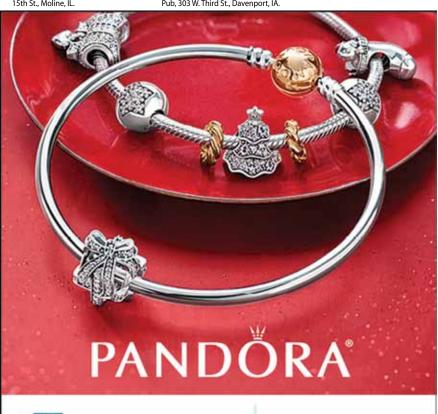
Tom Garland's Catacombs of Comedy **Showcase (10pm)** – Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA.

TUISDAY

Comedy Open Mic (8:30pm) - Harley

VEDNESDAY

The Backroom Comedy Open Mic Night (7:30pm) – The Backroom Comedy The ater, 1510 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA





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