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NH Artist Laureate

Genevieve Aichele of Portsmouth is the next New Hampshire Artist Laureate.

She was nominated by Gov. Chris Sununu and confirmed by the Executive Council, according to a press release.

Aichele is the founder and former executive director of the New Hampshire Theatre Project and has performed, directed, choreographed and taught theater arts nationally and internationally for more than 40 years, according to the release. Under her leadership, the New Hampshire Theatre Project won the 2021 Governor's Arts Award for its Elephant-in-the-Room Series, which uses performance and audience discussions to address a range of topics, including substance misuse disorder, human trafficking, mental health, school violence, eating disorders and attitudes around death and dying, according to the release.

In a statement, Aichele said, "The arts have positive effects on our lives in ways that people don't always realize. As New Hampshire's artist laureate, I look forward to continuing interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds to help them find ways to draw on the arts as a resource, both to find strengths within themselves and to make connections with others."

The New Hampshire Artist Laureate position was established in 1997 and is a two-year honorary term served without compensation. Aichele is the 10th artist laureate in the program. Visit nh.gov/nharts.

PFAS removal help

According to a press release, House Bill 1649 was signed into law allowing the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to continue to provide rebates for water treatment or connection to public water systems as part of an effort to assist private well users whose water supply has been impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination, although administrative rules are still in the process of being adopted.

In response, NHDES will reinstate the PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells for eligible applicants on Monday, Sept. 9. The department still continues to process rebates for applications submitted prior to the program suspension on Monday, June 10, according to the release. The NHDES will release a new application form for submission starting Sept. 9. Highlights of the program terms include rebates up to \$5,000 to assist in the installation of a treatment system designed to remove PFAS or up to \$10,000 for a service connection to a public water system completed after Sept. 30, 2019; applicants are limited to owners of residential properties in the state of New Hampshire that use a drinking water well impacted by PFAS and who have not been offered or are not being provided alternate water, temporary or permanent, from a potentially liable third party, and provisions will be made available for income-qualified applicants to request rebates be distributed directly to a treatment installer or contractor, according to the release. Program

specifics will be made available on the PFAS Removal Rebate for Private Wells website as soon as possible. Visit des.nh.gov.

Political sign rules

According to a press release, the Department of Transportation is once again reminding candidates and their campaign workers about proper placement of political signs. The law prohibits placement of political signs on the interstate highways, including the entrance and exit ramps. The law also prohibits placement of political signs on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs, including delineators; signs that create a traffic hazard or obstruct the safe flow of traffic will be removed and it should be noted that signs affixed to bridges create a traffic hazard and will be removed. Signs will be removed to perform maintenance, and this is prime mowing season. Placement of signs on private property requires permission from the landowner; signs on private property that obstruct traffic signs or signals, or restrict a motorist's field of view at an intersection, will be removed as a traffic hazard. (RSA 236:1, 236:73). Candidates are required to remove all political signs by the second Friday following the election, unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a winning candidate (RSA 664:17). Visit dot.nh.gov.

Legionnaire's alert

Five people were diagnosed with Legionnaire's Disease in June and July after visiting Lincoln, possibly from exposure

The Sunflower Soirée is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Sunday, Aug. 18, at Brookford Farm in **Canterbury** (250 West Road). Children 4 and under are free. Children ages 5 to 12 are \$7 (\$10 at the door) and those 13 and older are \$10 in advance, \$14 at the door. Visit brookford-farm.com.

The New Hampshire Telephone Museum and Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum will host a program called Code Talkers at **Warner Town Hall** on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Judith Avila will be discussing her work *Code Talker*, which is the memoir of Chester Nez, one of the original Navajo code talkers of WWII. Tickets are \$10 and children 10 and under are free. Visit indian-museum.org or nhtelephonemuseum.org.

Head to The Word Barn in **Exeter** (66 Newfields Road) for The Call to Adventure, an evening of storytelling around the fire pit in the meadow with professional storyteller Alex Foy, on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket. The program is free and open to all with a \$5 suggested donation. See thewordbarn.com.

to contaminated water droplets from a cooling tower behind the RiverWalk Resort in the downtown area, according to a New Hampshire Dept. of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Services press release from Aug. 12. "Legionnaire's disease is a bacterial pneumonia caused by inhaling water droplets contaminated with Legionella bacteria," the release said. "Many people who are exposed to Legionella bacteria develop only mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. However, the bacteria can

cause a more serious pneumonia Symptoms usually begin 2 to 14 days after exposure and can include fever, cough, and shortness of breath."

DHHS confirmed the presence of Legionella bacteria contaminating the cooling tower and RiverWalk is partnering with DHHS to address the contamination, with additional test results for the cooling tower expected next week, the release said. For more information about Legionella, see dhhs.nh.gov.

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

Newly minted entrepreneur

Plymouth State grad and his big idea

Kyle Dimick is an entrepreneur and Inventor as well as the founder and CEO of New Hampshire-based company Life-Able. He graduated from Plymouth State University in 2024 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. Kyle discovered a gap in the market for adaptive nail care solutions following a ski injury which resulted in a traumatic brain injury requiring extensive physical therapy. The Trim-Able, which is Bluetooth-enabled, makes nail care more accessible for individuals with limited mobility. Interested investors can connect through his LinkedIn profile, where updates can be found as well.

Q: Did you always want to be an inventor?

I've always been very interested in inventing.... Growing up I would always go up to my grandparents' house up north, and my grandfather was a mechanic at the mills so he would teach me how to do wiring and how to mess around with mechanical stuff. I would go up there and help him with restoring cars and working on random projects, and that's where I learned how to do a lot of this stuff. ...When it came to actually seeing this as a viable career option, I didn't really see that until the fingernail trimmer.



Kyle Dimick. Courtesy photo.

with some of their equipment down there and building newer and newer models and then I submitted my newest model into the Paul J. Holloway Competition a couple months ago and ended up getting second overall. I was the only PSU student to ever enter the competition and was the only solo team in the top three so that gave me \$10,000, which I used for a non-preliminary

patent....

What are the next steps?

I have a preliminary patent or patent-pending status, I'm protected on that, but still need to wait for the paperwork to get processed for it to be official. I've been talking to a good amount of possible investors and I've been working on registering an LLC and getting trademark protections because I want to trademark the name and trademark the company name. ... Then, a little further on, I'm trying to figure out manufacturing and scaling. I was able to work with a couple of people to figure out a marketing plan and some business strategies....

What's the No. 1 thing that has surprised you about this journey?

The amount of support from the business community. So many people have reached out and offered advice without expecting anything in return. It's really shown me how connected the whole business community around here is.

Are you still able to ski?

I'm fine. I ski a lot. ... I still alpine ski and Nordic ski quite often.... I've been skiing since I was 4 so it's just like second nature at this point.

Is there anything else you'd like to mention or say I haven't asked you about?

If anyone is interested in the Makerspace at PSU, they have a ton of cool resources and I think it's a great opportunity for people to be able to invent up here. ...

—Zachary Lewis 🍌

How did the Trim-Able come about?

This particular idea came from when I was ski jumping, I was on the high school ski jumping team, and the last day I was on it I went off and wrecked pretty good. That messed up my shoulder, a bunch of stuff in my arm, also got a good concussion and some other stuff out of it. Because of that I ended up going to physical therapy. While at physical therapy there were people coming in just to get their nails trimmed, and when I hurt my arm I was like, 'OK, how would I cut my nails?' So I just made this little thing for myself.... Then other people came in looking for help with their nails. so I just kept making more and handing them out.

How was the process of turning the Trim-Able into a product to sell?

It really stayed as the wooden version, up until I got to PSU in 2021. I was just walking around and I heard about the Makerspace ... I got a hold of Bret Kulakovich, who was the director of the Makerspace.... He actually taught me how to use a lot of the machines and taught me a lot about fabrication. That's where I got the electronic prototype from and then I entered that into Panther Pitch, which is a Shark Tank-style competition at PSU, and ended up getting first overall and a people's choice award, which gave me a good amount of money, which I was able to put into the preliminary patent. I continued working with Bret

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Paris games earn gold



The Big Story – Paris Olympics Come to an End: It was a memorable Olympics for good and bad reasons. The biggest story was the leading 40 gold (tied with

China) and 126 overall medals won by the Americans in Paris. It continued their streak of winning the most medals every games since 1996.

Sports 101: Name the two athletes who were immediately sent home for making the Black power salute at their medal ceremony during the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

News Item – Olympic Wrap-up – Memorable Stories

Historic – Katie Ledecky: Cementing her place as the greatest female Olympic swimmer in winning her record ninth gold medal and 13 overall.

Biggest Upset – Cole Hocker: The Indiana miler left the starting gate a 21-to-1 long shot but somehow found a crack in the pack to slither through down the stretch to win gold in the 1500 meters with an American and Olympic record time of 3:27:53 — the equivalent of a 3:44.3 American mile.

My Favorite Story – USA Basketball: Both finals vs. France were closer than they should have been. But that only made their quest for dual gold more dramatic. Especially the women winning their ninth straight gold medal and the clutch shooting of MVP **Steph Curry**, who saved his team twice in their last two games.

News Item – The Rest Of The Week: (1) The Pats won their first preseason game 17-12 over Carolina. (2) The Sox' playoff chances took a hit after they were swept over the weekend by Houston to fall three back in the wild card race.

The Numbers:

4 – year show-cause penalty for ex-Michigan football coach **Jim Harbaugh**, which is the NCAA's fancy new title for being banned that many years for a variety of recruiting violations to keep him out of the college game till 2028. Said another way: Since he has a new five-year contract with the L.A. Chargers, who cares. That's like when the NFL suspended **Michael Vick** when he was in jail for dog killing and couldn't play anyway.

9.20 – shockingly horrid combined ERA from the Red Sox starting rotation when they lasted just 29.1 innings of the six-game road trip to Texas and KC and still somehow managed to go 4-2.

21 – where the White Sox losing streak ended with a 5-1 over the moribund A's to tie Baltimore's 1988 AL record and fall two short of the MLB record 23 the Phillies lost in 1961. Though it didn't do **Pedro Grifol** much good as he was fired as Chicago's manager the next day.

... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Down – Jerod Mayo: Hate to pick on the new coach after his first exhibition game. But you have to wonder why in the name of **Babe Parilli** a team with a highly drafted rookie quarterback desperately in need of reps would play just one series as **Drake Maye** did in preseason Game 1. What did that do? Especially since the horrid Panthers gave said rookie the perfect team to play against.

Nickname of the Week – Triple Espresso: The name Olympic Soccer stars **Trinity Rodman**, **Mallory Swanson** and **Sophia Smith** gave themselves amid lesser names the media has tried to come up with for the threesome that scored 10 of the 11 U.S. goals including Swanson's game winner in the gold medal game vs. Brazil.

Party Pooper of the Week – Corey Seager: For the Texas shortstop wrecking **Framber Valdez's** bid for the second no-hitter of his career by launching an opposite field two-run homer with two-out in the bottom of the ninth.

Random Thoughts:

If you think the embarrassing double DNP is going to drive **Jayson Tatum** next year, forget about it. Nope. Since nothing ticks him off he's going to just take it in stride.

Sports 101 Answer: Gold medal winner in the 200 meters **Tommie Smith** and teammate bronze medal winner **John Carlos** were the ones sent home for giving the Black power salute.

Final Thoughts – A Little History: To the sad person lost in the culture wars who wrote on my Facebook feed that the bogus controversy over Algerian boxer **Imane Khelif** was “the darkest day in Olympic history” — get a life and a history book.

That actually happened at the 1972 games in Munich when the Black September terrorist group kidnapped and murdered eight athletes and one coach from the Israeli team, leading broadcaster **Jim McKay** to famously say “they're all gone” after the rescue attempt failed.

Hard to imagine anything eclipsing that.

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Covid is back. Again.

A recent variant of Covid-19 is on the rise in New Hampshire. As reported by WMUR in a July 30 online article, "New Hampshire health officials said emergency department and wastewater data show that there has been a rise in recent infections, and they expect that such seasonal surges will continue." Despite previous infections and vaccinations, it is possible to be reinfected. As described by the Centers for Disease Control on its website (cdc.gov/covid), "Reinfections with the virus that causes Covid-19 are most often mild, but severe illness can occur. If you are reinfected, you can also spread the virus to others." According to a WMUR report from Aug. 9, the most common Covid strain right now is KP.3, a descendant of the omicron variant. "Protection against severe Covid-19 illness generally lasts longer than protection against infection. This means even if you get infected again, your immune response should help protect you from severe illness and hospitalization," read the same CDC advisory.

QOL score: -1

Comment: According to WMUR's Aug. 9 report, the 2024-2025 Covid-19 vaccines, expected to be out this fall, will target the JN.1 strain because it, too, is in the omicron family.

"I've got a bridge to sell you."

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (dot.nh.gov) announced in an Aug. 8 press release that it has a bridge for sale. "The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is accepting proposals for the purchase, relocation and preservation of the Bridge (No. 254/180) that carries Route 127 over the Warner River, in Warner, NH," the press release read. On its Bridge Sales Website (dot.nh.gov/historic-bridge-dispositions-bridges-sale) the NHDOT stated that bridges on its sales list are, "in general, eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and any sale will be awarded for \$1.00 to the entity who develops the most responsive preservation proposal."

QOL score: +1

Comment: The NHDOT describes Bridge No. 254/180 as an example of a steel stringer bridge and says such bridges "rarely feature aesthetic treatments and usually have standard railings or guide rails. Warner 254/180, built in 1937, is the oldest extant example of a continuous I-beam bridge in the inventory."

Vacationing extraterrestrials?

The website Staker.com has aggregated data from reports of UFO sightings to the National UFO Reporting Center (nuforc.org), which has been compiling reports since 1974. In a ranking of most UFO sightings reported to least, New Hampshire comes in sixth, with 85 reports per 100,000 residents. According to the ranking, Washington State has the highest rate of reported sightings with 100 per 100,000 people, and Washington, D.C., has the lowest rate with 22 per 100,000. Vermont and Maine are both in the top 10, with Vermont fourth (90/100,000), and Maine seventh (85/100,000).

QOL score: +1 probably? Tourism is tourism.

Comment: It has been 53 years since Betty and Barney Hill's reported alien abduction in Lincoln.

Last week's QOL score: 74

Net change: +2

QOL this week: 76

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS

AUGUST 15 AND BEYOND

Thursday, Aug. 15

The **Hampton Beach Comedy Festival** continues through Sunday, Aug. 18, with shows featuring six comedians starting at 8 p.m. daily at McGuirk's Ocean View Hotel & Restaurant. Michael Witthaus talked to Jimmy Dunn, the festival's organizer, and offers a run-down of the comedians slated



to perform in the cover story in the Aug. 8 issue of the Hippo. Find it in our digital library at hippypress.com; the story starts on page 10.

Other Name. There will be no signing line at this event.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Combat Zone 85 is coming to the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com) today at 6 p.m. Mixed Martial Arts Welterweight Champion Sean Wakefield will defend his title against Middleweight Champion Lucas Moreira. Combat Zone, New England's longest-running fight promotion, promises 15 action-packed bouts, two of them title fights. Tickets start at \$29..

Saturday, Aug. 17

Tonight is **Swing Dance Night** at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com). Swing dancing lessons start at 6:30 p.m., followed by dancing at 7 p.m. Participants can dance the night away or just come to enjoy the exciting sounds of the 19-piece New Hampshire

Jazz Orchestra. Tickets are \$30.75.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Double Midnight Comics Concord (341 Loudon Road, Concord, 715-2683, dmcomics.com) will host a **Pokemon League challenge** today at noon. All players are welcome. Entry is \$5, and there will be pack-per-win prizing.

Sunday, Aug. 18

There will be a **router workshop** at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware (290 S. Broadway, Suite

3A, Salem, 898-5941, rockler.com) today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This class is an opportunity to learn about the router and its use in woodworking. Tickets for this workshop are \$75. 🗨️



Save the Date!

Saturday, Aug. 24 - Monster Hunt Manchester

For the 12th year, Studio 550 Arts Center (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) and Queen City Cupcakes (816 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com) will hide **100 red clay monsters** in downtown Manchester. Monster finders get the immediate reward of being able to keep the monster they find. All searchers are asked to keep only one, even if they see more, so the joy can be shared by as many people as possible. The public all-ages hunt begins after a kickoff meeting at 11 a.m. at City Hall Plaza. Visit 550arts.com/about/monsterhunt.

Thursday, Aug. 15

It's **Paint Nite** at Salona Bar & Grill (128 Maple St., Manchester, 624-4020, facebook.com/Salona) tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. Enjoy food and drinks with your friends, then share some laughs while you create a painting of your very own from start to finish. Tickets are \$39 each on Eventbrite.com.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsons-bookstore.com), New Hampshire

Public Radio and the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) welcome **best-selling author Jodi Picoult** to the Chubb Theatre tonight at 7 p.m. for an evening of literary discussion of her new novel, *By Any Other Name*. This is part of their author series, Authors on Main. Picoult will be in conversation with NHPR's Casey McDermott. A meet-and-greet photo line will follow the event. Tickets are \$40 and include a pre-signed hardcover copy of *By Any*

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AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

YOUR GUIDE TO SPORTS, DANCE, ARTS, MUSIC AND MORE EXTRACURRICULAR EXCITEMENT



Get your kid excited about the new school year by finding a new team to join, a new style of dance or a new instrument to play. Here are some of the organizations offering opportunities for kids to try new things or get better at a favorite pastime this school year.

GENERAL

• **Beaver Brook Association** (117 Ridge Road, Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org) offers preschool as well as home school (with a class for grades 1-6 and one for grades 7-9) programming, beginning the week of Sept. 9.

• **Boys & Girls Clubs of America** (555 Union St., Manchester, 625-5031, mbgcnh.org; 1 Positive Place, Nashua, 883-0523, bgcn.com; 3 Geremonty Drive, Salem, 898-7709, salembgc.org; 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 672-1002, svbgc.org; 55 Bradley St., Concord, 224-1061, nh youth.org; 40 E. Derry Road, Derry, 434-6695, derrybgclub.com) offers a variety of before- and after-school programs that include homework assistance, sports and recreation, arts and crafts, leadership development, life skills and more. Programs and costs vary with location and based on age.

• **The Culinary Playground** (16 Manning St., Suite 105, Derry, 339-1664, culinary-playground.com) offers one-time classes for mini chefs (ages 3-6) and older kids (6-11 and 11+) as well as six-week series that meet for an hour once a week. There are also one-time “kid with adult” cooking classes and classes for home-schoolers available as well. See the website for upcoming classes.

• **Daniel Webster Council Scouts SA** (625-6431, nhscouting.org) is the center of information for New Hampshire Scouts (formerly the Boy Scouts of America). Contact them for information about joining a local pack. Packs and Dens set their own start dates, meeting days and times and meeting locations. Many Packs hold fall activities where potential new members can learn more about Scouting.

• **Franco-American Centre** (100 Saint Anselm Drive, No. 1798, Manchester, 641- 7114, facnh.com) Children’s Beginner French is offered for ages 6-11 for 10 weeks on Tuesdays, Oct. 1, through Dec. 3. The classes run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and operate over Zoom. The cost is \$150 plus a French workbook.

• **Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains** (1 Commerce Drive, Bedford, 888-474-9686, girlscoutsgwm.org) offers

programs for girls in kindergarten through grade 12, focused on leadership-building, community engagement, STEM and nature. Visit their website or call to learn how to join a local troop or join as a solo Girl Scout. Troops set their own start dates, meeting days and times, and meeting locations. The council also offers programming and events.

• **Girls at Work** (200 Bedford St., Manchester, 345-0392, girlswork.org) offers after-school workshops for ages 8 to 14 where girls can learn building skills. Some classes are specifically offered for students of certain Manchester schools and some are open to all schools; see their website for details.

• **Girls, Inc. of New Hampshire** (340 Varney St., Manchester, 623-1117; 27 Burke St., Nashua, 882-6256, girlsincenewhampshire.org) Girls are picked up by bus at Nashua and Manchester schools to go to a Girls, Inc. center where they can participate in a variety of classes. The program runs from after school to 6 p.m. (or 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on full days) with a snack and dinner provided. The cost is \$85 per week; financial assistance is available.

• **Granite YMCA** (30 Mechanic St., Manchester, 623-3558; 116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown, 497-4663; 206 Rockingham Road, Londonderry; 437-9622; 15 N. State St., Concord, 228-9622; 35 Industrial Way, Rochester, 332-7334; 550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, 431- 2334; 35 Bartlett Ave., Somersworth, 692-2081; granitemca.org/child-care) YMCAs offer before- and after-school programs for kids and teens. Programs vary at each location; call the local branch. The Ys also offer athletic programs that can include, depending on the location, swimming, climbing, tennis, gymnastics, dances and a variety of sports. These programs run in sessions. Check with individual branches for session start dates.

• **Hampshire Hills Athletic Club** (50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com) offers classes, events and activities for children as well as adults.

• **Manchester Police Athletic League** (409 Beech St., Manchester, 626-0211, manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org) offers aikido, boxing, skateboarding and wrestling, as well as occasional cooking classes.

MPAL is open to kids ages 5-18 who are attending school; membership is free.

• **Mathnasium** (257 DW Highway, Nashua; 1 Bicentennial Drive, Manchester; mathnasium.com) offers math classes for kindergarten through high school as well as test prep. Students are recommended to attend Mathnasium two to three times a week.

• **NH Audubon** (including Massabesic Center, 26 Audubon Way in Auburn, 668-2045; McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road in Concord, 224-9909; nhoodubon.org) offers family and children programs as well as homeschool programs. Next on the schedule: “The Magic of Monarchs Children’s Program” on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m.

• **YMCA of Greater Nashua** (24 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 882-2011; 6 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, 881-7778, nmymca.org) offers before-school programs at Amherst Middle School and at the Merrimack YMCA (with transportation to schools included) and after-school programs at Amherst Clark-Wilkins Elementary School, Merrimack YMCA, Mont Vernon Village School and Nashua YMCA. The Ys also offer swimming, dance, arts, music, sports, ninja, teen classes and more.

ART

• **Currier Museum Art Center** (180 Pearl St., Manchester, 518-4922, currier.org) offers a myriad of weekly classes for kids and teens Wednesdays after school and Saturdays. The first fall session starts Sept. 25.

• **Hollis Artspace** (30 Ash St., Hollis, 465-4300, hollisartspace.com) offers youth classes and workshops. Fall 2024 schedule is coming soon, according to the website.

• **Kimball Jenkins School of Art** (266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com) offers youth classes and teen classes in various art forms.

• **Let’s Play Music!** (145 Hampstead Road, Derry, 425-7575; letsplaymusic.com) offers art classes (grouped by age) for kids ages 6-12 as well as classes for teens. Classes have open enrollment for students to join any time there are openings in a class.

• **Paint pARTy** (135 N. Broadway, Salem, 898-8800, paintpartynh.com) Class-

es in painting, drawing and art lessons in other media run continuously (for children as well as for teens and adults). Home-school and toddler-and-me classes are also available.

• **Studio 550 Art Center** (550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com) After-school sessions are offered in the fall, winter and spring in clay sculpting as well as drawing and painting. Clay classes for kids 9-12 years old start Sept. 10 and run on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 5:15 p.m. (eight total classes for \$150); teen (ages 13-18) clay classes run Mondays, starting Sept. 9, and another on Thursdays, starting Sept. 12, both from 4 to 5:15 p.m. (eight total classes for \$160). A home-school session also runs on Thursdays starting Sept. 5 for kids and teens (ages 12-18) and is a 10 week-session that runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (10 total classes for \$285). Students under 9 are welcome in one-day workshops and classes for home-school students can also be scheduled (for six or more students).

DANCE

Note on dance classes: In addition to monthly tuition, many dance classes also have registration, performance and costume fees. Many studios also offer discounts for siblings and for taking multiple classes per month.

• **Alicia’s School of Dance** (Fox Pond Plaza, 58 Route 129, Suite 201, Loudon, 406-0416, aliciaschoolofdance.com) The new season of classes begins Monday, Sept. 9. Offerings include a creative dance class for ages 2-3, tap/jazz/ballet combo classes for ages 4-10 (grouped according to age), hip-hop, gymnastics and teen classes. Classes cost \$60 per month for one class a week plus \$20 per class for extra classes and \$35 per class for siblings and parents.

• **Allegro Dance Academy** (100 Factory St., Nashua, 886-7989, allegrodancenah.com) offers a variety of classes for several age groups, starting with ages 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 and up to ages 14 and older. Classes must have a minimum of six dancers to run. Classes include ballet, tap, hip-hop, tumbling, boys’ intro to hip-hop, acro, jazz, Irish, lyrical & contemporary, and perfor-

mance team & technique. Pricing is per family; preschool registration is \$69 per month, other pricing is tiered, depending on number of classes per week, and there is an annual registration and recital fee of \$65 per student or \$80 per family.

- **Ameri-kids Baton & Dance** (Candia Youth Athletic Association, 27 Raymond Road, Candia, 391-2254, ameri-kids.org) offers baton-twirling and dance in recreational and competitive programs for kids ages 3+, September through May. Classes start at \$65 for a 45-minute session, plus an annual \$30 registration fee.

- **Bedford Dance Center** (172 Route 101, Bedford, 472-5141, bedforddancecenter.com) Classes start in September; tuition costs between \$59 and \$74 per month, based on the hours per week of class, and a \$315 per month pass allows for unlimited classes. Classes are available for ages 3 through 18 with subjects including ballet, acro, jazz, tap, hip-hop, modern dance and ensemble for different age and skill levels.

- **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) Classes begin the week of Aug. 26 and run through June 9. Dance classes include preschool ballet (starting at age 2-5) as well as ballet, acro, jazz and tap (for ages 5-18). Prices vary based on class and age and are charged monthly. BYPC also offers music and theater classes.

- **Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center** (501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-8844, broadwayboundpac.com) Classes start the week of Sept. 11 and include preschool classes (ages 2-5), ballet, hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, tap, tumbling, musical theater, theater arts and competition classes as well as special-needs classes. The center also offers adult ballet and tap. Most classes are \$65 or \$70 per month.

- **The Cadouxdle Dance Studio** (297 Derry Road, Hudson, 459-4392, thecadouxdledancestudio.com) Classes start at age 3 and beginner-friendly classes are available for elementary and middle school-age kids. Cadouxdle also offers private lessons and beginner-friendly adult classes. Offerings include tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical and more.

- **Concord Dance Academy** (26 Commercial St., Concord, 226-0200, concorddanceacademy.com) Competition classes start Sept. 9 and recreational classes start Sept. 16 and include tap/ballet/jazz combo classes (for ages 2-4 and 5-7), ballet, tap, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary (for ages 13+), pointe (also age 13+, by invitation) and karate. Tuition starts at \$80. Adult classes in several subjects are also available.

- **Creative Dance Workshop of Bow** (1355 Route 3A, Unit A & B, Bow, 225-7711, nhdances.com) Classes start Sept. 11 and include Tiny Dancers (for ages 18 months through 3 years), Dance Kids (for

ages 3-4), combo classes (tap/ballet/jazz or tap/jazz) grouped by age, and single-subject classes — ballet, tap, jazz, musical theater, acro, lyrical/contemporary and hip-hop. There are also dance teams (auditions required) and adult classes. Tuition per class is \$75 per month.

- **The Dance Company** (130 Route 101A, Amherst, 864-8374, thedancecompanyonline.com) Classes begin in September. Offerings include preschool (grouped by age, from under 3 through 5) classes (ballet, tumble, tap) as well as acro, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, tap and theater for ages 5 through 18. Lyrical/contemporary and power clinics are also offered. Monthly tuition starts at \$64 and is based on length of class.

- **Dance Connection Fitness & Performing Arts** (8 Rockingham Road, Windham, 893-4919, danceconnectionnh.com) The new season begins Sept. 16. Combo classes, grouped by age, are available for ages 2 1/2 through 8 (combos include ballet/tap, ballet/tap/jazz, hip-hop/gymnastics) as well as a cheerleader/gym class for ages 7-10. Single-subject classes include hip-hop (starting at age 5, including an all-boys class), contemporary (starting at age 8), gymnastics (starting at age 6) and company classes (which perform and compete).

- **Dance Visions Network** (699 Mast Road, Manchester, 626-7654, dancevisionsnetwork.com) Classes begin after Labor Day and are geared toward age 7+. Subjects include ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and tumbling. Monthly tuition is based on length of class.

- **The Dancing Corner** (23 Main St., Nashua, 889-7658, dancingcorner.com) Classes for the fall/winter/spring begin after Labor Day. Tuition is based on classes per week and is broken up into five equal payments, due on the first class of each new seven-week session. Classes range in age from 3 through adult with pre-dance classes (grouped by age) available for kids ages 3 through 6. Class subjects include ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical, musical theater and more.

- **Dimensions in Dance** (84 Myrtle St., Manchester, 668-4196, dimensionsindance.com) Classes begin Sept. 9. Classes are available for ages 2 through adult and focuses include ballet, acro-jazz, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, modern, tap, theater dance and more. Monthly tuition is based on class length and starts at \$55.

- **Gen's Dance Studio** (151 Manchester St., Building 5, Concord, 224-0698) Classes start Sept. 16. Ages 3+. Tap, ballet, lyrical, jazz, tumbling. No registration fee. Prices vary based on class and age.

- **Happy Feet Dance School** (25 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 434-4437, happyfeetdanceschool.biz) Classes start at age 2 and are available through teens. Dance class-

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es for ages 2-5 include Tiny Tots, Creative Dance and Kinder Kids classes. Offerings for ages 6 and up (grouped by age and skill level) include ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, contemporary and more. Monthly tuition is based on length of class and starts at \$65.

• **Highland Dance of NH Scot** (nhscot.org) is accepting new students for its classes, which will run in four sessions during the 2023-2024 school year, starting with the first session on Oct. 7. Eight-week sessions take place on Monday at 25 Triangle Park Drive in Concord, divided by ages with the youngest group (ages 5-6) dancing from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and then a beginner level I (ages 7-16) and beginner level II (ages 9-17) class.

• **Kathy Blake Dance Studios** (3 Northern Blvd., Amherst, 673-3978, kathy-blakedancestudios.com) Classes begin Sept. 4. Classes are available for kids as young as 1 (walking) and classes for older preschoolers include ballet, tap & ballet and AcroDance. Classes for ages 5 through 18 (grouped by age and skill) include jazz, musical theater jazz, hip-hop, lyrical contemporary, AcroDance, ballet, tap and more. The studio also offers dance teams (grouped by age) and adult classes. Monthly tuition is based on class length and starts at \$60.

• **Londonderry Dance Academy** (21 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 432-0032, londonderrydance.com) Class begins Sept. 3 and offerings include ballet (starting at ages 2), jazz, tap, contemporary, hip-hop, acro and triple threat prep (open to ages 8-17). Tuition is billed every two months and is based on class length.

• **Martin School of Dance** (288 Route 101, Bedford, 488-2371, martinschoolof-dance.com) Classes start Sept. 3 and include ballet, hip-hop, tap, acro and jazz. Classes are available for ages 2-5, ages 5-7 and ages 7+, including a program focused solely on ballet. (Adult fitness classes are also available).

• **Melissa Hoffman Dance Center** (210 Robinson Road, Hudson, 886-7909, melisahoffmandancecenter.info) Classes begin Sept. 9 and include offerings from babies through teens. Dance focuses include ballet, tap, hip-hop, tumble, modern, lyric and jazz.

• **Miss Kelsey's Dance Studio** (2626 Brown Ave., Manchester, 606-2820, mkdance.com) Classes include acro, ballet, breakdance, lyrical/contemporary, hip-hop, jazz, tap and musical theater as well as a series of classes for preschool (as young as 1 1/2 years) students.

• **Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios** (49 Range Road, Building 2, Suite A, Windham, 458-7730, chippswindham.com) The studio offers Babysteps (ages 1-4) programming as well as recreational (ages 2-19) and competitive (entering grades 3-12; audition required) offerings. Recreational classes (grouped by age) include combo classes featuring ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop (the mix of styles is based by age).

• **New England School of Dance** (679 Mast Road, Manchester, 935-7326, newenglandsofdance.com) offers a variety of classes that range from 30 minutes per week to an hour or two per week for younger students to classes for students hoping for a career in dance or theater (students in the pre-professional track, for example, take six to 10 hours of dance per week). Dance styles include ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical and acro. Monthly tuition is based on class length/number of class hours.

• **New England Scottish Arts Centre** has ongoing Highland dance classes for kids 7 and older with the first lesson always free and subsequent lessons \$15 per class, according to their website. Classes are held on Sundays at noon and will be at the Creative Dance Workshop (1355 Route 3A, Bow). They also offer a version for kids ages 4-6 called Tartan Tots.



Visit nhssa.org/dance.

• **New Hampshire Academie of Dance** (1 Action Blvd., No. 4, Londonderry, 432-4041, nhadance.com) Classes range from babies (Dance and Play With Me, starting at 8 months) through teen. Dance classes include ballet, aerial, hip-hop, jazz, acro, lyrical and tap. Monthly tuition is based on length of class/number of class hours and starts at \$57.

• **New Hampshire School of Ballet** (183 Londonderry Tpke., Hooksett, 668-5330, nhschoolofballet.com) Class offerings include ballet (for kids starting at 2 1/2 years), tap, jazz, tumblers and lyrical. Students perform in two shows a year. Monthly tuition is based on class level and number of classes per week.

• **N-Step Dance Center** (1134 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 641-6787, nstepdance.com) Class offerings include preschool offerings (tiny tots for ages 1 1/2 as well as pre-dance), as well as multiple levels of ballet, lyrical, musical theater, jazz, hip-hop and tumbling. Monthly tuition varies by level and number of classes per month.

• **Palace Theatres Dance Studio** (palacetheatre.org) offers 11-week sessions starting in September, teaching technique

and choreography in jazz, tap, contemporary and more. Classes are held at Forever Emma Studios, 516 Pine St., Manchester. Intro to Dance is for ages 3-5; a tap/jazz/ballet hybrid class is offered for grades 1-2 and for grades 3-5. Classes in hip-hop and contemporary dance are offered for grades 4-12, and for grades 6-12 there are three levels of classes in tap, jazz, and dance technique. Classes cost \$240 with some categories offering additional courses for \$180.

• **Rise Dance Studio** (125 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 402-2706, risedancenashua.com) Class offerings include pre-dance as well as ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and hip-hop. The studio also features by-invitation ballet, hip-hop and contemporary companies.

• **Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater** (19 Harvey Road, Bedford, 637-4398, snhdtd.org) Company and *Nutcracker* auditions will be held Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 24, for ages 8-18. Classes are offered in divisions — preschool (18 months to 6 years), youth (7-18), pre-professional (ages 10-18) and adult. Youth classes include ballet, modern, jazz, tap and hip-hop. There is also a student company.

• **Turning Pointe Center of Dance** (371 Pembroke St., Pembroke, 485-8710, turningpointecenterofdance.com) Monthly tuition is based on number of classes and starts at \$75. Classes include ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop and tap.

• **Unbound Dance Academy** (237 Londonderry Tpke., Hooksett, 714-2821, unbounddanceacademy.com) Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 7. Class offerings start with parent-and-tot (ages 2+) through pre-dance classes (grouped by age to 6 years old). Classes for older students include ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, modern/contemporary, tap, hip-hop, acro and musical theater.

GYMNASTICS

• **A2 Gym & Cheer** (16B Garabedian Drive, Salem, 328-8130, a2gc.com) Classes in gymnastics and tumbling start in September and registration is open now.

• **Flipz the Gym for Kids** (Flipz Gymnastics, 14 Chenell Drive, Concord, 224-3223, flipzgyms.com) offers classes for ages 12 months through 4 years, with ongoing openings as space is available. Classes are 45 minutes long with tuition based on the number of classes taken per week. Classes are Mondays through Tuesday at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

• **Gymnastics Village** (13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8092, gymnasticsvillage.com) The school-year schedule begins Monday, Sept. 9. Gymnastics classes are offered for preschoolers and as after-school sessions (hour-long classes grouped by age). The studio also offers ninja challenge classes

and boys' and girls' competitive gymnastics teams.

• **Gym-Ken Gymnastics** (184 Rockingham Road, Windham, 434-9060, gymkengymnastics.com) offers classes starting with walkers and preschoolers through a competitive girls' team. Offerings include tumbling, gymnastics and parkour.

• **Impact Gymnastics** (301 River Road, Bow, 219-0343, impact-gymnastics.com) Classes start Tuesday, Sept. 5, and offerings include a preschool program (with classes for walking through 3 years old and 3-5 years old), a girls' and boys' recreational program, a boys' and girls' competitive program, a boys' and girls' pre-competitive program and a Special Athletes program designed for children ages 5-17.

• **Noha's Gymnastics Academy** (200 Perimeter Road, Manchester, 518-7660; 30 Pond St., Nashua, 880-4927; ngacademy.us) offers recreational classes as well as a team.

• **Palaestra Gymnastics Academy** (8 Tinkham Ave., Derry, 818-4494, pgagym.com) offers preschool, recreational and team gymnastics as well as cheer/tumble. Fall classes start Sept. 9. • **Phantom Gymnastics** (142 Route 111, Hampstead, 329-9315, phantomgymnastics.com) Fall 1 session starts Sept. 9. The studio offers gymnastics for preschool and school age as well as a competitive team. Parkour and CPR educa-

tion are also offered.

• **Sky High Gymnastics** (185 Elm St., Milford, 554-1097, skyhighgym.com) offers classes and open play.

• **Southern New Hampshire Gymnastics Academy** (4 Orchard View Drive, No. 11, Londonderry, 404-6181, snhga.com) Fall session classes begin Monday, Aug. 26. There are classes for ages 18 months through 18 years as well as a team program.

• **Spectrum Gymnastics** (26 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-8388, spectrumgymnast.com) offers preschool and school-age classes grouped by age (including boys' classes for grades 1-5). There are also two competitive teams.

• **Tumble Town Gymnastics** (444 E. Industrial Park Drive, No. 10, Manchester, 641-9591, tumbletownnh.com) offers preschool and school-age recreational and advanced classes as well as team programs. The new school year starts Tuesday, Sept. 3.

MARTIAL ARTS

• **American Dragon Shaolin Kempo** (146 Londonderry Turnpike, Unit 11, Hooksett, 629-9118, americandragonnh.com) offers classes for children, teens and adults, for \$100 per month.

• **Aqueous Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Fitness Center** (30 Harvey Road, Bedford, 566-7775, aqueousbjj.com) offers individu-

alized classes for children and adults.

• **ATA Martial Arts of Merrimack** (707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 881-5435, atabanh.com) teaches self-defense to children and adults 4 years old and up, with in-person and virtual classes. Special focus is put on conflict avoidance and resolving conflict with words. Special-needs students are welcome.

• **Averill's Martial Arts Academy** (3 N. Main St., Concord, 223-0300, averillsmartialarts.com) is a boxing gym with classes for men, women and children 10+. Beginners are allowed to participate at their own pace and comfort level and do not have to spar.

• **Balance Point Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (50 Emerson Road, Milford, 470-7136, www.balancepointbjj.com) teaches classes to children and adults. Children's classes are broken into two age groups — 5-9 years old, and 10-12 years old. Students ages 13 and 14 have the option of attending either the kids' classes or adult classes with the head instructor's approval.

• **Bedford Martial Arts Academy** (292 Route 101, Bedford, 626-9696; Bedford Martial Arts Academy East, 273 S. River Road, Bedford; 703-2327, bedfordmartialartssacademy.com) offers classes for mini masters (ages 3-6), as well as for school-age kids and teens and adults. The academy also operates the Elite After School program at

Bedford elementary schools and on site at the academy.

• **Blue Wave Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (1 Progress Ave., Nashua, 321-5032, bluewavejj.com) teaches classes to children ages 3-5 and 6-14. Priority is given to learning how to focus and behave responsibly.

• **Bodyworks Martial Arts Training Center** (45 Chenell Drive, Concord, 225-5620, bodyworksnh.com) teaches karate to children ages 4-6 and 7-11.

• **Brazilian Top Team Londonderry** (73 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 212-9258, btllondonderry.com) teaches classes for ages 4-6 once per week, and ages 7-16 twice per week.

• **Bulsajo TaeKwonDo** (703-1914, bulsajotkd.com) has classes for students 5 years old and up. Children's classes focus on martial art skills, personal responsibility and listening skills. Classes are taught at the Allard Center YMCA (116 Goffstown Back Road, Goffstown) and Goffstown Parks and Recreation (55 S. Mast St., Goffstown).

• **Capital City Tae Kwon Do** (78 Fisherville Road, Concord, 227-0555, capitalcitytkd.com) teaches classes to boys and girls ages 6-12.

• **Central Tae Kwon Do Academy** (222 Central St., Suite 8, Hudson, 882-5617, central-tkd.com) offers tae kwon do and taerobics (a self-defense class).

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• **Checkmate Martial Arts** (200 Elm St., Manchester, 666-5836, checkmateselfdefense.com) offers youth martial arts for ages 5-13 as well as adult classes.

• **Chung's Tae Kwon Do Academy** (115 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 883-2577, chungstkd.com) offers classes for ages 4 through adult.

• **Concord Karate Studio and Academy** (89 Fort Eddy Road, No. 3, Concord, 224-5425, cks-nh.com) teaches karate to children 3 years old and up. There is also a Family Class, where parents and children can learn together. There is an after-school program, which includes a 45-minute karate class, 45 minutes of academic support/tutoring and 45 minutes of special programming.

• **Determined Martial Arts** (Salzburg Square, 292 Route 101, Amherst, 672-3570, determinedma.com) offers classes for kids as young as 4 through adults.

• **Dojo Sante** (1 Winn Ave., Hudson, 467-9384, mbsdojosante.com) teaches martial arts to students 3 to 5 years old, and 6 and up, with a focus on anti-bullying behavior.

• **Empowering Lives Martial Arts** (542 Mast Road, No. 15, Goffstown, 978-414-5425, martialartsnewhampshire.com) has programs for ages 4-6 and 7-12 as well as teen and adult programs and special abilities programs (for children and adults). There is also a cardio kickboxing program open to teens and adults.

• **Eric Menard's Complete Martial Arts Academy** (220 Innovative Way, Suite E, Nashua, 888-0010, cma-martialarts.com) offers classes for kids and adults.

• **Family Martial Arts of Pelham** (122 Bridge St., No. 6, Pelham, 635-8323, familymartialartsofpelham.com) offers classes for tots through teens.

• **Gate City MMA** (28 Charron Ave., Unit 8, Nashua, 722-0238, gatecitymma.com) teaches children 7 years old and up different aspects of Brazilian jiu jitsu, muay thai, wrestling, judo, kung fu and boxing. While the focus is confidence, respect, humility, leadership and skill, the classes are taught in a fun structure.

• **Golden Crane Traditional Martial Arts** (46 Lowell Road, No. 6, Windham, 437-2020, goldencranenh.com) offers classes grouped by age for ages 6 through teens as well as a variety of adult classes.

• **Granite State American Kenpo Karate** (290 Derry Road, No. 5, Hudson, 598-5400, gsakenpo.com) offers programs for kids ages 3+ as well as teens and adults.

• **House of the Samurai** (28 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 434-2265, samurainh.com) teaches junior traditional karate classes geared toward children ages 4-12. Each class takes about 45 minutes.

• **Independent Martial Arts School** (138 Lake St, Nashua, 882-6917, imasnh.com) teaches children, teens and adults tradition-

al kenpo karate, enshudo, weapons training, grappling and breaking.

• **Inner Dragon Martial Arts** (77 Derry Road, Hudson, 864-8756, innerdragonma.com) started enrolling beginner kids' martial arts programs in July. There is also an after-school program.

• **Inspired Martial Arts** (58 Range Road, Windham, 893-7990, inspiredmartialartscenter.com) offers martial arts classes for kids as well as adults.

• **Kaizen Academy** (17 Freetown Road, No. 6, Raymond, 895-1545, raymondkarate.com) offers a juniors program for ages 6 to 12 as well as teen and adult programs.

• **Karasu Tengu Academy** (1 Chestnut St., No. 5D, Nashua, 689-4966, ktacademy MMA.com) teaches youth classes in Brazilian jiu jitsu, mixed martial arts and kickboxing for students 7+.

• **Karate International of Windham** (60 Rockingham Road, No. 14, Windham, 898-5367, windhamkarate.com) teaches karate to preschoolers, children, teens and adults.

• **Kenpo Academy of Self Defense** (40 Manchester Road, Derry, 437-9900, kenpo-academy.com) offers preschool, kid and teen programs (as well as adults).

• **Kian Taekwondo** (236 N. Broadway, Salem, 894-5425, kiantkd.com) teaches taekwondo to students 3 years old and up. The goal of the kids' programs is to help children develop discipline as well as valuable self-defense skills.

• **Leadership Martial Arts Academy** (Harris Pond Plaza, 32 DW Highway, Unit 5, Merrimack, 718-0989, facebook.com/LMA603) Contact the studio for details.

• **Leverage Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** (70 Pembroke Road, Concord, 738-0227, leveragebjjh.com) teaches Brazilian jiu jitsu to children 5-9 and 9-13.

• **LFG Fitness - Life Fitness Goals** (303 S. Broadway, Salem, 458-5899, lfgfitnessnh.com) offers a junior boxing program for teens and tweens, ages 11-17. A membership costs \$99 per month.

• **Manchester Karate & Gracie Jiu Jitsu Center** (371 S. Willow St., Manchester, 625-5838, manchesterkarate.com) offers a kid program (for ages 4-12) and adult programs (13+) as well as self-defense programs for ages 14+.

• **The Martial Arts Zone** (31 Auburn St., Manchester, 206-5716, themartialartszone.com) Beginner kids' classes are enrolling in August. Classes (grouped by age) run for ages 5-15. There are also a variety of adult classes.

• **Meikyo Dojo** (292 Derry Road, Hudson, 415-9658, meikyodojo.com) teaches children, teens and adults kyokushin karate, a traditional system of Japanese karate.

• **Merrimack Karate** (534 DW Highway, Merrimack, 424-7458, merrimackkarate.com) has programs for ages 6-12 as well as

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• **Mindset Wrestling** (185 Elm St., Milford, 721-2551, mindsetwrestling.net) teaches wrestling to students in kindergarten through fifth grade, and in middle and high school.

• **National Karate Institute** (401 Main St., Salem, 205-1157, nationalkarateinstitute.com) teaches karate to children. Contact the studio for information.

• **Neil Stone's Karate Academy** (22 Proctor Hill Road, Hollis, 672-8933, neilstoneskarate.com) offers programs (grouped by age) for ages 2-12 as well as teen/adult programs for 13+. There is also a home-school program.

• **New England Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy** (30 Henniker St., Unit 9, Concord, 369-4764, nebji.com) offers a program for ages 5-8 and ages 9-13. Kids' classes start at \$100 per month.

• **NH Kicks Taekwondo Family Fitness** (90 Airport Road, Concord, 714-5472, nhkicks.com) offers classes for children 5-12, for teenagers, and for families to study together.

• **Ocasio's True Martial Arts - Plaistow** (160 Plaistow Road, No. 5, Plaistow, 382-4199, ocasiostma.com) teaches karate to students 3 and up.

• **Phoenix Fire Martial Arts** (79 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 234-8665, phnixfire.com) offers Shotokan martial arts for ages 3 and up as well as teen/adult krav maga classes.

• **Professional Martial Arts Academy** (15 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-7995, pmaderry.com; 501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-0008, pmamerrimack.com; 37 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 974-2455, pmaplaistow.com) offers kids' martial arts and jiu jitsu as well as adult programs. Kids' classes are for children age 3 and older. Three classes and a uniform are \$19.99.

• **Souhegan Valley Karate Club** (1 Main St., Brookline, 505-6777, svkc.online) teaches Okinawan-style karate to "Karate Kids" ages 5-10 on Saturday mornings.

• **School of Warrior Arts** (125 N. Lowell Road, Windham, 781-249-7073, facebook.com/schoolofwarriorarts) teaches Christian-oriented uchi ryu karate & Brazilian jiu jitsu to children and teens.

• **SDSS Martial Arts of Concord** (124 Hall St., Suite E, Concord, 224-3777, facebook.com/SDSSofConcord) Contact the studio for information.

• **Spero's Martial Arts Academy** (31 Westville Road, Plaistow, 275-7111, sper-

omma.com) offers martial arts for children 4-8, kids' MMA for ages 8-13 and kids' jiu jitsu.

• **Southpaw Boxing & Fitness** (41 Range Road, Windham, 324-8200, southpaw-boxing.com) is a boxing gym with a youth program designed for ages 6-15 that teaches real boxing skills.

• **Strikeback Dynamic Defense Systems** (458 DW Highway, Merrimack, 262-9299, strikebackdds.com) teaches martial arts and self-defense to youth and adult students.

• **Tiger Black Belt Academy** (11 Kimball Drive, Unit 121, Hooksett, 627-7744, tigerblackbeltacademy.com) is offering a start-up special for the fall for \$99, which includes a uniform and a month of classes. Classes start at age 3½ and are available for all ages and levels of training.

• **Tim Barchard's Professional Martial Arts Academy** (15 E. Broadway, Derry, 434-7995, pmaderry.com) teaches martial arts and Brazilian jiu jitsu to kids and adults.

• **Tokyo Joe's Studios of Self Defense** (85A Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, 889-4165; 20 Hammond Road, Milford, 672-2100; tokyojoes.net) offers programs, grouped by age, for kids starting at age 3, including a teen group for ages 13-17. There are also adult classes.

• **Tokyo Joe's Studios and Team Link NH** (1338 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 641-3444, tokyojoeshooksett.com) offers youth programs including kempo karate for ages 3-12, Brazilian jiu jitsu for ages 5-15 and kickboxing for ages 5-12. Adult programs start at 13 or 15, depending on the discipline.

• **The Training Station** (200 Elm St., Manchester, 505-0048, thetrainingstationnh.com) offers programs for kids, grouped by age, starting at age 3, with a teen class for ages 12-14 and adult and fitness programs starting at 15+.

• **Triumph Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** (456 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 769-3819, teamtriumphbjj.com) teaches Brazilian jiu jitsu to children and adults, six days per week.

• **Universal Kenpo Federation** (37 Wilton Road, Milford, 547-5226, facebook.com/UniversalKenpoFederation) offers lessons in kenpo karate to children and adults. Contact the studio for details.

• **USA Ninja Challenge** (locations at Gymnastics Village, 13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8902, gymnasticsvillage.com; Flipz Gymnastics, 14 Chenell Drive, Concord, 224-3223, ninjaconcordnh.com; 17 Friars Drive, Unit 18, Hudson, 417-6820, ninjahudson.com; and 444 E. Industrial Park



Drive, Manchester, 935-7100, ninjamanches-ternh.com) offers ninja classes starting at age 4. The Concord location offers a teen fitness class and a class for ages 13-17. Hudson's classes start at 2½, as do Manchester's. There are also team programs for ages 6 and up.

• **Valle Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu** (44 Nashua Road, Unit 19, Londonderry, 553-1736, vallebjj.com) teaches Brazilian jiu jitsu to children, teens and adults. • **White Tiger Karate** (120 Laconia Road, Suite 201, Tilton, 998-1511, whitetigerkarate.net) teaches children 18-36 months old, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-9 years, and 10+ a mixture of karate, kung fu and muay Thai, with special instruction for children on the autism spectrum ages 7+.

• **World Class Martial Arts** (25 Nashua Road, Unit D3, Londonderry, 845-6115, londonderrymartialarts.com) offers classes for ages 3½ and up.

• **Z10 Gibson's Gym** (168 Amory St., Manchester, 232-4651, facebook.com/Z10Taekwondo) Contact the studio for details.

• **Zenith Martial Arts** (40 Thorndike St., Concord, 513-9993, zenithmartialarts.net) offers kung fu classes grouped by age, starting at age 3, as well as kickboxing for ages 14+. An after-school program for 6+ is offered, with transportation from some Concord schools.

MUSIC

• **AB Music School** (4 Faxon Ave., Nashua, 978-677-9244, abmusicschool.com) offers personalized instruction on 15 instruments along with music theory and composition. Students are 4 years old and up. Lessons start at \$120 per month.

• **Amy Conley Music** (102 Elm St., Milford, 249-9560, amyconleymusic.com) offers programs for families/early childhood and special needs, ukulele classes for teens and adults, and private guitar, ukulele, piano and banjo classes for ages 7 and up. Fall classes start Sept. 9.

• **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) offers musical programs for children as young as infants and toddlers as well as lessons for older kids in guitar, voice, piano, drums and percussion. BYPC also offers musical ensembles, including rock bands (by audition) for ages 10+. Fall lessons start Aug. 26.

• **Bemish Green Piano Studio** (188 Central St., Hudson, 235-9378, greenpiano.com) teaches piano to children and adults. Appointments may be scheduled up to 50 weeks in advance, and rescheduled or canceled 24 hours a day. Lessons begin at \$147 per month.

• **Bordeleau Keyboard Studios** (8 Maple Drive, Bedford, 472-5566, facebook.com/

BordeleauKeyboardStudios) is dedicated to the fine art of keyboard education. Contact the Studios for details.

• **Carey & Henderson Vocal Studio** (14 Court St., Nashua, 889-6580, careyhendersonvocal.org) trains vocalists of all ages and abilities. Styles include musical theater, popular music, jazz, opera/classical music, or any combination of the above. Lessons by appointment only.

• **Charles Davis Drum Instructor** (58 Monroe St., Nashua, 930-9897) teaches students in elementary school to high school, beginner to advanced.

• **Concord Community Music School** (23 Wall St., Concord, 228-1196, ccmusic-school.org) offers private lessons for voice, banjo, bass, bassoon, cello, clarinet, composition, double bass, fiddle, flute, French horn, guitar, mandolin, oboe, percussion, piano, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, ukulele, viola and violin. There are also group classes and ensembles for kids and teens (including, for teens, folk, rock and jazz bands). Tuition is based on a 16-week semester; financial aid is available. Classes start in September.

• **Don Sanni Guitar & Bass Lessons** (108 Taylor St., Nashua, 882-7468, donsanni.com) teaches students 8 years old and up.

• **Eric Dupont Drum Instruction** (809-9575, ericdupontdrums.com) teaches drummers of all ages. Lesson topics include Rudiments & Snare Drum Studies, Drum Set Technique & Coordination, Fundamental Drum Set Grooves, Song Forms, Brush Techniques, Chart Reading/Interpretation, Improvisation/Solo Transcription & Analysis, Equipment & Tuning, and Drum Set History & Evolution.

• **Figaro Music Studios** (254 N. State St., Unit G, Concord, 369-0265, figaromusicstudios.com) teaches children in preschool and older piano, guitar and choir skills.

• **Guitar Center** (1051 S. Willow St., Manchester, 621-3016; 258 DW Highway, Suite 4, Nashua, 891-5777, guitarcenter.com/services/lessons) teaches students of all ages and abilities guitar, bass, drums, piano, voice, DJing and more.

• **Hollis Musical Arts** (154 Witches Spring Road, Hollis, 400-1026, hollismusicalarts.com) teaches piano and voice to



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- **Jimmy Mags Music Lessons** (321 Laxson Ave, Manchester, 682-2550, jimnymagsmusic.com) teaches guitar, bass and piano to students of all ages. Lessons start at \$110 per month.
- **John Medeiros Jr. Music** (498-3819, johnmedeirosjr.com) teaches drums, guitar and bass.
- **Joy of Piano** (1 Pembroke Drive, Derry, 703-8400, nhpianolessons.com) offers private instruction for children ages 5+.
- **Kevin Horan Music** (494-2716, kevinhoranmusic.com) teaches guitar and drums in person or online.
- **Let's Play Music!** (2626 Brown Ave., Unit A2, Manchester, 218-3089; 145 Hampstead Road, Derry, 425-7575; 136 Lowell Road, Hudson, 882-8940; letsplaymusic.com) has choral groups and musical theater programs and rock bands as well as private lessons in piano, guitar & bass, stringed instruments, singing, drums, horns and reed instruments, ukulele, banjo, mandolin and accordion. Kindermusik classes are available for newborns through 4 years old and Kidzrock classes are available for 4- to 7-year-olds.

- and piano) and voice lesson for children and adults, according to their Facebook post.
- **Mike Loce Music** (5 Bowers Landing Drive, No. 304, Merrimack, 318-1723, mikeloce.com) teaches guitar to students of all ages.
- **Milford Music Academy** (37 Wilton Road, Milford, 219-1518) teaches in person or online for guitar, piano, voice, drums and bass guitar.
- **Minjing Vandenbos Music Studio** (52 Main St., Nashua, minjingvandenbos.com) provides piano instruction to students of all ages.
- **Music Lessons By Lisa N** (11 Redwood Ave, Concord, 781-832-2127, facebook.com/MusicByLisaN) provides instruction on saxophone, flute, clarinet, violin, piano and musical theory to students 5 to adult.
- **Music Workshop of Concord** (64 Dunklee St., Concord, 226-0690, musicworkshopofconcord.com) teaches piano to students from early childhood up.
- **Nashua Community Music School** (2 Lock St., Nashua, 881-7030, nashuacms.org) offers private lessons in piano, guitar, voice, violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone and percussion. The school also offers music therapy for all ages, a group music class and ensembles including a rock band for current students. Introductory classes for kids include Mini Musicians (for ages 4 to 7) and Broadway Star Search (ages 7 to 10). The academic year starts on Sept. 9.
- **NH Guitars** (41 Range Road, Windham, 978-267-7597) teaches guitar, bass and ukulele to students of all ages.
- **NH Tunes** (250 Commercial St., No. 2017, Manchester, 660-2208, nhtunes.biz) offers lessons in voice, guitar, piano, ukulele, drum, banjo/mandolin and band instruments. There are also music discovery lessons (where a student can try multiple instruments) and music production.
- **North Main Music** (28 Charron Ave., Nashua, 505-4282, northmainmusic.com) teaches students of all ages guitar, drums, piano, bass, voice, violin, saxophone, ukulele and trumpet. North Main especially recommends the ukulele for students under 8 years old.
- **Palace Theatre Voice Studio** (palacetheatre.org) offers private vocal coaching each month, in person at Forever Emma studios in Manchester and via Zoom with professional performers from around the country, for grades 2 through 12, \$30 per half hour. Email meganlves@palacetheatre.org for information.




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- **Manchester Music Mill** (329 Elm St., Manchester, 623-8022, manchester-musicmill.com) See mmmlessons.com for the lessons-related landing page. Lessons include guitar, bass, drums, saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, piano and voice.
- **Melody Music Studios** (277-3289, melodymusicstudios.com) teaches lessons in home, in a studio, or online, including piano, voice, guitar, drums, voice and band instruction.
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• **Piano Studio of Jacqueline Morin** (15 Marion St., Concord, 508-633-5534, missjackienotes.com) teaches piano to students from 4 to adult.

• **Quality Music Lessons** (166 N. Broadway, Unit 4, Salem, 890-0209, quality-musiclessonssalem.com) teaches individual lessons in voice and audition preparation, instruments and music theory. Instruments include piano, drums, ukulele, classical guitar, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass and banjo. A flat fee of \$100 is paid monthly for 30-minute weekly lessons.

• **Rattlebox Studio** (in Kimball Jenkins School of Art, 266 N. Main St, Concord, 770-298-6482, mraaronmusic.com) Mr. Aaron leads music classes for children up to 7 years old. Weekly, every Wednesday and Friday and most Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Each 45-minute class is an introduction to music and creativity. Children sing, drum and dance to favorite original songs, kids' classics and pop favorites. Each session is \$15 for the first child, \$10 for each sibling.

• **The Real School of Music** (10 A St., Derry, 260-6801, therealschoolofmusic.com) teaches music lessons for students ages 5 and up, bands and ensembles for students 9 and up, Yamaha group classes for ages 3 to 7, musical theater for ages 7 to 14, and adaptive music for neurodivergent students.

• **Satellite School of the Arts** (222 Cedar St., Manchester, satelliteschoolofhearts.com) teaches instrument lessons in piano, guitar, bass, violin, drums and saxophone, as well as songwriting and recording, and vocal and performance coaching. Financial assistance is available.

• **School of Rock Nashua** (225 DW Highway, Nashua, 600-7625, schoolofrock.com) is slated to open in Fall 2024 and will offer music programs for kids as young as 4 years old and songwriting programs for kids 12 and up as well as a house band program for ages 17 and under, according to the website where you can sign up to get updates on the opening.

• **Souhegan Piano Instruction** (294 Route 101, Unit 6, Amherst, 672-4844, see listing on Facebook) provides piano training to children of various ages.

• **Strings and Things Music** (339 Village St., Concord, 228-1971, stringsandthings-music.com) is a music store, offering lessons in banjo, mandolin, bass, clarinet, djembe, drums, fiddle, flute, saxophone, guitar, piano, trumpet and ukulele. Register for classes on the store's website.

• **Suzuki Violin Studio** (890 Valley St., Manchester, 785-1884, musiclessonsnh.com) offers instruction in the studio, in students' homes, or online. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, drums, guitar, piano, bass guitar, mandolin, songwriting and performing, music theory and improvisation training, rock band coaching, and ensemble and chamber music.

com) offers instruction in the studio, in students' homes, or online. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, drums, guitar, piano, bass guitar, mandolin, songwriting and performing, music theory and improvisation training, rock band coaching, and ensemble and chamber music.

• **Ted Herbert Music School** (Majestic Studio Theatre, 880 Page St., Manchester; majestictheatre.net, tedherbert.com) offers lessons in brass, drums, guitar/bass, piano/keyboard, strings, theater/dance, voice and woodwind. Instrument rentals are available. The school also holds open mic nights for musicians of all levels.

• **Travis Shelby Music Lessons** (370-8853, travishshelbymusic.com) teaches students of all ages to play acoustic, electric or bass guitar. Lessons are structured around a student's personal musical interests.

• **Trinity Music Academy** (Trinity Baptist Church, 80 Clinton St., Concord, 410-4138, tbcnh.org/tma) offers individual music lessons for flute, guitar (individual and group), piano (individual and group), trumpet, ukulele, viola, violin, voice and orchestra. There is a registration fee of \$100, and a re-enrollment fee of \$100. Thirty lessons are guaranteed through the academic year.

• **The Voice Studio** (16 Crystal Ave., Derry, 560-2495, thevoicestudione.com) teaches lessons to students of all ages in voice, piano, guitar, bass, ukulele and saxophone. Twice per year the Studio holds a recording camp.

• **Weare School of Music** (77 Barnard Hill Road, Weare, 206-0135, see listing on Facebook) is currently booking lessons for the fall in all school band instruments, piano, guitar, ukulele, recorder, violin, viola, cello and voice.

• **Zagaria Vocal Academy Manchester** (954-418-9730, musicandvoicelessonsmanchesternh.com) teaches musicians of all ages in piano, trumpet and voice.

SPORTS

• **Amherst Soccer Club** (amherstsoccerclub.com) Programs include tots (birth year 2020 to 2022), EDP U6-U10 (birth year 2015 to 2019) and U8-U19 Travel (birth year 2006 to 2016). In addition to a fall season, there is also winter skill training and a spring season.

• **Bedford Athletic Club** (bedfordac.com) Registration for fall soccer is open now. This is a six-week program designed to provide an opportunity to develop fundamental soccer skills in a fun environment, with recreational programs for pre-K, kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, and grades 7-9. An adaptive program is also listed. The cost is \$65.

• **Bedford Little League** (bedfordll.com) fall baseball registration is open until Aug.

19. for Intermediates (ages 12-14), Majors (10-12), Minors AAA/AA Combo (8-10), and Single A Clinic (6-8). The 2024 fall season runs from Aug. 20 through Oct. 31. Visit the website to register.

• **Boys & Girls Club of Central and Northern NH** (55 Bradley St., Concord, 224-1061, nh.youth.org/athletics) The Meraki Volleyball Club of Bedford and the Boys & Girls Club are offering a program designed to teach and perfect foundational skills at every position. Kids in grades 4-6 will develop skills and work with trained staff to improve in the world of volleyball. The program costs \$100 for one evening per week, and \$185 for two evenings. The session runs from Sept. 17 through Oct. 23.

• **Cannons Baseball Club** (Concord, cannonsbaseballclub.com) offers year-round baseball and softball for middle school and high school.

• **Concord Crew** (concordcrew.org) offers fall, spring and summer youth programs, no prior experience necessary, according to the website. Practices take place at Bert Wittemore Bouthouse, 15 Loudon Road in Concord.

• **Concord Soccer Association** (concord-soccer.com) provides community-based youth soccer instruction and games. The program approach fosters character development, sportsmanship, skill acquisition and fun in a positive, respectful environment. It is focused on player development and has no standings, won-loss records, championships or playoffs below U12. Age groups for fall 2024: Kiddie Kicker I boys and girls born in 2020, Kiddie Kickers II boys and girls born in 2019, U8 boys and girls born in 2017 or 2018, U10 boys and girls born in 2015 or 2016, U12 boys and girls born in 2013 or 2014, U14 boys and girls born in 2012 or 2011 (boys born August-December 2010 will play U14 too, this fall), U19 girls born 2006-2010 (no U19 boys in fall because of HS soccer; there will be U19 boys next spring). Registration fees: Kiddie Kicker I \$90, Kiddie Kicker II \$125, U8 \$140, U10 and above \$160. A \$25 fee will be charged on all registrations submitted after Aug. 9. Availability of a spot on a team is not guaranteed, even if registration is open.

• **Concord Youth Soccer** (concord-nh.gov/1407/Fall-Youth-Soccer) Concord Parks & Recreation offers fall soccer leagues for children ages 4 years old through 6th grade. Leagues are broken down by age, grade and school: Soccer Fun-Damentals (ages 4 and 5), Division I (grades K and 1), Division II (grades 2 and 3), Division III

(grades 4-6).

• **Concord Youth Hockey Association** (capitals.concordyouthhockey.org) The 2024 fall hockey season runs from October through December and features Learn To Skate, Intro to Hockey (Atoms), DynoMites (birth years 2019 through 2016) and Capitals Travel Team programs.

• **Conway Arena** (5 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 595-2400, conwayarena.com) Registration for fall skating opened Aug. 7. Conway is a hockey and figure skating rink with programs for all ages and abilities.

• **Derry Diamond Athletic Association** (derryll.org) offers baseball (ages 6-13) and softball (ages 6-14) fall programs. Registration will begin soon; check the website for updates.

• **Derry Soccer Club** (derrysoccerclub.org) offers recreation, inter-town and travel leagues. Recreational programs

are open for ages 2.5 and up with fall and spring seasons. The fall season begins in September.

• **Girls on the Run New Hampshire** (137 Water St., No. 3, Exeter, 778-1389, girlsontherunnh.org) is offered for girls in grades 3-8. Registration for the lottery for a spot in Girls on the Run NH opened Aug. 8. See the website for locations, which set their own weekly meet-up and run schedules, or to start a team. The fall season culminates in a 5K on Nov. 16 in Concord.

• **Goffstown Junior Baseball** (goftstown-jrbaseball.com) There are currently spots open on the following Little League teams for the fall season: tee-ball, minor-player pitch, intermediate (50/70) and senior teams. Registration closes on Aug. 18.

• **Goffstown Screamin' Eagles** (screamineagles.org) is a local nonprofit youth sports organization for ages 5-15, providing safe and competitive cheer teams for the youth of Goffstown and surrounding areas. Registration for the 2024 fall season is open.

• **Granite Base Camp** (300 Blondin Road, Manchester, 617-615-0004, experiencebasecamp.org) offers programming in archery, STEM, fishing, hiking, arts & crafts, environmental studies and more for ages 6-17.

• **Granite State Kids New Hampshire Junior Team Tennis** (granitestatekids.com) offers fall and spring programs in Bedford and winter junior team events at the YMCA in Goffstown. Fall tennis meets Mondays and Wednesday and begins Monday, Sept. 2. Classes are available for kids as young as 5 through kids 11+, with beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate levels.

• **The Icenter** (60 Lowell Road, Salem,



893-4448, icentersalem.com) offers competitive and recreational figure skating, learn to skate and learn to play hockey programs and Top Gun Hockey.

• **Londonderry Soccer Club** (londonderryssc.org) offers fall and spring recreational programs as well as a travel program. Recreation programs are available for ages 2 1/2 through 18. There is also a Unified Top Soccer program for grades K-8 for “athletes who need physical or emotional assistance in order to participate,” open to kids in Londonderry, Litchfield and Hudson. Registration is open now. The 2024 season runs from Sept. 7 through Oct. 26.

• **Longfellow New Hampshire Tennis & Swim Club** (140 Lock St., Nashua, 883-0153, longfellownh.com) offers junior tennis clinics for ages 5-18 of all abilities, Monday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Nov. 3.

• **Manchester Basketball League** (manchesterbasketballleague.com) The 4th Annual Manchester Basketball League is set to begin in October and November. Registration will be open in August and September. There are divisions for boys and girls, ages 4+.

• **Manchester East Soccer League** (mesl.org) offers soccer for ages 4-18 (with interleague play for ages 12-18). Registration for fall costs \$60 per player, \$140 max per family.

• **Manchester North Soccer League** (PO Box 58, Manchester, mnsf.org) offers recreational soccer for kids ages 5-19 (\$90 per kid for the season) and for younger kids (\$55 per player). Its home fields are at Livingston Park in Manchester.

• **Manchester Soccer League** (manchestersoccerleague.com) The 3rd Annual Manchester Soccer League on the West Side will begin Saturday, Aug. 31. Register online.

• **The Manchester Police Athletic League** (409 Beech St., Manchester, 626-0211, manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org) offers a variety of athletic and enrichment programs, all of which are free. There are youth sports programs in aikido, boxing, skateboarding and wrestling. Visit the League website.

• **Manchester Youth Sports Leagues** The City of Manchester offers a variety of youth sports opportunities, from leagues to special tournaments. Leagues are run by private organizations but use fields and facilities maintained by Manchester Parks & Recreation. Sports leagues include baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, soccer and softball. See links on the Manchester Parks and Recreation website for more specific information.

• **Meraki Volleyball Club** (68 Technology Drive, Bedford, 978-219-4041, merakivolleyball.com) Fall training for boys and girls in grades K-8 begins Aug. 29. Boys

team tryouts are Aug. 18 and Aug. 25; girls team tryouts will be held in October.

• **Merrimack Youth Baseball** (mybaseball.com) is accepting registrations for the following age groups: T-Ball (ages 3-4), Rookie (ages 5-6), AA (ages 7-8), AAA (ages 9-10), Majors (ages 11-12) and Babe Ruth (ages 13-16).

• **Milford Community Athletic Association** (mcaa.us) Registration is open for the fall season in soccer, baseball and softball; contact the Association for details.

• **My Gym Children’s Fitness Center** (410 S. River Road, Bedford, 668-7196, mygym.com/bedford) offers classes for infants starting at 3 months old through preschool with a few classes for older kids (up to 10 years old, according to the website) including ninja training and gymnastics.

• **Nashua Cal Ripken Baseball** (multiple field locations in Nashua and surrounding towns, nashuacalripen.org) offers fall ball for ages 4-12 (with ages 4-6 playing tee-ball). The fall season starts in September and runs through October.

• **NH Climbing and Fitness** (10 Langdon Ave., Concord, 715-9171, nhclimbinggym.com) has climbing classes for ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9+. Call for more information.

• **NE Inferno Baseball** (norestersbaseball.com) operates in regional facilities including in Nashua (3 Progress Ave.) for 10U to 16U.

• **New Hampshire Junior Roller Derby** (facebook.com/NHJrRollerDerby) teaches roller derby to any gender ages 8-17. See the website for future sessions and events.

• **New Hampshire Spartans Youth Basketball** (nhspartans.com) offers three tryout dates for Seacoast and Derry AAU teams starting Aug. 25 for grades 2 through high school for the fall season.

• **New Hampshire Sportsplex** (68 Technology Drive, Bedford, 641-1313, nhsportsplex.com) offers youth flag football (grouped by ages) for ages 5 through high school and youth recreational soccer in five age groups.

• **New Hampshire Tomahawks Lacrosse** (nhtomahawks.com) offers fall leagues and indoor winter leagues as well as fall clinics with programs starting for kids kindergarten and up (a recent summer program started at age 3).

• **Project S.T.O.R.Y.** (Supporting Talents of Rising Youth) (39 Shaker Road, Concord, 491-7740, projectstorynh.com/sports) offers soccer, basketball and dance programs. Project S.T.O.R.Y. pays all fees to select affiliated programs and offers transportation to those who need it. The Project’s Keach Soccer Club offers a fun and supportive environment for players of all ages and abilities at Keach Park in Concord. It meets once a week for pickup-style soccer, allowing athletes to learn from various players.

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• **Salem Youth Baseball** (salem youth-baseball.net) Registration is open for the fall season. Tee-ball is available for ages 4-6; baseball is available for ages 7-14.

• **Seacoast Fencing Club** (271 Wilson St., Manchester; 261 N. Main St., Rochester, 428-7040, seacoast-fencingclub.org)

offers group lessons for as young as 7, as well as competitive training starting at age 7, and private lessons. Both facilities will be closed during August.

• **Tri-Town Ice Arena** (311 W. River Road, Hooksett, 270-1024, tri-townicearena.com) is accepting registrations for its Learn To Skate, Learn Hockey and hockey league programs.

• **Vertical Dreams** (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 625-6919; 25 E. Otterson St., Nashua, 943-7571; verticaldreams.com) offers a youth climbing club (for kids ages 6-12 who are beginning climbers) beginning Sept. 24 in Manchester and Sept. 26 in Nashua. The youth climbing team (for experienced climbers ages 12-18) session starts on Sept. 25 in Manchester and Sept. 26 in Nashua. Both programs have a 10-week ses-

sion. For either age group, the cost is \$285.

• **Weare Athletic Club** (weareathleticclub.com) Registration is open for fall youth field hockey. The season starts Sept. 8.

• **Wrestling Rebels** (Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 E. Derry Road, Derry, 434-6695, derrybgclub.org/team-page) is a youth wrestling club for kids pre-k through 8th grade. The wrestling season usually starts in October.



THEATER

• **Actorsingers** (219 Lake St., Nashua, 889-9691, actorsingers.org) amateur community theater group holds auditions for Teen Actorsingers productions in spring with show dates in summer and fall.

• **Bedford Youth Performing Company** (155 Route 101, Bedford, 472-3894, bypc.org) Classes begin the week of Aug. 26 and run through June 2025. BYPC offers several classes in performance and acting starting at age 4 through high school as well as by-invitation musical theater classes. Students can also participate in fall, Christmas and spring productions.

• **The Community Players of Concord** (communityplayersofconcord.org) offer winter and summer vacation camps and workshops as well as audition opportunities through their Children's Theatre Project. The current show being auditioned is *Bye Bye Birdie*, with auditions Sunday, Aug. 18, and Monday, Aug. 19. See the website for details and requirements.

• **Derryfield Repertory Theater** (2108 River Road, Manchester, derryfieldrepertorytheatre.com) is a summer company founded in 2006 by Laurel Devino. Over the summer, DRT has two sessions of a musical theater camp for children in grades 4-12. For the first time, the DRT will stage a winter show in February 2025. According to the DRT website, more information will be available this fall.

• **Kids Coop Theatre** (46 E. Derry Road, Derry, kctnh.org) is open to kids ages 8-18. To audition for a show, membership to Kids Coop costs \$30. The next show is *Disney Descendants – The Musical*. See the website for info about auditions and rehearsals.

• **The Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts** (880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net) provides performing opportunities in community theater productions year-round. The next production is *Sh-Boom: A Christmas Miracle* with auditions Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m.

• **Palace Youth Theatre** (Forever Emma Studios, 516 Pine St., Manchester, 688-5588, palacetheatre.org) is open to performers in grades 2-12. The Palace Teen Company and the Palace Teen Apprentice Company are open to students ages 12-18 interested in pursuing theater beyond high school. Dance classes are offered (grouped by age) for ages 3 through 18+ beginning Sept. 9 and running for 11 weeks, culminating in a student showcase at the Palace Theatre. There will also be acting classes this fall. There are also several upcoming auditions for shows and for the teen companies; see palacetheatre.org/pyt/pyt-auditions.

• **Peacock Players** (14 Court St., Nashua, 886-7000, peacockplayers.org) offers vacation camps as well as productions for youth (ages 6-14), teens (ages 14-18), crossover (ages 6-18) and all ages. Upcoming auditions include *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr* and *Mean Girls High School Version*.

• **Riverbend Youth Company** (Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley, The Amato Center for the Performing Arts, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company) presents mainstage plays and musicals with performers ages 6-18. Visit the Company's website for news of upcoming auditions and productions.

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Art for everyone

Greeley Park Art Show features artists working in a variety of media

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The time is now for the 71st Greeley Park Art Show in Nashua on Saturday, Aug. 17, and Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day put on by the Nashua Area Artists' Association. Lauren Boss, co-director of the Greeley Park Art Show, is excited for the two days filled with art along with co-director Jacqueline Barry.

"We've been co-directors for, oh goodness, several, several years," Boss said.

If there is a style of art, it will be represented at Greeley Park.

"All the artists, it's all different mediums and all different styles. We have artists that work in pastels and colored pencils, oils, and we have potters and woodworkers, people that work with glass. All different mediums, all different styles. It's great because everybody's different.... There's something for everyone because it's so diverse.... There's going to be 50 artists displayed."

There is a silent auction but the artists

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will be happy to talk with attendees about their craft. "Everybody loves to talk about how they do it. You can ask them everything and they are very willing to talk to you about it."

The attendees are just as impressive as the art itself.

"One artist several years ago had said, 'This is a great show and people know a lot and you can tell the people come back year after year because of the questions they're asking and how knowledgeable they are.'"

Everyone is invited, even the furriest Granite Staters.

"Whatever pet you happen to have, whatever pets are well-behaved are welcome. Come on out and have a great time.... The park's huge. You get people walking and biking. People with their kids. A lot of people plan vacations around the art show."

An art competition takes place both days.

"Saturday there's an adult art competition for the people in the show. It's broken down by medium; pastels, oils, mixed-media, whatever their medium is, so there's a first, second, and third in the medium and then the best in show. We give away a lot of cash prizes that way."

Sunday's competition is for kids. "It's 6 to 18 and they bring their artwork so their artwork's hung and that's judged and they get prizes also, art related prizes to encourage the kids to keep on going."

Some speciality booths will be popped

up around the park as well.

"We give away two scholarships every year and those artists are also displaying at the park, they have a tent set up and they're there with some of their artwork.... The raffle tent has local people. Local businesses donate gift certificates or gift bags, some of the artists donate paintings, or whatever they do, and that's raffled off."

As mentioned before, the silent auction is an aspect of the Art Show that has a great selection of art.

"There's a silent auction that we do for higher-priced items, so that's really cool to do also and that goes to the educational fund, so that could be scholarships, community outreach, demonstrations that we do throughout the year, and stuff like that."

Certain years there is music in the park, and this year is one of those years.

"There will be a musician both Saturday and Sunday. George Parker plays acoustic guitar and stops and plays at various spots at the park. He is really a nice addition to the show. ... There's a lot that goes on with the Art Show, just a lot that goes on."

Hot dog and ice cream vendors may be on the street.

"Sometimes there's an ice cream truck. There are the hot dog people that are there, but they're not ours."

Boss was not able to pick a favorite medium or artist and when asked said, "Honestly, all of them. They are amazing,



Artwork by David Bower. Courtesy photo.

it's like a museum. We have artists that have won awards from all over the world.... It's amazing, they really are. I love our artists. They're really nice, they're funny, they're great, they really are."

"They're very personable when you go into their booth. Some of the people are actually there painting and drawing.... There's one woman who does colored pencils and she's amazing and I think when you ask her, it's an inch an hour is what it takes her to do her drawings and when you look at them they're just incredible."

Whether it's community, art, or a pleasant day at the park, the Greeley Park Art Show has been the place to be for over 70 years.

"Through the years I've seen families grow up and it's cool.... You see them grow through the years.... It's just a great event for everybody," Boss said. 🍀

Art

Exhibits

- **"Kathy Bouchard: Never Stop Looking"** is on display at the art gallery at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua; nashualibrary.org) through mid August. The library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- **"Cymodocea,"** an exhibit from

New York-based artist Elisabeth Kley, will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester; currier.org) until Sunday, Aug. 18.

- **"Exploration: Line/Shape/Form,"** an exhibit that considers "how an artist chooses to create, allows the viewer to contemplate how line, shape and form influence our perceptions, emotions, and experience of the world

around us," is on display at Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester; art3gallery.com, 668-6650) through Thursday, Aug. 22. The gallery is open 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- **"When Pigs Fly: Summer Juried Exhibition,"** described as "an exhibit contemplating the impossible, the surreal and the fantastical!" is on display through Aug. 31 at the Twigg's Gallery (254 King St.,

Boscawen; twiggsgallery.org, 975-0015), which is open Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

- **"Filippo de Pisis and Robert Mapplethorpe: A Distant Conversation"** will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester; currier.org) until Monday, Sept. 2

- **"Constructs,"** described as a "group exhibition exploring distinct visual languages through geometric abstraction and sculptural works" and featuring the work of Damion Silver, Eric Katzman, Don Williams, Jenny McGee Dougherty and Trevor Toney, is on display at the Pillar Gallery (205 N. State St., Concord; pillargalleryprojects.com) through Sept. 15, which is open Sunday, Tuesday and Friday, 3 to 7 p.m.

- **"Somewhere to Remember,"** an exhibit featuring the works at Lizzy Berube, who "paints large seasonal landscapes in acrylic and oil, inspired by places in New England where she has spent time," at Two Villages Art Society (846 Main

St., Contoocook; twovillagesart.org) through Saturday, Sept. 7. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

- **Sandy Clearly Community Art Gallery** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua; nashuacenterforthearts.com) currently features the works of artists Kate Pritchard, Krysta Rhiann LaBlanc, Matthew Robertson and Madeleine LaRose, on display through September.

- **"Daniel Otero Torres: Sonidos Del Crepusculo (Twilight Sounds)"** will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester; currier.org) through Sunday, Oct. 6.

- **"Stories of the Sea"** includes Van Gogh's first outdoor painting and two by Andrew Wyeth and will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester; currier.org) until Friday, Oct. 18.

Theater

Shows

- **2024 Bank of NH Children's Summer Series** at the Palace The-

atre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org) includes *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Aug. 13 to Aug. 16, and Disney's *Little Mermaid Jr.* Aug. 20 to Aug. 23, and Music with Miss Alli on Aug. 27 and Aug. 28, according to the theater's website. Shows are Tuesday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. Tickets to each show cost \$10 per person.

- **The Wizard of Oz, Youth Edition** presented by the Palace Youth Theatre Summer Camp on Friday Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org). The student actors are in grades 2 through 12. Tickets start at \$12.

- **Willy Wonka Kids** presented by the Palace Youth Theatre Summer Camp on Saturday, Aug. 24, at noon at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org). The student actors are in grades 2 through 12. Tickets start at \$12.

NEW EXHIBIT

Glimpse Gallery (Patriot Building, 4 Park St., Concord), owned by Miriam Exum and curated by Christina Landry-Boullion, will hold multiple receptions for its newest exhibit, which features the work of Kristin Selesnick, Corey Garland, Leslie Ossoff, Ashley Audet, Sandy Sereno, Marisol-von-Hardenberg and Christina Landry-Boullion, on Saturday, Aug. 17, and Saturday, Aug. 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. They ask that you RSVP if possible. Visit theglimpsegallery.com or call 892-8307. Image: "As Above, So Below" by Kristin Selesnick



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ARTS

A little weird

Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* on stage

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Beginning with *The Colour of Magic* in 1983, Sir Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* series spanned 41 novels. The fantasy writer drew from mythology, folklore and the classics for stories that happened on a flat planet that balanced on the backs of four elephants, who in turn stood upon a giant turtle.

1988's *The Wyrd Sisters* is a loose retelling of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, and director Jeannie LeGrow thought it would be great if there were a stage version; she's a big fan of the *Discworld* books. Turns out that British writer Stephen Briggs has adapted more than 20 Pratchett novels into plays, including the one starring three witches, a Duke, his striving wife and a ghost.

"I just decided to re-read them," she said by phone recently. "I find that I get something new depending on where I am in life each time I do, and I thought, 'Wouldn't this make a great play?'" Then I was like, "Do you think it is one?" "I Googled it, and there it was."

In another bit of kismet, the publishing house with the rights to *The Wyrd Sisters* lets theatrical companies have the play in exchange for a donation to the Orangutan Foundation, a favorite charity of Pratchett's. In *The Colour of Magic* there's a character who is magically turned into a great ape and decides he likes it.

"He finds it easier to climb the shelves and somehow everyone understands him," LeGrow said. "I imagine the donation was probably the brainchild of Sir Pratchett or his family and estate. He really seems to want his legacy to be positive ... to have left behind something good and fun."

In his writing, LeGrow likes the way Pratchett blended the medieval and magical with modernism. "In *Guards! Guards!*, another fabulous one that I'd like to do, this cult does a big thing and then they're waiting, and one of them goes, 'Should we get a pizza?' He just loves to add that little touch of reality, which is not only humorous, but more relatable."

Another thing she enjoys is that Pratchett's worldview was very female forward. The Duke of Felmet, played by Village regular Bob Tuttle, is both wicked and



Wyrd Sisters. Courtesy photo.

hapless as Lady Felmet (Magner Peruto) guides him. *The Wyrd Sisters*' men come off as mostly beholden to the women in the play — that is, when they're not simply trying to keep up.

"My favorite Terry Pratchett book is *Equal Rites*, in which a woman becomes a wizard," she said. "He says in the book, 'Women are not allowed to become wizards because the wizards have realized they'd be rather better at it.' He very much writes his women that way and I've always loved that about him ... and yes, the women definitely let the men *think* they're running things in the *Discworld*."

The three witches in the play are Nanny Ogg (Jayson Andrews) — "very pragmatic, but a bit ... well, she's not very tactful, and that's something I really like about her ... you always know where you stand," LeGrow said — and the outsized Granny Weatherwax, "in her opinion, and probably everyone else's, the greatest witch in all of *Discworld*."

Magrat Garlick, a character who's often portrayed as dumb, is updated by Emily Marsh. "She's more aware of the modern world, but also is very naive in other ways; not dumb, she just doesn't know yet," LeGrow said. "She makes it sweet and very funny." LeGrow, who joined Village a few years ago, feels Marsh exemplifies something important about the theater.

"She grew up in this theater, it's a second family to her, and that speaks to me so much," she said. "These kids go off to college and they come back. It matters to them to come to this theater, and that speaks volumes of how welcoming they are. I've had such a good time with the group." 🍷

The Wyrd Sisters

When: Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 16 through Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Aug. 18 and Aug. 25, at 2 p.m.

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THE ROUNDUP

The latest from NH's theater, arts and literary communities

• **Creative communities:** Twiggs Gallery, in partnership with Concord Makerspace, will be hosting a discussion with members of the New Hampshire Potters' Guild (NHPG) for their "Third Thursday Discussion Series: Building Creative Communities" on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Twiggs Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen). In a statement, Twiggs Gallery director Laura Morrison said Twiggs is "looking forward to talking with NHPG about how they are successfully building a rich and vibrant community of artists and craftsmen. The series is an open-style panel discussion engaging the local creative community in conversations about how we can all work together to help each other grow, not only as creative beings but as a thriving creative community that benefits everybody." Local artists, crafters, musicians, performers, makers, creatives, writers, collectors, and anyone interested in living and working in a thriving arts community are encouraged to join the discussion, according to the release. Visit twigsgallery.org, concordmakerspace.org, and nhpottersguild.org.

• **Music and glass:** On Friday, Aug. 16, Laura Belanger, along with Dennis Akerman, will present "The Colors of Sanbornton Congregational Church – A Mosaic of Organ Music and Stained Glass" at Sanbornton Congregational Church (21 Meeting House Hill Road, Sanbornton) at 5 p.m. Ears will be treated to some unexpected sounds produced through an artfully chosen blend of organ stops, chimes and bells, coming together to present a sound representing each unique and colorful window. In

one part of the program, as a special treat, audience members will witness the playing of the pump organ that was brought to the church in 1890, according to the release. Admission is free. A stair-less entry is accessible through the parking lot at the rear of the church and assistive hearing devices are also available. Call 286-3018 or visit uccsanbornton.org.

• **Romance Day:** On Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2p.m. Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) celebrates the sixth annual Bookstore Romance Day by having a mocktail party with New England romance novel authors where attendees can meet some authors, mingle and chat, talk tropes, debate who is the best book boyfriend/girlfriend, and enjoy some delicious drinks from Gibson's Cafe, according to the press release. Authors in attendance will be Jilly Gagnon, author of *Love You, Mean It*; Sarina Bowen, author of the True North series and the Brooklyn Hockey series and co-author of the W.A.G.S series with Elle Kennedy; and Margaret Porter, author of *A Change of Location* and more than a dozen historical romance novels, according to the same release. Bookstore Romance Day is a day designed to give independent bookstores an opportunity to celebrate Romance fiction (its books, readers, and writers) and to strengthen the relationships between bookstores and the Romance community, according to the same release. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com

• **Summer improv:** Join Stranger Than Fiction at the Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) for one last summer night of unscripted comedy where anything can happen on the cozy, intimate stage on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. Participants will be asked for summer-themed suggestions and will watch them transformed into hilarious scenes, characters and stories. Participants are encouraged to have a picnic in the back lawn before the show and they do have air conditioning. Tickets are \$15. Visit playersring.org/shows/stfsplash.



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By Ray Magliozzi

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I think the general manager's girlfriend had her heart set on your car, Ben. You're in a strong bargaining position, and, in the end, you should get the car you want.

I don't know exactly what's going on behind the scenes here, but they clearly sold you the car, you paid for the car, you registered the car, you insured the car, and you own the car. Your dog has probably spent three rigorous weeks working his smell into the upholstery, too.

The car is yours unless they make it worthwhile for you to swap it for something

else. You should be courteous about it, and say you'd like to help them. But if it were me, I'd say, look, this is the car I want—in this color, with these features. If you order a replacement car for me for no additional money and loan me a comparable car until my new car comes in, you can have your car back.

Or alternatively, you could say, alright, I'll take the other car you have on the lot, even though it's not really what I want, but you have to make it worth my while. So, take a couple of thousand bucks off the price.

And because the whole thing seems a bit fishy, I'd get a confirmation of what they agree to do in writing or an email.

I don't know what's involved in reversing a transaction. But you must have paid sales tax and registration fees on the car, and you want to be sure you don't have to pay that stuff again on the replacement. They should cover all of that.

And if you're not satisfied with what they offer, keep the car you've got. They can always order another one for the GM's girlfriend.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
I got this flower ceiling light at a local consignment store. I have a question about whether it should be re-wired. Also can you give me an idea if I got a deal on it or not?

Thank you, Donna.
Phil

Dear Phil,
Your chandelier looks to be in good clean condition.

Let's address the wiring first. I always say if there is any wear on the cord or where it makes an electrical contact, then definitely yes, it should be re-wired. Better safe than sorry, right? If it's clean and still not hard but a pliable cord then maybe just leave it.

If your chandelier is an older one from the 1940s-1970s and in working order I



would say the value is in the range of \$250.

It could also be a reproduction of an older one. You could tell by the electrical cord, screws, paint or if there is any maker's name on it.

So, Phil, depending on what you paid for it, I would say you got a little treasure. Nice piece. Thanks for sharing with us and I hope you get to use it with minimal or no

repairs.

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna@footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550. 🍷

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Fairs and fests

• Don't miss Londonderry's **125th annual Old Home Days**, which started Wednesday, Aug. 14, and go through Saturday, Aug. 17. There are concerts, fireworks, a parade, a 5K road race, a baby contest and children's games. See the article in last week's Hippo for details or visit londonderry-nh.gov.

• The **125th Gilmanton Old Home Day** is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the Smith Meeting House (Meeting House and Governor roads, Gilmanton). Previous events have included live entertainment, a puppet show, a silent auction, an antique auto parade and an art show. Visit gilmantonnh.org/organizations/gilmanton-old-home-day for details.

• The **Sunflower Bloom Festival** at fields in Concord will run daily until Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, according to sunfoxfarm.org. The festival features live

music, food vendors and more. See the article on the festival from last week's issue of the Hippo. Admission costs \$10; kids 10 and under get in free; cut your own flowers for \$2 per stem.

History & machines

• Hillsborough's **History Alive** event will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, and Sunday, Aug. 18, at Jones Road in Hillsborough. It will focus on historical reenactments of famous battles and daily village life from times past, and will include activities, crafts and musicians. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$8 for seniors. The event is free for children 16 and under when accompanied by an adult. You can purchase a bracelet on the day of the event and it will cover both days. Cash only; credit cards are not accepted in person. Visit historicalivenh.org.

• The New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Highway, Milton) is hosting its annual **Truck and Tractor Day** on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trucks, wagons, antique cars and tractors dating back to the mid 1900s will be on display, and the event will feature demonstrations on things like the two-man saw and the butter churn treadmill. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors 65 and older, \$6 for children ages 4 to 17, and free for children under 4. A family pass is available for

\$30. Visit nhfarmmuseum.org.

• The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumofnh.org) hosts **Planefest!**

Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with outdoor aviation-related activities and games, planes on display, pilots and other aviation-related professionals on hand to discuss their careers and, at 1 p.m., a cake to celebrate the Aug. 19, 1871, birthday of Orville Wright, according to a press release. The free outdoor activities are geared toward elementary school and middle school aged kids. The museum will be open (with regular admission prices) during the event.

The museum is also extending its hours as we enter the final week of summer vacation. In addition to its regular hours of Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., the museum will also be open Wednesday, Aug. 21, and Thursday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the museum's **Elite Flight Simulator** open from 1 to 4 p.m. on those days, according to a press release. The flight simulator is open first come, first served for ages 12 and up, the release said. Admission to the muse-



Planefest 2023. Courtesy photo.

um is free for children ages 5 and under, \$5 for ages 6 to 12 and \$10 for ages 13 and above, the release said.

Plays and movies

• The Palace Youth Theatre Summer Camp presents **The Wizard of Oz, Youth Edition** on Friday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org). The student actors are in grades 2 through 12. Tickets start at \$12.

• Also at the Palace, catch the next few shows in the 2024 Bank of NH Children's Summer Series. **Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.** is on stage through Aug. 16, and **Disney's Little Mermaid Jr.** runs Aug. 20 to Aug. 23, according to the theater's website. Shows are Tuesday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. Tickets to each show cost \$10 per person.

• Fathom Events has kid-friendly movies on its schedule (see fathomevents.com for local theaters). **Coraline** (PG, 2009) will be screening from Thursday, Aug. 15, through Thursday, Aug. 22, at select theaters, including Apple Cinemas in Hooksett and Merrimack; AMC Classic in Londonderry; Cinemark in Salem, and O'neil Cinemas in Epping. 🍿



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Christian Macdonald, owner of Macdaddy Guitars in Weare, thinks of guitars as “beautiful three-dimensional sculptures.” His guitars can be found on his MacDaddy Guitars Facebook page as well as at select local dealers.

Q: Explain your job and what it entails.

My job now is building guitars full-time, basically working in my home shop. I build acoustic-electric hollow-body designed guitars that I’ve designed. I use all solid woods, mostly from the area, locally sourced if I can.

the office world behind and just jump into this full-time.

What led you to this career field and your current job?

I’ve always, since I was a young kid, dabbled with my brother’s guitar and banjo ... I built my first guitar back in 1981 I think it was. A solid body, kind of like a Fender Strat kit, and I really loved it.... I wanted to get more adventurous and build a hollow-body guitar ... Just sort of evolved from there and I just fell in love with the whole process, the making of them, and it kind of became an obsession.

How long have you had this job?

Well, that’s a long story but officially I started in 2003, working part-time at my business-slash-hobby at the time, and then it wasn’t until 2019 that I decided to leave

What kind of education or training did you need?

I went to college and got a B.A. in communications and one in fine arts. I was trained as a two-dimensional artist, a painter ... I had to really be self-taught, the guitar-making part of it. I never had formal training as a guitar-maker.



Christian Macdonald

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

It depends on what time of year it is, but right now it’s a T-shirt and shorts. I like my Crocs with socks. I also wear my Macdaddy work apron to keep stuff off of my clothes and there’s a lot of things like earmuffs and dust masks and goggles on top of what I wear.

What is the most challenging thing about your work, and how do you deal with it?

I think for me the most challenging thing is to be a self-motivator and -promoter. I mean the most challenging aspect of making a product and selling it is the marketing.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

I wish they knew how much work is actually entailed. It’s such a multi-step job ... From cutting raw wood to putting all the pieces together and then doing all the finish-

ing and the setting up.

What was your first job?

My first job was at a little Italian restaurant in Connecticut... I was a dishwasher and a food prepper and I made \$1.25 an hour.

What is the best piece of work-related advice you’ve ever received?

I was at a conference for business and a person, I don’t think this is an actual quote, but I wrote it down, [said,] ‘When you find that passion that drives you, work it for all it’s worth knowing what you don’t want to do.’

—Zachary Lewis 🍌

Five favorites

- Favorite book:** *Night Fall* by Nelson DeMille
- Favorite movie:** Definitely *Jaws*
- Favorite music:** Lately I really love Amos Lee.
- Favorite food:** All things cheesy. Cheese of any kind.
- Favorite thing about NH:** I guess, metaphorically speaking, I can breathe easier here in New Hampshire, it just always feels like home.

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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Nashua Burger Month:** As reported in a July 25 Nashua Telegraph article, Nashua’s Department of Economic Development has designated August Nashua Burger Month. Nine participating restaurants have chosen a week during the month to feature a specialty burger. Customers who post a selfie online with one of the burgers and tag it with #NashuaBurgerMonth will be automatically entered to win a \$50 gift card. Ten winners will be selected each week. The participating restaurants are Odd Fellows Brewery and O’Brien’s Sports Bar, Bistro603, Stella Blu, The Peddler’s Daughter, Fody’s Tavern, Rambling House, Riverwalk Bakery and Café, Martha’s Exchange, and Casey Magee’s.

• **Mocktails with romance authors:** To celebrate the sixth annual Bookstore Romance Day, Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsons-bookstore.com) will hold a mocktail party with three popular romance authors on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. The Gibson’s website said, “Come meet some authors, mingle and chat, talk tropes, debate who is the best book boyfriend/girlfriend, and enjoy some delicious drinks from Gibson’s Cafe.” Jilly Gagnon, author of *Love You, Mean It*, Sarina Bowen, author of the *True North* series and the *Brooklyn Hockey* series, and Margaret Porter, author of *A Change of Location* and over a dozen historical romance novels, will be in attendance. 🍷

FOOD

Time for Mahrajan

Lebanese food is on the menu for the annual fest at Our Lady of the Cedars

By John Fladd
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“Mahrajan” — pronounced “MAR-john” — is an Arabic word that carries meanings of “festival” or “celebration.” For more than 50 years, Our Lady of the Cedars Church in Manchester has been throwing a mahrajan for the community every summer to share Lebanese food and culture with its neighbors.

“The food is Lebanese,” the Rev. Thomas Steinmetz, the Church’s pastor, said. “The parish itself was founded by people from Lebanon. And now, we have a real mix of Lebanese people and everybody else here. The Lebanese [parishioners] have taught a lot of the other people how to do [this type of] cooking too.”

Lebanese cooking has many similarities to the foods from other Mediterranean countries. A Greek or Israeli visitor to the Mahrajan Festival would feel very much at home.

“We call it a Middle Eastern food festival,” said Nikki Bullock, one of the parishioners responsible for the food, “but the emphasis is really on Lebanese specialties. We do have the classics — the lamb kebab and the chicken kebabs and the grape leaves are a big favorite — but we also have some things that maybe you can’t get as easily in this state. So we have our lamb shawarma and we have freshly made falafel, which is my favorite part of the festival.”

Unlike many food festival coordinators, who are so busy that they don’t have an opportunity to actually eat any of the food, Bullock is happy to work right next to the falafel ladies. “So there’s crunchy, fresh falafel balls all weekend, so that’s great,” she said. “There’s just lots of home food for people who grew up with it, but also,



Kebab. Courtesy photo.

because there’s not really many places to get it around here, it’s definitely exciting for us to be able to share it.”

Almost no Middle Eastern party would consider itself a proper mahrajan without lamb.

“Well, of course, I think the lamb is always a big hit,” Steinmetz said, “and we have that in two forms. One is the [charcoal-grilled] lamb kebabs, which is traditional, and the other is lamb shawarma.” This is a cone of thinly sliced meat that is roasted on a slow-turning vertical spit. “We also have chicken kebabs and chicken shawarma. But along with that, it’s a lot of the typical Arabic, Middle Eastern, Lebanese fare. What comes to mind is the stuffed grape leaves, which are very popular.”

The stuffed grape leaves are a good example of the attention the cooks behind the Festival bring to the details of each dish.

“We try to make everything that we can ourselves,” Bullock said. “You know, the grape leaves? Those leaves are picked from our vines. The whole church goes and

picks their grape leaves. Our vine is my great-grandmother’s grape vine, so it’s special. It’s really wonderful because it is sort of this family affair, whether we’re related by blood or not.”

Guests can look forward to other Lebanese specialties like hummus, tabbouleh and kibbeh, but for many of the regulars the highlight of the Festival is the desserts, particularly the baklava. “We call it ‘bet-LAY-wah’ in Lebanese,” Bullock said, explaining that there will be several varieties of the pastry. “We have walnut, we have pistachio, and we have a chocolate-hazelnut version. And you can buy a mix of those, which is great. And the Lebanese baklava is a little lighter than the Greek, because It has a simple syrup versus the honey.”

This year’s festival is bittersweet for Bullock. Her mother, Marylou Lazos, whom she lost recently, was the long-time co-chair of the Festival. “She was the heart of our kitchen,” said Bullock. “All the things I know, I learned from her; our food definitely started with her in her heart.”

The from-the-heart aspect is the whole point, said Steinmetz, and something that makes him proud. “We want this to be a good kind of family-oriented event for people. We get to enjoy having people here enjoying the event. That’s a pleasure for us as well.” 🍷

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Celebrating together

Fest features African-Caribbean and Latin communities

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The We Are One Festival is something of a legacy for Sudi Lett, and like all legacies it comes at a cost.

“I’m excited to do it,” he said. “It’s one of those things that I feel good about doing, but it is work and it takes a lot of time. We’ve been going at this since April. So I’m excited.”

The We Are One Festival got its start more than 20 years ago by Lett’s parents.

“My folks organized the first African Caribbean celebration back in 2001,” he said. “We initially started [the Festival] with this Haitian woman named Marcy Boucher. She was talking about that there wasn’t really anything for

Caribbean people in terms of cuisine or entertainment or anything. And so they really went out of their way to kind of create this space for people in Manchester and in New Hampshire.”

Since then, the Festival has grown. Fifteen years ago, it joined with Manchester’s Latino Festival, making it the oldest Latino-and-African-centered cultural festival in New Hampshire, with the goal of reducing feelings of social isolation among Manchester’s Black and Spanish-speaking communities. A big part of that is the food.

“There’s a lot of overlap between African-Caribbean and Latin cuisine,” Lett said. “I think the common thread is that these cuisines, even though they overlap with each other, are really new food for this area of New England. A lot of the cultures here are not as familiar with things like goat meat and oxtail and even things like sweet plantains for that matter.”

Working with Manchester Caribbean restaurants, like La Fierra (521 Wilson St., 518-5644) and Don Quijote (362

Union St., 622-2246, donquijoteunion.com), Lett hopes to present new foods to some of the city’s residents, and give a taste of home to others.

“We have oxtail, African rice, [Caribbean] curry chicken and fried chicken,” he said. Other restaurants will serve chicharron — crispy, fried pork skin — stewed chicken, rice and beans, empanadas and pastelitos. “Every year so many people I see in the park, they always come out and say, ‘Hey, Sudi, we’re here for the food!’ I think that’s awesome.”

In addition to the food, We Are One will feature music, dancing and other expressions of Caribbean and Latin American culture. Master percussionist Theo Martley of the Akwaaba Ensemble (akwaabaensemble.com) will perform, as will the band Tuca del Norte.

After all these years, Lett is still excited about We Are One.

“The festival combines obviously African, as well as African American culture, music, food, as well as Latino and Latino American culture, music and



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food,” he said. “It’s a great opportunity. We’re hoping to get some really good weather because we go rain or shine. Some years, we’ve had unbelievably great weather. And I mean unbelievably great, like 71 to 75. But also weather, where it’s rained or it’s been 92 and it’s just so hot outside. It’s a great thing for me because it really just kind of shows a little bit about life, like the years come and go. Some years are better than others, some years are great.”

Lett says that regardless of the weather, the food will be spectacular.

“You can’t argue taste, man. You can’t argue taste.” 🍌

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Omar Abuzaid. Courtesy photo.

Omar Abuzaid, owner of Al Basha Grill (379 S. Willow St., Manchester, 391-5613, albashamedgrill.com)

Surprisingly, Omar Abuzaid's background isn't in cooking, but accounting. One day, he got tired of life in a cubicle, so he and his family opened a Mediterranean market, and then a restaurant. Al Basha is his second restaurant. He has been in the restaurant business for six years at this point. Al Basha has been open since October 2023, and the restaurant has been busy. His goal is to introduce customers to a type of food that they probably did not grow up eating, with simple ingredients, and made with care, to order.

What is your must-have kitchen item?

As an ingredient, definitely good olive oil. With Mediterranean food, olive oil goes on everything. ... If I don't have good olive oil, it screws up a lot of my seasonings

What is your favorite dish on your menu?

Definitely the lamb leg. It's a really nice meal, and our customers have been enjoying it. It's been selling a lot.

What would you have for your last meal?

It's something that unfortunately we don't have in the menu. It's a Moroccan specialty called pastilla. It's a really nice dish that my mom perfected. We make it with both seafood or with chicken and it's really amazing. It's something we are definitely thinking to add to our menu. It's very complex to make, but it's a really nice meal.

What is the biggest food trend you've been noticing in New Hampshire recently?

In the last few years — not only Manchester, but Portsmouth, Manchester, Nashua — this area has become like a foodie destination. I used to literally wake up while I used to work as an accountant, and be so tired of the same old food. I would call a friend and say, 'Hey, listen, you want to go to New York? I'm driving, I'm paying,' and we'll drive all the way to New York just to get something really authentic and nice. But now, over the last few years, I'm amazed by the selection of food in Manchester.

What is your favorite place to eat in the area?

I love going to Fratello's. I like Italian and I like their flavors, it's really very nice.

Who is somebody you would like to see eating in your restaurant?

Donald Trump when he's in town. We had Rudy Giuliani last year. He came with the whole group. And I missed him! ... My assistant called me. He said, 'You'll never guess who was here.' I looked at my phone and it was Rudy Giuliani.

What is your favorite food to cook at home?

Tajine — it's a Moroccan dish. It's cooked very slowly and it's something we enjoy cooking. We make it Berber-style. The Berbers are the indigenous people in Morocco. ... They cook it in such a beautiful way. It's so tender and so flavorful. Ours has lamb, and saffron, and couscous. 🍷

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Tabouli with Quinoa

We make our tabouli with a little twist. We make it with quinoa instead of bulgar wheat, just because a lot of our customers either have gluten allergies or they have a gluten-free diet. So when we introduced the quinoa, people loved it.

1 cup quinoa, rinsed well
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus more
2 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
1/4 to 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
1 1/2 to 2 fresh tomatoes, cored, seeded, and coarsely chopped.

noa is tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

Drizzle the olive oil into the lemon juice, whisking until it has combined. Season with salt and pepper. Mix half the dressing with the cooled quinoa. Set aside for half an hour.

Mix the tomatoes, parsley and onion in a bowl with the quinoa, and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper, and drizzle with the remaining dressing.

Bring quinoa, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1 1/4 cups water to a boil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until qui-

DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

Tiki for Two

Clearly, there is never a bad time for a tiki drink, but late summer might be the best time for brightly colored drinks with umbrellas. It takes almost no effort to throw together a tiki party. All you really need are the drink ingredients and a tropical shirt. Invite three or four other aging hipster couples over, mix the drinks, and the rest will take care of itself. Because the real theme of a tiki party is relaxation, you can go as fancy or laid-back as you want with the food. Delivery pizza works perfectly well.

(As a side note: I know it's a contentious issue, but my feeling is that the problem with most pineapple pizzas isn't with the taste or texture, but the temperature. Nobody in the world likes hot pineapple. Add it just before serving. Don't bake it in a pizza oven; what did it ever do to you?)

Here are recipes for two classic tiki drinks, served in mason jars instead of tiki mugs, so you can see and admire them.

Suffering Bastard

- ½ ounce fresh-squeezed lime juice
 - 1 ounce London dry gin
 - 1 ounce apple brandy – I like Laird's Applejack
 - 2 dashes angostura bitters
 - 4 ounce ginger beer – when possible I use Goya brand, but Fever-Tree makes a good one, too
- Fill a mason jar halfway with ice. Add the lime juice, gin, brandy and bitters. Screw the top on and shake for about 30 seconds.
- Add the ginger beer and stir gently with a straw. Add ice to top. Garnish with fresh mint leaves.

Sparkling Mai Tai

- ½ ounce fresh-squeezed lime juice
 - ½ ounce orgeat (almond syrup)
 - ½ ounce orange liqueur – I like curaçao
 - ½ ounce overproof black rum
 - ½ ounce golden rum
 - 4 ounce prosecco
- Fill another mason jar halfway with ice, add all the non-prosecco ingredients, screw on the top and shake for 30 seconds. This should seem familiar by now.
- Add the prosecco and stir gently with



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a straw. Add more ice to top. Garnish with mint leaves and a slice of lime.

You know how sometimes you go down a rabbit hole on the internet? One link leads to another, and before you know it you find yourself reading Ten Secrets Meghan Markle's Chiropractor Doesn't Want You to Know (Number Eight will shock you!). This happens to me fairly frequently. One story that I find myself reading again and again is the one of twin sisters who look completely different from each other. My memory of the details is fuzzy, but, the point of the piece is that despite being made from the same genetic recipe, the twins are surprisingly different. Think of these cocktails as the Internet Twins of Tiki Drinks. Although the method used to make them is more or less identical, the resulting drinks are worlds apart.

The Suffering Bastard is sweet and spicy. The lime ties the gin and brandy together, and the bitters pull the drink back from being too sweet. The ginger beer adds a kick of spiciness and some light carbonization.

The prosecco in the Sparkling Mai Tai adds sparkle, of course, but also a background fruitiness that plays well with the rum and almond flavors. It gives a lightness to the drink. 🍷

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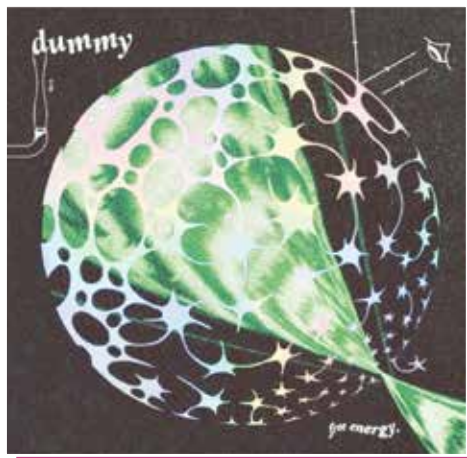
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Dummy, *Free Energy* (Double In Mind Records)



I'm usually not a big fan of bands that shift genres within albums, as it makes it hard for listeners to settle in; it's not like we're living in a terribly cerebral zeitgeist, more like a seriously dysfunctional era of art in which noise is often confused with signal. But this one grabbed me from the beginning and held on, starting with "Intro - UB," a peaceful EDM joint that evokes Orbital and Aphex Twin while tabling some in-your-face drum sampling. I'd been warned through the informational one-sheet that there was some My Bloody Valentine vibe on here, which obviously isn't wildly

compatible with 1990s/Aughts techno, but it's exactly that sort of bliss that happens next on "Soonish," which, as it proceeds, may remind you of some of the harder stuff on Wire's 2013 LP *Change Becomes Us* but with an REM tint to it. I really like what these folks are doing. A+ —Eric W. Saeger

Egosex, *15 Minutes Of Fame* [EP] (self-released)



Originally from Lagos, Nigeria, Wekaforé Jibril leads this Afro-tech network outfit, which, it's said, weaves an "abstract narrative that delves into the heart of modern society's narcissistic obsession with recognition." This ain't your daddy's Fela Kuti-style Afrobeat, of course, but it does have some deep roots in it, and those tendrils can be felt all through this release. I'm saying that it does have a deeply African sound, but when you turn up the vibe-ometer to see what Afrobeat has become in modern times, we hear Black Eyed Peas lurking around the corner (listen

to "Yes We Are In Love" for proof), egging us on to dance blissfully, encouraging us to accept that our era's sound may be rooted in ringtone-brained individualism but that there are good points to that. The trance- and dubstep-adjacent beats settle into hip-hop-infused tribal jams ("Can U Make Me Feel") that feel urban-fashion-minded, which makes sense, given that Wekaforé is pushing his own clothing line. Relevant tuneage for hip outlet malls. A+ —Eric W. Saeger

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• The brand new CD releases of Friday, Aug. 16, are upon us, guys, so it's off to Metacritic we go, to see what ~~unlistenable~~ ~~swill~~ new music we will be subjected to this week, as the summer winds down and the autumn eyes us with its awfulness and threatens to unleash early ice storms and such! I am not sure what all my New Hampshire neighbors are listening to these days (I assume twerking music and Led Zeppelin). But as for me, for the past week, I've been back to listening to 1930s big band music from the likes of **Al Jolson** and **Paul Whiteman**, because I've been out and about driving far away to estate sales in such quaint New Hampshire towns as West Lebanon and New London, and there's nothing more appropriate than 90-year-old tuneage playing in your jalopy when you're hunting antiques! Oddly, while visiting these bucolic towns, where chickens and goats run around loose in the streets, I didn't see WMUR's **Fritz Wetherbee** hanging around at any general store. Remember last year when I wanted to ask him if I could co-host his *New Hampshire Chronicle* segments and a few people on the internet actually tried to help me add "TV star" to my resumé? My offer still stands, for the record, but what we must address now is *F-1 Trillion*, the new album from nice-enough person **Post Malone**! The teaser single, "Pour Me A Drink," features a guest artist, of course, and — nope, it's not Snoop Dogg — no, not Kendrick Lamar either, let me finish, it's actually country music star Blake Shelton! This song is not your typical hip-hop fare, more like a honky-tonk song for drunken cowboy rappers; it's so hated by undergrounders that some YouTuber named @BigPacVsAllYall went right to work releasing a diss track, cleverly titled "Diss Track," in which he "spits rhymes" about how Post "hasn't actually rapped in seven years" and is now "wearing farmer jeans" and a bunch of other hurtful stuff! It's all dumb, I know, but chances are good that Post will catch wind of it, because somehow, BigPacVsAllYall was able to get his song to the very top of YouTube's search results if one searches for "Post Malone F1 Trillion!" That, my friends, is trolling at its finest, you have to admit; you can hate the game but not the playah!

• Good lord, anyway, what's next, what could possibly — OMG, ha ha, look everyone, it's last decade's indie-pop darlings **Foster The People**, you can stop checking WhosAliveAndWhosDead.com, because they are very much alive! Their fourth album is *Paradise State Of Mind*, their first since 2017's *Sacred Hearts Club*, which (if you were even aware it ever existed) stalled at No. 47 in the Billboard and received a lowly Metacritic score of 56, but who cares, let me go listen to something from this new album, which is said to be in line with *Sacred* in that it's inspired by "late 1970s music with elements of disco, funk, gospel, and jazz." Yep, the album starts with "Take Me Back," a totally funky-poppy thing that's too uncool for Jamie Lidell or even David Guetta, but your grandchildren might like it, I don't know.

• **Beabadoobee**, aka Beatrice Laus, is a Filipino-born space-rocker who opened for label-mates The 1975 a few years ago. Her new LP, *This Is How Tomorrow Moves*, starts with "Ever Seen," a really nice, poppy little number that combines Jewel-style acoustic guitar-pop with spazzy anime soundtracking. Normal people will like it.

• We'll end the week with Brooklyn, N.Y.-based power poppers **Charly Bliss**, whose new album, *Forever*, includes the song "Waiting For You," a '90s-chick-pop-tinged tune that's actually catchier than anything I've heard from Sleater-Kinney, which is the obvious motivation behind this. —Eric W. Saeger

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Frostbite, by Nicola Twilley (Penguin Press, 327 pages)

In 1911, a grand banquet was held in Chicago to showcase an exciting new kind of food.

At the event, put on by the national Poultry, Butter and Egg Association, the five-course meal featured food that had been preserved in cold for six months to a year. The purpose of the event was to prove to a skeptical public that it was safe to eat previously frozen food.

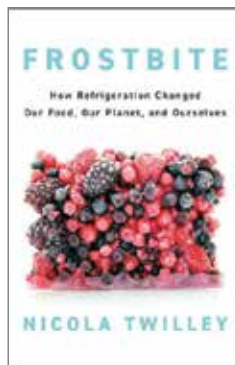
“At the time, suspicion of refrigerated food was widespread,” Nicola Twilley writes in *Frostbite*, her deep dive into “the vast synthetic winter we’ve built to preserve our food.”

While most of us take refrigeration for granted, just a little more than a century ago it was new technology that didn’t inspire confidence. The 400 diners at that Chicago banquet were considered brave. At the time, gastrointestinal infections were the third leading cause of mortality; people were dying of cheese and ice cream poisoning, and the purveyors of manufactured cold were desperate to convince people that meat and produce that had been stored for months were not only safe, but healthier than fresh food.

It took some time, but they succeeded, and in doing so they revolutionized the American diet. Today there is a largely unseen industry called the “the cold chain,” compromising warehouses, trucks, shipping containers and other apparatus that enable a dizzying array of food choices at supermarkets and restaurants. You may think your own office is too chilly at times, but at companies like Americold and NewCold, workers have to wear specialty clothing in order to endure sub-freezing temperatures during their eight-hour shifts.

In *Frostbite*, Twilley descends into the chill, donning thermal underwear to work in an Americold warehouse for two weeks and criss-crossing the planet to explore how artificial cold is generated, the mechanics of refrigeration and how the food supply has changed because of it. Amazingly, she manages to make all this all compelling.

She begins with an explanation of how



cooling works, a process that seems simple enough now but took decades to develop, with a few tragedies along the way. One was at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, where “the Greatest Refrigerator on Earth” — a five-story cold storage building — attracted admiring crowds until it caught fire, killing 16 people, some of whom jumped to their

deaths in front of horrified onlookers.

For the better part of a century, the development of refrigeration was a process marked by trial and error, with multiple entrepreneurs advancing the technology for their own purposes. They included a Trappist monk in France who created the first hermetically sealed compressor because he wanted to cool his wine.

While how a refrigerator works is fairly simple — Twilley travels to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to watch the construction of a rudimentary one in a garage — it’s not so simple to know exactly how to store food for optimal results and a long life. That involved a long process of trial and error, too.

Apples, for example, remain edible for a year or more when the conditions are right, but fractions of degrees determine whether an apple will rot, and the perfect temperature range changes with the variety of apple. A century of research, however, allows us to buy “fresh” apples at the Market Basket year-round.

“Today, we know more about how to lengthen an apple’s lifespan than a human’s,” Twilley writes.

Which is a good thing, because in Twilley’s telling, harvesting produce sounds practically inhumane. Celery and bananas, for example, don’t immediately die when they are picked, but continue to “breathe” and burn through their own sugars and enzymes “in a desperate attempt to get their cell metabolism going.”

Cold works to preserve the life of produce by slowing the rate of respiration, which is why a green bean you select at the supermarket has typically spent less than two hours in temperatures above 45 degrees, having been rushed from the field to chilling machines and then one of the massive cold-storage facilities.

But the biggest way that refrigeration has altered our eating, and by extension, the planet, is how cold storage has driven the rise of meat consumption. Prior to refrigeration, humans ate only the meat on their farm or their neighbor’s, or animals that were walked to slaughterhouses in cities. Later, animals destined for slaughter were shipped cross-country on box cars, but that was inefficient and costly. It wasn’t until cold storage became widely available that animals themselves were not shipped, but their frozen parts, and this upped the demand for meat, not only because of the accessibility but because freezing improves the texture and taste.

As Twilley writes, “muscle ... needs time and cold to ripen into meat.” It also benefits from electric shocks given to the animal carcass, which is information many people might prefer to not know. (“... Shocked beef is brighter red, which consumers prefer.”) Most notably, cold storage gave birth to the factory-farm industry that raises, slaughters and processes animals in numbers that are hard to imagine. To supply our poultry needs alone, Twilley notes that “there are approximately 22.7 billion broiler chickens living out their five-to-seven week spans on Earth at any given moment.”

Twilley takes the slow road to her final chapter, in which she travels to the ultimate frozen warehouse, the “doomsday vault” of seeds kept underground in Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean.

Along the way, she segues into refrigerator-related topics that are much less serious, such as the man who ran a dating service based on what the inside of people’s refrigerators look like. (John Stonehill was very impressed with Twilley’s — seeing photos, he said, “Your fridge is one of the most date-ready fridges I’ve seen in a hell of a long time. Are you married?”). As a writer for *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times* magazine, she says she has been “thinking and talking about refrigeration for a decade now,” and it’s hard to imagine that anyone is more well-versed in the topic. While refrigeration isn’t, on the surface, one of the most compelling of conversation topics, it’s a testament to Twilley’s skills as a writer and researcher that she has managed to make this niche subject engrossing. A —Jennifer Graham

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book. Tickets are \$40. Buy tickets at ccanh.com.

• **Bookstore Romance Day** brings authors Jilly Gagnon (*Love You, Mean It*), Sarina Bowen (the True North series) and Margaret Porter (*A Change of Location*) to Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) to talk about their books on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m.

• **Spencer Quinn** will be at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) to talk about his newest Chet & Bernie mystery, *A Farewell to Arfs*, on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Sophia Collie**, a New Hampshire author, will be at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) to

talk about her debut novel, *Billows of Wrath and Betrayal*, a YA fantasy novel, on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Kristhoper Jansma** will talk about his new novel *Our Narrow Hiding Places* in conversation with Tim Horvath (*Understories*) at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter (125 Water St., 778-9731, waterstreetbooks.com) on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

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• **Music comedy:** Playing in bars and at weddings, **Dave Andrews** learned to tell jokes between songs, and ultimately he decided to combine them into a single act. He tops a local comedy show with support from Greg Boggis and Jonah Simmons; Alana Foden hosts. Thursday Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m., Soho Asian Restaurant, 49 Lowell Road, Hudson, \$18; text 603-320-5393.

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• **Beachy keen:** Wear a tropical shirt and Panama hat for **Summerfest**, an afternoon of live music from headliner Air Traffic Controller, local favorites Best Not Broken and Eliot Lewis, a looping wizard who's performed with Daryl Hall & John Oates and Average White Band. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Saturday, Aug. 17, noon, Anheuser-Busch Biergarten, 221 DW Highway, Merrimack, \$25 (\$15 under 21, free 12 and under) at budweisertours.com.

• **Suncookin':** The region's newest listening room is running, with regular events like **Nothin' But The Blues**, a biweekly shindig hosted by guitarist and man of the world Brooks Young. It promises frequent guests, country-flavored rock and plenty of fretwork from its talented host. Other regular events are Sunday Jazz, Americana Jams and Open Stage sessions, with more coming. Sunday, Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m., Pembroke City Limits, 134 Main St., Suncook, pembrokecitylimits.com.

• **All-day music:** A rootsy, laid-back affair, the annual **Folksoul Festival** has a lineup packed with great musicians who are also good friends. The day-long event includes beloved folk trio Low Lily, singer, songwriter and djembe tapper Tara Greenblatt and her band, Cape Breton duo Perin and Garrett, Long Journey, Tattoo, and the festival's hosts, The Folksoul Band. Sunday, Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m., Outdoor State, 8 Driscoll Road, Greenfield, \$20 donation, call 547-3730 for more. 🍷

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Traveling home

Tom Dixon Band (briefly) back in New England

By Michael Witthaus
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Music fans scanning upcoming shows recently did a double take when Tom Dixon's name popped up.

The country rocker and his band were ubiquitous from the mid-2000s on, but in 2013 he moved to Nashville. For a few years he'd come back for an occasional mini tour. However, by 2018 he'd hung up his guitar and pen to become a dog trainer.

Dixon has been dipping his toes back in musical waters of late. A show with his band at a campground in Hohenwald, Tennessee, in June, a couple more at a Virginia brewery and a winery in Lewisburg. He even dusted off an old song of his, "Truckin'" — not the one by the Dead — and made a dozen ballcaps to celebrate.

He's excited, he said by phone in early August, because now playing is a choice, not a job. Dixon is also stoked to finally be back in New England for a few shows with his old band mates.

"That's what's fun about this part of my career; I'm not rushing to have something new and stay fresh," he said. "When I make music, it's what I want, or what my friends want."

He's headed back, for the first time in two years, to play some shows in his old stomping grounds. There's a sentimental trip to Salisbury Beach, Mass., where he introduced line dancing to a bar called Surfside over a decade ago, and a couple of shows at the Caledonia Fair in Northern Vermont, one with his band and another with Saving Abel's Jared Weeks and Big Vinny of Trailer Choir.

In New Hampshire, he'll do a full band show Aug. 17 at Stumble Inn in Londonderry, a roadhouse where Dixon spent a lot of time before heading south.

"We used to play Slammers out in Bedford, that was our place," he said. "It disappeared, and Stumble Inn became the place ... as many venues as I've played anywhere, that's always kind of home. I go back, and I always go there."

When his clients asked about him taking time off, Dixon joked with them.

"They're like, 'what are you doing,

Tom Dixon Band

When: Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m.

Where: Stumble Inn, 20 Rockingham Road, Londonderry

More: tomixonmusic.com

Tom Dixon also appears solo at Stumble Inn on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.



Courtesy photo.

going on vacation?" I said, 'No, I'm going to go pretend to be a rock star again, get back on the road and play some music.' We'll see how it goes. I'm looking forward to seeing so many people. That's the best part."

Even if Dixon isn't quitting his day job, he's more focused on making music. Along with updating "Truckin'" he recorded a song called "We Used to Be Rock Stars" with Ben Kirsch. "It's not about being a musician, but about getting older," he said. It continues an effort that began with "The Weekend," released in early 2020 — no, you don't need to remind him of the timing. The song was an affirmation and actually got a decent amount of pandemic streams.

"Nashville kept telling me who I needed to be; I was trying to reinvent who Tom Dixon was for so long, but things slowed down, and I wasn't listening to Nashville

anymore," he said. "I took a break from things ... I decided to look at the history of streams and online downloads and stuff over the years and the top ones were all songs that were my style from before moving to Nashville. It was so crazy."

Chastened, he wrote the new tune.

Now, with songs like "Rock Stars" and the voice memos on his phone that he's spending more time with, "I can do this my way now," he said. "I came from Manchester; it always was a rock town. I remember having to go into rock venues to get gigs, that's where I had to be years ago. I should have just stuck with that melding of rock and country ... versus trying to reinvent what

Nashville was telling me I was supposed to be. Now, I get to be me." 🍷

“That's what's fun about this part of my career... When I make music, it's what I want, or what my friends want.”

TOM DIXON

MUSIC THIS WEEK

<p>Alton Bay Dockside Restaurant 6 East Side Drive, 855-2222</p> <p>Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234</p> <p>Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Dr., 488-2677</p> <p>Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875</p> <p>T-Bones 169 S. River Road, 623-7699</p> <p>Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508</p> <p>Bristol Homestead 1567 Summer St., 744-</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>Kathleen's Irish Pub 90 Lake St., 744-6336</p> <p>Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000</p> <p>Averill House Winery 21 Averill Road, 371-2296</p> <p>Candia The Barnyard / Town Cabin Pub 285 Old Candia Road, 483-4888</p> <p>Canterbury Canterbury Shaker Village 288 Shaker Road, 783-9511</p> <p>Concord The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363</p> <p>Cheers 17 Depot St., 228-0180</p> <p>Courtyard by Marriott</p>	<p>Concord 70 Constitution Ave.</p> <p>Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669</p> <p>Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784</p> <p>Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614</p> <p>T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999</p> <p>Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667</p> <p>White Park 1 White St., concordnh.gov</p> <p>Contoocook Farmers Market 896 Main St., 746-3018</p> <p>Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811</p>	<p>Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road, 463-7374</p> <p>Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946</p> <p>Dover Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953-7240</p> <p>Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390</p> <p>Epping Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225</p> <p>Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027</p> <p>Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116</p> <p>Shooters Pub</p>	<p>6 Columbus Ave., 772-3856</p> <p>Farmington Haw's Pen 1114 Route 11, 755-3301</p> <p>Franklin Marceau Park 4 Smith St., franklinnh.org</p> <p>Gilford Beans & Greens 245 Intervale Road, 293-2853</p> <p>Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230</p> <p>Hampton Bernie's Beach Bar 73 Ocean Blvd., 926-5050</p> <p>CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972</p> <p>The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928</p> <p>Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage Events are on southern</p>	<p>stage</p> <p>L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777</p> <p>McGuirk's Ocean View Restaurant & Lounge 95 Ocean Blvd.</p> <p>Sea Ketch 127 Ocean Blvd., 926-0324</p> <p>Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road</p> <p>Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954</p> <p>Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801</p> <p>Henniker Angela Robinson Bandstand Community Park, Main Street</p> <p>Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road</p> <p>Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900</p> <p>Lynn's 102 Tavern</p>	<p>76 Derry Road, 943-7832</p> <p>T-Bones 77 Lowell Road, 882-6677</p> <p>Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300</p> <p>Kensington The Farm at East-man's Corner 224 Amesbury Road, 347-1909</p> <p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962</p> <p>Laconia Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St. E., No. 1, 524-8813</p> <p>Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022</p> <p>Naswa Resort 1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341</p> <p>T-Bones 1182 Union Ave., 528-7800</p> <p>The Wreck Yard 322 Lakeside Ave.</p>	<p>Litchfield Day of the Dead Mexican Taqueria Mel's Funway Park 454 Charles Bancroft Highway, 377-7664</p> <p>Londonderry Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022</p> <p>Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210</p> <p>Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545</p> <p>Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678</p> <p>Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880</p> <p>Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740</p> <p>The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925</p> <p>Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022</p>
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Thursday, Aug. 15

<p>Auburn Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m. Circle of Fun: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m. Murphy's: Sam Hammerman, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Bristol Homestead: Chris Perkins, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Concord Lithermans: Charlie Chronopoulos, 5:30 p.m. Sunfox Farm: Garrett Smith, 4 p.m. T-Bones: Jack Plante, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Dover Auspicious Brew: Ratland, Swamp Rats, Tall Travis, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Epping Telly's: Redemption Band, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Epsom Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Franklin Marceau Park: 93 North, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Gilford Beans & Greens: sing-along with Jim Tyrrell, 6 p.m. Patrick's: Sweetbloods, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Hampton Bernie's: Tropicadelic, 8 p.m. CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m. The Goat: Justin Federico, 8 p.m. Hampton Sea Shell Stage: Nashville Line Dance, 6 p.m.; Whiskey 6, 7 & 8:30 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. McGuirk's: Jay Mactarano, 1 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m. Sea Ketch: Ralph Allen, 1 p.m.; Freddie Catalfo, 8 p.m. Smuttynose: Rob & Jody, 6 p.m. Wally's: Jonny Craig, 8 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hudson Luk's: Dillon Welch, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Dalton Sayball, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Jason, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Manchester Derryfield: D-Comp, 6 p.m. Firefly: Dave Zangri, 5 p.m. Fratello's: Chris Taylor, 6 p.m. The Goat: Manchester Idol: Qualifier, 8 p.m. KC's Rib Shack: Steve Haidai-chuk, 6 p.m. Manchester City Library: Alex Minasian Jazz Trio, 6:30 p.m. Murphy's: Sage Francis, Akrobatik and more, 8 p.m. Shaskeen: Ralph Allen, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Merrimack Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Tortilla Flat: Kat Ivy, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Nashua Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m. Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Shorby's: Stephen DeCuire, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Pittsfield Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Portsmouth Gas Light: David Corson, 2 p.m.; Lewis Goodwin Duo, 7 p.m. The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Salem Copper Door: John Chouinard, 6 p.m. Field of Dreams: Foreigners Journey, 6:30 p.m. Pressed Cafe: Dani Sven, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Seabrook Backyard Burgers: Jennifer</p>
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Music, live and in person

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions. Get your gigs listed by sending information to adiaz@hippypress.com.



FUNNY MAGIC

As a child in Stoddard, New Hampshire, **Ben Pratt** fell in love with stage magic. He's made a name for himself in New England and across the country with his 90-minute comedy and magic show. Don't miss his return to the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) on Friday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 plus fees.

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

The Goat 50 Old Granite St.	500 Commercial St., 625-4444	194 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-0876	Nashua Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400	7 Meetinghouse Hill Road	Mojo's West End Tavern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656	48 Geremonty Drive	Somersworth Earth Eagle North 350 Route 108, 841-5421	
Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789	Stark Park Bandstand River Road	Merrimack Abbie Griffin Park 6 Baboosic Lake Road	Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015	Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186	Luna Bistro 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162	T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444	Sunapee The Livery in Sunapee Harbor 58 Main St., thelivery.org
The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159	Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292	Homestead 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., 429-2022	Greeley Park Bandshell 100 Concord St.	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372	Thirsty Moose Tap-house 21 Congress St., 427-8645	Tuscan Village 9 Via Toscana, 212-9650	Tilton RiverFront Park (concerts on the gazebo) 270 Main St.	
KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627-RIBS	Mason The Range 96 Old Turnpike Road, 878-1324	Tortilla Flat 595 Daniel Webster Hwy., 424-4479	Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535	Pittsfield Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162	Rochester Governor's Inn 78 Wakefield St., 332-0107	Salisbury Black Bear Vineyard & Winery 289 New Road, 648-2811	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333	
Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., 644-3535	Meredith Mills Falls Market-place 312 Daniel Webster Hwy.	Milford Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480	Pressed Cafe 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250	Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122	Porter's 19 Hanson St., 330-1964	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581	Windham Old School Bar & Grill 49 Range Road, 458-6051	
Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020	Town Docks 289 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-3445	Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979	San Francisco Kitchen 133 Main St., 886-8833	The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033	Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030		
Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246	Twin Barns Brewing	Moultonborough Buckey's 240 Governor Wentworth Hwy., 476-5485	Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave., 882-4070	Grill 28 Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Road, 766-6466	Field of Dreams Community Park			
South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947			New Boston Common					

Mitchell, 6 p.m. Red's: Bros. Seamus, 7 p.m.	Candia Barnyard Venue: From the Attic, 8 p.m.	Stage: Rhythm in Blue, 7 & 8:30 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. McGuirk's: Kieran McNally, 1 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m. Sea Ketch: Dave Clark, 1 p.m. Wally's: Rob Benton, 9 p.m. Whym: Andrew Kavanagh, 6:30 p.m.	Litchfield Day of the Dead: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.	Strange Brew: Dave Zangri, 8 p.m.	New Boston Molly's: Lewis Goodwin, 6:30 p.m.
Somersworth Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.	Concord Sunfox Farm: Danny McCarthy, 4 p.m.; Jack Ancora, 5:45 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Jimmy D, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.	Londonderry Coach Stop: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Kitchen Party, 8 p.m.	Meredith Meredith Farmers Market: Doug & Judith Saum, 3:30 p.m. Twin Barns: The Lone Wolf Project, 5 p.m.	Penacook American Legion Post 31: Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Warner The Local: Zak Trojano, 5 p.m.	Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: Chris Lester, 4 p.m.	Jaffrey Park Theatre: Waldeb Whitham, 6 p.m.	Manchester Backyard Brewery: Temple Mountain, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Dustin Martin, 9 p.m. Derryfield: Jimmy's Right Duo, 6 p.m.; Off The Record, 8 p.m. Firefly: Sam Hammerman, 5 p.m. Foundry: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m. Fratello's: John Chouinard, 6 p.m. The Hill: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m. KC's Rib Shack: Freddie Catalfo, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Bigfut, 9 p.m. South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.	Portsmouth Gas Light: Doug Thompson, 2 p.m.; Max Sullivan Group, 7 p.m.; Gordon Turrisi, 9:30 p.m. The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. Grill 28: Harrison Goodell, 6 p.m. Thirsty Moose: Sweep the Leg, 9 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 16	Epping Telly's: Brian Johnson, 8 p.m.	Laconia Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.; Jessica Olson, 6 p.m. M/S Mt. Washington Cruise: Richard Wallace, 7 p.m. Naswa: Bob Pratte Duo, 6 p.m. The Wreck Yard: Craig Thomas & Bluetopia, 6 p.m.		Moultonborough Buckey's: Northern Comfort Band, 7 p.m.	Portsmouth Grill 28: Harrison Goodell, 6 p.m.
Alton Bay Dockside: music bingo, 7 p.m. Foster's Tavern: Henry LaLiberte, 6 p.m.	Gilford Beans & Greens: Dakota Smart, 5 p.m.			Salem Luna Bistro: Justin Bethune, 9 p.m.	Rochester Governor's Inn: Conniption Fits, 7 p.m.
Bedford Murphy's: Keith Crocker, 6 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.			Salem Luna Bistro: Justin Bethune, 9 p.m.	Sanbornton Steele Hill Resort: Everett Pendleton, 6 p.m.
Bristol Homestead: Stephen DeCuire, 5:30 p.m. Kathleen's: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.	Hampton Bernie's: The FAR, 8 p.m. CR's: Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m. The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m. Hampton Beach Sea Shell				
Brookline Alamo: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.					



COMEDY BFFS

He's a streetwise comedian with a quick wit and a genuine affection for the human condition. She's an award-winning stand-up with appearances at Comics Come Home and the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival. They're **Tony V** and **Kelly MacFarland**, and they coheadline the Lakeport Opera House (781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com) on Friday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$228.29, plus fees.



SO HYPNOTIC

No two **Frank Santos, Jr.** shows are the same. The hypnotist guides audience members through surprising and hilarious activities through the power of hypnosis, in a show you have to see to believe. He stops by LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com) on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 plus fees.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Back in the Day
Red's: Francoix Simard, 8 p.m.

South Hampton
Tuxbury Pond: Dave Ayotte Band, 8 p.m.

Sunapee
The Livery: Ari Hest, 7:30 p.m.

Exeter
Shooters: Tim Theriault, 6 p.m.

Gilford
Beans & Greens: dueling pianos, 6 p.m.
Patrick's Pub: Sunshine Street, 6 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Joe Leary, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bernie's: 7 Day Weekend, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Powers, 1 p.m.; Chris Toler, 8 p.m.

Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage: Deep Blue C Orchestra, 7 & 8:30 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Mason Brothers, 1 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m.

Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe, 1 p.m.; Ryan Williamson, 8 p.m.
Smuttynose: Malcolm Salls, 1 p.m.; Mica's Groove Train, 6:30 p.m.

Wally's: Nu Metal Night, 9 p.m.
Whym: Peter Pappas, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's Bar: Sean Coleman, 7 p.m.
Lynn's 102: Crave, 8:30 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Eileen Ivers, 7 p.m.

Kensington
Farm at Eastman's Corner: Lady Lupine, 5 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.; Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.

M/S Mt. Washington Cruise: Amanda Dane Band, 7 p.m.
Naswa: Chris Shelby, 4 p.m.; Marlena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.
Weirs Beach Farmers Market: Topper & Fed, 10 a.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.

Stumble Inn: Tom Dixon Band, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Sam Hammerman, 6 p.m.

Derryfield: T.M.F.I., 6 p.m.; Swipe Right Band, 8 p.m.

Firefly: Jordan Quinn, 5 p.m.
Foundry: Danny McCarthy, 6 p.m.

Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.

The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; Pick 6, 9 p.m.

Great North Aleworks: Lucas Gallo, 4 p.m.

The Hill: Justin Bethune, 5:30 p.m.

KC's: Richard Wallace, 6 p.m.

Shaskeen: Tim Barry, Lenny Lashley, Matt Charette, 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: Hi-Fi Dub, 9 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Colin Hart, 3 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Paul Gormley, 6 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: Fox and Flamingos, 8 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey's: KD Conway, 7 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: Two Drink Minimum, 8 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: live music, 9:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Diversity, 6:30 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Miner & Ryan, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 2 p.m.; Dancing Madly Backwards, 7 p.m.; Andrea Paquin, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.

Thirsty Moose: Hijacked, 9 p.m.

Rochester
Governor's Inn: Rob & Jody, 7 p.m.

Salem
Luna Bistro: Phil Jacques, 7 p.m.

Salisbury
Black Bear: Chris Perkins, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 18
Bedford
Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.
Murphy's: Tim Kierstead, 4 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Paul Lussier, 4 p.m.
Averill House: The Water's Edge, 1:30 p.m.

Candia
Barnyard Venue: Slow Burn Duo, 7 p.m.

Canterbury
Shaker Village: The Wholly Rollers, 4 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Dave Clark, 3 p.m.

Concord
Cheers: Peter Pappas, 5 p.m.
Sunfox Farm: Taylor Hughes, 10 a.m.; Kimayo, 1 p.m.; Chris Lester, 4 p.m.; Dan Fallon, 5:45 p.m.
White Park: Will Hatch, 10 a.m.

Epping
Telly's: Two Towns, 5 p.m.

Farmington
Hawg's Pen: Leaving Eden, 2 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Bob Pratte and Roberto Morbioli, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton
Bernie's: The Frank White Experience — Tribute to Notorious B.I.G., 8 p.m.
CR's: Just the 2 of Us, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 1 p.m.; Justin Jordan, 8 p.m.
Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage: Polka Festival with Eastern Sound, Mastro's Men and Dan's Beetbox Band, 6 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Todd Trusty, 1 p.m.; Charley Carrozo, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Lewis Goodwin, 8 p.m.
Smuttynose: Ryan Williamson, 12:30 p.m.
Wally's: Get Poison'd - Tribute to Poison, 8 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: Common Ground, 4 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.; John Chouinard, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt. Washington Cruise: Casey Roop, 10 a.m.
Naswa: Tyler Healey Band, 4 p.m.
T-Bones: Chris Cavanaugh, 4 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Chuck n John, 4 p.m.

Manchester
Bonfire: free line dancing, 7 p.m.
Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.
Firefly: Chuck Alaimo, 11 a.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 10 a.m.; Chris Fitz Grice, 7 p.m.
KC's: Joe McDonald, 3 p.m.
Murphy's: live music, 3 p.m.
Stark Park: Hot Skillet Club, 2 p.m.

Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford
Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Clint LaPointe, 1 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Dave Z, 2 p.m.; Stone Free Band, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Steve Aubert, 11 a.m.
Luna Bistro: Lilly Innella, 4 p.m.

Windham
Old School: Chris Fraga, 2 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 19
Bedford
Murphy's: Kat Ivy, 5:30 p.m.

Dover
Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Colin Hart, 6:30 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton
Bernie's: Country Night, 7 p.m.
The Goat: Caylin Costello, 8 p.m.

Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage: The Continentals, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Kieran McNally, 1 p.m.; Jermaine, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Alex Roy, 7 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 7 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.; Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt. Washington Cruise: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Monday Night Muse with Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.; Jonny Friday, 8 p.m.



BACK IN '64

With The Beatles' arrival on American shores, 1964 was one of the most significant years for pop music. **1964: The Tribute** revives the Beatles' groundbreaking first American tour. The act returns to the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com) on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$30 to \$65, plus fees. *Photo by Steven Gardner.*



CLASSICAL BLAST

After getting her start on YouTube and *America's Got Talent*, violinist and dancer **Lindsey Stirling** has collaborated with vocal group Pentatonix, played with the Salt Lake Pops and performed at the Kennedy Space Center. She touches down at BankNH Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com) on Friday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$26 to \$134, plus fees. *Photo by Heather Koepf.*

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Stark Park: Manchester Community Summer Band, 6 p.m.

Strange Brew: music bingo, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Stephen DeCuire, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Caylin Costello, 2 p.m.; Tim Theriault, 7:30 p.m.

The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.; Andrew Dostie, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Bedford

Murphy's: Ken Budka, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.

Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Justin Bethune, 6:30 p.m.

Hampton

Bernie's: Reggae Night w/ Dub Apocalypse & DJ Ras -1, 7 p.m.

The Goat: Ryan Flynn, 8 p.m.

Hampton Beach Sea Shell Street: Mark 209, 7 & 8:30 p.m.

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Sea Ketch: Lewis Goodwin, 1 p.m.; Casey Roop, 8 p.m.

Wally's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Henniker

Angela Robinson Bandstand: Kotoko Brass, 6 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.; Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Chris Powers, 6 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m.

The Goat: Karaoke w/ George Cox, 8 p.m.

KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Murphy's: live music, 5:30

p.m.

Mason

The Range: Brother Seamus, 6 p.m.



FEEL-GOOD JAMS

Over the past 15 years **Papadosio** has built a devoted following on the basis of their serene twist on jam band music. After packing the seats at Red Rocks Pavilion, the quintet touches down at The Range (96 Old Turnpike Road, Mason, 878-1324, therangemason.com) on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$38 to \$420, plus fees.



Bo Bice

- **ZZ Top/Lynyrd Skynyrd** Friday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m., BankNH Pavilion
- **The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow** Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- **Walter Trout Band** Friday, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- **GIRLSPIT/Burly Girlies/Fun City Fan Club** Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., BNH Stage
- **Dueling Pianos** Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., Frogg Brewing
- **Enlightened Rogues** (Allman Brothers tribute) Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m., Stone Church
- **Seacoast Jazz Festival** Saturday, Aug. 24, 12 p.m., Prescott Park
- **Start Making Sense** (Talking Heads tribute) Saturday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., The Range
- **Creed** Tuesday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion
- **The Toomai String Quartet** Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Castle in the Clouds
- **A Man Named Cash** (Johnny Cash tribute) Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Lakeport Opera House
- **Heartless** (Heart tribute) Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Echoes of Floyd** Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage
- **Get The Led Out** (Led Zeppelin tribute) Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Colonial

Concerts

Venues

Alpine Grove 19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, alpinegrove.com

Averill House Vineyard 21 Averill Road, Brookline, 371-2296, averillhousevineyard.com

BankNH Pavilion 72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com

Bank of NH Stage in Concord 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com

Capitol Center for the Arts Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com

Castle in the Clouds 455 Old Mountain Road, Moultonborough, 476-5900

Cisco Brewers 35 Corporate Dr., Portsmouth, ciscobrewersportsmouth.com

Colonial Theatre 609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, colonial-laconia.com

Concord City Auditorium 2 Prince St., Concord, theaudi.org

Crows' Feat Farm 178 Drinkwater Road, Kensington, crowsfeatfarm.org

The Flying Goose 40 Andover Road, New London, 526-6899, flyinggoose.com

The Flying Monkey 39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Franklin Opera House 316 Central St., Franklin, 934-1901, franklinoperahouse.org

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Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com

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Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com

Jewel Music Venue 61 Canal St., Manchester, 819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com

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Lakeport Opera House 781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com

The Music Hall 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusicall.org

The Music Hall Lounge 131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusicall.org

Nashua Center for the Arts 201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com

The Orchard Chapel 143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

Palace Theatre 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Park Theatre 19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org

Press Room 77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com

The Range 96 Old Turnpike Road, Mason, 878-1324, therangemason.com

Rex Theatre 23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Stone Church 5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com

The Strand 20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestranddover.com

3S Artspace 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org

Tupelo Music Hall 10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusicall.com

The Word Barn 66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

Shows

• **Dierks Bentley** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion

• **The Brothers Comatose/Griffin William Sherry** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., Prescott Park

• **Spafford** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Wildwoods** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **1964: The Tribute** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m., Colonial

• **Alexa Rose** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall Lounge

• **Ruthie Foster** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Phatt James** Thursday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m., Press Room

• **KC & the Sunshine Band** Thursday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m., Casino

Ballroom

• **Lindsey Stirling** Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion

• **Todd Hearon** Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **Connecticut Grateful Dead All Stars** Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m., Rex

• **Spafford** Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey

• **Brubeck Brothers Quartet** Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Mo Lowda & the Humble** Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Press Room

• **1964: The Tribute** Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **The Peelers/The Pourmen/The Rebel Collective** Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Stone Church

• **Brett Young** Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom

• **Rock & Roll Circus** Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Franco Corso** Saturday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., Fulchino Vineyard

• **Whiskey Myers** Saturday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m., BankNH Pavilion

• **NH Jazz Orchestra** Saturday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Eileen Ivers** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Park Theatre

• **Papadosio** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., The Range

• **Cormac McCarthy** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., 3S Artspace

• **Stray Horses** (Neil Young tribute) Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Press Room

• **Larry McCray** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Tom Rush** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey

• **David Brighton's Space Oddity** (David Bowie tribute) Saturday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m., Castle in the Clouds

• **Dustin Lynch** Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom

• **Joshua Hyslop** Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge

• **Pete Kilpatrick** Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge

Merrimack

Homestead: Rebecca Turmel, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Greeley Park: Monadnock Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m.

New Boston

Common: North River Music, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Krystian Beal, 2 p.m.; Mitch Alden, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.
Press Room: Soggy Po' Boys, 9 p.m.

Rochester

Porter's: karaoke, 6:30 p.m.

Seabrook

Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Red's: Pete Peterson, 7 p.m.

Tilton

Tilton Farmers Market: Kimayo, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 Atkinson

Atkinson Country Club: Joanie Ciatelli, 5 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy's: Dave Clark, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

Courtyard Marriott: Kimayo, 5:30 p.m.

Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Uno Pizzeria: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Brooks Young, 6:30 p.m.

Hampton

Bernie's: Dave Macklin Band, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Justin Jordan, 8 p.m.
Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage: Redemption, 7 & 8:30 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Paul Lussier, 1 p.m.; Jodee Frawlee, 8 p.m.
Wally's: live band karaoke, 8 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: music bingo, 7 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.; Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt. Washington Cruise: Chris Powers, 6 p.m.
Naswa: Tequila Jim, 4 p.m.

Manchester

Derryfield: Cassey Roop, 6 p.m.
Firefly: Clint Lapointe, 5 p.m.
Fratello's: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.; Chris Gendron, 10 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Abbie Griffin Park: Judy Pancoast, 6 p.m.
Homestead: Rich Wallace, 6 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: acoustic Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Pelham

Village Green: Everlasting Characters - Royal Ball, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Johnny Angel, 2 p.m.; Dalton Syball, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Seabrook

Chop Shop: DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.
Red's: David Hoffman, 7 p.m.

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COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

- **Wednesday** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen in Manchester, rubyroomcomedy.com, 9 p.m.
- **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew in Manchester, 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday** Murphy's Taproom in Manchester, scampsc Comedy, com 8 p.m.

Events

- **Frank Santos Jr.** LaBelle Derry, labellewinery.com, Thursday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m.
- **Kelly MacFarland/Tony V** Lakeport Opera House in Laconia, lakeportopera.com, Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
- **Ben Pratt** Park Theatre in Jaffery, theparktheatre.org, Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m.
- **Chris Franjola** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Friday, Aug. 16, 8:30 p.m.
- **Tim McKeever** Headliners in Manchester, headlinersnh.com, Saturday, Aug. 17, 8:30 p.m.
- **Casey McNeal** McCue's in Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com, Saturday, Aug. 17, 8:30 p.m.
- **Ben Pratt** Chunky's in Manchester, chunkys.com, Sunday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sam Morrison** Music Hall

Lounge in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.

- **Mark Scalia/Mitch Stinson/Mac MacArthur** Tupelo in Derry, tupelomusichall.com, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.
- **Steve Sweeney/Dave Russo** Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis, fulchinovineyard.com, Saturday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m.

- **Kathleen Madigan** Casino Ballroom in Hampton Beach, casinoballroom, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.
- **Ben Pratt** Chunky's in Manchester, chunkys.com, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.
- **Chris Tabb** Headliners in Manchester, headlinersnh.com, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8:30 p.m.
- **Comedy Showcase** McCue's in Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8:30 p.m.
- **Brian Beaudoin** Chunky's in Manchester, chunkys.com, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8:30 p.m.
- **Stacey Kendro** Headliners in Manchester, headlinersnh.com, Saturday, Aug. 31, 8:30 p.m.
- **Kathe Farris/Liam Hales** McCue's in Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com, Saturday, Aug. 31, 8:30 p.m.
- **Neil Hamburger** 3S Artspace in Portsmouth, 3arts.org, Thurs-



Kathleen Madigan

- day, Sept. 5, 8 p.m.
- **The Ultimate Variety Show** Rex Theatre in Manchester, palacetheatre.org, Friday, Sept. 6, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m.
- **Carmen Lynch** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Saturday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- **Comedy Showcase** McCue's, in Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com, Saturday, Sept. 7, 8:30 p.m.
- **Bob Marley** Flying Monkey in Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com, Friday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
- **Mike Donovan** Averill House in Brookline, averillhousevineyard.com, Saturday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m.
- **Heather Shaw** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

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Trivia

Trivia events

• **Ted Lasso trivia night** Thursday, Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com).

• **Yacht Rock trivia night** Thursday, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com).

Other games

• **21+ Scratch Ticket Bingo** Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com).

• **21+ Scratch Ticket Bingo** Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com).

• **Family-Friendly Theater Candy Ticket Bingo** Friday, Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com).

Weekly trivia

• **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Mitchell BBQ (50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537,

mitchellhillbbq.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia with ABC Trivia at Oddball Brewing (6 Glass St., Suncook, 210-5654, oddball-brewingnh.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia with Geeks Who Drink at the Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-



Ted Lasso

3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Shooters Sports Pub (6 Columbus Ave., Exeter, 772-3856) at 7:15 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) at 7:30 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

• **Thursday** trivia at Strange Brew (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) at 8 p.m.

• **First Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua, fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.

• **First and third Thursday of every month** trivia at To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, tosharebrewing.com) at

6:30 p.m.

• **Friday** trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **Sunday** trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4 p.m.

• **Monday** Pub Quiz at Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com) at 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Able Ebenezer Brewing (31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Sea Dog Brewing (5 Water St., Exeter, 793-5116) at 6 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Second Brook Bar & Grill (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, secondbrook.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Lynn's 102 Tavern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday** trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.

• **Tuesday Geeks Who Drink** trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** Brews & Qs trivia, 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Otto (33 Water St., Exeter, 810-6886) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglass-brewing.com) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Topwater Brewing (748 Calef Hwy., Bar-

ington, 664-5444) at 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

• **Wednesday** The Greatest Trivia in the World at Revolution Taproom and Grill (61 N. Main St., Rochester, 244-3042, revolutiontaproomandgrill.com/upcoming-events) at 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday** trivia at Don Ramon (6 Whitney St., Merrimack, 420-8468) from 7 to 9 p.m.

• **Wednesday Kings Trivia** at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m..

• **Wednesday** trivia at City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday World Tavern Trivia** at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.

• **Second Wednesday of every month** trivia at Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) at 7:30 p.m.

Film

Venues

AMC Londonderry
16 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry, amctheatres.com

Chunky's Cinema Pub

707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com

Cinemark Rockingham Park 12

15 Mall Road, Salem

Fathom Events

fathomevents.com

The Flying Monkey

39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

LaBelle Winery

345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

Milford Drive-In

531 Elm St., Milford, milford-drivein.com

The Music Hall

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org

O'neil Cinemas at Brickyard Square

24 Calef Hwy., Epping, 679-3529, oneilcinemas.com

Park Theatre

19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org

Red River Theatres

11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org

Regal Fox Run Stadium 15

45 Gosling Road, Newington, regmovies.com

Rex Theatre

23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Smitty's Cinema

630 W. Main St., Tilton, 286-3275, smittyscinema.com

The Strand

20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestranddover.com

Wilton Town Hall Theatre

40 Main St., Wilton, wiltontownhalltheatre.com, 654-3456

Screenings

• **Thelma** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1:30, 3:45 & 6 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 19, through Thursday, Aug. 22, at 3:45 & 6 p.m.

• **Longlegs** (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

• **It Ends With Us** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, Aug. 15, 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 19, through Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 22, at 4 p.m.

• **The Fabulous Four** (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org,

on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 4:15 p.m.

• **Coraline** (PG, 2009) screens via Fathom Events Aug. 15 through Aug. 22 at theaters including Apple Cinemas in Merrimack and Hooksett, AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O'neil Brickyard Squares in Epping, and Regal Fox Run in Newington. See fathomevents.com.

• **I Saw the TV Glow** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, Aug. 15, and Friday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m.

• **Widow Clicquot** (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Friday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 18, at 2, 4:15 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 19, through Thursday, Aug. 22, at 4:15 & 6:30 p.m.

• **Media Power Youth Summer Youth Film Festival** will screen on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord featuring short films made by participants in the summer programs. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 16 and under.

• **Thelma** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Friday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m.

• **Janet Planet** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

• **Movie Night Mondays On the Beach** at Hampton Beach will feature screenings on Mondays at dusk on the large screen next to

the playground weather permitting (rain date is Tuesdays). Admission is free. The schedule is *Mavka: The Forest Song* (PG, 2023) on Aug. 19, and *Wish* (PG, 2023) on Aug. 26. See hamptonbeach.org/events/movies for approximate dusk times and updates.

• **A Peace of Forest** (NR) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. with a post-film discussion with filmmakers Thomas and Lee Ann Szelog.

• **Prescott Park Arts Festival Movie Nights** in Prescott Park in Portsmouth will feature a mix of classics, newer movies and family films with a suggested donation of \$5 per person and an 8:30 p.m. start time. Concessions will be for sale. The schedule includes *E.T. The Extra Terrestrial* (1982) on Thursday, Aug. 22; *Wonka* (PG, 2023) on Thursday, Aug. 29, and *Casablanca* (1942) on Sunday, Sept. 1.

• **The Goonies** (1985) will screen at Chunky's in Manchester (chunkys.com) as part of a viewing party and treasure hunt on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

• **Blink Twice** (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

• **Your Fat Friend** (NR) will screen at Music Hall in Portsmouth on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

• **Movies in the Park** will take place in Riverfront Park in Tilton, hosted by the Hall Memorial Library (hallmemoriallibrary.org), throughout the summer, with the



Widow Clicquot

park opening at 6 p.m. and the movie starting at 8 p.m. Movies are slated for Friday, Aug. 23, and Friday, Sept. 27.

• **Spite Marriage** (1929), a silent film starring Buster Keaton and presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, will screen at Wilton Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m.

• **Rear Window** (1954) will screen via a 70th Anniversary screening from Fathom Events on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 1 and 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry and Regal Fox Run in Newington and at 1 p.m. at Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem and O'neil Brickyard Square in Epping, and Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O'neil Brickyard Square in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington.

• **Ghibli Fest** Apple Cinemas in Hooksett and Merrimack and O'Neil Cinemas in Epping will be participating in Ghibli Fest 2024 with select showings of subtitled and English dubbed Studio Ghibli animated films including *Whisper*

of the Heart (G, 1995) on Sunday, Aug. 25, and Tuesday, Aug. 27;

and *The Cat Returns* (G, 2002) on Monday, Aug. 26, and Wednesday, Aug. 28, according to their website. Most films appear to screen at either 3 or 7 p.m., depending on the day, and this pattern goes until

December and will include other Studio Ghibli films like *Kiki's Delivery Service* (G, 1989) and *My Neighbor Totoro* (G, 1988), among others, according to their website. Ticket presales are open;

specific showtimes can be found online and are subject to change. Visit tickets.applecinemas.com or oneilcinemas.com or fathomevents.com to find other theaters screening these films.

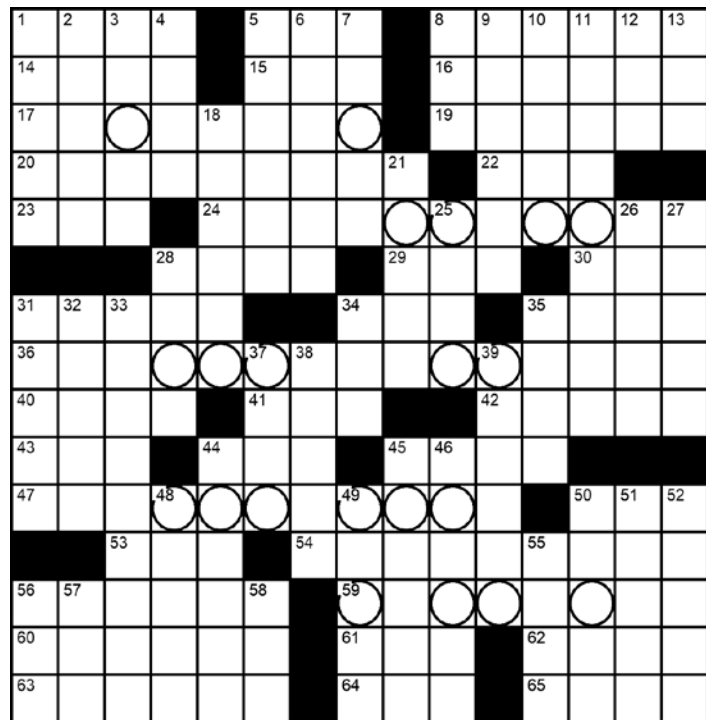
• **The Angry Birds Movie** (PG, 2016) will screen at Chunky's in Manchester (chunkys.com) as a special Little Lunch Date screening on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 11:30 a.m. Get tickets for \$5 plus fees and get a \$5 food voucher.

• **The Gold Rush** (1925) a silent Charlie Chaplin comedy with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis at the Rex Theatre in Manchester (palacetheatre.org) on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m.

• **Speedy** (1928) a silent Harold Lloyd comedy with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis at the Rex Theatre in Manchester (palacetheatre.org) on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m.

• **Telluride by the Sea** at The Music Hall in Portsmouth (themusichall.org) on Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 15, featuring six films brought from the Telluride Film Festival.

“Count the Rings”—while you’re over there.



Down

1. Publishing IDs
2. Portion out
3. Lavender relative
4. Captain Hook’s first mate
5. Smartphone function
6. 1980s timekeeping fad
7. Like J, in alphabetical order
8. Louisville Slugger, e.g.
9. Aspirations
10. Edible kelp in Japanese and Korean cuisine
11. Stock portfolio of sorts
12. Thing to be picked
13. “Looking for,” in ads
18. Christian of “Mr. Robot”
21. Did a lawn maintenance job
25. Prefix for distant or lateral
26. “___ shorts!” (Bart Simpson catchphrase)
27. Eye annoyances
28. “It’s ___ you”
31. “Succession” actress Sarah
32. ‘60s jacket style
33. Like self-evident truths
34. 180 degrees from SSW
35. Puts on
37. “Game of Thrones” actress
38. Dosage figures
39. Shiny cotton fabric
44. Bondi Beach resident
45. Band worn around the biceps
46. Jog the memory
48. Arcade title character who hops

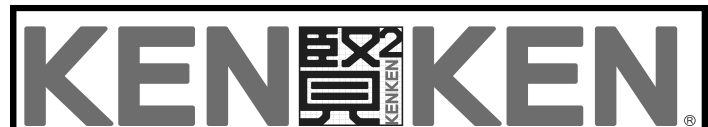
- around a pyramid
49. Knees-to-chest diving positions
50. Former spicy chip brand
51. Gets fuzzy
52. Downhill rides
55. Rock and jazz YouTuber Beato
56. Rank for Mustard or Sanders, for short
57. Take up
58. Co. that introduced Dungeons & Dragons

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Across

1. Big name in cat food
5. Minn. winter hours
8. ___ Bottom (SpongeBob’s hometown)
14. Dis
15. State of reverence
16. Aphrodite’s beloved
17. King, Waters, or Johnson, e.g.
19. Personally handle
20. Short story
22. Mount Rushmore guy
23. Holy Fr. woman
24. 1990s burgers considered one of the most expensive product flops ever
28. State home to the headquarters of Maverik convenience stores
29. Some style mags
30. Nutrition label listing
31. Dumbledore’s slayer
34. Opposite of old, at Oktoberfest
35. Jury ___ (summons subject)
36. Bar offer
40. Cincinnati’s home
41. Digit before a toll-free number
42. Richter and Roddick
43. Gold, in Grenada
44. “32 Flavors” singer DiFranco
45. The A that turns STEM to STEAM
47. The fruit it bears is olive-sized and orange-colored
50. “Antiques Roadshow” network
53. Crunch targets
54. Pat who announced 16 Super Bowls
56. Superlatively sweet?
59. Skincare brand and subsidiary of

- Estée Lauder
60. Bearded Egyptian deity
61. “I’m Just ___” (movie song of 2023)
62. Dessert spread made with fruit
63. Film villain Hannibal who’s definitely fictional
64. Regulation, for short
65. Klimt work, with “The”



THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

9X		1-	2-
4			
9+			1
2÷		1-	

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CHALLENGING

60X	1-		3	4-	
		2-	1-		4
	4		2÷		9+
2÷	3+	5-	20X		
				24X	3-
4	1-				

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- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
 - 2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
 - 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

7+	4	3	1	2
2-	3	2	4	1
2÷	1	4	2	3
2÷	2	1	3	4

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WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Four mollusks
- ___ eclipse
- Three casino table games
- Three chess pieces
- Three four-letter animal sounds

Last Week’s Answers: GOSPEL BLUES FOLK ROCK JAZZ / SPRING SUMMER AUTUMN WINTER / COMIC CUBIC CIVIC CYNIC / PEARL / GALAXY

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C	B	L	A	C	K	J	A	C	K	B	O
J	L	I	Q	K	I	N	G	K	R	N	C
R	F	A	Z	H	N	K	N	R	L	R	T
E	O	N	M	W	O	I	Z	E	U	A	O
T	O	S	A	O	O	R	Q	K	N	L	P
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I wanna puzzle you up

Across

- 1. Fa followers
- 5. Deleo bros. 'Interstate Love Song' band (abbr)
- 8. Guns N' Roses '___ N' The Bedouins'
- 12. Lonely Island '___ A Boat'
- 13. BoDeans song for Northwestern US state
- 15. Norwegian city synth-poppers A-ha is from
- 16. Broke up
- 18. 'What If I?'
- 19. Aerosmith 'Sick ___ Dog'
- 20. Coming up, as tour bus exit
- 21. 'Be-Bop-A-Lula' Vincent

- 22. Melissa Etheridge 'Like The Way ___'
- 23. 'I Was Made For Loving You' was sung by this Simpsons dad
- 25. Van Halen '1984' classic for a Central American canal
- 28. '69 Tony Bennett misspelled album 'I've ___ Me'
- 32. Like hairless star
- 33. 'Telephone Line' band led by Jeff Lynne (abbr)
- 35. Pixies 'Alec ___' was for the engineer of Paris' famous tower
- 36. Jill Sobule 'I Kissed ___' led the way for Katy Perry's song
- 38. Gorillaz 'Feel Good, ___'

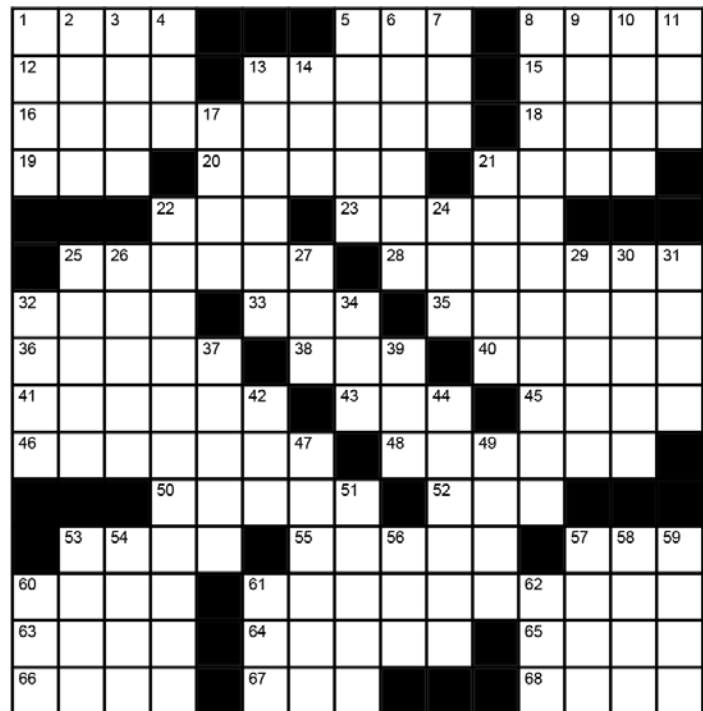
- 40. Rapid alternation of two notes
- 41. It's used to sneak into show
- 43. Pearl Jam "I wonder everyday ___ look upon your face"
- 45. Panic! At The Disco got killed in Hollywood w/'Dying ___'
- 46. '80 Supertramp hit for a wisher
- 48. 'The Loon' Tapes ___
- 50. Fixed arrangements of an octave
- 52. '84 Cyndi Lauper hit She ___'
- 53. Guys' plus ones
- 55. Traffic stopper heard in Kiss' 'Firehouse'
- 57. 'Girl On TV' pop band
- 60. '82 Led Zep album
- 61. Trixter 'Give ___'
- 63. Elvis Costello 'You Left ___ The Dark'
- 64. 'Somebody That I Used To Know' singer
- 65. A Day To Remember drank 'NJ Legion ___ Tea'
- 66. Drummer Wilk of Audioslave/Rage Against The Machine
- 67. '12 Lynyrd Skynyrd album 'Last ___ Dyin' Breed'
- 68. Tour red ink amount that's not a

gain

Down

- 1. Fronted the Cult Jam
- 2. Not guitars or cords but these
- 3. Kinks "And in a dark brown voice she said ___"
- 4. 'Out Of Range' DiFranco
- 5. Classical 'Harem' singer Brightman
- 6. The Damned song they walk on a leash?
- 7. Christian Nu Metal band
- 8. King Crimson founder/guitarist
- 9. Irish rockers God ___ Astronaut
- 10. Sean Lennon "If you cannot tell ___, it's easy as pie"
- 11. Dokken leader
- 13. Arlo Guthrie 'When A Soldier Makes ___'
- 14. Randy Rhoads 'Blizzard Of Ozz' instrumental
- 17. Italian singer for zilch
- 21. Westbound Train sang 'Come And ___' for dinner
- 22. '88 Pat Benatar album 'Wide Awake ___'

- 24. 'Fatboy' jam band
- 25. Manager had one on his hip, pre-cell phone
- 26. 'House Of Fire' Cooper
- 27. Aladdin song by Robin Williams 'Prince ___'
- 29. Interpol created '___ Mess' so had to clean it up
- 30. AC/DC 'Hells ___'
- 31. Jazz's Fitzgerald
- 32. Part of 'I Wanna Sex You Up' band w/Color Me
- 34. '05 Madonna album 'Confessions ___ Dance Floor'
- 37. These cars snag stars after show
- 39. Stephen Stills band (abbr)
- 42. 'Land Of 1,000 Dances' Nugent
- 44. Social Distortion single 'Let ___'
- 47. '03 Unwritten Law hit we might hear for the '___ My Life'
- 49. Like five star member
- 51. Harvey Danger hit 'Flagpole ___'
- 53. Frequent attendee
- 54. '98 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 56. 'Oh, Pretty Woman' Orbison
- 57. Little Eva '___-Motion'
- 58. Rock and roll adversaries
- 59. Bob Dylan '___ And Ends'
- 60. Color Me Badd's 'I Adore Mi Amor' album
- 61. Rolling Stones sing '___ Wild' on Friday night
- 62. 'Bat Macumba' Gilberto



R&R answer from pg 36 of 8/8



Jonesin' answer from pg 35 of 8/8



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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 45.

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

2	4			1				8
1	3	9				6		4
	7				2		1	
9	5	7	3		4	1		
8	6		7					5
4				8	5	3		
	8				9	2	7	6
								9
	9	4		7		8		1

Difficulty: ★★

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

			5		7	4		
		6				5	7	2
		3						1
9	1			2				6
		5			6	9		
6		2	8	3				5
3				1	2			9
	8			5	3	2		
5			8			3		

Difficulty: ★★★

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle C

								1
								8
		2				6		
4						1		5
	7			4				9
2		8				9	1	3
3	1			6				
8							9	
6	3	5			9		8	
7					2			6

Difficulty: ★★★★★

SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *You'll Grow Out of It*, by Jessi Klein, born Aug. 18, 1975.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *His birthday had been three days before. But that still didn't help me understand why there were no fewer than five cakes sitting in the fridge. What's the confusion?*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *One night, Mike and I were at a ridiculous event: a Lobster Roll Rumble. Not ridiculous!*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *For years, I thought that only a certain kind of person watched The Bachelor. ... But then ... it just so happened that the premiere episode of season 18 of The Bachelor was on. Hahaha, let's watch this as a joke, we said. Yes, let's!*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *And then I bumped into Rosie O'Donnell. Like you do.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *When you're called sir, you're being called the same thing that James Bond is called. This is true.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *For instance: How did events align such that when I needed to get away from Mike, my two girlfriends happened to be on Martha's Vineyard in Rose Styron's guesthouse with an extra room available for me? Who cares!*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *I was a bridezilla, but in reverse. Feeling the heat of impossible expectations, I spent months throwing daggers at my own reflection. Ooh, don't do that.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *She insisted it could work, and stuck about thirty pins into the top to create a simulation of how the dress, once tailored, could offer more coverage, but the effect was like trying to cover a wombat with a cocktail napkin. It could work!*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *How was I being per-*

ceived as a ma'am? And by how, I mean why? And just what is a ma'am anyway? No one really knows.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *I ended up going out to buy plants that needed to be potted. Because I don't know how to do anything that isn't the Internet, I called my friend Becky, who is the most self-reliant person I know. Leave room for the roots to grow.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *That said, I went through a hippie phase, a metal phase (the most embarrassing one), then a grunge phase, then a modified grunge phase, and then I got out of college and bought a bunch of [stuff] from the Gap so I could be a presentable temp. Dress for success.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *In the sixth grade, I was allowed for the first time to eat lunch outside the confines of the school, and with this newfound culinary freedom I chose to eat a single street-cart hot dog every single day. WOOOOO!*

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 stick it out (6)	_____
2 boards an aircraft (8)	_____
3 reached one's goal (9)	_____
4 checks' counterparts in law (8)	_____
5 slightly off-center (5)	_____
6 icing targets (5)	_____
7 like Wolfgang Puck's skills (8)	_____

EN	CUL	PL	DU	ES
BAL	SUC	RE	AN	ES
CEE	CAK	AN	CES	DED
IN	EW	ARY	EN	ASK

Last Week's Answers: 1. GROVEL 2. GROVER 3. GRAVER 4. BRAVER 5. BEAVER 6. BEAKER 7. WEAKER

Sudoku Answers from pg 36 of 8/8

Puzzle A

9	1	8	6	4	3	5	2	7
6	2	3	5	7	9	1	4	8
4	5	7	1	2	8	6	3	9
7	9	6	3	8	4	2	5	1
5	3	4	2	9	1	8	7	6
2	8	1	7	6	5	3	9	4
8	6	9	4	3	2	7	1	5
3	7	5	9	1	6	4	8	2
1	4	2	8	5	7	9	6	3

Difficulty: **

Puzzle B

1	3	7	4	5	2	6	9	8
5	8	4	3	6	9	2	1	7
9	2	6	1	7	8	5	3	4
6	1	2	9	8	5	7	4	3
3	9	5	7	2	4	1	8	6
7	4	8	6	1	3	9	2	5
8	6	3	2	9	7	4	5	1
4	7	9	5	3	1	8	6	2
2	5	1	8	4	6	3	7	9

Difficulty: ***

Puzzle C

8	7	4	9	3	2	5	6	1
2	6	3	8	5	1	9	4	7
9	5	1	4	6	7	8	3	2
6	8	9	5	7	3	1	2	4
4	3	5	1	2	9	6	7	8
1	2	7	6	4	8	3	9	5
7	9	2	3	1	5	4	8	6
3	1	6	7	8	4	2	5	9
5	4	8	2	9	6	7	1	3

Difficulty: ****

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Feeling Eel

About 150 people in and around Tokyo were stricken ill, and one person died, in late July after eating grilled eel sold at a department store, the Associated Press reported. The eel was prepared by a local restaurant chain and sold in the grocery area of the Keikyu department store, officials said. Roasted eel is considered a tonic against the summer's extreme heat; more than 1,700 servings of the dish were sold at the shop. *AP, July 30*

Haute Dog

CBS News reported on Aug. 7 that fashion house Dolce & Gabbana is going to the dogs. The designer has launched a perfume for dogs called Fefe in honor of Domenico Dolce's poodle. A 3.4-ounce bottle will set you back \$108, and the company claims veterinarians approve of the alcohol-free scent. But apparently not ALL veterinarians. Federico Coccia, a vet in Rome, isn't a fan: "Dogs recognize themselves by smells, they recognize a person by smell. ... This world of smells should not be changed," he said. He also noted that some diseases are made apparent by their odors, and the perfume could mask those. Dog

owner Francesca Castelli agrees: "It seems to be a very exaggerated process of humanization," she said. *CBS News, Aug. 7*

Field Report

Visitors to downtown Orlando, Florida, might be used to seeing pigeons on the rooftops — but not THESE pigeons. ClickOrlando reported on Aug. 6 that giant, brightly colored, inflatable pigeons are about to be installed on several of the city's rooftops. Creative City Projects, an arts group, is bringing the birds in to draw more visitors downtown. At 21 feet long and 16 feet high, the neon pigeons are expected to "foster a greater appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living beings in an urban environment," said Ashley Papagni, a city spokesperson. *ClickOrlando, Aug. 6*

It's a Mystery

Officials in Sioux City, Iowa, are stumped by the appearance of several blue crabs around the city, Oddee reported on Aug. 5. The first incident happened at the Sioux City Public Library on July 30, when a crabby visitor was found in the computer lab (which is on the sec-

ond floor). Circulation services manager Jenn Delperdang said the crab "must have been hungry for knowledge. We really have no idea the journey that this crab had to get to the library." The staff called Sioux City Animal Adoption and Rescue Center to retrieve "Chester," but he passed on two days later. Another crustacean pinched customers of a vending machine in a neighboring downtown building as they tried to retrieve their soda. *Oddee, Aug. 6*

Latest Religious Message

Katie Moran, president of the World Apostolate of Fatima USA, was taking pictures of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 2, when she witnessed a miracle, she said. WJW-TV reported that Moran took two subsequent photos, then saw that in the first one, Mary's eyes were open, and in the second, they were closed. The statue travels the world spreading the message of Our Lady of Fatima. "According to theologians, mystically her presence is there with the statue," said Moran. Larry Maginot, the statue's custodian, elaborated: "We know that she's wept 15 times." Moran believes Mary is sending

a message to the world, but didn't specify what the message might be. *WJW-TV, Aug. 6*

It's Good To Have a Hobby

Handyman and electrician Steve Wainwright, 61, of Cambridgeshire, England, needed a project in his retirement, Metro News reported. "I felt a bit lost," he said. "I looked at my tape measure and I thought, 'I wonder if I can build this 10 times its size?'" And he could — even with a giant retractable measuring tape. Wainwright's wife suggested a 10x lipstick, so he obliged, then went on to build pencils, keys, clothespins and a three-prong plug. He notices a difference in reactions between men and women; men love his creations, and women say, "What on earth are you going to do with that? Where are you going to put that?" he said. *Metro News, Aug. 1*

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