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10 Summer might not be here yet but the time for making plans for your kids this summer is definitely here. In this week's cover story, we offer a collection of area day camps, from the traditional outdoors camp experience to camps with specialized themes, such as soccer or video production. Did we miss a camp? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

ALSO ON THE COVER It is your last chance to vote in Hippo's Best of 2025 readers' poll! The poll is open until 11;59 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. Vote for the Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Venue for Live Music and other going out and having fun establishments. See hippopress.com.

Zachary Lewis talks to the owner of Pillar Gallery + Projects about their ocean-inspired exhibit "Currents." See page 6.

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# Scam updates

The United Way of Greatalert newsletter called the "Scam Alert Email List" that will send "alerts on trending scams as well as fraud prevention tips and resources for reporting suspicious activity," according to a United Way press release. Sign up via tinyurl.com/ ScamAlertsUWGN.

# **Tiny films**

The Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua; nashualibrary. org) will hold its third annual Tiny Film Festival on Friday, March 7, at 6 p.m. The fest will feature 60-second all-ages films submitted to the library, according to the library's website. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a red carpet, photo booth and free popcorn, the website said. Films will be judged in the ages 12 and under, 13-17 and 18+ categories. Winners will be announced on the library's website Saturday, March 11.

# **Help for vets**

Service Credit Union Impact er Nashua is offering a free scam Foundation and Robert Irvine Foundation awarded Liberty House (221 Orange St., Mancheslibertyhousenh.org), organization that helps veterans, a \$20,000 grant, according to a press release. "The grant will support Liberty House's transitional housing program for veterans facing homelessness, post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury and other challenges," the release said.

# **Poetry contest**

The 8th annual MacGregor Poetry Contest will accept submissions Monday, March 10, through Saturday, April 12. The contest, run by the Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry; derry.org), offers prizes in two age groups — poets 15 and up and poets 14 and under. Email (macgregorpoetrycontest@derrypl.org) or snail mail (addressed to "Derry Public Library Poetry Contest") up to two poems, no more than two pages each (no Google docs), according

to an email from the library. See the website for entry rules. Winners will be announced in May.

# **Rock'N Race**

Registration is open for the 23rd Annual Rock'N Race, which raises money for HOPE Resource Center at Concord Hospital Payson Center for Cancer Care, slated for Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m., according to a press release. The race starts at the Statehouse and racers can choose a 5K run, 5K walk or 1-mile walk. The cost to enter is \$35 for adults through March 1, \$40 after, at rocknrace.org.

# **Badges battle**

Tickets are now on sale for the 2025 Battle of the Badges Hockey Championship, presented by the Elliot Perry Foundation and raising funds for Dartmouth Health Children's and the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, which will have Team Fire and Team Police face off on the ice on Sunday, March 16, at 1 p.m. at the SNHU Arena in Manchester, according to a press release. A

Howie Newman, former sportswriter for the Boston Globe and other publications. will present "The Musical Baseball Show" at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St.) on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m. The event is free.

is free and open to the public. The country band Locash will play the Dana Center for the Humanities at Saint Anselm College in **Manchester** on Thursday,

March 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start

at \$65. See tickets.anselm.edu.

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The Gafney Library (14 High St. in Sanbornville; gafneylibrary.org) will host

Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki for the program

"Songs of Emigration" on Tuesday,

March 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event

The NH State Home Show comes to the Manchester Downtown DoubleTree, 700 Elm St. in Manchester. Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, free for ages 12 and under.

Amherst

Milford

Goffstown

Leah Dearborn, associate director of the Aviation Museum of NH. will discuss her new book Grenier Air Base: A Beacon on the Home Front at Balin Books in Nashua (Somerset Plaza, 375 Amherst St., balinbooks.com) on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

family fun event starts at 11 a.m. on SNHU Arena plaza featuring first responder vehicles and more; doors open at 11:30 a.m. Advance tickets cost \$16 (plus fees) for ages 13 and up, 12 and under get in for

free but still need a ticket; tickets on the day cost \$20 for ages 13 and up, according to chadhockey.org. Tickets include access to the Kids Zone, a scavenger hunt and more, the release said.



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**NEWS & NOTES** Q&A

# **Unique art**

See 'Currents' at Pillar

Fallon Rae is the co-founder and owner of Pillar Gallery + Projects (205 N. State St., Concord). The gallery is open on Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m. and by appointment. The name was inspired by a hope to be a pillar in the community, and by the Pillars of Creation in the Eagle Nebula, which is only around 7,000 light-years from New Hampshire. The exhibition "Currents" will be on display until Wednesday, April 2, according to the Pillar website. Visit pillargalleryprojects.com or their socials @pillar\_galleryprojects.

What the inspiration behind starting Pillar Gallery?

Pillar Gallery been... in the works for a few years now before it came to full fruition. The other founder [Mike Howat] and I, when we first started ... we actually started at Kimball Jenkins in Concord, New Hamp-



Artwork by Liz Nelson. Courtesy photo.

lar style or medium that Pillars is really drawn toward? We're really drawn

Is there a particu-

every other month, we're

going to be doing a drink

and draw, so the next one

will be March 21.

toward sculpture or multimedia or artists. One of the artists in the show right

now, Mary Mead, she's kind of known for being a printmaker but she actually started out as a sculptor and over time printmaking is just one of the things that she ended up having a niche at ... One of our favorite things to do is go into the studio itself and do studio visits and actually pick out the work and see it. One of our artists for the show, Liz, ended up driving down pieces. We just saw how the light looked, how they paired together, and I think it's just about that greater conversation about the arts. ... for the most part we prefer a unique voice...

# Could you describe the 'Currents' exhibition?

shire. In 2021 and 2022 we started the salon

series. It was the biggest open call in New

Hampshire. ... Then from there it became

an opportunity to have a set space so we

weren't having to use other venues.... We

really wanted to bring that New York City

avant-garde kind of style to the area.

This exhibition has four artists in it: Hannah Perrine Mode, Elizabeth Nelson, Jackie Brown and Mary Mead. We wanted to exemplify how climate change is affecting all different parts of the world, so each artist actually has pieces from different regions of the ocean. Mary Mead exemplifies with trash in the Bahamas. Then we have Liz Nelson, who has some pieces from her artist residency in Iceland. Hannah Mode actually has a melting ice core with some of the water from a glacier in Alaska to pair along with her Alaskan glacial made cyanotypes. Then we have Jackie Brown, who's representing more of the Maine and local side of things, the local fishery and all the debris that comes from that industry as well. It's really impactful to see such different voices come together in a way and have a really good resonating theme. One of our artists said she's been a part of a few shows named 'Currents' and this is the most unique and different one.... Five percent of the sales from this show are going to the Blue Ocean Society.

# Do you all put on any other types of events?

We also do drink-and-draws.... We're going to be starting it on the third Friday,

# Are there any sorts of exhibits or events you'd like to see at Pillar that you all haven't done yet?

We are connected to a commercial kitchen space called State Street Kitchen. ... I'd really love to keep expanding our collaboration with them more, having date nights where people can either be making art and then make food, or something along those lines that just brings more and more people together from different places. ... That's probably one of our favorite parts of being curators, is to be a good safe space for people to feel like they can be vulnerable and show off their art...

# Is there anything else about the gallery that you'd like to mention?

I just did a great presentation at Bow High School letting kids know a little bit about curating. I'm also writing a book on curation because it is such a unique and niche subject matter. —Zachary Lewis

# NBA takes over



Hits the Stretch Run: With the All Star Game nonsense and Super Bowl out of the picture, the NBA moves to center stage. The three biggest questions are (1) Can Cleveland keep

doing it in the playoffs like they have in the regular season?, (2) Can the Celtics shake off their lethargy to hit the switch to defend their crown? and (3) How big a difference will Luka Doncic make as he joins LBJ out there in L.A.? And here's a fourth: Will we be lucky enough to see a real competitive New York-Boston playoff series for the first time since 1984 (OK, 1990) followed by a Boston-L.A. Final? Time will tell.

**Sports 101:** Who holds the NBA record for playing the most consecutive games without fouling out?

News Item - Celtics Come Out Swinging: Maybe the Celtic Slump is over, as they came out of the All-Star break with big wins over Eastern rivals Philadelphia and New York on national TV. With Philly reeling and Joel Embiid looking like he's headed for season-ending surgery, the Knicks' win was more meaningful, as it was their third drubbing of their likely Round 2 opponent in the playoffs in three games against N.Y.

News Item - Kenny Atkinson: Thing I love most about NBA season so far is that in his next try as a HC after his cowardly boss listened to dirtbags Kevin Durant and **Kyrie Irving** stabbing him in the back to get him fired in Brooklyn, Atkinson is coaching the team with the NBA's best record in Cleveland while Kyrie and KD are facing steep climbs just to even make the playoffs. As Pat Riley once un-grammatically said, sometimes dems get what dems deserve.

## The Numbers:

7 – million dollars the reported among the nation's top college basketball recruits AJ **Dybantsa** (Brockton, Mass.) will be paid in NIL money to play at BYU next year.

13 – goals away from passing Wayne **Gretsky** as the most prolific scorer in NHL history for Alexander Ovechkin after going for the hat trick in Washington's 7-3 rout of Edmonton on Sunday.

49 – years since Yankees players could have beards and mustaches until this year, now that the ban imposed by George Steinbrenner in 1976 was lifted last week.

# ... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up - Cooper Flagg: The Larry Bird-like Maine native told The Atlantic that he wants to return to Duke for his sophomore season over becoming the NBA's No.

The Big Story – NBA 1 draft pick. The question is, if he does do it, will the team with the first overall pick take him anyway as the Celtics with Bird after he said he was returning to Indiana State for his senior season?

# Random Thoughts:

Why does nobody do the "was it Brady or Belichick?" game with Duncan and his coach Greg Popovich? Because in the eight full seasons since TD retired, Pop's wonloss record is a Cotton Fitzsimmons-like

Sports 101 Answer: Most incorrectly believe Wilt Chamberlain holds the record because he never fouled out of any game ever. But he only played in 1,045 in his 14-year career. And while Moses Malone fouled out five times early in his career, he later played in 1,212 straight without foul-

Final Thought - Victor Wembanyama: With the French phenom likely shut down for the year due to shoulder and neck issues it's a good time to evaluate how he's lived up to the hype he got when entering the league down there in San Antonio.

His 22.6 ppg, 10.8 rpg and 3.8 bpg stats are among the best in the game in his two years. But after hearing how he would turn the NBA on its head, besides those stats and some highlight videos, we haven't really seen it turn up in the standings. In his Year 1 the Spurs won the same 22 games they won the previous year, which is area codes behind these four guys who actually did immediately turn the league on its head by dramatically improving the teams they joined over the year before they got there:

Larry Bird - Boston had the greatest turnaround ever in going from 29 wins to 61.

Lew Alcindor - expansion Milwaukee won 27 in their first year and 56 the next.

Tim Duncan - he had more help in his first year than the other three as David Robinson missed the year when the Spurs won just 20 and 56 when he was back with Duncan in his Year 1.

Shaquille O'Neal - Expansion Orlando won 21 in their first year and 41 the next vear with Shaq.

The first three won the NBA title in Year 2 while Shaq magically had Orlando in the Finals after knocking no less than Michael Jordan and Chicago out of the playoffs. While for Big V it's just 24-31.

This is picking on the prognosticators who overhyped a new guy again. Not Wemby because he's been terrific. Just not beyond belief, where so far he's more Yao Ming than the four real game-changers mentioned above. Email Dave Long at dlong@hippopress.com.

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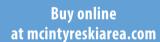
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# **QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX**

# A really big wedding

**NEWS & NOTES** 

Intown Concord will pay for the wedding of one couple who agree to get married in public at Concord's Market Days Celebration on Friday, June 27. "Intown Concord will handle everything," the organization announced on an online registration from, "from the ceremony to the reception — so all you have to do is show up wedding ready!" The couple selected for the public wedding will receive a ceremony with licensed officiant, a live band for dancing, a free meal and drink provided by Market Days vendors (for the couple only), ceremony seating for 20 close friends/family in front of the New Hampshire Statehouse, an ice cream cake provided by Social Club Creamery, and an overnight stay in Concord. the website said.

OOL score: +1

**Comment:** Adventurous couples should register at marketdaysfestival.com by Friday, March 21.

# **Action Jack**

Manchester chicken tenders booster and musician (and more) Nick Lavallee has, via his business Wicked Joyful (wickedjoyful.com), made multiple action figure works of art over the years, such as a Vermin Supreme complete with head boot and a Chicken Tender Capital of the World "Tendie" action figure. Recently he made a custom action figure of musician Jack White, which was presented to White by a show promoter after two sold-out shows in Boston, according to several social media posts by Jack White and Lavallee. "I love the orange toys r us price tag with the date of the shows encoded in it!" White said in a Feb. 20 Instagram post.

QOL score: +1 for some fame for a local artist

Comments: Lavallee crafted an action figure honoring the retiring Fritz Wetherbee, complete with "\$6.03" fake price tag and "I'll tell you the story" tagline; see the figure in a Feb. 8 post on the Wicked Joyful Facebook page.

# Also a great band name

In a Feb.19 press release, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats announced the creation of a team alternate identity: the New Hampshire Space Potatoes. "With rooted history beyond baseball in New Hampshire," the press release read, "the Space Potatoes [will] take the field for three nights in 2025, beginning Saturday, April 19, at Delta Dental Stadium." According to the Fisher Cats general manager Taylor Fisher, this alternate identity baseball team honors "two notable New Hampshire firsts into one brand," New Hampshire's official state vegetable, "first [planted in American soil in Derry, New Hampshire, by early 18th century Scots Irish settlers" and "the infamous Barney & Betty Hill incident that occurred on Route 3 in New Hampshire's White Mountains late in the summer of 1961, remarked as the first widely reported alien abduction in the United States."

OOL score: +1

Comment: The New Hampshire Space Potatoes will take the field against the Harrisburg Senators on April 19 at 4:05 p.m. Space Potatoes tickets and merchandise are available at milb.com/new-hampshire/ team/space-potatoes.

QOL score last week: 53 Net change: +3

QOL this week: 56

What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire? Let us know at news@hippopress.com. 🧢

# THIS WEEK BIG EVENTS FEBRUARY 27 AND BEYOND

# Sunday, March 2

As part of its Sunday Cinema Classics series, the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4600, nashualibrary.org) will screen 1939's *The Women* this afternoon at 1 p.m. Joan Crawford and Norma Shearer star in this classic comedy about a happily married woman who lets her catty friends talk her



into divorce when her husband strays. This showing is free and open to the public.

# Thursday, Feb. 27

Open extra days during school vacation, the Aviation Museum of N.H. (27 Navigator Road in Londonderry; aviationmuseumofnh.org) will be open today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Elite Flight Simulator will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. for kids age 12 and up. Admission costs \$10 for ages 13 and up; \$5 for kid ages 6 to 12 and veterans, and is free for kids under 6 years old.

# Friday, Feb. 28

The Community Players Children's Theatre Project's Winter Vacation Theatre Camp presents "The Story of Hansel and Gretel" tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord, 228-2793, theaudi.org). This production is a comical musical retelling of the Brothers Grimm classic tale of two lost children, a gingerbread house and a witch, but with some twists. This is a one-hour show. Tickets are by donation.

# Friday, Feb. 28

The Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts. com) will host *Gimme Gimme Disco*, a DJ-based dance party playing ABBA hits plus other disco hits by artists of the '70s and '80s. Disco attire is encouraged. Tickets start at \$21 through the Center's webpage. This is a general admission, open floor show. Ticketholders must be 18+.

# Saturday, March 1

Catch Classic Stones Live at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; tupelomusichall.com) today at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$39.

# Tuesday, March 4

Laissez les bons temps rouler: Today is Mardi Gras and Lisa Marie & All Shook Up will play Fat Tuesday at Strange Brew (88 Market St. in Manchester; strangebrewtavern.net) at 8 p.m. Seeallshookup.us for more about performers; the website describes Lisa Marie this way: "From jump-swing to swamp boogie, country blues to funky New Orleans grooves, her deep husky vocals express an unmistakable joy."

# Wednesday, March 5

Tonight is **Comedy Night** at the Shaskeen Pub (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com). Seating for this free 21+ show is first come, first served.

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Ruby Room Comedy on Facebook

for updates on who will be at the

mic.

# **Save the Date!**

# Friday, March 28

The New Hampshire Orchid Socicomeety presents Flight of Fancy, its 32nd Annual dy starts at Orchid Show and Sale, Friday, March 28, through p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Courtyard Nashua (2200 Find Southwood Drive, Nashua, 880-9100, marriott.com). There will be exhibits, plants, supplies, jewelry, artwork and more. A speaker program and free guided tours will be provided daily. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and free for children 12 and under. The public is invited for dinner among the orchids and an award ceremony beginning with a cash bar on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Advance ticket purchase is required for the dinner. Visit nhorchids.org/NHOS 2025 show.

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There is no "too soon" when it comes to summer day camps.

Some summer camps begin sign-ups in the earliest days of January — often giving previous years' campers early access to registration. (A tip for parents in their first year of day camps is to take a less-than-ideal week your first year — the week around the July 4 holiday is often one of the last to fill up — to get a foot in the door with that camp and get access to early sign-ups the next year. Another tip is to see if there is a waitlist for camps that are full — this far in advance, plans can change and spaces can open up.)

But it's also not too late to make summer day camp plans for summer 2025. Here are some area camps offering full-day and half-day camp options that have announced their summer 2025 plans. Information comes from the organizations' websites unless otherwise stated. Some camps may also have extended care options and counselor-in-training options for teenagers not mentioned here. Know of a camp not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@ hippopress.com.

# **GENERAL INTEREST**

- Adventure Camp Concord Parks & Recreation, concordparksandrec.com, 225-8690. In past years this camp has been open to kids in grades 3-8 and has featured day trips Mondays through Thursdays. Check back for updates on summer 2025.
- Amherst Parks & Recreation Amherst, amherstnh.myrec.com Amherst offers a classic summer day camp with Baboosic Lake Summer Camp in weeklong sessions the week of June 23-Aug. 15, with weekly, full summer and daily options as well as options for before and after care for the camps, which run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The town also offers a two-week Teen Adventure Camp (July 14 -25) for rising 7th-9th-graders \$685 for residents, \$910 for non-residents. The camp includes field trips. Amherst also offers sports camps (see

sports section) as well as other subject-specific camps. A mini discovery camp for ages 4-5 runs June 23-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (\$230 for residents, \$260 for non-residents, per week). "Minecraft Innovators with Right Brain Curriculum" for grades 2-5 runs Aug. 18-22, 9 a.m.-noon. "Art Around the World" for grades 1-5 runs July 7-10, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Wilkins Elementary School. "Creative Skill Builders," which combines "art therapy techniques, mindfulness based strategies, yoga, naturebased experiences and therapeutic games," for grades 1-5 runs Aug. 18-21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Peabody Mill Environmental Center. "Girls Empowerment Summer Camp" for girls entering grades 6-8 will run Aug. 4-7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Souhegan High School.

· Bovs & Girls Club of Central and Northern New Hampshire nhyouth.org/school-age/ camp/ Summer camps are geared to kids entering grades K-8 (with some opportunities for older kids and counselors in training depending on location). Camps cost \$220 per week before May 1, \$245 per week after. Most camps are open 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and most run 10 weeks. Locations offering summer camps include Bradley Street Clubhouse, Christa McAuliffe School, Penacook Elementary School and Boys & Girls Club at Penacook Community Center in Concord; Maple Street School in Hopkinton; Weare Middle School in Weare; First Baptist Church in New London; Pittsfield Elementary School in Pittsfield: Simonds Elementary School in Warner; Suncook Clubhouse in Allenstown; Epsom Central School in Epsom, and Andover Elementary School in Andover. See the website for more locations — including in the Kearsarge-Sunapee Region, Lakes Region, North Country, Suncook Region and Upper Valley — and details specific to each location.

• Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua 1 Positive Place, Nashua, bgcn.com/summer-camp, 883-0523 Last year the club ran weeklong sessions from late June through late August for ages K through 12th grade, with kids grouped in programs by age. Check with the website for updates on this year's programming.

• Boys & Girls Club of the Souhegan Valley 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, svbgc. org, 672-1002. The Boys & Girls Club will hold summer camp open houses on Saturday, March 15, and Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-noon. The 10-week program of weeklong sessions (each with a theme) runs June 16-Aug. 22. Cost is \$225 per week until March 31, \$275 after. The

camp takes a variety of field trips and offers swimming and outdoor play.

Camp runs 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with dropoff as early as 7 a.m. and pickup as late as 6 p.m. Camp Soughegan is open to rising K-10th-graders.

• Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem 3 Geremonty Drive, Salem, salembgc.org/summercamp, 898-7709 Weeklong camps for ages 4-15 (grouped into programs by age) June 17-Aug. 22, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with extended care options. \$270 per week (plus \$50 membership fee).

• Brainwave STEAM Camps 2nd Nature Academy, 10 Groton Road, Nashua, 881-4815, 2ndnatureacademy.com/brainwave Weeklong camps are offered June 23-Aug. 22. Many weeks have camps for kids as young as 6 and as old as 14. Camps are grouped by age, with themes each week; for example, June 23-27 it's "Canvas Under the Sky: En Plein Air Canvas Painting & Drawing" for ages 10-14

and "Culinary Chemistry: Fun with Food" for ages 8-12. Each of the nine weeks has two different camp offerings. Most camps cost \$460.

- Brentwood Summer Camp Brentwood Recreation Complex, 190 Route 125, Brentwood, brentwoodnh.gov Last year Brentwood offered eight weeklong sessions for grades 1-8. Check back for updates on summer 2025.
- Camp Adventure Auburn Parks & Recreation Department, auburnparksandrec.com Three weeklong camps in July (starting the week of July 14) meeting at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m. with kids in grades 5-8 taking field trips around the state. Cost is \$349 per week.
- Camp Carpenter 300 Blondin Road, Manchester, nhscouting.org/camp-carpenter This Scouting America camp offers programs for boys and girls in grades 1-5. Weeklong camps run the weeks of July 6-Aug. 3 with day and overnight camp options. Fees vary for Scouting members and nonmembers, sibling discounts, extended care, etc. Day camps run 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. and include waterfront programs, archery and BB guns and more.
- Camp Foster 36 Camp Allen Road, Bedford, operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester, 625-5031, mbgcnh. org/programs/summer\_programs This 10-week camp, with different themes each week, runs June 23-Aug. 29 for campers entering grades 1-7. A bus takes campers from Union Street Clubhouse in Manchester to Camp Foster at 8:20 a.m. and returns at 4:15 p.m. Before (as early as 6:30 a.m.) and after (as late as 6 p.m.) care is available at the Clubhouse, including breakfast and dinner.
- Camp Kettleford 26 Camp Allen Road, Bedford, girlscoutsgwm.org This day camp of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains offers weeklong sessions for girls in grades K-8 and two two-week programs for girls in grades

5-8 (levels based on grade completed in invitation for 15-year-olds. 2024-25). Buses are available from some locations in surrounding towns to Kettleford. Open house Saturday, May 17, noon to 2 p.m. Sessions run June 23-Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with two camps each week, one for girls grades K-3 and one for grades 4-6. Each session has a theme, such as "Tie Dye Adventure" (July 7-11, grades 4-6) and "Dinosaurs!" (Aug. 4-8, grades K-3). Cost for most one-week camps is \$350; the two two-week sessions cost \$675. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains also operates Camp Seawood, a day camp in Portsmouth. It's overnight camp is Camp Farnsworth in Vermont.

• Camp Lincoln 67 Ball Road, Kings-642-3361, ymcacamplincoln.org, hosted by Southern District YMCA, sdymca.org Six sessions — a one-week session June 16-20 and five two-week sessions running June 23-Aug. 22 — offer a traditional day camp experience to campers grades K-9, grouped in programs by age. On-site specialty camps for grades 4-9 offer options for a specialty focus for part of the camp day, such as Woodworking, Mountain Biking or Dungeons & Dragons. Off-site specialty camps for grades 4-9 offer field trips. Counselor in Training sessions are available for 14-year-olds and by

• Camp Lovewell 2nd Nature Academy, 10 Groton Road, Nashua, 881-4815. camplovewell.com This outdoor adventure day camp offers nine weeklong sessions June 23-Aug. 22 with team-building activities, low ropes course, archery, arts & crafts, nature studies and orienteering, farm animal visits, swimming, kayaking, sports and field games, drama and skits, hiking and exploration and more, according to the website. Camp is for ages 6-14 and runs 9 a.m-4 p.m., with extended care 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (for extra fees).

• Camp Naticook merrimackparksandrec. org Weeklong camp sessions at Wasserman Park in Merrimack run June 23-Aug. 22 with each week themed ("Aloha Summer" is the first week) and campers participating in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, archery, boating in Naticook Lake, nature, sports & games, theater and more. Camp runs 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with extended care available as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m. Camp is for kids who entered grades K-5 in fall 2024; 5th-graders can choose between Camp Naticook and Camp Trek. \$310 per week for Merrimack residents, \$360 per week for nonresidents. Additional fees for extended care. Sibling

discounts available.

• Camp Otter 66 Hooker Farm Road, Salem. camp.mvvmca.org/camp-otter A day camp for ages 6-13 on Captain's Pond with "weekly themes, a swimming area for both instructional and free swim time, boating, basketball/volleyball courts, a baseball/soccer field, an archery and air rifle range, arts & crafts, ropes courses and more. Daily transportation is provided throughout the Merrimack Valley and southern New

Hampshire," according to the website. The camp is operated by Merrimack Valley YMCA, based in Massachusetts (mvymca.org) and runs the weeks of June 16-Aug. 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

 Camp **Ponemah** Hampshire Hills Athletic Club, 50 Emerson Road, Milford, 673-7123, hampshirehills.com/camp-ponemah Weeklong camps June 16-Aug. 28, with dropoff 7:30-9 a.m. and pickup 3:30-4 p.m., extended care to 5 p.m. available most weeks (not Fridays). Swim lessons available as an add-on. Camp is for grades

K-7. A Little Warriors program for ages 4-5 runs seven weeks (weeks of June 23-Aug. 8), dropoff 7:30-9 a.m. and pickup at 12:30 p.m. Troop T is for grades 8-9 with weekly sessions June 16-Aug. 8 and includes field trips, ropes course, volunteer opportunities

• Camp Trek merrimackparksandrec. org Weeklong camp sessions meet in Merrimack for grades 5-9 starting the

> ning through Aug. 22. This is a trip- and activity-based program with daily field trips (such as, during the first week, to a ninja gym, Greenfield State Park. Chunky's Cinema, Boundless Adventures and Wallis Sands State Beach). Camp runs 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with trips

> week of June 23 and run-

departing between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and returning in the afternoon before camp ends. Extended care is available as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m. \$340 for Merrimack residents, \$390 for nonresidents, extra fees for extended care; sibling



• Camp Witzel bedfordnh.myrec.com Seven-week camp of weeklong sessions based in Bedford for ages 6-13 that runs June 23-Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Programs are available in 5-day, 3-day and 2-day offerings. The cost for a 5-day week including Wednesday field trip is \$300 for Bedford residents, \$315 for non-residents, with different price tags for fewer days, before and after care and discounts for multiple children.

• Capital City Sports & Fitness 10 Garvins Road, Concord, 224-7787, capitalcitysportsandfitness.com The Kids Summer Camp for

ages 6-12 offers weeklong sessions June 23-Aug. 15, 8 a.m.p.m. Camps include swimming, a variety of sports (basketball, vollevball. football, soccer, futsal, dodgeball, kickball and pickleball), obstacle courses, arts & crafts, board games and more. \$250 per week, discounts for multiple weeks.

- Girls, Inc. of New Hampshire 340 Varney St., Manchester, 623-1117; 27 Burke St., Nashua, 882-6256; girlsincnewhampshire. org Eight weeklong sessions of camp, June 23-Aug. 15, featuring field trips, weekly themes and more for girls ages 5+ at the Manchester and Nashua locations. Breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner are provided. Cost is \$225, with sliding fee scales, financial assistance and scholarships available. There is also a Young Women's Leadership Program for rising 7th-9th-graders.
- Granite State YMCA graniteymca. org/camps/day-camp The Granite State YMCA operates nine day camps and two overnight camps, Camp Foss for girls ages 7-15 (campfoss.org) and Camp Mi-Te-Na for boys ages 7-15 (campmitena.org). See the website for day camp offerings in Rochester and Greenland. Camps generally run weekly June 22-Aug. 22 with a pre-camp week June 18-20. Most camps run 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with before and after care options. Most camps have new camper orientation days, camp open houses and camp family nights including the Camper of Character celebrations.

YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown (116 Goffstown Back Road) features Camp Halfmoon (232-8699; ages 6-14, broken into smaller age groups), a traditional day camp experience with weekly themes, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a Summer Moon

program for kids entering kindergarten. There are several specialty camps, such as Archery (ages 9-13), Baking the Basics (age 8-12), arts camps and wilderness camps. Teen Trip camp (232-8610) operates during weeks 2 to 8 and includes daily field trips for kids age 12-16. Halfmoon also has Leader in Training (ages 13-14) and Counselor In Training (age 15-16) programs. Aftercare swim lessons are also available.

The Allard Center also offers several ninja and gymnastics camps (232-8662), with offerings for kids as young as 4 and,

for gymnastics, as old as 18 and

as old as 14 for ninja. Tennis
Academies (232-8612)
are available for several weeks for kids ages
6-16. Adventure
Clubs (232-8607)
for ages 10-11 and
12-15 feature daily
trips and activities.
Camp

Mowkawogan (Beaver Meadow

School, 40 Sewalls Falls Road, Concord, 228-9622, ext. 1123) Nine

weeks of camp plus pre-camp week are available for ages 6-12, with a leader in training option for ages 13-14. This is a day camp experience with themed weeks and field trips.

YMCA of Downtown Manchester (30 Mechanic St., 232-8618) The summer program at this location runs all nine weeks, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (no extended care options; swimming lessons are available as an add-on) with themed weeks for ages 6-11. Specialty camps for ages 8-12 include Junior Chef, Adventures in Art and Y World of Sports. A Teen Trip camp runs weeks 2 through 8 and features daily field trips for ages 12-16.

YMCA Day Camp of Hooksett (Hooksett Memorial School, 5 Memorial Drive, Hooksett, 623-3558) This traditional day camp runs for eight weeks (weeklong themed sessions June 23 through Aug. 15) for ages 6-10. Teen camps available for ages 11-13. Limited leader in training (ages 13-14) and counselor in training (14-16) camps are available.

Camp Pa-Gon-Ki (206 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 437-9622) Camp runs 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with no extended care options for all nine weeks plus the precamp week. Pa-Gon-Ki is a traditional day camp with emphasis on the outdoors and is for ages 6-15, divided in age groups (swim lessons are available). The location also features several specialty camps with focus on arts, sports, STEAM, music and more as well as leader in training (ages 13-14) and

counselor in training (14-16) camps.

**Derry Voyager Camp** (First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 437-9622) This location offers eight weeks (June 23-Aug. 15) of STEAM camp for ages 6-11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. with different themes each week.

Windham Explorers Camp (Windham Center School, 2 Lowell Road, 437-9622) This location offers seven weeks (June 23-Aug. 8) of STEAM camp for ages 6-11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. with different themes each week.

- Hudson Parks & Recreation Summer Program hudsonnh.gov/recreation Summer program registration will open March 15, with early bird discounts, according to the website. Check back for updates on 2025.
- IMAGINE Camps New Morning Schools, 23 Back River Road, Bedford, 669-3591, newmorningschools.com Indoor and outdoor activities and clubs for kids ages 6-12. Camp is open 7 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays with weekly and daily options. There is a preschool camp for ages 3-6 who are independent bathroom users. Check with the website for updates regarding this summer's offerings.
- Kidz Kamp Boys & Girls Club of Greater Manchester, Union Street Clubhouse, 555 Union St., Manchester, bgcgm. org, 625-5031 This camp is for kids entering kindergarten in fall 2025. This 10-week camp will run June 23-Aug. 29 with care available as early as 6:30 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m., dinner and breakfast included. The camp will feature age-appropriate field trips including to Camp Foster in Bedford, according to the brochure.
- Krazy Kids 60 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, krazykids.com/register-for-summer-camp, 228-PLAY Weeklong sessions for kids in grades K-5, June 23-Aug. 22 for \$235 per kid per week (there are sibling discounts as well as extra fees for extended care). The camp runs 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., extended care available at 7:30 a.m. and through 5:30 p.m. Indoor and outdoor activities plus weekly field trips.
- Manchester Police Athletic League 409 Beech St., Manchester, 626-0211, manchesterpoliceathleticleague.org MPAL is open to kids ages 5-18 who are attending school. According to an email from the program: "MPAL's summer program will run from Wednesday, June 18, to Friday Aug. 15. Hours will be 9 a.m. to noon, which includes breakfast and a bagged lunch, followed by our menu of athletic programs in the afternoons and evenings.

We will offer 30 spots each day with a variety of programming each week that will include activities like visual and creative arts, crafting, presentations and athletics. To participate, youth must be registered with MPAL by completing a free registration form. Then, they must sign up for each day using our Sign-up Genius link that will release through our 'Remind' application on Wednesdays prior to each week. Find us on the web and social media to see our summer schedules as they release!"

- Manchester Parks & Recreation Fun in the Sun manchesternh.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Programs-and-Activities Programming for Manchester residents ages 6-12 will run from July 7 through Aug. 15 and registration will open in April.
- Meeting House Montessori School 28 Logging Hill Road, Bow; meetinghouse montessori.com, 224-0004. Summer camp will run from June 23 through Aug. 22 with summer hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm. or 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call for details.
- Melody Pines 510 Corning Road, Manchester, melodypines.com, 669-9414 A classic summer day camp with swimming, paddle boarding, arts and crafts, sports, water games, wall ball, gaga, archery and BB guns and more, Melody Pines fills up fast as of Feb. 15, all weekly sessions (the week of June 16 through the week of Aug. 18) were filled but waitlist for some weeks was still available.
- My Gym Children's Fitness Center 410 S. River Road, Bedford, 668-7196, mygym.com/bedford My Gym offers programming for kids under 1 and as old as age 9. Call for updates on this summer.
- Nashua PAL Youth Safe Haven 52 Ash St., Nashua, nashuapal.com, 594-3733 According to an email from Nashua PAL: "The Nashua PAL Youth Safe Haven Summer Program is open to all youth ages 7-18 in Greater Nashua ... [A]ll programs at the Youth Safe Haven are provided for free to all youth. Summer hours, the week following school closing, are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday. On Mondays, the facility is closed as youth are on an all-day field trip. Field trips are open to participating youth after a trial period as a member of the Youth Safe Haven. Regular programming includes arts and crafts, sports and activities, mentoring opportunities and outings, and much more to keep your child engaged and learning all summer long."
- Nashua Parks & Recreation summer camp nashua.recdesk.com Registration



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com/Community/Program for this summer's details.

- North End Montessori School 698 Beech St., Manchester, northendmontessori. com, 621-9011 The North End Montessori School will offer a summer session that runs June 23 through Aug. 28 for kids ages 3 to 10. The theme will be "Medieval Times of England."
- · Outdoor Discovery Camp Peabody Mill Environmental Center Amherst, amherstnh.myrec.com Weeklong camp sessions run June 23-Aug. 15, daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (extended care available) for kids in grades 1-7. Each week has a new theme, all "focused on exploring the great outdoors and encouraging an appreciation for the natural environment," according to the website. \$295 per week for Amherst residents, \$345 for non-residents; daily \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents. See each week's themes on the website.
- Stay & Play Camp Concord Parks & Recreation, concordparksandrec.com, 225-8690 In past years this camp has been open to kids in grades 1-5 with eight weeklong sessions featuring traditional camp activities at the City Wide Community Center and Keach Park. Check back for updates on summer 2025.
- Strawbery Banke Museum 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, strawberybanke.org, bcoppola@sbmuseum.org Strawbery Banke offers camps that explore history, sports, art, theater and more for ages 6-17. Camps are grouped by ages — for most camps, the groups are ages 6-8, 9-11, 10-12 and 12-17. Camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with extended care available for an additional price. Most weeklong camps cost \$400 with discounts for siblings or multiple weeks; two, twoweek camps sessions cost \$780. Camps run the weeks of June 23 through Aug. 18; some examples of sessions include "History Alive" (three sessions offered for ages 6-8), "Time Travelers: Life on the WWII Homefront" (ages 9-11, Aug. 11-15), "Surviving the Past" (ages 10-12, July 28-Aug. 1) and "Jr. Roleplayers: New Republic (1777-1818)" (ages 12-17, July 7-18).
- Summer Playground Program From Goffstown Parks and Recreation, goffstownnh.gov Held at Barnard Park, this eight-week program is open to Goffstown residents ages 7 (or completed first grade) through 13. Weeklong sessions June 23-Aug. 15 offer programming Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Summer Playground Program From

will begin March 3; see nashua.recdesk. Londonderry Parks and Recreation, www. londonderrynh.gov Camp runs Monday, June 30, through Friday, Aug. 8, full day 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a half-day option 9 a.m.-noon or noon-4 p.m. at South Elementary School (88 South Road, Londonderry). The camp includes themed weeks, library activities, pizza Fridays and more. Fees are based on full or half day and number of children from the same household attending.

- SummerQuest at World Academy, 138 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 888-1982, worldacademynh.com SummerQuest Camp is a five-day camp offering sessions beginning June 16 and ending Aug. 22, as early as 6:30 a.m. through as late as 6 p.m., for kids entering grades K-4. Navigators Camp for grades 5-8 offer two-week sessions with adventure-based themes. STEAM Enrichment Camp, also grades 5-8, features weekly themes that blend art and science such as Ceramics Workshop (June 30-July 3), e-Sports Galore (July 7-11) and Introduction to Drones (July 21-25); this camp runs 9-11 a.m. with an option to join the full-day Navigator Camp.
- Teen/Tween Summer Program Boys & Girls Club of Greater Manchester, Union Street Clubhouse, 555 Union St., Manchester, bgcgm.org, 625-5031 The club is open to members entering grades 6-12 all summer long, daily noon-7 p.m. This is a drop-in program with daily activities.
- Thrive Outdoors 190 Elm St., Manchester, thriveoutdoorsnh.com, 625-6600 Last summer Thrive offered "Summer Kids" programming with weekly sessions that operated daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and had week, day and

drop-in options. Check back for 2025 details.

 Voyager Camp londonderrynh. gov Camp for ages 11-15, primarily for Londonderry residents, features field trips throughout the summer. After a registration fee you can register for individual trips (costs vary) or for all the summer's trips.

• YMCA of Greater Nashua nmvmca. org The YMCA of Greater Nashua offers camps at Camp Sargent (141 Camp Sargent Road, Merrimack); Merrimack YMCA (6 Henry Clay Drive. Merrimack); Nashua YMCA (24 Stadium Drive, Nashua) and Westwood Park YMCA (90 Northwest Blvd., Nashua). Weeklong camps run June a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; \$325), as well as other 23-Aug. 22. Prices vary based on camps. programs specifically for teens and high Discounts for siblings and members are school students. available.

Camp Sargent offers traditional day camp activities such as swimming, boating, arts & crafts, hiking, games, gaga ball and more as well as specialty camps such as "Digging for Dinos," "Farm Camp" and "Boating Camp." Camps are available, grouped by age, for kids as young as kindergarten and as old as 9th grade; Leaders In Training programs are available for grades 9-12.

Merrimack YMCA Camp Create offers arts- and STEAM-themed camps for grades 1-6 such as "Arts of All Sorts Camp" (grades 1-6), "Broadway Kids" (grades 1-6), "Storybook Arts" (grades 1-3), "Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead" (grades 1-6) and "Junior Architects" (grade 4-6).

Nashua YMCA offers Little Investigators Camp for ages 3-5. This camp runs 10 weeks, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with no extended care

Westwood Park YMCA offers sports camps (see sports section).

# **ACADEMICS**

· Academic & College Prep Programs The Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester, derryfield.org/about/ Offerings summer-programs include "Jumpstart Your College Essay" for rising 12th graders, June 23-27,

> 9 a.m.-noon, or July 7-11, 9 a.m. to noon, (cost is \$395) and "SAT/ACT Prep" for rising 11th and 12th graders, July 28-Aug. 1, 9:15-11:45 a.m. for verbal and 12:15-2:45 p.m. for math (take either for \$395 or both for \$730).

• Academic Enrichment at University of New

Hampshire Durham campus; unh. edu/youthprograms Academic-focused camps include "Camp Pageturner" (weeklong sessions for grades 1-5, the week of June 23 through the week of July 28, \$300 for most sessions); "Writer's Academy" (weeklong session June 23-27, grouped by age for grades 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12, and July 8-12, grouped by grades 6-8 and 9-12, 8:15

• Fluency Camp at Read2Me3, 167 S. River Road, Bedford; read2me3.com, 3849 Two summer sessions, each running for six days over two weeks (Tuesday through Thursday) available for students entering grades 3, 4 and 5, according to the signup form on the website.

· Health Career Explo-

ration Camp run by Southern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center (Southern NH AHEC), Lamprey Health Care, see snhahec.org or call 224-7360 Two Health Career Exploration Camps will be offered for students in grades 9-11 interested in nursing and other health careers. The cost for each camp is \$25, scholarships available. Attendees will get certified in CPR, learn how to be successful in a health care career and more, according to organizer information. One camp will run July 21-25, 9 a.m. to noon plus a full day field trip at UNH Manchester (88 Commercial St. in Manchester). Another camp will run July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to noon, at Arlington Street Community Center (36 Arlington St. in Nashua). For questions, contact Carli Hughes at chughes@snhahec.org.

 Nashua Community College 505 Amherst St., Nashua, nashuacc.edu/about/ for-the-public/summer-camps; 578-6881 Summer camp programs for ages 12-17 at Nashua Community College includes "Early Childhood Education Camp" which runs July 22-24, and is free. (See "Aviation" and "Science" sections for additional camps.)

# ART

- The Canvas Roadshow/Hammer & Stain NH 25 S. River Road, Bedford, thecanvasroadshow.com, 913-9217 Camps will run 9 a.m.-2 p.m. daily for Summer Art & Yoga, geared to ages 7-12, the weeks of July 7-11, July 21-25 and July 28-Aug.1. The week of Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m.noon, camp is art only and geared to ages 11-16. The week of Aug. 18, 9 a.m.-noon, the camp is also art only and geared to ages
- Children's Museum of New Hampshire 6 Washington St., Dover, childrens-museum.org, 742-2002 Half-day

camps that blend art and science in handson activities. All camps run 8:30-11:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Camps cost \$160 for younger kids, \$170 for ages 8-10 and 10-12+. Camps include "Messy Art Mini Camp" for ages 4-5, July 8-10; "Science Art Mini Camp" ages 4-5, July 15-17; "Wild & Wide Awake" ages 4-5, July 29-31; "Storybook Adventures" ages 4-5, Aug. 5-7; "Wacky Science Discovery Camp" ages 6-7, July 15-17; "Amazing Animals STEAM Discovery Camp" ages 6-7, Aug. 5-7; "3D Print It Discovery Camp for Beginners" ages 8-10, Aug. 12-14, and "Advanced 3D Print It Discover Camp" ages 10-12+, Aug. 19-21.

- Creative Ventures Gallery 411 Nashua St., Milford, creativeventuresfineart.com, 672-2500 Two camps are on the schedule: "Art In Animation" with Kristine Mancuso Aug. 11-14, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 8-12, \$125; and "Nature Escape in Art Summer Camp" with Kristine Mancuso Monday, Aug. 4,-Thursday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 8-12, \$125.
- Hollis Artspace 30 Ash St., Hollis; hollisartspace.com, 465-4300 According to an email, Hollis Artspace will offer art mini camps as well as five-day art camps for ages 4-12 with themes including animal

art, character design, tinker camp, felting camps and more. Some mini camps are in June and August but most camps are in July; check back for details on this year.

• Kimball Jenkins 266 N. Main St., Concord, kimballjenkins.com, 225-3932 Kimball Jenkins will offer three two-week themed sessions for ages 6-14 from July 7 through Aug. 15 with the themes "Art of Oz" (July 7-18), "Mixed-Media Mash-up" (July 21-Aug. 1) and "Nature's Palette" (Aug. 4-15). Kimball Jenkins will also offer two one-week art intensives for ages 15-17 (June 23-27 and Aug. 18-22). Registration opens March 3, according to a post on the school's Facebook page.

• Paint pARTy
135 N. Broadway,
Salem, 898-8800,
paintpartynh.com
Paint pARTy
offers four-daya-week, half-day
(9 a.m.-noon) art
camps for grades
1-4 (weeks of July
7, July 21, Aug. 4)
and grades 5-8 (July
14, July 28, Aug. 11).
\$160 per session.

• Studio 550 Community Art Center 550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com Offerings for summer 2025 include Teen Clay Camps (for ages 10+) the weeks of June 23-27, July 7-11 and Aug. 11-15 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and Arts Explorer Camps (for ages 8+) the weeks of July 14-18 and Aug. 4-8 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

# **AVIATION & SPACE**

• Aviation Museum of NH 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh. org, 669-4820 Flights of Discovery Summer Camp features three two-week sessions (two for ages 10-13, one for ages 14-17) that run Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and offer an in-depth look at aviation with hands-on activities.

guest speakers, field trips and more. Cost is \$1,300 for each two-week camp (scholarships/financial aid available). Camps for ages 10-13 run June 16-27 and July 28-Aug. 8; camp for ages 14-17 runs July 7-18.

• McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center 2 Institute Drive, Concord, starhop.com, 2717827 Seven weeklong STEM camps with four focused on space or rockets — "Blast Off" for ages 8-11, July 7-11; "Blast Off — Payload Specialist" for ages 12-14, July 21-25; "So You Wanna Be An Astronaut" for ages 5-7, July 28-Aug. 1 and "Star Hunters" for ages 8-11, Aug. 4-8. Most camps are weeklong, run 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$360.

- Nashua Community College 505 Amherst St., Nashua, nashuacc.edu/about/for-the-public/summer-camps; 578-6881 Summer camp programs at Nashua Community College include "Aviation" for grades 6-12, which looks at different careers in aviation, four days in the week of July 14. The cost is \$295.
- WinnAero's Ace Academy Laconia Airport 65 Aviation Way, Gilford, winnaero.org/register Aviation- and aerospace-related camps. Half-day camps for grades 3-5 "Elementary Aerospace Academy" cost \$330 and run 8:30 a.m.-noon or 12:30-4 p.m. July 7-11 and July 14-18. Middle School Aviation Academy (\$600) for grades 6-8 is July 7-11, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and includes Pilot and Air Traffic Control; Pilot and Search/Rescue & Emergency Services, and Pilot and Aerospace Engineering/Manufacturing. There is also



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a middle school girls-only class July 14-18. Middle School Space Academy (\$600) for grades 6-8 July 14-18, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For grades 9-12 there are three high school aviation sessions (\$600) "Systems Toolkit: Orbital Mechanics, Guidance, Navigation and Control" July 7-11, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; HS Private Pilot Pre-Ground School (ages 15+), July 7-11, and "Pilot and Aerospace Engineering/Manufacturing" July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. High School Drone/UAS Academy (\$690) for grades 9-12 is July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. High School Medical Aviation Academy (\$690) for grades 9-12 is July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

# **DANCE**

- Allegro Dance Academy 100 Factory St., Nashua, 886-7989, allegrodancenh. com Summer camp July 7-Aug. 14; halfday camps with a different theme for each week, according to an email from the academy. Early bird registration opens April 1.
- **Bedford Dance Center** 172 Route 101, Bedford, bedforddancecenter.com, 472-5141 Offerings include classes in July

and private lessons; a half-day (9 a.m.-noon) three-day camp for ages 5-8 July 29-31; a Contemporary Workshop for ages 8-13 and 12+, July 28-Aug 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; a Pre-Pro Workshop for ages 8-13 and 12+, Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and a Choreo Intensive, Aug. 11-14.

• Bedford Youth Performing Company 155 Route 101, Bedford, bypc.org, 472-3894 BYPC's dance and movement summer offerings include weeklong preschool camps (running most weeks the week of June 9 through the week of July 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.) for ages 3-6 on subjects including science, theater, superheroes and circus. For older kids a Dance Boot Camp (ages 12+) runs June 16-20, 4:30-9 p.m.; Taste of Broadway Camp (grades 1-8) runs June 16-20 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (with an option to go select days or all week) and Acro Circus Camp (ages 8-12) runs July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The school also offers summer music classes. See website for pricing.

• Boys & Girls Club of the Souhegan Valley 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, svbgc. org, 672-1002. The Boys & Girls Club has several dance camps on its summer schedule, according to a post on its Facebook page. "Defying Gravity" camp runs Aug. 4-5, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 7-12; Hip-Hop

Dance Camp runs July 14-15, 10 a.m.-noon, for boys ages 7-12; Musical Theatre Dance Camp runs July 28-29, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 13-18; and Pom/Jazz Mini-Club is July 21, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 7-12.

• Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center 501 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-8844, broadwayboundpac.com Offerings include classes and workshops in August and camps: Musical Theatre Camp (June 30-July 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 6-18, with ages 14-18 welcome to apply as LITs); Kids Dance Camp (July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 4-11), and Intensive Dance Camp (Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.). Tuition varies based on program and discounts for multiple camps, and there are extra fees for early and late care.

• Concord Dance Academy 26 Commercial St., Concord, 226-0200, concorddanceacademy.com Offerings include a summer intensive in June and early July (ages 5-18, call for information about placement) and Summer 2025 Dance Camp, July 28-Aug. 1, full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and half day (9 a.m. to

1 p.m.), with early and late care available and an option to register for individual days — recreational camp for ages 4-12 and intensive camp for ages 8-13. A mini camp for ages 3-5 runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids ages 13+ can apply to be dance helpers.

• Creative Dance Workshop of Bow 1355 Route 3A, Bow, 225-7711, nhdances.com Offerings include a half-day (9 a.m.-noon) camp June 23-27 and full day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and half day the weeks of July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28.

• The Dance Company 130 Route Amherst, 864-8374, 101A. thedancecompanyonline.com include Camp Dance, July 7-11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-5; Camp Acro, Aug. 4-7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., ages 3-6 and 7-11; Level Up, Aug. 11-15, ages 6-10 and 9-11, 9-11:30 a.m. and noon-5:30 p.m. for ages 11+, and Camp Theater, July 21-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (with a show on July 25), grades 1-2 (audition date June 18). The school has dance parties for ages 3-8 on some Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. where you can register for individual days; acro and power clinics, and a variety of weekly classes in July for kids as young as new walkers through 10+.

• Dance Visions Network 699 Mast Road, Manchester, 626-7654, dancevisionsnetwork.com The studio will offer Mini Dance Camp July 15-17, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 3-6; Summer Dance Camp July 21-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 7-15; DVN Summer Dance Intensive Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for ages 9+ (with 3+ years ballet experience), and Summer Technique Classes for dancers 7+. Check the website mid-March for details, according to an email from the studio.

Dimensions in Dance 84 Myrtle Manchester, 668-4196, dimensionsindance.com A "Fairy Tale Dance Camp," pre-ballet, is open to ages 3-6, July 21-25, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Level 1-2 Dance camp is open to grades 1-2, July 21-25, 9 a.m-2:30 p.m. Level 2-3 Dance Camp is geared to grades 2-5, July 21-25, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Level 4-5 Junior Dance Intensive for dancers with experience in grades 4-8 runs July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Summer Dance Intensive for Levels 6-Adult runs July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for grades 7 through college. Prices vary, with discounts for sign-up before March 21.

- Happy Feet Dance School 25 Indian Rock Road, Windham, 434-4437, happyfeetdanceschool.biz Check the website in spring for summer 2025 offerings.
- Kathy Blake Dance Studios 3 Northern Blvd., Amherst, 673-3978, kathyblakedancestudios.com The studio will offer six-week classes for all ages (3 to adult) as well as summer dance team intensives the weeks of July 7-11 and Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for ages 7-18. Summer fun dance and theater camps are offered for full-day (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) and half-day (9 a.m.-noon) camps: "Fairies, Unicorns & Rainbows" (July 14-18, ages 3-8); "Disney Dance Camp" (July 21-25, ages 3-8); "Animal Jam Dance Camp" (July 28-Aug. 1, ages 3-8), and "Defying Gravity" (Aug. 4-8, ages 5-7 and ages 8-13). These camps end with a mini performance for parents.
- Londonderry Dance Academy 21 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 432-0032, londonderrydance.com The academy offers a "Back to the Barre Summer Dance Intensive" Aug. 18-22, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. for ages 7+. The curriculum includes a variety of dance genres, with an in-studio presentation at the end of the week. Cost is \$450. There is also a Creative Kidz Camp for ages 3-6.5 in two weeklong sessions June 23-27 and Aug. 18-22 9-11:30 a.m., which features art, dance, music and dance theater, \$150 per week.

- Melissa Hoffman Dance Center 210 Robinson Road, Hudson, 886-7909, mhdcdance.com Check back for summer 2025 camps.
- Miss Kelsey's Dance Studio 2626 Brown Ave., Manchester, 606-2820, mkdance.com Camps a few full-day and some part-day offer a variety of instructions grouped by age: ages 3-6 (Flip & Fun Camp on Aug. 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m., for example), ages 5-9 (Camp Red on Aug. 4, 9-3 p.m., for example), ages 6-11 (Villains Day on July 28, noon-5:30 p.m.) and ages 7-18 (Creative Kids Fashion Camp on July 14, 3:30-6:30 p.m.). Prices vary based on class.
- Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios 49 Range Road, Building No. 2, Suite A, Windham, 458-7730, chippswindham.com Summer dance camp for preschool through 1st grade will run daily, 9 a.m.-noon, the weeks of July 14 and July 21. A Little Chipp Boot Camp for grades 2-5 will run 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 4-8.

• New England School of Dance 679 Mast Road, Manchester, 935-7326 newenglandschoolofdance.com A summer intensive will run June 23-26: 9 a.m.-2 p.m for ages 6-8; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for ages 9-11, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for ages 12+. Mini camps for ages 3-6 will run July 22-24 (Prince & Princess Power Camp) and Aug. 5-7 (Tiny Explorers Dance Camp); there are discounts to sign up for both camps and to sign up for camp before April 1. The school will also offer a four-week session of technique classes.

- New Hampshire Academie of Dance 1 Action Blvd., No. 4, Londonderry, 432-4041, nhadance.com Circus Intensive will be offered June 23-26 for ages 8-10. A Circus Camp will also be offered June 23-26, 1:30-6:30 p.m., for ages 6-8.
- N-Step Dance Center 1134 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 641-6787, nstepdance. com In addition to summer classes, N-Step will offer two musical theater camps (8 a.m.-4 p.m. for ages 4+), each a week long, July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1. There will also be weeklong intensives (some during the day and some in the evening) for dancers of different levels.
- Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater 19 Harvey Road, Bedford, 263-3803, snhdt.org Registration is currently open for Princess Camp, June 24-26 and July 8-10, 9:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 3-5, and 2-4 p.m. for ages 4-6. Check back for additional summer programs.
- Turning Pointe Center of Dance 371

Pembroke St., Pembroke, 485-8710, turningpointecenterofdance.com The summer dance camp is June 23-27, with a session 9 a.m.-noon for ages 5-7 and another 12:30-4 p.m. for ages 9-11.

• Unbound Dance Academy 237 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, 777-0050, unbounddanceacademy.com Camp offerings include Wicked, July 7-11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for ages 8-17, culminating in a production on Friday at 2 p.m; Princess Camp, July 14-18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for ages 4-7; Intermediate/Advanced Acro Camp July 14-16, 5-6:30 p.m.; Beginner/Intermediate Acro Camp, July 21-23, 5-6 p.m., levels 1-3; Ultimate Dance Camp, July 21-25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., for ages 8-14, and Ballet Intensive, Aug. 4-6, 9 a.m.-noon, ballet levels 3+.

- **GAMES**
- Chess Wizards bedfordnh.mvrec.com Full-day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or half-day (9 a.m.-noon or noonp.m.) camps focus on building chess skills via lessons and games for ages 6-12 the weeks of July 7 or July 21 at Bedford Town Hall. Full day camp \$340; half day camp \$240.
- Nashua Community College 505 Amherst St., Nashua, www.nashuacc.edu/ about/for-the-public/summer-camps; 578-6881 Summer camp programs at Nashua Community College include "Table Top Role Playing Games" for rising 6th graders through rising seniors. The class runs four days the weeks of July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28. The cost is \$295.

# **GYMNASTICS**

- A2 Gym & Cheer 16B Garabedian Drive, Salem, 328-8130, a2gc.com Seven weeks of summer camp open to ages 5-12 with full- and half-day options. Contact Info@a2gc.com for 2025 details.
- Gymnastics Village 13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8092, gymnasticsvillage.com Full day (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and half day (9 a.m.-noon) are available in weekly sessions from June 23 through Friday, Aug. 22. You can register for a week or with a 10-pack of days. Full- and half-day Gymnastic Camp and Ninja Camp are available to ages 6-14; a junior camp with half days is available for ages 4-5.

- Gym-Ken Gymnastics 184 Rockingham Road. Windham. 434-9060: gymkengymnastics.com Check back for information on 2025.
- Impact Gymnastics 301 River Road, Bow, 219-0343, impact-gymnastics.com Full-day camp for ages 5-13 runs 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (early and late care options for additional fee) for \$300 per week. Camp runs June 23-Aug. 15, with new themes each week.
- Noha's Gymnastics Academy 200 Perimeter Road, Manchester, 518-7660; 30 Pond St., Nashua, 880-4927; ngacademv.us Full- and half-day (morning or afternoon) camps offered in both locations. Discounts for registrations before April 1.

• Sky High Gymnastics 185 Elm

- St., No. 2, Milford, 554-1097, skyhighgym.com Full- and half-day camps offered June 16-Aug. 29, with weekly sessions each with a different theme, and dropoff that starts as early as 7:30 a.m. and ends by 5 p.m. The camp, for ages 4-12, includes indoor and outdoor play, crafts, daily gymnastics class and more.
- · Southern New Hampshire Gymnastics Academy 4 Orchard View Drive, No. 11, Londonderry, 404-6181, snhga.com Full-day (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and half-day (9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-5 p.m.) camps are available the weeks of June 23 and then the weeks of July 7-Aug. 18. Camps are for ages 4 and up. Prices are based on number of days, with discounts for siblings and extra fees for extended care.
- Tumble Town Gymnastics 444 E. Industrial Park Drive, No. 10, Manchester, 641-9591, tumbletownnh.com Weeklong camps are the week of July 7 through the week of Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Discounts available for multiple weeks.

# **MARTIAL ARTS & NINJA**

- ATA Martial Arts of Merrimack 707 Milford Road, Unit 2C, Merrimack; atabbanh. com, 881-5435 Call for updates on 2025 summer camps.
- Bedford Martial Arts Academy 292 Route 101, Bedford, 626-9696,

bedfordmartialartsacademy.com Camp features field trips, dodgeball, obstacle courses, indoor and outdoor activities, playground



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• Empowering Lives Martial Arts 542 Mast Road, No. 15, Goffstown, 978-414-KICK, martialartsnewhampshire.com Summer camp featuring themed weeks with full-day, half-day and drop-in options as well as early dropoff and late pickup. Call for details.

• Granite State American Kenpo Karate 290 Derry Road, No. 5, Hudson. 598-5400. gsakenpo.com Camp offers indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, field trips, park visits, outdoor play and more, according to the website. Contact the studio for details.

• Inner Dragon Martial Arts 77 Derry Road, Hudson, 864-8756, innerdragonma.com According to an email from the studio. the camp will run the entire summer, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and feature games, weekly field trips, weekly library trips, reading challenges and more. The program offers weekly, five-week and full-summer options, the email said.

- Phoenix Fire Martial Arts 79 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 378-0420, phnixfire. com Weeklong camps June 23-Aug. 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily (option for early dropoff and late pickup for an additional fee). Camps will feature games, crafts, water games, free play and more, the website said. \$250 per week.
- The Training Station 200 Elm St., Manchester, 505-0048, thetrainingstationnh.com Past camps have included trips to a Fisher Cats game and the Manchester Fire Department, outdoor obstacle courses and more. Call for 2025 information.
- · USA Ninja Challenge Manchester 444 E. Industrial Drive, Manchester, ninjamanchesternh.com, 935-7100 USA Ninja Challenge Manchester offers weeklong sessions for ages 6-12, 9 a.m.-noon, the weeks of June 23, July 14, July 28 and Aug. 11. \$225 for weeklong sessions. Call for information on clinics and workshops.
- USA Ninja Challenge Concord 14 Chenell Drive, Concord, 228-9936, ninjaconcordnh.com The Concord USA Ninja Challenge offers camps that run 9 a.m.noon, the weeks of June 23 (teens 12+),

July 7 (ages 6-8), July 14 (ages 8-12), July 21 (ages 8-12), July 28 (advanced) and Aug. 4 (ages 6-8). \$250 per week.

• USA Ninja Challenge at Gymnastics Village 13 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, 889-8092, gymnasticsvillage.com Full- and half-day ninja camps are available. Fullday camps run 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. the weeks of June 23 through Aug. 18 with weeklong sessions. Half-day runs the same weeks, 9 a.m.-noon.

> USA Ninja Challenge Hudson 17 Friars Drive, Unit 18, Hudson, 417-6820. ninjahudson. Week-long camps or by the day, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 6-12. \$250 per person (discount for members). See website for schedule.

# **MULTIMEDIA**

ConcordTV Video

camps 170 Warren St., Concord, yourconcordtv.org Last year's camps offered beginner and advanced video creation and editing skills geared to ages 11-15. Check back for 2025 camp info.

- Film & Audio Camp at Let's Play Music, in Derry (145 Hampstead Road, 425-7575), Manchester (2626 Brown Ave., 218-3089) and Hudson (136 Lowell Road, 882-8940) letsplaymusic.com/ summer-camps Geared to ages 10-18, Film & Audio Camp will run Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$349. Sign up online for site- and date-specific information.
- · Londonderry Triple Threat Film Camp at Londonderry Dance Academy Studios, 21 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, triplethreattheatercamp.com, 432-0032 Geared to ages 7-17, this camp will teach students how to write, direct, shoot and edit a short film. Camp is June 23-July 3, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuition is \$575.
- Media Camp at Londonderry Access TV Londonderry Access Center, 281 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 432-1147; Find them on Facebook. Media Camp (where kids learn to create short-form videos and longer TV and get experience working in a professional studio) will run July 7-18, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for grades 5-8. Cost is \$85. Call or email erowe@londonderrynh.org to register.
  - NH Audubon 26 Audubon Way,

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# • SEE Science Center 200 Bed-

ford St., Manchester, see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400 SEE will offer two weeklong sessions of "Animation with LEGO Camp" for ages 8-12. Camps run Aug. 4-8 or Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. SEE also offers one weeklong camp about filmmaking, "Reel Explorers Camp," for ages 10-14, July 14-18. The cost is \$300 with discounts for members, sibling enrollments and multiple camps.

• TV & Film Camp New London Barn Playhouse, 84 Main St., New London, 526-6710, nlbarn.org/summer-camps TV & Film Camp will be held at the New London Historical Society July 21-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and offer hands-on experience in front of and behind the camera. The cost is \$350. Camps are grouped for ages 6-8 and 9-11.

# **MUSIC**

- Bedford Youth Performing Company 155 Route 101, Bedford, bypc. org, 472-3894 BYPC's summer music offerings include private lessons and Kindermusik (infant through age 7) drop-ins as well as Rock Band Camps for grades 4-6 (June 23-27, 3-8 p.m., and July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.), grade 7+ (July 7-11, 3-8 p.m., and Aug. 4-8, 3-8 p.m.) and grade 7+ recording camp (Aug. 11-15, 3-8 p.m.). \$295 per session.
- Concord Community Music School 23 Wall St., Concord, ccmusicschool.org, 228-1196 The school will offer a variety of classes (Music & Movement for ages 4 months to 7 years, for example) and private lessons as well as a series of weeklong camps from late June to early August. Camps include Piano Dynamos Camp (June 23-27, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) for ages 9-15; Summer String Camp (June 23-27, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) for ages 8-15; Puppetry Arts Camp (July 7-11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) for grades 1-6; Summer Jam Camp (July

7-11, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., and July 14-18, 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.) for grades 5-12; Vibe & Vision: A Creative Adventure (July

14-18, 1-5 p.m.) for grades 5-12; Creative Arts Camp (July 21-25 and July 28-Aug.1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) for grades 1-6, and Spotlight Theater Arts Camp (Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) for grades 1-6. Some camps require experience. Extended care is available for some camps. Leaders In Training spots for grades 7-9 and Counselors in Training slots for

grades 10+ are available for some camps.

• Let's Play Music locations in Derry (145 Hampstead Road, 425-7575), Manchester (2626 Brown Ave., 218-3089) and Hudson (136 Lowell Road, 882-8940) letsplaymusic.com/summer-camps Sum-

mer camp offerings include Vocal Virtuoso Camps (ages 8-13), Intro To Music & Arts Camp (ages 7-12), Ready to Rock Camp (ages 7-12) and Rock Band Camp (ages 10-16). These camps run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and cost \$349. Ready to Rock Camp for ages 4-6 run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and cost \$249.

- Manchester Community Music School 2291 Elm St., Manchester, mcmusicschool.org, 644-4548 The school has a variety of camps including Music Exploration, Band, Piano, and Guitar, as well as summer ensemble opportunities for musicians of all ages, according to the school. Check the website in early March for 2025 details.
- Nashua Community Music School 2 Lock St., Nashua, 881-7030, nashuacms. org The school offers summer lessons as well as summer camps for ages 4-12 and After Dark programs for teens. Full-day camps for ages 8-12 run 9 a.m.-3 p.m., cost \$325 and include Broadway Week (July 7-11), Instrument Adventure (July 14-18) and Pop Star 2025 (July 21-25). Half-day camps for ages 4-7 run 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and include Latin Music Week (July 7-11), Broadway Babies (July 14-18) and Music

of Africa (July 21-25). After Dark programs include Pop, Punk & Protest (July 29-31); Chamber Ensemble (Aug. 5-7); DJ Experience (Aug. 12-14) and Rock Band (Aug. 19-21 with a concert on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m.). After Dark camps run 6:30-9 p.m., \$165 for the session.

- School of Rock Nashua 225 DW Highway, Nashua, 600-7625, schoolofrock.com Camps run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and cost \$549. Camps include Rock 101 Camp for beginners ages 7-12 (June 23-27 and July 28-Aug.1); Best of the '90s Camp (July 7-11 and Aug. 4-8); '80s Rock Camp (July 14-18 and Aug. 11-15), and Classic Rock Rewind Camp (July 21-25 and Aug. 18-22).
- University of New Hampshire Summer Youth Music School unh.edu/ youthprograms UNH offers instruction that concentrates on an instrument or voice part with a program that concludes with a concert. The school offers Junior (for kids who have just completed grades 6-8;

July 12-16) and Senior (kids who have just completed grades 9-12; July 19-27) sessions as well as a Chamber Intensive option. Junior and Senior sessions have overnight and commuter options.

• Upbeat
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upbeatnewhampshire.
org The music education program Upbeat New

Hampshire will hold a camp Monday, June 23, through Friday, June 27, 9 a.m.-noon at Nashua High School North in the Music Wing (8 Titan Way, Nashua) for string musicians in grades 3-12. The cost is \$260 for regular students, \$295 for advanced students and \$235 for an additional sibling, with scholarships available. The camp includes daily semi-private lessons, orchestra rehearsal, music theory and more. Register online or via upbeatnewhampshire@gmail.com.

# **NATURE & THE OUTDOORS**

• Beaver Brook Nature Camps Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org Camp registration opens Friday, March 7, at 8 a.m. (March 3 for members) Camps in past years have been weeklong, with offerings in late June and July, focused on different subjects related to nature and the outdoors for kids in grades K-6.

- Concord Parks & Recreation The Lodge at White Park, concordparksandrec. com, 225-8690 In the past, nature camps have been open to kids in grades 1-5. Check for updates on 2025.
- Joppa Hill Educational Farm 174 Joppa Hill Road, Bedford, theeducationalfarm.org; 472-4724 The farm offers camp programs for ages 5-12 that include hiking, farm chores and more. Weeklong camp sessions run daily 9 a.m.-3 p.m. the week of June 23 and the week of July 7 through the week of Aug. 18. \$375 per week, plus \$50 for a 4 p.m. pickup. There are also "Farmer for a Day" options to do a one- to three-day camp 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 30-July 2 or Aug. 25-29 (\$75 per day).
- NH Audubon nhaudubon.org Camps for kids ages 5-15 are available at both the McLane Center in Concord and the Massabesic Center in Auburn the week of June 23 through the week of Aug. 18 (the week of June 30 is three days). The camps run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and are grouped by age with ages 13-15 serving in the Leadership in Training program. The cost is \$345 per week, \$225 per week for Leadership in Training participants, with discounts for members. See the website for a rundown of each week's theme.
- Upreach Therapeutic Equestrian Center 153 Paige Hill Road, Goffstown, upreachtec.org, 497-2343 "Fun on the Farm" camp is offered for ages 8+ June 23-27, 9 a.m.-noon. Students learn the basics of horse care and anatomy and take part in horse-related activities. The cost is \$350.

# **SCIENCE & STEM**

- Circuit Lab Camps via Concord Parks & Recreation, concordparksandrec. com, 225-8690 In previous years this camp has taught the basics of computer programming, electronics and circuitry. Check the website in April for 2025 offerings.
- iDTech Camps at Southern New Hampshire University, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester, idtech.com/locations Weeklong camps (with day and overnight options) are available for kids ages 7-17 on STEM subjects including video game design, BattleBots, coding, AI, digital animation and more. The price starts at \$1,079. Weekly camps are offered the week of July 7 through the week of Aug. 4. Ages and weeks vary by camp subject.
- LetGoYourMind letgoyourmind.com/ summer-program-locations LEGO-based STEM programming in weeklong sessions

for ages 6-13 (with some locations offer- July 7 at The Birches Academy, and Winding programming for ages 4-5) daily 9 ham (weeks of July 7, July 14 and July 12) a.m.-3 p.m. at locations across New Hampshire. Offerings include Amherst (June 30-July 3) at Amherst Christian Church; Bedford (the weeks of June 16. June 23. June 30. July 28, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11) at Bedford Town Hall: Concord (the weeks of June 23, June 30, July 7 and Aug. 11) at Bishop Brady High School: Dover (the week of July 21) at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire; Durham (the weeks of June 23 and June 30) at Oyster River Middle School; Londonderry (the weeks of July 21 and July 28) at Southern NH Montessori Academy: Manchester (the weeks of June 23, July 28 and Aug. 4) at Derryfield School; Nashua (the weeks of July 28 and Aug. 4) at Rivier University; New London (the weeks of July 14 and July 21) at Colby-Sawyer College; Pelham the week of July 14 at St. Patrick's Parish Center; Portsmouth (the weeks of July 7 and July 14) at Jarvis Center; Salem the week of

at Searles School & Chapel. Age groups offered differ by location and week.

> Manchester **Community College STEM** Summer **Camps** Front St., Manchester, mccnh.edu/ summer-camps Camps for kids entering grades 6-8 include

"Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs" July 14-18 and "Robotics" July 21-24. Camps run 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily and cost \$175. "Gear Up for Success" camp is available to Manchester School District ninth-graders; see nhgearupalliance.org for details.

• McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center 2 Institute Drive, Concord, starhop. com, 271-7827 The Center offers seven weeklong STEM camps with three focused on terrestrial subjects: Earth Explorers, June 23-27, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 8-11, \$360; Create, Code, Conquer, June 30-July 3, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 12-14, \$285, and Discover the Dinosaurs,

- Nashua Community College 505 Amherst St., Nashua, nashuacc.edu/ about/for-the-public/summer-camps, 578-6881 Summer camp programs for rising 6th-12th-graders at Nashua Community College include "Automotive" (4 days the weeks of July 7 and July 14; \$295) and "Introduction to Digital Electronics (4 days of the week of July 14; \$295).
- Seacoast Science Center 570 Ocean Blvd, Rye, seacoastsciencecenter.org, 436-8043 Seacoast Science Center offers full- and half-day camps for ages 4-5 and full-day camps (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) for kids in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Most camps are weeklong, offered June 16-Aug. 22, with high school camps offered July 14-18 and July 28-Aug. 1.
- SEE Science Center 200 Bedford St., Manchester, see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400 In addition to its filmmaking camps, SEE has five weeklong science camps: "Camp Summer Science" ages 7-13. July 14-18 or July 21-25; "FIRST PLACE Invention Camp" ages 9-14, July 21-25 or July 28-Aug. 1; "Energy Innovators Camp" ages 10-14, July 28-Aug.

- July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m, ages 5-7, 1; "BioTrekker Camp" ages 11-14, July 28-Aug. 1, and "iSpy Camp" ages 8-13, Aug. 4-8 or Aug. 11-15. Camps are 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$300 with discounts for members, sibling enrollments and multiple camps.
  - Southern New Hampshire Education Center 1E Commons Drive, No. 28, Londonderry, snhec.org, 818-8613 Camps offered include "Camp Invention: Discover" July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m, for kids in grades K-6 (\$300 per week; see invent.org/program-search/camp-invention/nh10/12400) and "LetGoYourMind" July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for kids in grades pre-K through 8 (see letgoyourmind.com)
  - Top Secret Science & Math Summer Camp bedfordnh.myrec.com A weeklong session for grades K-5 at Bedford Town Hall where "kids will explore 20 weird and wacky hands-on science experiments and will make and take home all the projects," according to the website, runs Aug. 18-22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$320 per week.
  - · University of New Hampshire STEM camps at the UNH Durham campus, unh.edu/vouthprograms Tech Camps for grades 5-12 on a variety of





STEM subjects will run July 7-25 at the Durham campus. TechSplorers (grades 5-8), which covers a variety of STEM topics with hands-on activities, has sessions July 7-11 and July 14-18. TechVenturers (grades 8-10), in which participants focus on a single weeklong project, has sessions the weeks of July 7, July 14 and July 21 (each week has different subject offerings). TechLeaders (grades 9-12) also offers weeklong focus on a single subject (offerings vary each week) the weeks of July 14 and July 21. These camps cost \$700 for the week day camp, \$1,350 for students who pick a residential option.

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Academy, which looks at

STEAM subjects as well as the

Black experience; the camp is free and

- Amherst Parks & Recreation Amherst, amherstnh.myrec.com Amherst offers summer camps for soccer (Brazilian United Soccer), cheer, sports variety camp "Move More" and softball. Dates and costs vary.
- Amherst Soccer Club amherstsoccerclub.com Camps are planned for Aug. 4-8 (see hampshireunitedsc.com for details) and in Milford July 14-18 (see resendessocceracademy.com).
- The British Are Coming Summer Soccer Camp mnsl.org/soccer-camp-in-manchester This camp run by Manchester North Soccer League takes place July 28-Aug. 1, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Livingston Park in Manchester offering

soccer instruction for ages 5-15. The cost is \$300 for full day, \$160 for half day (pickup at 12:30 p.m.), with discounts for siblings.

· Caramba Soccer Skills camp loca-

tions in Concord, Nashua and Chichester; 496-3579, soccerskillscamp.org. Full- and half-day camps are offered in Nashua (July 14-18 at Mine Falls Fields) and Chichester (July 21-25 at Carpenter Fields). Full-day camp is available in Concord (July 28-Aug. 1 at Concord Christian Soccer Complex). All camps are for ages 6-14 and all locations offer full-day goalkeeping school. \$255 per week for full day, \$165 for half day.

• Challenger Sports
Soccer Camps various NH
locations; 800-878-2167, ext. 280,
challengersports.com Camps on the schedule are often connected to the town's parks
and recreation department or local soccer clubs. Ages and prices vary. Locations
include Pelham (June 23-27), Weare (July
7-11), Gilford (July 7-11), Stratham (July
7-11), Northwood (July 14-18 and July
21-25), New Boston (July 14-18), Windham (July 21-25 and Aug. 4-8), Nottingham
(Aug. 11-15) and Hopkinton (Aug. 18-22).

• Concord Crew Whittemore Boathouse, Concord, concordcrew.org Concord Crew rows on the Merrimack River in Concord out of the Whittemore Boathouse and offers summer programs for middle school, high school and collegiate athletes as well as adults. A program for beginner rowers and coxswains in grades 5 and up will be held with two three-week, four-day-per-week sessions — Session 1 June 16-26 and July 7-10, and Session 2 July 14-31), 4:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$225

for Concord residents, \$235 for out-oftown participants. Register via Concord Parks and Recreation at concordnh.gov. See concordcrew.org for other summer programming.

- Concord Parks & Recreation Sports Camps concordparksandrec.com, 225-8690. In past years sports camps have included soccer (for ages 6-14), TIDE Basketball, Crew and Dance. Check back in April for updates on 2025 programming.
- Conway Arena 5 Stadium Drive, Nashua, 595-2400; conwayarena.com In addition to summer skills sessions, Conway hosts summer camps the week of July 7 through the week of Aug. 18, run by different organizations. Nashua Parks & Rec camp Aug. 18-22 (9:30-3 p.m.) is for ages 7-14. Conway Arena camps are July 7-11 (9:45 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 7-14) and July 14-18 (10 a.m.-12:30 a.m., beginner hockev players). Radius Edge offers a camp July 21-25, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A Pro Ambitions goalie camp for all ages runs July 28-July 31, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Inside Edge offers a camp for "Mites-Squirts" 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Pee Wee Bantam 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., both Aug. 4-7. Rivier Hockey has a halfday beginner hockey camp Aug. 11-15.
- Derryfield Athletic Camps
  The Derryfield School, 2108
  River Road, Manchester,
  derryfield.org/about/
  summer-programs
  Offerings include
  field hockey, basketball and Magic
  Touch Soccer Academy. Check back for
  2025 details.
- Executive Health & Sports Center 1 High-lander Way, Manchester, ehsc. com/summer-camps, 668-4753 Eight themed weeklong sessions feature swim-

ming, sports, games, outdoor play and more. Sessions are Lil' Tikes (ages 5-6), Juniors (7-8) and Exec (9-10). Sessions start the week of June 16 and run through Aug. 8; camps run 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily, with dropoff 7:30-9 a.m. and pickup 3:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$325 for members, \$375 for non-members.

- Fisher Cats Baseball & Softball Camps Northeast Delta Dental Stadium *1 Line Drive, Manchester, 641-2005, nhfishercats.com* Half-day camps (8:30 a.m.-noon) for ages 6-15 focus on stretching and warmups, throwing and catching, infield and outfield tips and drills, swing mechanics, pitching and base-running, according to the website. June 16-20; July 21-25 (but not July 23), and Aug. 18-22. Cost is \$175 for the first and third weeks, \$150 for the second week.
- Foster's Golf Camp Dropoff and pickup location is Derryfield Park, 581 Bridge St., Manchester; 622-1553, fostersgolfcamp. com Campers travel to three different par-3 courses each week to participate in practice clinics and play nine holes of golf. Camp is for kids ages 7-16 of all abilities. Bus arrives at Derryfield Park at 7:30 a.m. and leaves at 8 a.m.; campers return at 4 p.m. Sessions are a week long and begin the week of June 16 and run through the week of Aug. 25 (no camp

• 4 Leaf Lacrosse
NH Summer Day
Camp 4leaflax.org/
nh-summer-daycamp Held at Ouelette
Stadium at Southern New Hampshire
University in north Manchester, this camp is open
to grades K-10 and will run
June 23-26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$300
early bird, \$350 regular registration.

the week of June 30). \$350



• International Mountain Climbing School 2733 White Mountain Highway, North Conway; climbimcs.com, 356-7064 "Youth Rock Climbing Day Camp" offers 1, 2, and 3 day options for ages 8-17 (split into 8-12 and 13-17 groups) that run 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The sessions run Monday through Wednesday with outdoor climbing every day (weather permitting). Sessions for ages 8-12 run the weeks of June 30, July 14, July 22-24 and Aug. 11; sessions for ages 13-17 are the weeks of July 7, July 21, July 28 and Aug. 18. Price based on number of days participating.

# • Jack Perri Basketball Camps

jackperribasketballcamp.com Co-ed weeklong basketball camps for kids in grades 3-10 held at Southern New Hampshire University and run by Jack Perri, head coach of the SNHU men's basketball team. The program also runs a high school showcase for grades 9-11 (check the website for updates). Sessions are July 7-10 and July 21-24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$275 per week, \$250 for a sibling, until March 15. Before and after camp supervision is available for additional fees.

# • JT Soccer Training

info.abcsportscamps.com/jtsoccer A weeklong full-day camp at Penmen Stadium on the Southern New Hampshire University campus in north Manchester featuring soccer fundamentals, team play and more, for ages 5-14, July 7-11, with full day 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday, or a half-day option 9 a.m.-noon daily. SNHU College ID Day will be July 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., for boys ages 15+ (including junior college). Raymond Preseason Soccer Camp will be held at Cammett Fields in Raymond July 28-Aug 1, 9 a.m.noon, for ages 7-14. Hooksett Half Day Soccer Camp will be held at Petersbrook Fields in Hooksett, July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.noon, for ages 3-14. A Goal Keeper School will be held at SNHU's Penmen Stadium Aug. 11-15, 4-6 p.m., for ages 10-15.

- Longfellow New Hampshire Tennis & Swim Club 140 Lock St., Nashua, 883-0153, longfellownh.com Check back for information on this year's Hammel Tennis Camp.
- NH Climbing & Fitness 10 Langdon Ave., Concord, nhclimbinggym.com/camp, 715-9171 Weeklong indoor climbing camps for ages 6-12 start the week of June 23 and run through the week of Aug. 11 (no camp the week of June 30), 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (with early dropoff and late pickup available for an extra charge if pre-arranged). NH Adventure Camp with a mix of indoor

and outdoor climbing for ages 10+ runs 8 a.m.-5 p.m. those same weeks. NH Climbing & Fitness will also offer "Kids Fun Days" for ages 6-12 and an overnight camp in Maine for ages 11+; check the website for updated details on those offerings.

- NH Hoop Skills nhhoopskills.com Two weeklong (Monday-Thursday) sessions led by Karen Pinkos, head coach of the Southern New Hampshire University Women's Basketball team, for girls in grades 2-10, at Stan Spiro Field House on the SNHU campus in Manchester. Sessions run June 23-26 and July 14-17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$300, \$345 after May 1.
- NH Hoop Skills HS Elite nhhoopskills. com Clinics for girls in grades 9-12, dates TBA in June and July. See the website or email j.clemens@snhu.edu for information.
- NH Spartans *nhspartans.com* The NH Spartans have basketball camps at the Sports Barn in Hampton the weeks of June 30-July 3 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), July 7-10 (9 a.m.-3 p.m., can do by the day or the whole session) and Aug. 11-14 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.). A July 21-24 camp is girls only, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- NH Tomahawks nhtomahawks.com The Tomahawks have summer offerings for boys and girls ages 5-17, for all positions including goalies. Camps, divided by age and ability, run 9 a.m.-noon at Joppa Fields in Bedford June 23-26, July 7-10 and July 21-24. The cost is \$205. The Tomahawks also have summer leagues and other training opportunities.
- Nike Baseball Camp ussportscamps. com/baseball/nike Held at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, the camp is run by Southern New Hampshire University's Head Coach Scott Loiseau for ages 6-12, grouped by age and ability. Sessions run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 14-17 and July 21-24.
- Nike Basketball Camps Locations in Manchester and Hampton, 800-645-3226, ussportscamps.com/basketball/nike In Manchester four weeklong sessions of the camp take place at Saint Anselm College the weeks of June 23, July 7, July 21 and July 28, running 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Fridays (half-day options run 8:30-11:30 a.m.). A camp June 30-July 3 has an overnight option as well as a day camp option that runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, and 9-11:30 a.m. on Thursday). Camps are divided into 10 and under and 11+.
- Paul Hogan Basketball Camp hogan camps.com Basketball camps held at NHTI



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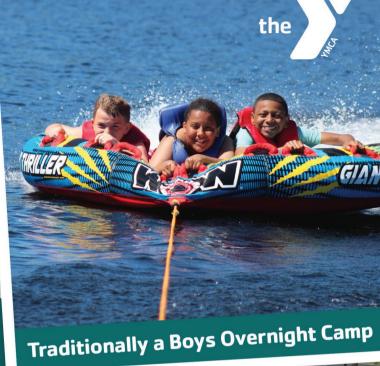
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in Concord include four-day Rip City Basketball Camps for grades 4-10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., June 23-26, July 14-17 and July

21-24. Also at NHTI are three-day camps for point guards and post players (June 29-July 1, 8-4:30 p.m. for girls 8-17; July 11-13, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. the first two days and 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. the third day, for boys 9-17 — both have overnight options). There is also a Specialty Basketball Camp (day camp with overnight option) for ages 9-18 July 27-31 — noon-4:30 p.m. on Sunday; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. pickup Monday-Wednesday, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday. There are also camps in Bow (July 7-10, ages 5-9, 8-10 a.m. and ages 9-14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Hillsborough July 14-17, ages 5-9, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. and ages 9-14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and other area

• Planet Tennis USA camps via Hollis Parks & Recreation, hollisnh.org/recreation/pages/recreation-programs; planettennisusa.us Planet Tennis USA will offer tennis camps in Hollis. Information for 2025 will be available soon, according to organizers.

## • Seacoast United Soccer

towns.

seacoastunited.com Seacoast camps held in New Hampshire in Epping, Bedford, Concord, Epsom, Portsmouth, Hampton, North Hampton and Gilford. Epping camps include full-day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and half-day (9 a.m.-noon) camps the weeks of June 16, June 23 and July 28. Full- and half-day camps in Bedford run the weeks of June 16, July 14, July 28 and Aug. 18. Camps in Concord are full and half day the week of Aug. 4. Camp in Epsom is the week of July 7. Most camps are for ages 6 to younger teen (see website for exact ages). Epping offers 45-minute sessions for ages 3-5 the weeks of June 16 and June 23. An Advanced Training Camp runs the week of June 30, 9 a.m.-noon, for ages 10-14 in Epping as well as for club members only in Bedford and Concord. There is also a specialty Goal Keeper program in Bedford July 7-10, 6-8 p.m.

• University of New Hampshire summer sports camps unh.edu/youthprograms
UNH hosts camps (both day and overnight) related to basketball (a boys and a girls camp), field hockey, football evening camp, gymnastics camp, girls ice hockey, Wildcat Hockey School, girls soccer, track

and field, volleyball camp, boys soccer and girls lacrosse. See the website for details and availability.

west Blvd., Nashua, nmymca.org Sports camps for kids in grades 1-12 run weekly June 23-Aug. 22, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., with pre- and post-camp care options. Camps are available that specialize in soccer, flag football, NinjaZone, basketball and a girls-only sports sampler. There are also a Dig Deep Volleyball camps for beginners in grades 4-11 (July 8-11, 9 a.m.noon); intermediate in grades 7-12 (July 21-24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.), and Middle School

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# **THEATER**

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a.m.-noon.

• Andy's Playhouse 582 Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton, andyssummerplayhouse. org/2025season, 654-2613 For a \$150 registration fee students can participate in Andy's programming, which includes a series of Mainstage Productions that feature multi-day rehearsals followed by performances; studio series workshops, which will also culminate in a performance, and more. Some programs are age-specific. See the website for dates and details.

• Bedford Youth Performing Company 155 Route 101, Bedford, bypc.org; 472-3894 BYPC offers weekly camps for preschoolers (ages 3-6), 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the weeks of June 9 and 16 and then the weeks of July 7-July 28 (cost is \$275). Week-long dance and theater classes for elementary-aged-and-older kids include Dance Boot Camp (June 16-20, 4:30-9 pm., ages 12+); Taste of Broadway Camp (week of June 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-8); Frog & Toad Kids Musical Theatre Production Camp (June 23-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-4); Beetlejuice Jr. Musical Theatre Projection Camp (June 23-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-10); Acro Camp (July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 8-12); 101 Dalmatians Kids Musical Theatre Production Camp (Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-4); Shrek Jr. Musical Theatre Production Camp (Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 5-10), and Triple Threat Camp (Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., grades 1-8). Full-day, week-long camps cost \$325 per week. BYPC also offers weekly dance and theater classes.

- Camp ENCORE! Prescott Park Arts Festival, at Prescott Park in Portsmouth with a culminating performance on Wilcox Main Stage, prescottpark.org. The Prescott Park Arts Festival runs four camp sessions for ages 6-17, June 16-Aug. 3. There are two two-week sessions for ages 7-17 (Seussical Jr. June 16-29, with public performances at 11 a.m. on the last two days; Junie B. Jones Jr. June 30-July 13, with public performances at 11 a.m. on the last two days), a one-week session for ages 6-12 (Finding Nemo Kids, July 14-20, with public performances at 11 a.m. on July 19 and July 20) and one two-week session for teens (Something Rotten! Jr. July 21-Aug. 3, with public performances at 1 p.m. on Aug. 2 & 3). All camps run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuition for two-week sessions is \$799 and the one-week session costs \$399, with discounts for siblings and multiple sessions. Early care (at 8:30 a.m.) and after care (until 5 p.m.) are available for additional
- Community Players of Concord 435 Josiah Bartlett Road, Concord, communityplayersofconcord.org In past summers a weeklong camp for ages 8-14 culminated in a theatrical production. Check the website for updates on summer

2025. Concord Community Music School

- 23 Wall St., Concord, ccmusicschool.org, 228-1196 Spotlight Theater Arts Camp (Aug. 4-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) for grades 1-6 is a new offering where "campers dive into scenes from a mix of exciting musicals. From belting out your favorite songs to learning choreography, you'll explore the ins and outs of the theater world" the website said. Extended care is available as are Leaders in Training (for grades 7-9) and Counselors in Training slots (grades 10+).
- Derryfield Repertory Theatre The Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester, derryfield.org/about/summer-programs Two sessions run July 7-18 and July 21-Aug. 1 for rising 4th through 12th graders, which include a full lunch in the registration price. Workshops during the camps include improvisation, acting, singing, scriptwriting and dancing with groups assigned by age and sessions ending with a theatrical production.
- Kids Coop Theatre 232 N. Broadway, Salem, kctnh.org Kids Coop will offer camps (two-week sessions, probably) for ages 7-12, according to an email from the company. Check back with the website for

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• Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts 880 Page St., Manchester, majestictheatre. net. 669-7469 Maiestic offers a half-day camp, "Myths & Magic" June 23-28 and "Wild West" July 14-19, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., for ages 5-7; cost is \$175. Full-day camps (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) for ages 8-14 run July 7-12 ("We Are Monsters"), July

21-26 ("Press Start") and July 28-Aug. 2 ("Sally Sells Seashells"); cost \$250. A culminating camp showcase will be held on the final Saturday of each camp.

Merrimack Summer Stage Theater Program merrimackparksandrec.org This summer's production is Frozen Jr. and the camp runs Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for ages 8-15 in Wasserman Park Theater, \$285 for Merrimack residents, \$295 for non-residents.

• Palace Youth Theatre Palace Theatre 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre. org/pyt The Young Stars Camp for ages 5-8 feature weeklong camps, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with performances at 1 p.m. on the final day the weeks of June 23-27 ("Broadway Bound"), July 14-18 ("Fairytale Adventure") and Aug. 4-8 ("Under the Sea"); cost is \$200. Summer camps for kids in grades 2-12 are one- or two-week-long sessions, running daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m., culminating in final performances (performance times vary based on the session). Sessions are June 23-July 3 (Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach Jr.); July 7-11 (A Year with Frog and Toad Kids); July 14-25 (Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr.); July 28-Aug. 1 (Annie Kids); Aug. 4-15 (Mean Girls Jr.), and Aug. 18-22 (The Addams Family younger@part). \$599 for two-week sessions, \$299 for one-week sessions.

• Peacock Players 14 Court St., Nashua; 886-7000, peacockplayers.org Open to rising 1st through 9th graders, camps run weekly starting July 14 with each session culminating in a showcase. Camps run 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (pickup window is 4-5 p.m.) and cost \$350 per week. Sessions are Legendary Composers Week (July 14-18), Getting Spooky Week (July 21-25), All About the Mouse Week (July 28-Aug. 1), Rock and Roll Week (Aug. 4-8) and Hollywood Week (Aug. 11-15).

• The Rep Academy from the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, camps take place at the Rep Studios, 2800 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org/rep-academy-camps Camps include Broadway Bound, ages 7-13, June 23-July 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Teen Intensive Villains Bootcamp, ages 12-18, June 23-27, 5-9 p.m.; Teen Intensive

> Movie Magic Bootcamp, ages 12-18, June 30-July 3, 5-9 p.m.; Storybook Adventures, ages 7-13, July 7-18, 9-3 p.m.; Teen Intensive Circus Skills Bootcamp, ages 12-18, July 14-18, 5-9 p.m.; Time Travel Theater, ages 7-13, July 21-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Heroes and Villains, ages 7-13, Aug. 4-15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Triple Threat Theater Camp Londonderry Dance Academy, 21 Buttrick Road, Londonderry, 432-0032, triplethreattheatercamp.com The Triple Threat Theatre Camp (which has an endof-camp theater showcase) for ages 6-17 runs July 7-25, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. and costs \$875. A Junior Program for ages 5.5-9 has weeklong sessions the weeks of July 7, July 14 and July 21, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.; tuition is \$325 per week.
- University of New Hampshire Theatre & Dance Stars unh.edu/vouthprograms UNH camps "Twinkle Stars" July 7-11 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for grades 1-3 (\$250); "All Stars Music & Drama" July 8-11, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. for grades 3-5 p.m. (\$400) and "Summer Dance Intensive" July 14-18, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for grades 5-12 (\$415).
- Winnipesaukee Playhouse Theatre Camp winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org/ summer-theatre-camp-2025.html Camps run July 7-Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the New Hampton School. Weeklong camps are available for ages 5-7 and 8-11 (\$300 per week) and two-week camp sessions are available for The Upper Camp for ages 12-14 (\$500 per session).



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# **ARTS**

# Latitude adjustment

Easygoing Escape to Margaritaville hits Palace

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

New England spent most of February waking up to single-digit temperatures and the sound of snowplows in the street, so the latest musical at the Palace Theatre couldn't arrive at a better time. Set in a sunny resort somewhere near the equator, Escape to Margaritaville is a frothy, guilty pleasure that's packed with Jimmy Buffet songs.

With a book from a pair of sitcom veterans, the jukebox musical's mood is best summed up by Tully (Matt McCloskey), who sings at the hotel bar and is modeled after the writer of "Changes in Latitudes" and the show's title song. "The deeper you go," Tully says, "the less interesting it gets."

To paraphrase the Bard of the Keys, this evening comes with a license to chill.

The plot centers on a bachelorette getaway. Tammy (Megan Quinn) is finding some respite from her boorish fiance ahead

# **Escape to Margaritaville**

When: Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 & 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, 2 p.m. through March 23. Also Thursday, March 20, 7:30

Where: Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester

Tickets: \$39 and up at palacetheatre.org

of her wedding. Rachel (Jen Fogarty-Morgan) cares more about getting a soil sample from an island volcano for an energy venture that apparently involves potatoes, but falls quickly in a fling with the one-weekstand specialist Tully.

While that's happening, Tammy is warming to the polar opposite of her husband-to-be, a genial bartender named Brick (Adam Fields). With those parts in place, and a few colorful denizens like hotel owner Marley (Nakiiya Coleman), old-timer J.D. (Jacob Medich) and handyman Jamal (Tyler Price Robinson), the Parrothead-pleasing songfest moves forward.

Though Escape to Margaritaville is aimed at the people who instinctively know the last two words in the chorus of "Why Don't We Get Drunk," it's also fun for folks who are new to Buffett's brand of trop rock. In fact, the Palace company had little awareness of him before rehearsals, one of which was canceled due to a foot of snow falling.

That would change.

"Now I get it; I'm kind of a converted Parrothead," Director Carl Rajotte said by phone recently. "We're having a blast teaching this show. There's a lot of stylized dancing, a Caribbean feel, and then just all the puns. The show is written for people who enjoy puns, and all of the actors are laughing during rehearsal."



The cast of Escape to Margaritaville. Courtesy photo.

In a joint interview, Fogarty-Morgan and Ouinn discussed the cast's mood as a Feb. 28 opening night approached.

"It's a really nice, easy story," Fogarty-Morgan said. "It's fun, it's goofy and silly. The music is amazing and wonderful and you get to hear it in a new way, which will be fun for the fans. They put together a phenomenal cast, and everyone's really going to have a good time."

Quinn, a Palace favorite who also runs their Youth Theatre Company, is pleased to see many fresh faces in Margaritaville. "Besides Jen and one other person, I have not worked with any of these people before," she said. "They are all so good, so talented and very funny. We've been having such a good time with them, so that's been a nice experience."

Early on, both Quinn and Rajotte were certain "for an embarrassingly long time" that Rupert Holmes' "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)" was a Buffett tune, but they since have come far. Everyone has a favorite now - "Cheeseburger in Paradise" is Quinn's go-to, and Fogarty-Morgan is a fan of "Five O'clock Somewhere," which began as an Alan Jackson tune with a guest vocal before Buffett took sole ownership by making it a staple at his concerts.

Rajotte selected the new work with an eye on the schedule, and the Palace will keep the tropical vibe alive by handing out leis to audience members. No word yet on whether blenders will be whirring with the show's signature drink, though. The show is a great way to clear thoughts of frigid temperatures and seasonal stress, if only for a couple of

"We always strive to do at least two brand new shows per season," he said. "It's the perfect time to do it, with the cold and snow ... I keep on falling on the ice, but then I get to come in here and have a good time with this music and this show, and I know the audience will, too."

# **Exhibits**

· "The Legend of the Poinsettia: Paintings From Tomie DePaola's Holiday Classic" will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org) through the end of February. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 Hampshire Audubon's McLane a.m. to 5 p.m.

• "Wildlife of New Hampshire **Exhibit**" features the photography of Cameron Johnson of Dover at the New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn, nhaudubon. org) through Saturday, March 1. The center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays 11 a.m. to 5

2025 Art Show will run through Laconia, 524-8813, belknapmill. Wednesday, April 2, at the Citywide Community Center (14 Canterbury Road, Concord) with and make a Whimsy Head Wrap. a reception on Tuesday, March 4, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

winter exhibition at Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, art3gallery.com). "In this exhibit, Hillsborough. \$25 for one class,

the viewer is asked to consider not only the subject matter ('What do we see?') but also the process behind it ('How do we see?')," according to the website. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

• "Simply Nature" at New Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, nhaudubon.org) will run through Saturday, May 3. The exhibit features a small portion of photographer Pierre Garand's catalog of nature photography. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, March 6, 4 to 6 p.m.

# Workshops and classes

 Crochet Workshop at Belknap Concord School District Mill Museum (25 Beacon St. East, org) on Saturday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to crochet For ages 10+. Cost is \$25.

• Zentangle Learn zentangle from • "What/How Do We See" is the Laura Newman, no art experience necessary, on Tuesdays, March 4 and March 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in

\$45 for both classes. Call or text 603-731-4101 to register.

• Oil/Acrylics The Center for the Arts, 428 Main St., New London, will offer a four-week "Oil/ Fundamental Paint-Acrylics ing Approaches with Tatiana Yanovskaya-Sink" class Tuesdays, March 4-25, from 9 a.m. to noon; the cost is \$300. See centerfortheartsnh.org/classes.

# Shows

• Sister Act at the Rep. 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org, will run through Sunday, March 16, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

· The Wild Party, a musical set in the 1920s, will be presented by Cue Zero Theatre (cztheatre.com) Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 2, at the Arts Academy of New Hampshire (19 Keewaydin Drive, Salem). Shows are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$20.

Escape to Margaritaville, a musical comedy featuring classic Jimmy Buffet songs with a book by Greg Garcia (creator of My Name Is Earl, Raising Hope and Sprung) and Mike O'Malley (the onetime Nashua resident who appeared in Glee), will be on stage at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 23, with shows Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. plus Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

· Gruesome Playground Injuries, described as a "darkly comic, atypical love story," will run at the Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-8123, playersring.org) Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 16 — 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets cost \$29, \$26 for students, 65+, military and first responders. · Runaway Bunny and Goodnight Moon presented by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia on Wednesday,

March 5, at Stockbridge Theatre (5

Pinkerton St., Derry, pinkertonacad-

emy.org/stockbridge-theatre). Tick-

ets cost \$10 to \$12.

• Blowing in the Wind: The Music are appreciated," the release said. of Bob Dylan at the Rep, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org, Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$42.50.

· Boeing Boeing, a comedy, will be presented by Bedford Off Broadway (bedfordoffbroadway. com) Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 16, at the Bedford Town Hall (70 Bedford Center Road in Bedford). Shows are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets cost \$15, \$12 for seniors.

# **Auditions**

• 12 Angry Jurors Bedford Off Broadway is holding auditions for 12 Angry Jurors, the company's spring show, which will be performed June 6-8 and June 13-15, according to a press release. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons and Monday and Wednesday nights. Auditions will be Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bedford Town Hall (70 Bedford Center Road, across the street from the public library) and will consist of cold readings, "monologues

Contact BedfordOffBroadway@ comcast.net with questions.

# Classical

Includes classical, folk, heritage, pops, American songbook and other musical events.

- Red Hot Chilli Pipers will perform on Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Colonial Theatre in Laconia (609 Main St., coloniallaconia. com). Tickets cost \$29 to \$69.
- · Bach's Lunch: The Roots of John Barlevcorn - Myth, Folktale, Riddle and Song this lecture looks at the Anglo-Celtic song "John Barleycorn" with Guitarist and CCMS faculty Dan Faiella at the Concord Community Music School (23 Wall St., Concord, cemusicschool.org) on Thursday, March 6, from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. The event is free.
- Nordic Celtic Roots: Frigg described as "hot fiddles from cool Scandinavia" will perform on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College (100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, tickets.anselm.edu). Tickets cost \$45.

# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Dear Car Talk:

# Alternators can't live forever because of their moving parts



By Ray Magliozzi

I'm a former mechanic and I have a question for you. Some of vour answers refer to alternators that have "died." But as far as I know, you have never written about why they die.

I know about bear-

ings and brushes that need to be replaced and mechanical problems like pulleys that wear out, but why do alternators and generators develop electrical problems in their wiring that prevent them from working?

The wires don't move, and they don't wear out after a few million electrons have flowed through them. So why can't manufacturers produce generators and alternators that live forever? — Dave

Good question, Dave.

You are right that alternators are commonly replaced because their bearings, brushes, or slip rings wear out. Those are all moving parts, so it's not a surprise they have limited life spans. But the other common problem is that the diode bridge burns up.

The alternator has to have a way to con-

vert alternating current into direct current. And it does that by running the alternating current through a couple of diodes. And unlike wires, diodes do eventually burn out from use.

What causes them to fail? Well, all the jostling over tens of thousands of miles can break a connection and cause a short. Heat or age can degrade the internal components. Or diodes can burn out if an older voltage regulator allows spikes in current to run through them.

Now, if you happen to be a mechanic, you could take the alternator apart, pull out the dead diode bridge, order another one, replace it, and reassemble the alternator. Then you'll have a working alternator for the moment.

But it's a working alternator with old bearings, brushes, and slip rings. And before too long, one of those parts will fail, and you'll have to do the work all over again.

So, we simply replace non-working alternators. We'll just order a new or factory-rebuilt one, and we know that's not only going to fix it, but the fix is probably going to last the life of the car. And there's peace of mind for us in knowing that an irate cuslater and force all my guys to run and hide

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# **INSIDE/OUTSIDE** TREASURE HUNT

Hello, Donna,

My question is, does anyone have a use for these old keys? My wife said I should ask before I throw them away.

Van

Dear Van,

I'm not saying this without a chuckle. Your wife is right! Antique keys can be very useful and even collectible.

My suggestion to you would be to bring them to an antique shop. The value of a lot like yours won't make you rich. But they can be so helpful to people who have antiques, for unlocking furniture pieces, boxes, etc. — besides having a decorative and crafters market as well.

key box under the counter. Often we were asked to see if we might have one to help open something. We would lend them out and many times came back successful.

So. Van. sometimes the value on them can be priceless to someone who needs one. A value to you should be in the range of \$10 to \$15 for the lot.



Thanks for checking with us first!

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 When I had my shop we always had a 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 at footwdw@ aol.com, or call her at 391-6550.

# **INSIDE/OUTSIDE**



Family fun for whenever

# **Dine with fairy tales**

- The Derryfield Country Club (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 669-0235, thederryfield.com) will host a Royal Princess Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Take photos with costumed princes and enjoy singing, dancing, games and stories. Tickets are \$40 for children and \$55 for adults through eventbrite.com. VIP tickets cost \$65 and include 9 a.m. entry and a tiara, the website said.
- Join the Nashua Historical Society (5 Abbott St., Nashua, 883-0015, nashuahistoricalsociety.org) for afternoon tea at a Little Red Tea Party, Sunday, March 2, at 1 p.m., inspired by the fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood. This event will feature tea, scones, petite sandwiches and sweet treats served amidst a magical forest

of trees. The event is for all ages and will feature a variety of activities, including a historical presentation based on the story of Little Red Riding Hood, a STEM-inspired tea experiment, a mini paper basket craft activity, a special raffle and more. Tickets are \$18 for Historical Society members, \$20 for non-members, and \$15 for children 12 and vounger. Visit the Historical Society website.

# **Play time**

- Cowabunga's (725 Huse Road in Manchester; cowabungas.com) will have three gyms open for play during February vacation (through Friday, Feb. 28). The indoor bouncy park will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. On Friday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., it's Friday Night Fun with a costumed character, games and more. The cost is \$20 per child (infants and adults free with paying child) the website said.
- Krazv Kids (60 Sheep Davis Road in Pembroke; krazykids.com) is open daily during vacation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 28, it's "Let's Glow Krazy!" from 6 to 9 p.m. with music and UV black disco lights. Tickets cost \$20 for kids, \$5 for adults (no slip grip socks, which are required, cost \$4 per pair).

# See a show

- · The kids of the Palace Youth Theatre Vacation Camp will present Winnie the Pooh Kids on Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org). The show will feature kids in grades 2 to 12. Tickets cost \$16 to \$19.
- The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia will present staged productions of Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny Stockbridge Theatre (22-98 Bypass 28, Derry, 437-5210, pinkertonacademy.org/ stockbridge-theatre) Wednesday, March

5, at 10 a.m. Tickets start at \$10.

- · Or catch The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St. in Concord: ccanh.com) on Wednesday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$8.
- Catch 1994's *Lit-*Giants (PG), family movie night screening at Flying Monkey (39

com) on Wednesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. per person.

Tickets start at \$3 and there will be a special menu available.

# Fun & games

• Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com) has several family-friendly events this weekend. Chunky's will hold a family paint party on Friday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. in the Chunky's lobby. Tickets cost \$45 per person and the menu will be available to order from during the event.

On Friday at 4:30 p.m., ventriloquist John Pizzi will present a family-friend-

> ly show of comedy, magic and ventriloguism. Tickets cost \$25. (Pizzi will also have a 21+ show that night at 8 p.m.)

> Also on Friday at 6:45 p.m., it's Family Friendly Theatre Candy Bingo. Tickets cost \$10 (and come with a \$5 food voucher) and get you one bingo card for several rounds of play.

> On Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m., it's a family trivia

S. Main St. in Plymouth; flyingmonkeynh. night about Pixar movies. The cost is \$6





## News from the local food scene

By John Fladd ifladd@hippopress.com

- Wine meets maple: Flag Hill Winerv's (297 N. River Road, Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com) Chef Table Dinners for March will be four-course meals, with each course paired with a Flag Hill wine. The meals will be maple-themed. Dishes will include Pork Vol Au Vent with a chipotle maple sauce, maple curry butternut soup, peppered duck breast with a maple clementine drizzle, and spicy maple nut pie. The dinners will be held Saturdays, March 8 and March 29. Tickets are \$75.
- Comparing cabernets: WineNot Boutique (25 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, winenotboutique.com) will host a blind tasting of seven cabernet sauvignons on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wines will be paired with a selection of cheeses and chocolate. This tasting event will be led by Svetlana Yanushkevich, Diplomat in Wine & Spirits (WSET, London) and founder of WineNot Boutique. Tick-
- Pages and prosecco: Local Street Eats (112 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 402-4435, local-streeteats.com) will host its first Boozy Book Swap on Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m. Join fellow book lovers for an evening of swapping stories and sharing reads, as you pass on well-loved books and get new-to-you books in return. Each ticket includes a glass of bubbly or wine as well as charcuterie to snack on. Tick-
- Irish food and whiskey: New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlets (50 Storrs St., Concord, 230-7015, gov.liquorandwineoutlets.com) will partner with Bord Bia, the Irish Food Board, to host a Spirit of Ireland Tasting Event at the Manchester Country Club (180 S. River Road, Bedford, 624-4096, manchestercountryclub.com) Tickets are \$65.
- · Candy meets beer: Van Otis Chocolates (341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1611, vanotis.com) has announced a collaboration with Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com): a beer called "Nuts About You" inspired by some of the chocolate company's nutty and chewy candies.

# FOOD

# **Never a dull moment**

Chefs can stay sharp with proper knife care

By John Fladd ifladd@hippopress.com

The first thing Jim Renna wants you to know about kitchen knives is that the sharper a knife is, the less likely it is that you'll cut vourself.

"There's more injuries on a dull knife than a sharp knife," he said, "because you're using more pressure on a dull knife." And if the knife slips while you're cutting, all that pressure you've been applying to an onion gets directed to your hand or fingers.

Renna has been a chef and cafe owner for 30 years. He has recently expanded his business to sharpening blades, particularly kitchen knives, at Kitchen on Demand Knife Sharpening (3 Executive Park Drive, Bedford). Last spring, Renna bought a new toy.

"I purchased this unit back in June," he said, proudly nodding at his sharpening machine. "This is a Tormek T8. It's watercooled. It's got all types of jigs for axes and scissors, pocket knives, just all different kinds of anything that needs to be sharpened. I did a lot of practicing, reading up and watching a lot of videos online, so for five months that's all I did was practice, because I didn't want to start advertising until I knew what I was doing and everything was going to be perfect."

After decades of using knives professionally, Renna knew there is much more to kitchen knives than most home cooks think about.

Different styles of knives, for instance, are not interchangeable with each other. Each is

designed for a particular use.

"You've got your paring knife," he said, "which is a smaller one. You've got your boning knife with a thinner, more flexible blade. Then you've got your regular chef knives, which everybody uses for cutting. And you've got your serrated knives for bread and things like that." He said that when choosing a chef's knife, for instance, a cook should look for one that fits well in their hand and is heavy. "So you want a heavy, balanced knife that you don't have to apply a lot of pressure to," he said. You'll get safer, more exact cuts.

Renna said most home cooks don't get their knives sharpened nearly often enough. "The recommended [frequency] is six to eight months," he said. "Most people do like five years. Most people don't even think to have them sharpened."

Each knife has an ideal angle that it should be sharpened at.

"Most kitchen knives are sharpened at a 15-degree angle," Renna said. "But a customer just brought a knife in that's supposed to be sharpened at a 20-degree angle, so that's a big difference. Shun [brand] knives are at 16-degree angle, so that's a one-degree difference, but it does make a lot of difference." Renna's sharpening unit has several ways to ensure an exact angle when he sharpens a blade, but it gets even more complicated — as he sharpens blades on the grindstone wheel of his sharpener, the wheel wears away slightly. He needs to measure the wheel regularly and work its new size into his calculations.



Photo by John Fladd.

One other thing Renner wishes more home cooks knew about is the difference between honing and sharpening.

If you have a round "chef's steel" in a knife set — the type you see television chefs running their knives along — its job is not to sharpen a knife. It hones it. As you put a knife to work, the microscopic edge of the blade gets bent out of shape.

"Honing straightens the edge of the blade," Renner said. "If you use [your chef's steel] often, your old knives will stay really sharp for a long time. There's a skill to it, and [cooks] should find out how to use it." He gives the example of a barber running a straight razor along a leather strop. The leather isn't grinding away at the blade; it's pulling the edge into line.

# **Kitchen on Demand Knife Sharpening**

3 Executive Park Drive, Bedford

The cost to sharpen a blade is \$1.50 per inch of blade, or scissors for \$7 each. Turnaround is about 24 hours, or over the weekend for a Friday dropoff.

Visit the Kitchen on Demand page on Facebook.

# **Highlights of nightlife**

Manchester Restaurant Week returns

By John Fladd ifladd@hippopress.com

The Second Annual Manchester Restaurant week will run Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 9, with participating restaurants offering drink and food specials themed to tie in with Escape to Margaritaville, which is opening Friday at Palace Theatre.

Katie Lovell from the Palace is one of this year's organizers. She said the idea behind Restaurant Week is to call attention to downtown Manchester's nightlife.

"Manchester Restaurant Week was started as a community event," Lovell said, "a way to tie the community together and have us all work together in bringing peo-

ple downtown — showing that downtown Manchester is still an amazing place to be and visit and that there's so many wonderful restaurants and places downtown to visit."

This year the Palace planned a production that would lend itself to tie-ins from downtown restaurants.

"This year, the show at the Palace Theatre is Escape to Margaritaville," Lovell said, "which is really fun. It's a Jimmy Buffett musical, so it features all of his music. It's a really fun, feel-good show, and we felt CONTINUED ON PG 34

like it was the perfect tie-in for restaurant week. It's an easy theme for the restaurants - different margaritas and Caribbean dishes that feel like a party."

Given that Jimmy Buffett's signature song was titled "Margaritaville," it's not surprising that many of this year's participating restaurants have developed variations on margaritas for Restaurant Week. Stashbox (866 Elm St., Manchester, 606-8109, stashboxnh.com), for instance,

# **Manchester Restaurant Week**

Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 9 palacetheatre.org/restaurant-week-2025

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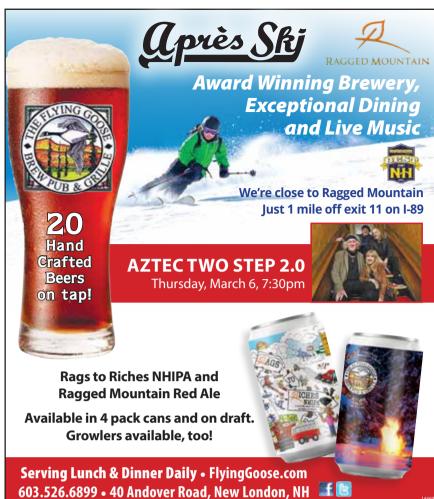
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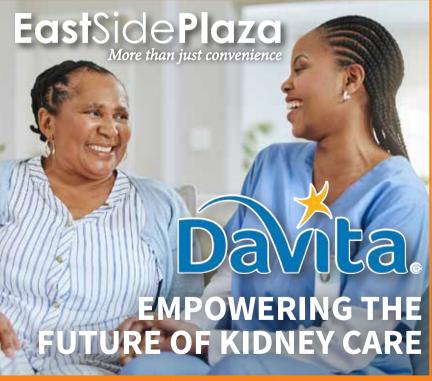
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# **DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD**

# Sazerac

Ice

Absinthe to rinse the ice with (see below)½ ounce simple syrup

3 drops Peychaud's bitters

1 dash Angostura bitters 1½ ounces rye whiskey - there are some people who make a Sazerac with

bourbon, but there are also some people who like a martini. are horrified by that

Fill a mixing glass two-thirds of the way with ice. Pour an ounce or so of absinthe over the ice, and stir well to combine. Strain off the excess absinthe.

The idea here is to give a hint, a trace in the background, of absinthe. This is the same way many martini enthusiasts will use vermouth. Coating the ice with a littlegoes-a-long-way alcohol, then pouring off the excess, is called "rinsing." At first taste, absinthe tastes much like any number of anise-y, black licorice-y spirits, but it really isn't interchangeable with any of the others.

Once you have rinsed the ice and poured off the excess absinthe, add the rest of the ingredients to the mixing glass, and mix everything thoroughly, but gently. Accord-



Sazerac. Photo by John Fladd.

ing to the classic 1939 treatise, Famous New Orleans Drinks and How to Mix 'em, you should under no circumstances shake this cocktail in a shaker. No explanation is given, but exclamation marks are used, so it seems the better part of wisdom to stir this

Strain the mixture over fresh ice in a rocks glass. Traditionally, a lemon twist is manhandled brutally to express a drop of lemon oil, then dropped into the cocktail.

From time to time you'll hear whiskey fanciers describe rye as "spicy." Much of the time it pretty much just tastes like a slightly sharp whiskey — delicious, most of its spiciness covered by the raw burn of the alcohol. In a Sazerac, however — it might be due to the bitters, or maybe the absinthe is working some kind of magic — there is a definite kick of rye spiciness. This pairs well with the sweetness from the simple syrup and the herbaceousness of the bitters.

A Sazerac packs a punch. It is definitely a sipping drink. For New Orleanians, it is the Breath of Life.

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will offer a "Floral Margarita." Co-owner Jeremy Hart said the sweet element of the cocktail — usually triple sec or cointreau — will be replaced with creme de violette, which will also give the margarita a gentle

Nick Carnes, the owner of Shopper's Pub and Eatery (18 Lake Ave., Manchester, 232-5252, shoppersmht.com) is one of the downtown business owners who is especially enthusiastic about promoting restaurants along and adjacent to Elm Street. He said Restaurant Week is a good way for Manchester to build its reputation as a cultural magnet.

"... the Palace has been trying to help incentivize their guests to really adapt the model of eat, play, stay in Manchester," he said. Carnes said he and other downtown restaurant owners have made a conscious effort over the past few years to come together as a community.

"Almost 95 percent of small businesses on Elm Street are either under new management or just new in general since Covid,"

he said. There are only a few restaurants downtown that were able to weather the changes of the pandemic. "Everything else has flipped ownership," he said, 'flipped their management, or just pushed new concepts. So, we just lost the connection ... We didn't know who we were as a community."

Carnes' own contribution to this year's Margaritaville-themed Restaurant Week, a Cheeseburger in Paradise, is inspired by the lyrics to Jimmy Buffett's 1978 song of the same name. "It's just as Jimmy Buffett would like it," he said. "Lettuce and tomato, Heinz 57, and french fried potatoes, a big kosher pickle and a cold draft beer."

Other offerings according to the website are a Fruity Pebbles Margarita at 815 Cocktails & Provisions; a Golden Sands Margarita and Tropical Pulled Pork Quesadilla at Diz' Cafe; a specialty margarita and chicken Parmesan at Piccola Italia; an Asian Pear Martini at Thai Food Connection; a Rover-rita at The Wild Rover Pub & Restaurant, and a Mexican chocolate stout and nachos at To Share Brewing.

# **POP CULTURE**

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

# **Anika, Abyss (Sacred Bones Records)**



Since the assimilation of punk, New Wave, et al. by the corporate Matrix (it happens every time), rock and rebellion have been business partners more than any sort of combined force for socioeconomic or culturally equalitarian progress. You can quote me on that, but chances are that you're already well aware of it; most of the tuneage that lands on this desk (from white-kid bands especially, let's note) has no idea that "the system" is their real problem, not their awkwardness or generational malaise. Yet they persist, for the most part, but once in a while a record does bumble in here that evokes memories of artists

who seriously wanted to break stuff rather than resign themselves to forlorn inevitability. This British-born, Berlin-based singer channels Patti Smith more succinctly than anyone I've heard recently; she actually wants people to direct their energies toward creating "safe spaces" where people can vent and collaborate on ideas for better living in an unlivable world. The tunes are rough and jangly and decidedly punky; she comes off like a '90s-grunge Grace Slick with no-wave sensibilities. I hope she keeps sticking to this formula, put it that way. A+—*Eric W. Saeger* 

# The South Hill Experiment, Earthbreaks



Brothers Baird and Gabe Acheson left Baltimore for Los Angeles several years ago and the move is finally paying off: "Open Ocean," the single from this, their band's third full-length, hit No. 1 at KCRW, the seminal Santa Monica NPR affiliate. This is decidedly DIY stuff, probably recorded in their bedrooms, which afforded them the opportunity to experiment, as heard in album opener "Rifting," built around backward-masked percussion and gentle vocals that have the reverb set to 11 (it's not shoegaze, just to clarify, it's a lot more experimental than that: Think early Luke Temple or a more technolog-

ically adventurous Gorillaz). But things change quickly here, with "Maybe It Takes Time" borrowing its bubbly '70s-radio-pop undergirding from Michael McDonald, and then we have the focus track, "Open Ocean," a deep-house-adjacent dance-along combining Atlas Sound with Jamie Lidell. This is all to say that it's definitely worth investigating, I assure you. A —Eric W. Saeger



## PLAVIIS

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- Feb. 28 is a Friday, which means new albums will be released en masse! Now, one thing we Professional Music Journalists always have to remember is that not every band with "Bear" in its name sounds the same, even if OK, they basically do. It's sort of like bands that have "Deer" in their names: Deerhoof and Deer Tick are both supremely boring indie bands, but my mnemonics go like this: "Deerhoof helps me fall asleep faster than Deer Tick when I'm stressed," or "Don't even bother trying to name a Deer Tick song, because even their fans don't remember any of them." You see? But I digress, which I can do because it's my multiple-award-winning column, so let's get back to the "bear" thing. I liked Grizzly Bear, but only because I didn't really hate them; they can indeed be borderline interesting with their skronky noise approach, and Minus The Bear was a great prog band but for some reason no one cared about them or their potluck formula of Rush-meets-Jackson Browne, so they broke up, and it made me sad. But the really sad news is that for the purposes of this week's column I have to pretend I know who Panda Bear even is if I ever hope to win another award, let's go have a look, because their new album, Sinister Grift, is coming out this Friday! Oh, OK, Panda Bear is what Noah Benjamin Lennox calls himself, in order to get dates with awkward college girls just like all the other indie rock bros. Lennox is co-founder of Animal Collective, a band that was relevant during the Aughts when college radio stations nationwide became hypnotized by their use of "fractal" music patterns, back before Nels Cline of Wilco invented the fractal riff to "Love Is Everywhere," which was so cool that it instantly made people forget who Animal Collective even is (what took you people so long?). Anyway, at first, the "Defense" single sounds like a Hank Williams Jr. song about sitting in a Dumpster drinking Jagermeister, which would be cool, but then it turns into a really boring mess, something you could tell your little brother was considered too stupid to be added to the Napoleon Dynamite soundtrack and he'd totally believe you.
- Brooklyn R&B singer Jonathan Josiah Wise is more famously known as **Serpentwithfeet**, and since we were just talking about Grizzly Bear, his Wikipedia page says that he opened for them for a while. Boy, this Wiki page may be the most boring one I've ever seen blah blah blah, his mom forced him to join a boys choir, he worked with a producer who worked with Bjork, yadda yadda. Whatevs, his new album is *Grip Sequel*, featuring the single "Writhing In The Wind." The beat is kind of cool, like Blue Man Group doofing around with Aphex Twin, and Wise is singing like Keith Sweat. Is that what all the children are listening to now, I simply *must* know.
- Andy Bell used to play bass for famous indie-pop band Oasis, but now he is on his own because everyone in Oasis hates each other. *Pinball Wanderer* is his latest "opus," and the single "I'm In Love..." is very neat because it sounds exactly like Wire circa *Change Becomes Us*, except there are girls singing. I endorse it.
- Lastly it's British metalcore band **Architects**, whose new album *The Sky The Earth & All Between* is on its way to your eardrums if that's the sort of thing you enjoy doing to yourself. This is pretty loony stuff, reminiscent of Dillinger Escape Plan and such, but with occasional Cannibal Corpse vocalizing. What does that mean? It means that their listening experience is lightning-fast and scary, but one of the things chasing you is the Cookie Monster, and he really wants your tasty, tasty cookies! —*Eric W. Saeger*





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# **POP CULTURE BOOKS**

Three Days in June, by Anne Tyler (Knopf, 166 pages)

Anne Tyler is one of America's most beloved writers, especially in Baltimore, where many of her novels are set. Six of her books, including The Accidental Tourist, were adapted for film, and she won a Pulitzer Prize for Breathing Lessons in 1989. As such, it's a bit surprising that her latest, Three Days in June. landed in February like an out-of-season beach read.

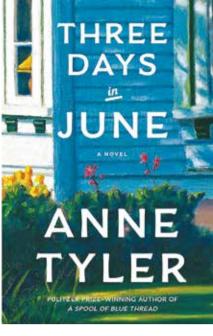
Not that it's not a good beach read. But coming from the keyboard of Tyler, one expects a bit more.

Set (of course) in Baltimore, Three Days in June is about a divorced mom getting ready for the wedding of her 33-year-old daughter. Gail Baines is an assistant headmistress at a private school who has just been informed that her boss is retiring and that she, at 61, is not in line to succeed her because she lacks "people skills."

As her boss tells her, "All I'm saying is, to head a private girls' school you need tact. You need diplomacy. You need to avoid saying things like 'Good God, Mrs. Morris, surely you realize your daughter doesn't have the slightest chance of getting into Princeton."

When the boss suggests that Gail might want to leave the field and follow her dreams. Gail wonders what that would be: "I am not the kind of woman who dreams of doing things." Nor is she the kind of woman who gets her hair done, or who moves on from an answering machine. When she goes to a hair salon the day before the wedding, she will only allow the hairdresser to "pouf it out" a little bit — "just something to show I tried."

Gail had been married to Max, an affable underachiever eking out a living teaching at-risk teenagers, and living



in a "one-room apartment above somebody's garage." He is "fond of recounting his dreams and they were always interminable." It's initially unclear why they are no longer married — they are friendly enough when Max shows up at Gail's house unexpectedly, carrying a elderly foster cat and needing a place to stay, as their future son-in-law turns out to be deathly allergic to cats.

There's soon one more complication when their daughter, Debbie, shows up, fresh off a pre-wedding "Day of Beauty" where she had inadvertently learned something terrible about the fiance that puts the wedding in question.

This is the point at which, were this plot in the hands of a less accomplished writer, we could sigh and say, "hijinks ensue" and be done with it. Tyler is too smooth a storyteller to let us go, however, and we are too pleasantly invested in Gail (and the foster cat) to leave them alone with a wedding on the brink.

For much of the book, Tyler gives us an entertaining and humorous look at the rituals surrounding an American wedding. When meeting, for example, the groom's mother, we learn that everything she says is "three degrees too vivacious" — "It seemed that she lived on some other level than ours, someplace louder and more brightly lit." And Gail and Max reflect upon the ridiculousness of the rehearsal ritual itself (the same thing happening the next day, with "fewer et ceteras" and fancier clothes). It's a pleasure to read her witty observations on these slices of life.

As Tyler finally gets around to revealing why and how Gail and Max broke up — a story not unconnected to the present tension — she is a master storyteller at work. There is no one better at crafting dialogue that breathes life into characters and puts them in the room with the reader. There are no wasted words here, either coming from the characters or in the narrative. It may be a beach read in plot, but it's a finely tuned one, with enough heart to justify its release in February. The conclusion, while not a shocker, doesn't feel contrived.

It's worth noting that Tyler is 83, and she could be sitting by the shore, enjoying her fame and the royalty checks from her 25 books. Three years ago, she told People magazine that "For several years I thought, 'The world does not need another of my books.' What if people are saying, the woman doesn't know when to quit?"" She continues to write, she said, in part because "I'm not wildly social and I have no hobbies." Her fans, and they are legion, hope that she doesn't pick one up. B+

—Jennifer Graham 🦡

# **Author events**

- KD Mason, a New Hampshire author, will talk about his Jack Beale mystery series at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com) on Saturday, March 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.
- about his debut book *Drumming Up* stories, at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, 417-7981, balinbooks. com) on Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m.
- Lisa Rogak will talk about her new Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Tuesday, March 4, at ccanh.com.
- book Grenier Air Base: A Beacon Mistress, at Gibson's Bookstore (45 on the Home Front at Balin Books S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562,

- (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com) on Saturday, March 8, from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Alton Brown, TV food show presenter and author, will sign copies of his new book, Food for Thought: Essays and Ruminations, at Gib-· Jean 'Boomer' Grenier will talk son's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookthe Dead, a collection of paranormal store.com) on Monday, March 10, for a short while starting at 4 p.m. This event will not include a presentation or speaking engagement. He will be at the Capitol Center for the book, Propaganda Girls: The Secret Arts in Concord on Tuesday, March War of the Women in the OSS, at 11, at 7:30 p.m. on his "Last Bite" tour; tickets range from \$63.75 to \$210.25 (VIP) and are available at
- · Chris Bohjalian will talk about • Leah Dearborn will talk about her his new (25th!) novel, The Jackal's

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· Ariella Isabella will talk about her new romantasy novel, A Secret Shared with Sirens, at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.

# **Book events**

· Boozy Book Swap at Local Street Eats (112 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 402-4435) on Tuesday, March 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. Bring up to 10 gently used books that you truly enjoyed and are ready to pass along to fellow readers. Write a sticky note with what you loved about each book and stick it on the cover. At swapping time you will be able to select as many books as you brought. A full menu of food and drinks will be available for purchase. \$25 ticket, available via local-street-

eats.com, includes a glass of bubbly or wine and a personal charcuterie plate. Pre-purchased tickets are required for this event.

# History, stories, discussions & lectures

- · Stories from Producing on **Broadway: How Creative Process** Works presented by Michele Steckler on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Jaffrey Civic Center (40 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-6527) as part of the Stories to Share series. A reception follows. Admission is free; go to jaffreyciviccenter.com/stories to reserve a seat.
- · Songs of Old New Hampshire presented by Jeff Warner on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Library (313 Pembroke St., 485-7851). Free and open to the public.

# **Conclave for the win?**

My annual cheerleading for the Oscars

By Amy Diaz adiaz@hippopress.com

Go, Oscars! Yay, the movies! Huzzah for a beloved form of entertainment that feels like it's, you know, Going Through It right now! I will never give up on the Oscars even in what feel like the oddball years like this one where the movies felt fewer and quieter. And thus, when the Oscar telecast begins — Sunday, March 2, 7 p.m., on ABC and Hulu — I will be planted in front of my TV. And here's what I'll be cheering for:

• Conclave for the win! Of the nine out of 10 of the Best Picture nominees I've seen, Conclave (available for rent or purchase and streaming on Peacock), the stand-out cast movie about cardinals picking a new pope, is my favorite. And it features Isabella Rosselini in, like, three scenes for which she was also nominated in Supporting Actress (and is maybe my fave in that category). If Conclave can't win, my next pick would be The Substance (available for rent or purchase and on Mubi), featuring Demi Moore's excellent comic performance as a performer willing to go to sci-fi lengths to stay in the spotlight (Moore definitely being my pick in the Lead Actress category). The other films in the category in the general order of my wanting them to win: Nickel Boys (available for purchase), the tale of two boys stuck at a segregated reform school in 1960s Florida; Wicked (available for purchase), the gem-colored adaptation of the musical; Anora (rent or purchase), a dramady about an exotic dancer and her relationship with the goofy son of a rich, shady Russian family; A Complete Unknown (in theaters), a biopic of Bob Dylan's early years as a performer; The Brutalist (purchase), the story of an architect trying to recover from World War II; Dune: Part Two (rent or purchase and streaming on Max), a movie about Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya and sand, and *Emilia Pérez* (streaming on Netflix), a crazy musical that is problematic in multiple ways but might still get Zoe Saldaña a Supporting Actress win. I haven't seen *I'm Still Here* yet — a movie about a Brazilian family living through a military coup in the 1970s.

- Make it *Sing Sing*'s night! Colman Domingo, the standout in my opinion in the Lead Actor category, would be the big win for this movie, which totally deserved but didn't get a Best Picture nod. The excellent and hopeful story of an acting troupe in Sing Sing Correctional Facility, *Sing Sing* (available for rent or purchase) is also nominated in Original Song and Adapted Screenplay, where it would also be my pick to win.
- Yay to animation! The Animated Feature category is solid, even if I might have swapped out something *Inside Out 2* (rent, purchase and on Disney+) maybe for *Transformers One* (rent, purchase and Paramount+), a surprisingly pretty and smart origin story. My pick here is the sweet, lovely *The Wild Robot* (for rent or purchase and streaming on Peacock), though I won't be mad if *Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl* (Netflix) or the beautiful, contemplative, wordless *Flow* (rent, purchase and streaming on Max) takes it. I haven't seen *Memoir of a Snail* (rent, purchase and on AMC+).
- Hurray for accessible documentaries and international films! Once upon a time, nominees in what is now the International Feature category would seem to appear from nowhere and then not be available for viewing until deep into the summer. But now, many of those movies and this year's Documentary Feature nominees which didn't include critical faves like the bittersweet *Daughters* (Netflix), the charming *Will & Harper* (Netflix), which also deserved a song nomination, and *Dahomey* (purchase,

rent and streaming on Mubi and which is still on my to-watch list) — are available to watch now. In Documentary (confession: these are also on my to-watch list), the readily available nominees are Black Box Diaries (Paramount+), a Japanese journalist's investigation into her rape accusations; Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat (rent, purchase and on Kino Film), about the "U.S. government's jazz ambassador program in Africa," according to the film description, and Sugarcane (Hulu), a look at the abuse of children at an Indian residential school in Canada. Porcelain War, about three artists in Ukraine, is at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Feb. 27 and is slated to screen elsewhere in the Boston area in March. No. Other Land does not yet have U.S. distribution and doesn't appear to be viewable at home in the U.S.; a New York Times story from Feb. 19 said this documentary directed by Palestinian and Israeli filmmakers will self-distribute in U.S. theaters.

In International Feature Film, nominees include *Flow*, *Emilia Pérez* and *I'm Still Here* as well as (also on the to-watch list) *The Girl With the Needle* (rent, purchase and on Mubi), loosely based on the true story of a Danish serial killer in the early 20th century, and *The Seed of the Sacred Fig* (rent or purchase), about a lawyer and his family in Iran.

- Let's hear it for Kieran Culkin. I hope the road trip dramady *A Real Pain* (rent, purchase and on Hulu) wins for both of its too-few nominations Supporting Actor (for Culkin) and Original Screenplay. My runner up Original Screenplay might be *The Substance* or it might be *September 5* (rent or purchase), about the terrorist attack at the 1972 Olympics and ABC Sports' coverage.
- Watch *Hard Truths*! The Mike Leigh-written and -directed *Hard Truths* (rent or purchase) received no Oscar



Conclave

nominations but it did get a slew of nominations elsewhere, including the Indie Spirit Awards (for International Feature Film). The movie, whose story admittedly can sound like a real bummer (a woman struggles with fear, anxiety and depression in a way that basically throws a cloud over the lives of everyone around her) is actually a great watch with excellent performances, especially from Marianne Jean-Baptiste. Also nominated in Indie Spirit categories but not Oscar are Amy Adams for the dark, funny, early-childhood-grind movie Nightbitch (Hulu); June Squibb for the thoughtful and funny Thelma (rent, purchase and on Hulu); Justice Smith in I Saw The TV Glow (rent, purchase and streaming on Max), what feels like a cautionary tale about rewatching the likes of Buffy the Vampire Slayer; Janet Planet, nominated for First Feature (rent, purchase and on Max), a great tale mother-daughter tale, and My Old Ass (Amazon Prime), nominated for screenplay, a bittersweet movie about an 18-year-old meeting her decades-older self. None of these movies are Oscar nominated but Oscar nominations are just one list (which you can find via the Oscar landing page at abc.com) among several great lists (Indie Spirit Awards at filmindependent.org and Screen Actors Guild Awards at sagawards.org, to name two) of movies you may have missed and can now catch up on. Yay movies!







By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

- Welcome back: The show never ends as Carl Palmer hosts An Evening With Emerson, Lake & Palmer that's a virtual concert from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame prog rock band. Video from a 1992 Royal Albert Hall performance brings back Keith Emerson and Greg Lake, who both passed away in 2016, while Palmer plays along on drums to evoke the masterful power trio. Thursday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$55 and up at tupelohall.com.
- Hard rocking: Check out three distinct flavors of female-fronted metal with Dystopica, a Connecticut-based band led by singer Becky Brideau, who recently released the revved-up single "Freewheel Burning," local favorites Sepsiss, hot on the heels of their latest, "Play the Game," an indictment of industry success syndrome, and riffy duo the Saturn Cycle. Hollow Virtue opens. Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester, \$10 at the door, 21+, @KineticCityEvents.
- Bag boys: Boasting they're "the most famous bagpipe band on the planet," the Red Hot Chilli Pipers have a pair of area appearances to kick off the Celtic-centric month. The nine-piece group is known for its rock 'n trad "bag rock," which includes covers of everything from "Amazing Grace" to AC/DC's "Thunderstruck." Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, and Sunday, March 2, 7 p.m., Colonial Theatre, 609 Main St., Laconia. \$29 and up at etix.com.
- Forthright folk: The rootsy trio Low Lily — married couple Liz Simmons and Flynn Cohen, and fiddler Natalie Padilla decided to be bold on their latest, Angels in the Wreckage. The a capella anthem "What'll You Do" is punchy, political and ready-made for a march, while "One Wild World" covers similar territory more tenderlv. Sunday, March 2, 6 p.m., Andres Institute of Art, 106 Route 13, Brookline, \$25 at andresinstitute.org.
- Neighbor loving: It's legend that The Rough & Tumble was born when Mallory Graham met Scott Tyler on a double decker bus in 2011 while spying on his notebook. Their latest, Hymns for My Atheist Sister & Her Friends to Sing Along To, is a hopeful album focused on the nature of faith in a corrosive world. The energetic chorale piece "Love Them, Too" is a standout. Tuesday, March 4, 2 p.m., Taylor Community Center, 435 Union Ave., Wolfeboro, bandsintown. com.

# Still the ones Orleans comes to Concord

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

Orleans' story is one of hurdles faced and cleared, including one so monumental it's a miracle they're still making music.

The first challenge came two years after the band formed in 1972, when the record label didn't hear a hit on their second album and dropped them. They bounced back after the A&R head at Asvlum listened to "Dance With Me" and "Let There Be Music" from the rejected LP. He caught something, and bought the re-recording rights.

Lance Hoppen made the trio his brother Larry co-founded a quartet 10 months after forming. In a recent phone interview, he explained why two enduring hits were non-starters until they landed on the ears of Asylum's Chuck Plotnick. "With his input, they were re-sculpted," he said. The first "opened the door at radio, and 'Dance With Me' basically went top five."

The latter, he continued, "was now a hit record, as well as a hit song."

Now a wedding standard, the ballad began as a riff that guitarist John Hall played at rehearsal.

"Larry said, 'That's a good one, you should finish that," Hoppen recalled. The song was atypical of a band that got its name from the Allan Toussaint and Meters covers it favored. Hall's co-writer wife Johanna, who'd later pen the smash "Still The One," wrote the lyrics.

"John said to her, 'Is that it? Is that all it is?' and she said, 'Yeah, that's what it is' - look what happened to that," Hoppen continued. "Some things just come out of the blue; no way could we have predicted it would be a hit, especially in .....

# **Orleans**

When: Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Where: BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St.,

Concord

Tickets: \$69 and up at ccanh.com



Courtesy photo.

light of the mainstream of our material."

Orleans' biggest hit came two years later, when a neighbor of John and Johanna Hall who was splitting with her husband asked if they could write a song about relationships that didn't end in breakup. Joanna jotted the words to "Still the One" on the back of an envelope and gave it to John, who said in a 2021 interview that he wrote the music in 15 minutes.

Hall departed for a solo career in 1977, and the band's final charting single, "Love Takes Time," came two years later. But label problems of a different kind choked their momentum. Infinity Records made a big bet on an album of live recordings from Pope John Paul II that flopped. MCA took it over, and let Orleans' 1980 follow-up record wither on the vine.

In July 2012, Larry Hoppen died by suicide. Reeling from tragedy, Lance was at the same time mindful of the band's many business commitments.

"I just changed the question; it was not, are we going to continue, it was how," he said. "So I called John." Hall had wanted back into the band after serving two terms in Congress, and now he was needed, if only to fulfill obligations.

With the help of various alumni, they continued through November, concluding with a memorial concert in Nashville.

"I raised some money for his kids, that's what that was for," Lance said. "I was sure we were done, forty years, this must be it ... then I got a phone call."

A promoter putting together a Sail Rock Tour asked Orleans to be the house band for Christopher Cross, Robbie Dupree, Gary Wright and others.

"We were resurrected in that manner, and the years kept flowing," Lance said. "It was a really high hurdle, under duress, and we made it."

More than a dozen years later the band soldiers on. The current lineup includes Lance Hoppen and his brother Lane, Brady Spencer, Tom Lane, and Tony Hooper. Hall retired from touring due to health concerns but still joins on occasion. Lance hopes he and his longtime band mate will return to the studio one more time before calling it a career.

"We have ... a retrospective collection and some new cuts," he said. "John and I are kind of like, 'Well, it's come up again, are we going to finish this thing or what?' There are a couple of tracks that ... have been there for a long time. If we just finish them, we'll have something to put out, and it'll probably be the last thing we do."

# COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

# Weekly comedy nights

- Shaskeen, Manchester, 9 p.m.
- Thursdays Laugh Attic at Strange Brew, Manchester, strangebrewtavern.net, 8:30 p.m.

# **Events**

- Wednesday Ruby Room at the John Pizzi Chunky's, Manchester, chunkys.com, Friday, Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m. (family friendly); 8 p.m. (21+)
  - · March Madness Comedy Show Rockingham Ballroom, Newmarket, rockinballroom.club, Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m.
- Kirk Minihane Colonial, Laonia, Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m.
- · Ken Rogerson/Anthony Eugenio/Nestor Matute/Caroline Moore McCue's, Porstmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com, Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m.
- Kyle Crawford Chunky's, Manchester, chunkys.com, Saturday,

March 1, 8 p.m.

- Dan Crohn Headliners, Manchester, headlinersnh.com, Saturday, March 1, 8:30 p.m.
- · David Nihill Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.
- Sebastian Maniscalco SNHU Arena, Manchester, snhuarena.com, Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

# **MUSIC THIS WEEK**

**Alton Bay** 

Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234

Auburn

167 Pitts Auburn Rockingham Road, 622-

**Barrington** 

Nippo Lake Restaurant 88 Stagecoach Road, nippobluegrass. com

**Bedford** 

Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677

Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875

Bow

Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508

**Bristol** 

Kathleen's Irish Pub 90 Lake St., 744-6336

**Brookline** 

The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000

Concord

The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363

Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669

Lithermans 126B Hall St 219-0784

Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614

Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667

Contoocook

Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811

Derry

Tavern 187 Fody's Rockingham Road, 404-6946

LaBelle Winery Route 111, 672-9898

Dover

Auspicious Brew Washington St., 953-

Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390

**Epping** 

Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225

**Epping** 

**Epsom** 

Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Hudson Dover Road, 736-0027

428-3579

7732

Road

**Jaffrey** 

St., 532-9300

**Kingston** 

Laconia

Union St.

Ave., 528-2022

Litchfield

way, 377-7664

Londonderry

Funway

Pats Peak Sled Pub 24

Flanders Road, 888-728-

The Bar 2B Burnham

Luk's Bar & Grill 142

Lowell Road, 889-9900

Lvnn's 102 Tavern 76

Park Theatre 19 Main

Saddle Up Saloon 92

405 Pub & Grill 405

Fratello's 799 Union

Day of the Dead Mex-

ican Taqueria Mel's

Charles Bancroft High-

Coach Stop Restau-

rant & Tavern 176

Mammoth Road, 437-

Park,

454

Route 125, 369-6962

**Exeter** 

Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116

Gilford

Weirs Derry Road, 943-7832 Patrick's 18 Road, 293-0841

Goffstown

Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230

Hampton

CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972

The Goat 20 L St., 601-

L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777

Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road

Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954

Whym Craft Pub & **Brewery** 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801

Henniker

Henniker Brewing Co. 129 Centervale Road, Stumble Inn 20 Rock-

**Manchester** 

Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545

ingham Road, 432-3210 ket St., 666-4292

Meredith

Merrimack

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Twin Barns Brewing

194 DW Highway, 279-

Homestead 641 DW

Tomahawk Tavern 454

DW Highway, 365-4960

Tortilla Flat 595 DW

Brickhouse 241 Union

Riley's Place 29 Mont

Stonecutters Pub 63

Union Square, 213-5979

Wentworth Hwy., 476-

Casey Magee's Irish

Pub 8 Temple St., 484-

Fody's Tavern 9 Clin-

San Francisco Kitchen

133 Main St., 886-8833

ton St., 577-9015

Buckey's 240 Governor Pittsfield

Moultonborough

Nashua

Vernon St., 380-3480

Highway, 424-4479

Milford

Sa., 672-2270

Highway, 429-2022

Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678

Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880

The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925

Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022

The Goat 50 Old Gran-

The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159

KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627-RIBS

Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020

Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246

South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-

Stark Brewing Co. 500 Peddler's Daughter 48 Commercial St., 625- Main St., 821-7535 4444

Strange Brew 88 Mar-

SFK: Chris Lester, 6:30 p.m.

North Hampton Throwback Brewery: Back to the '80s music bingo, 6 p.m.

**Pembroke** Pembroke City Limits: Music with Bobby D, 7 p.m.

**Pittsfield** 

Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m. Red's: Johnny Angel, 7 p.m.

**Portsmouth** 

place on Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m., and tickets cost \$25 plus fees.

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Mojo's West End Tav- 59 Range Road, 870-

**Spyglass Brewing** 306 St., 431-5186

Restaurant 35 Mont Rochester

Goosefeathers Pub Mt. Salem

Thirsty Moose Tap-

house 21 Congress St.,

Porter's 19 Hanson St.,

Copper Door 41 S.

Dreo 254 N. Broadway,

Backyard Burgers &

Wings 5 Provident Way.

Chop Shop Pub 920

Lafayette Road, 760-

Red's Kitchen + Tav-

ern 530 Lafayette Road,

Earth Eagle North 350

The Local 15 E. Main

Windham Restaurant

Route 108, 841-5421

Somersworth

St., 456-3333

Windham

Broadway, 458-2033

427-8645

330-1964

824-6337

760-2581

760-0030

Seabrook

Innovative Way, 546-

**New Boston** 

Newbury

Route 103

Pembroke

Penacook

9372

2162

**Portsmouth** 

ket St., 430-9122

St., 590-4628

436-6656

The Goat 142 Congress

Press Room 77 Daniel

Molly's Tavern

Vernon Road, 487-1362

Sunapee Resort, 1298

**Throwback Brewery** 7

**Pembroke City Limits** 

134 Main St., 210-2409,

pembrokecitylimits.com

American Legion Post

31 11 Charles St., 753-

Over the Moon 1253

Upper City Road, 216-

The Gas Light 64 Mar- Warner

ern 95 Brewery Lane, 9270

Hobbs Road, 379-2317

**North Hampton** 

2965

Somersworth

Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.

Warner

The Local: Ian Archibold, 5 p.m.

Copper Door: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.

# **Brookline**

Auburn

**Bedford** 

Alamo: open mic with Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.

## Concord

Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.

Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

# **Dover**

Auspicious Brew: Kong Moon, Creator DGM, 8 p.m.

## Hampton

Mitchell, 7 p.m.

CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m. L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m. Smuttynose: Jack Plante, 5:30 p.m. Wally's: WOKQ presents Bryan Martin, 8 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer

Telly's: 21st & 1st, 7 p.m.

# Hudson

Luk's: Corey Zwart, 6 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ

# 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 before you head out to make sure plans haven't changed. Get your gigs listed by sending information to adiaz@hippopress.com.

Jason, 7 p.m.

## Laconia

405 Pub and Grill: Pat Foley, 6 p.m.

Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

# Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Jamie Hughes, 7

# Manchester

Fratello's: Joe Winslow, 5:30

Goat: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m. Shaskeen: EDM Night, 8 p.m.

# Merrimack

Homestead: Lewis Goodwin, 5:30 p.m.

Tomahawk: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m. Tortilla Flat: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

# Milford

Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.

# Nashua

Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30

Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30

# **GET IN THE GAME**

It's a regional comedy scrimmage when Rockingham Ballroom (22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket. rockinballroom.club) its annual March Madness Comedy Show, featuring three rising stars on the New England comedy scene. Mitch Stinson has gone from working as an aircraft-carrier aviator for the Navy to winning the Rhode Island's Funniest Stand-Up Competition. Greg Howell has appeared at nightclubs throughout New England and New York. David Twohig recently retired from his state job

and has returned to the comedy scene. The game takes

# Friday, Feb. 28

**Alton Bay** 

Foster's Tavern: Kat Ivy, 6 p.m.

## **Bedford**

Murphy's: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.

# **Bristol**

Kathleen's: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.

## **Brookline**

Alamo: Clint LaPointe, 6 p.m.

## Concord

Forum: Gardner Berry, 8 p.m. Hermanos: Joey Placenti, 6:30

Auspicious Brew: Queeraoke, 8 p.m.

## **Epping**

Telly's: Johnny Friday Duo, 8 p.m.

# **Exeter**

Sea Dog: Qwill, 5 p.m.

# Hampton

CR's: Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m. The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. Whym: Dave Clark, 6:30 p.m.

## Hudson

Luk's: Huck & The Hounds, 7 Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George

# Bisson, 8 p.m.

# **Jaffrey**

Park Theatre: Brian Castiglioni, 6 p.m.; Crazy Train, 7:30 p.m.

## Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Hank Osborne, 7 p.m.

Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30

# Litchfield

Day of the Dead: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

# Londonderry

Coach Stop: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Crab Shack Band, 8 p.m.

# **Manchester**

Backvard Brewery: Kyle McGuinness, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Nate Ramos, 8 p.m. **Derryfield:** Heartbeat City, 8:30

n.m. The Foundry: Temple Mountain,

6 p.m.

Fratello's: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Dystopia, Sepsiss, The Saturn Cycle & Hollow Virtue, 8

South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Strange Brew: Peter Higgins, 8

## Meredith

Twin Barns: Jackie Lee, 3 p.m.

# Merrimack

Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 6

## Milford

Brickhouse: Hug The Dog, 8

Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

## Moultonborough

Buckey's: Downtown Dave, 6:30 p.m.

# Nashua

Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 Spyglass: Run up the Tab, 6 p.m.

# **New Boston**

Molly's: Lewis Goodwin, 6:30 p.m.

# **Pembroke**

Pembroke City Limits: Faith Ann Acoustic, 7 p.m.

# **Portsmouth**

Gas Light: Max Sullivan, 9:30 p.m.

The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. Mojo's: Dana Brearley, 7 p.m. Press Room: Mariee Siou w/ Donnie Coco, 6:30 p.m.

Thirsty Moose: DJ Jam!n!, 9:30

# Salem

Dreo: Bella Perrotta, 7 p.m.

# Sanbornton

Steele Hill Resort: Skip Band, 6:30 p.m.

## Seabrook

Red's: Mass Ave Duo, 8 p.m.

# Windham

Windham Restaurant: Chad LaMarsh, 8 p.m.

# Saturday, March 1 **Alton Bay**

Foster's Tavern: Freddie Catalfo, 6 p.m.

# **Bedford**

Murphy's: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

## Bow

Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.

# Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Ian Archibold, 1 p.m.

# Derry

LaBelle: Hot Tamale Brass Band, 6:30 p.m.

## Dover

Auspicious Brew: Fun City Fan

Club, 8 p.m.

# **Epping**

Telly's: J-Lo Duo, 8 p.m.

# Hampton

The Goat: James Stark, 9 p.m. L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m. Whym: Peter Pappas, 6:30 p.m.

# Henniker

Henniker Brewing: Cross-Border Bards, 3 p.m.

Pats Peak: Karen Grenier, 6 p.m.

# Hudson

Lynn's 102: Rock Junkies, 8:30 p.m.

# Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Benefit for NORD, 5 p.m.; Bite The Bullet, 8:30 p.m.

# Laconia

405 Pub and Grill: Everett Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Fratello's: Richard Cumming,

## Londonderry

5:30 p.m.

Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Mica's Groove Train, 8 p.m.

# Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Bonfire: Chase Clark, 7 p.m. Derryfield: Souled Out Show Band, 8 p.m.

Foundry: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m. The Goat: The KR Show, 9 p.m. The Hill: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m. Shaskeen: Falsely Accused & More, 9 p.m.

Strange Brew: The Faith Ann Band Trio, 9 p.m.

# Meredith

Twin Barns: Dave Clark, 5 p.m.

# Merrimack

Homestead: Sam Hammerman, 6 p.m.

## Milford

Brickhouse: The Pop Farmers, 8 p.m. Riley's: The Glass Onion, 8 p.m.

Casey Magee's: Workin' Stiffs Band, 8 p.m.

# **New Boston**

Molly's: Robert & Rich, 6:30 p.m.

# Newbury

Goosefeathers Pub: River Sang Wild, noon; Joel Begin, 3 p.m.

# **Pembroke**

Pembroke City Limits: Vinyl Record Party, 2 p.m.; The Monkey Fingers, 7 p.m.

# **Portsmouth**

Gas Light: Matt Luneau, 9:30 p.m. Press Room: Emo Night w/ The White Belts, 9 p.m.

Thirsty Moose: Brandy Band, 9:30 p.m.

## Salem

Dreo: Jordan Quinn, 7 p.m.

# Sanbornton

Steele Hill Resort: Garrett Smith, 6:30 p.m.

## Seabrook

Red's: Frank Crivello Duo, 8 p.m.

# Sunday, March 2 Barrington

Nippo Lake Restaurant: Cordwood, 6 p.m.

## **Bedford**

Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11

# Hampton

L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

## Hudson

Lynn's 102: Wooden Soul, 4 p.m.

# Jaffrey

Park Theatre: Diane Ammons, 5:30 p.m.

# Laconia

Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30

## Londonderry

Stumble Inn: J-Lo, 4 p.m.

# Manchester

The Goat: Mike Jetti, 10 a.m. Shaskeen: Rap Night, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

# Milford

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

# Nashua

Spyglass Brewing: Jae Mannion, 2 p.m.

# **Pembroke**

Pembroke City Limits: Fat Tuesday on Fat Sunday with State Street Jazz Mardi Gras Celebration, 2 p.m.

# **Portsmouth**

Press Room: Dan & Faith, noonoo; Braden Lam w/ Jobie, 7 p.m.

# Salem

Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.

# Monday, March 3

## Dover

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

## Gilford

Patrick's Pub: open mic w/ John McArthur, 6 p.m.

# **Hampton**

L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

# Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

# **Kingston**

Saddle Up Saloon: acoustic Sunday w/ Ralph Allen, 1 p.m.

# Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Mica's Groove Train, 8 p.m.

## Manchester

Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m. The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m. Rex: Chad LaMarsh, 8 p.m. Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

## Merrimack

Homestead: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m.

## Nashua

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

# **Portsmouth**

The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

# Tuesday, March 4

Barley House: Irish session, 6

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

Concord

Hampton L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

# Manchester

Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 n.m.

The Goat: karaoke night w/ George Cox, 8 p.m. KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate

# open mic, 7 p.m. Merrimack

Homestead: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30

**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL** 

harmonious quintet has spent the last three decades as one of the leading lights in the Seacoast music scene, and they show no signs of stopping. They return to the Stone Church (5 Granite St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com) on March 1 at 7 p.m.



Drawing from influences as varied as British folk, bluegrass and New Orleans brass, Low Lily has developed a pop-influenced Americana sound you'll want to listen to again and again. The Vermont-based trio stops by the Andres Institute (16 Route 13, Brookline, andresinstitute.org) on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 plus fees.



It's always Mardi Gras at a Truffle show. This

## Nashua

Spyglass Brewing: Jeff Mrozek, 5 p.m.

## Rochester

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

# Seabrook

Backvard Burgers: music bingo

# Trivia

Trivia events

# · General Knowledge trivia Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (chunkys.

# Weekly trivia

com).

- Thursday trivia with ABC Trivia at Oddball Brewing (6 Glass St., Suncook, 210-5654, oddballbrewingnh.com) at 6 p.m.
- Thursday trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans. beer) at 6 n.m.
- Thursday trivia with Raise the Bar at Henniker Brewing (129 Centervale Road, Henniker, hennikerbrewing.com) 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

with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m. Red's: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 5 Concord

Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m. Uno Pizzeria: Mikey G, 6 p.m.

# Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.

- Drink at the Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 p.m.
- Thursday trivia with Raise the Bar at The Derryfield (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, thederryfield.com) 7 p.m.
- Thursday Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.
- Thursday trivia with Raise the Bar at Chantilly's Restaurant (1112 Hooksett Road, Hooksett) 7 p.m.
- Thursday trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.
- Thursday Trivia Night with Bill Senev at Bonfire Restaurant & Country Bar (950 Elm St., Manchester, bonfiremanch.com) at 7 p.m
- · Thursday trivia at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) at 7:30 p.m.

# Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

# Hampton

L Street: Karaoke, 9 p.m.

# **Kingston**

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

- Thursday trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View • Thursday trivia with Geeks Who 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.
  - Friday trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.
  - Friday trivia with Raise the Bar at Cheers (17 Depot Square, Concord, cheersnh.com) 8 p.m.
  - Sunday trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4 p.m.
  - Monday Trivia Night with Bill Senev at Renegade's Pub (103 Nashua Road, Londonderry, renegadespub.com) at 7 p.m
  - Monday trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (360 DW Highway, Merrimack, thirstymoosetap- dlersdaughter.com), 8:30 p.m.

# **Manchester**

house.com) 7 p.m.

Fratello's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m. Homestead: Chris Tylor, 5:30 The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7

Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 Milford

n.m.

Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 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, Mer-

· Tuesday trivia at Second Brook

(1100 Hooksett Rd, Hooksett, sec-

• Tuesday trivia at Fody's (187

Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-

6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.

• Tuesday trivia at Lynn's 102 Tav-

ern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-

• Tuesday Trivia Night with Bill

Seney at Shopper's Pub + Eatery

(18 Lake Ave., Manchester, shop-

• Tuesday trivia at the Forum Pub

(15 Village St., Concord, 552-

• Tuesday Geeks Who Drink triv-

ia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main

St., Nashua, 821-7535, theped-

persmht.com) at 7 p.m.

0137), at 8 p.m.

7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.

rimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.

ondbrook.com) at 7 p.m.

# Merrimack

Rilev's: karaoke, 7 p.m. Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8

- Wednesday Brews & Qs trivia,
- · Wednesday trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglassbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- · Wednesday trivia with Raise the Bar at East Derry Tavern (50 E. Derry Road, Derry, eastderrytavern.com) 6 p.m.
- the Bar at Flannel Tavern (345 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester, flanneltavern.com) 6 p.m.
- · Wednesday trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

# Seabrook

Chop Shop: DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Red's: Fred Ellsworth, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday trivia at Bert's Beers (545 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 413-5992, bertsnh.com) at 6 p.m.
- 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday trivia with Raise
- Wednesday trivia at Talespinner Brewery (57 Factory St., Nashua, ramblingtale.com, 318-3220) at 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday Trivia Night with Bill Seney at Backyard Brewery (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com) 7 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 trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (795 Elm St., Manchester, thirstymoosetaphouse.com/Manchester) 7 p.m.
- Wednesday trivia with Raise the Bar at Gate City Casino Lounge (55 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, thegatecitycasino.com) 7 p.m.
- · Wednesday World Tavern Trivia at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.





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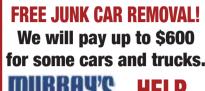


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# Venues

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Bank of NH Stage in Concord 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com Rutton Factory Stage Islington St., Portsmouth, https://wscafm.org/ event-schedule/

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

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

Concord City Auditorium 2 Prince St., Concord, theau-

Dana Center Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, tickets. anselm.edu

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, 934franklinoperahouse.

Goosefeathers Pub 1298 Route 103, Newbury, mountsunapee.com

Hermit Woods Winery 72 Main St., Meredith, hermitwoods.com

Jewel Music Venue 61 Canal St., Manchester, 819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club 135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com

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

LaBelle Winery Derry 14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

Lakeport Opera House 781 Union Ave., Laconia, 5197506, lakeportopera.com Livery at Sunapee Harbor 58 Main St., Sunapee, nhmusiccollective.com

The Majestic Theatre 880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net Milk St. Studios 6 Milk St.,

Dover, 568-7836, milkststudios.

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

The Music Hall Lounge 131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org Nashua Center for the Arts

201 Main St., Nashua, 800- 27, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose

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 Pembroke City Limits 134 28, 6:30 p.m., Press Room

Main St., Pembroke, pembrokecitylimits.com

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

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

Rochester Opera House 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, atre 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com

The Spotlight Room 96 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org SNHU Arena 555 Elm St Manchester 644-5000 snhuarena.com

Stone Church 5 Granite p.m., 3S Artspace 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.

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

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

## Shows

- · Both Sides Now (Joni Mitchell & Leonard Cohen The Music Hall 28 Chestnut tribute) Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
  - Solas Thursday, Feb. 27. 7:30 p.m., Music Hall
  - Orleans Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage
  - Ellis Paul Thursday, Feb.
- 657-8774. nashuacenterfort- Eli "Paperboy" Reid Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., Jimmv's
  - Emerson, Lake & Palmer Thursday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Tunelo
  - Rock Country Nights (country music tribute) Thursday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
  - Mariee Siou Friday, Feb.
  - Kat Edmonson Friday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's
  - Faith Ann Friday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
  - Crazy Train (Ozzy Osbourne tribute) Friday. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Park The-
  - · Mport with Trip Drop, Kreesay, Just DJ, IORA Friday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m., Jewel
  - Sam Robbins Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
  - Melt Friday, Feb. 28, 8
  - Dolphin Squad/Jaden Lester/DJ Banks Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Button Fac-
  - Big Ol' Dirty Bucket Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Stone Church
  - Joel Begin Saturday, March

- 1, 3 p.m., Goosefeathers
- STL Gold Saturday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., Milk St. Studios
- · David Howley Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- The Man in Black (Johnnv Cash tribute) Saturday. March 1, 7 p.m., Fulchino Vinevard
- 7 p.m., Stone Church
- The Monkey Fingers Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- Red Hot Chilli Pipers Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts · Soggy Po' Boys Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Rex
- · Classic Stones Live Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Tunelo
- tribute) Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- Popa Chubby Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- · Kirk Minihane Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., Colonial
- The Suitcase Junket Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace
- Ellis Paul Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
- Truck Stop Messiah/Dave Hunter Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m., Button Factory Stage
- State Street Brass Sunday. March 2, 2 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- Jack Ancora Sunday, March 2, 6 p.m., Cantin March 7, 7:30 p.m., Colonial Room at BankNH Stage
- Low Lily Sunday, March 2, 6 p.m., Andres Institute
- Red Hot Chilli Pipers Double Vision (Foreign-Sunday, March 2, 7 p.m., er tribute) Friday, March 7, Colonial
- LILIAC/Amber Wild Sunday, March 2, 7 p.m., Tupelo
- Braden Lam Sunday, March 2, 7 p.m., Press Room • Elvis Costello & Steve Press Room
- Nieve Sunday, March 2, 8 p.m., Music Hall
- Jumbo Circus Peanuts

- Monday, March 3, 7 p.m., Jimmy's
- · Lowdown Brass Band Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
- · Amythyst Kiah Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall Lounge
- Cherish the Ladies • Truffle Saturday, March 1, Wednesday March 5, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
  - Martin/Bob Jeffrey Sumner Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m., Press Room
  - Katie Dobbins/The Rough & Tumble Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods
  - Bell Bottom Blues (Eric Clapton tribute) Thursday. March 6, 7:15 p.m., LaBelle
- LOCASH Thursday, • Kashmir (Led Zeppelin March 6, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center
  - Another Tequila Sunrise (Eagles tribute) Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Palace
  - Aztec Two Step 2.0 Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose
  - Jesse Roper Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
  - Double Vision (Foreigner tribute) Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
  - Joe Crookston Friday, March 7, 7 p.m., Word Barn
  - Everclear Friday, March 7. 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
  - The Irish Tenors Friday, · Joe Russo's Selcouth
  - Ouintet Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's
  - 7:30 p.m., Lakeport Opera • Zach Nugent & Friends
  - Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey · Strange Machines/Fren-
  - zie Friday, March 7, 8 p.m.,
  - Complete Utter Opposite/ Neurotic Friday, March 7, 8 p.m., Button Factory

# Film

- Oscar Nominated Shorts - Live Action will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4:10 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 28, 12:30 & 4:45 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 2, at 4:45 p.m.; Monday, March 3, at 4:10 p.m.; Wednesday, march 5, at 4:10 p.m.; Thursday, March 6, 4:10 p.m.
- · A Complete Unknown (R, 2024) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 3:45 and 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday,

- March 2, at 12:45, 3: 45 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, March 3, through Thursday, March 6, at 3:45 & 6:45 p.m.
- Paddington in Peru (PG, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.
- Oscar Nominated Shorts - Documentary will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:20 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, at 12:15 p.m.; Tuesday, March 4, at 6:20 p.m.; Thursday, March 6, at 6:20 p.m.
- · Oscar Nominated Shorts at 4 p.m.
- Animated will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Friday, Feb. 28, at 2:45 and 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 1, at 3:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Sunday, March 2, at 2:45 & 7 p.m.; Monday, march 3, at 6:20 p.m.; Tuesday, March 4, at 4:10 p.m.; Wednesday, March 5, at 6:20 p.m. • I'm Still Here (PG-13, 2024)
- will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 2, at p.m.; Monday, March 3, through Wendeday, March 5,
- · Becoming Led Zeppelin (PG-13, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 2, at 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, March 3, through Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m.
- · Oscar Nominated Shorts Live Action will screen at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.
  - The Brutalist (R. 2024) will screen at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, on Saturday, March 1, at noon, Tuesday, March 4 and March 5, at 7 p.m.
- Emilia Pérez (R. 2024) will screen at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall. org, on Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 6, at
- Underworld (1928), a silent film directed by Josef von Sternberg and starring George Bancroft, will be presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre in Wilton. See silentfilmlivemusic.blogspot.com.

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# **ROCK AND ROLL CROSSWORDS**

BY TODD SANTOS

# Rats!

1. 'Round And Round' hair metalers

5. TV show Haw

8. Replacements 'Kiss Me On The Bus' album

11. Alice In Chains '\_\_ In View' takes a peek

13. Katy Perry is just ' The Boys'

16. Green Day "I hope you Holbrook had the

18. '98 Sarah McLachlan smash

19. Damned song for demolition: 'Up'

21. 'Copacabana' Manilow

24. Swedish rapper Papa 25. Jack Vidgen said '\_\_ Am'

when asked if he was alright 26. Waylon Jennings is unsafe on 'Working Without'

27. What stage director did from the wings

29. A musician's strength or

30. Symbol used for concert pic on IG

31. Tim McGraw "Don't hold a grudge chip"

32. ABBA 'Voulez-

33. Bob Dylan 'Take Me Am (Or Let Me Go)'

34. Steve Perry's 80s smash 'Oh

36. Irish band for actor

39. Avril Lavigne 'Under My

41. Apollyon Sun debut about a woofer?

42. Timothy B. Schmit's band before Eagles

43. Like some music from Portugal

45. Bob Seger didn't have this coin to spare in 'Like A Rock' 46. Dance group To Real

47. Frankie Valli 'Walk Like

48. '16 Brett Dennen album Favor'

49. Part of jazzy genre, w/

50. "Till the he comes!" Metallica

52. Like some drinks on hot fest days

54. 'Perfect Way' British band 59. Half of 'Jollification'

60. Staind song about repeated no-no?

band, w/Lightning

61. Self-promoting bands (abbr)

62. Need these to drink booze 63. 'Popular Songs' band Tengo

# Down

1. Queen sang of 'Great King' narc or this

2. 'It's You' Gatie

3. Famous sexyman Jones

4. Justin Bieber is actually 'Down '

5. '96 REM album 'New Adventures In '(hyph)

6. Irish 'The Memory Of Trees' softrock singer

7. Bigheadedness star feature

8. "Velvet Fog" Mel

debut album

9. Panic! At The Disco got killed in

Hollywood: 'Dying' 10. Bryan Adams 'The Only

Thing That Looks Good On 12. Matchbox 20 song off

14. Diamonds On The Soles

# **R&R** answer from pg 31 of 2/20

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15. Broken Social Scene girl 57. Rise Against 'Six Ways that also goes solo

17. Marvin Gaye "I to go out to parties and stand around"

A Yellow Ribbon Round The Ole Oak Tree 21. Men 'Getcha Head In

22. Silverchair ' Song (Open Fire)

The Game'

23. 'Uprising' Muse album (w/"The")

24. '95 Cat Power debut for the start of a letter to a formal man

27. 'True Companion' '91 Grammy winner Marc

28. 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' co- writer Midge 29. A band's competing band or this

32. Fountains Of Wayne feel a 'Radiation' one 34. The Cult "City of , come and let me in"

35. '74 Robert Hunter album 'Tales Of The Great Runners'

37. Nails, as recording session 38. Madness' Kinks cover

40. R&B band The Family Soul

42. 'Firestarter' electronic punkers

43. 'Out In The Streets' Shangri-

44. Bank, as stardom wealth

45. Mick Jagger 'Tear Me Up'

48. 'Crazy' Cline

49. Bauhaus ' Lugosi's Dead'

51. Musical Instrument Digital Interface (abbr)

52. Apple product for working out

53. Motel overflow beds

55. Slipknot feels evil inside on 'The Devil

56. Hurt's 'Fighting' Confucian path or this

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58. Smashing **Pumpkins** 'Once While'

Todd's book Rock and Roll Crosswords Vol. 1 is available on Amazon.

# **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 41.

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Difficulty: ★

# King Classic Sudoku

**Puzzle B** 

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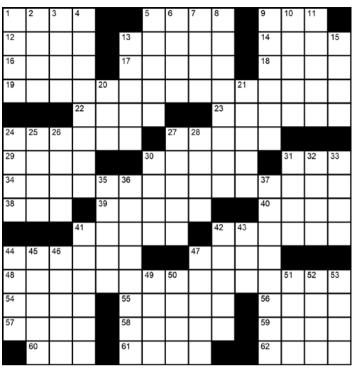
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# **Across**

- -building game
- 5. Part of CD
- 9. Opposite of flow
- 12. Notion
- 13. You are here
- 14. "Land" (2016 musical film)
- Fein (Irish political group)
- 17. Old copy machine, for short
- 18. Like some lattes
- 19. Behind-the-scenes theater worker's been specially selected?
- -deucey (backgammon
- variation) 23. Walker's Prawn Cocktail snacks,
- e.g., in the U.K. 24. Fifth U.S. president
- 27. "\_\_\_ the Sheriff" (1974 hit song)
- 29. Hydrox rival
- Martin (007's auto)
- 31. Wall Street index, briefly
- 34. Pre-owned greeting with a firm
- 38. Sound of admonition
- 39. Albertan NHLer
- 40. Belonging to us

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- 41. Walk with pride
- 42. Oppose vigorously
- 44. Peevish
- 47. "Yeah, I bet"
- 48. Straight or flush indicating one 28. Symbol over an 8 way to go to hell?
- 54. Opera highlight
- 55. Journalist Cornish of CNN

Find and Circle...

Five water-loving birds

56. 1/12 of a foot

- 57. Turkey meat preference
- 58. Pretzel shapes
- 59. Gospel singer Winans
- 60. "Boot" (1981 film)
- 61. Part of a skate blade
- 62. Sharp as a tack

# Down

- 1. Talk smack about
- 2. Make some changes
- 3. John who's supposedly tough to
- 4. Qantas logo animal
- 5. How often Wordles get released
- 6. "Garfield" waitress
- 7. Instruction
- 8. "Quickly!"
- 9. Bring out
- 10. Is a supporter of
- 11. Sound of censoring
- 13. Show host
- 15. Tacks on
- 20. "Foucault's Pendulum" author Umberto
- 21. "Reversal of Fortune" Oscar winner Jeremy
- 24. The majority
- 25. Natural resources
- 26. Shirt measurement
- 27. Dot in the ocean
- 30. Org. that defends individual rights

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- 31. Paint ineptly
- 32. Gumbo ingredient

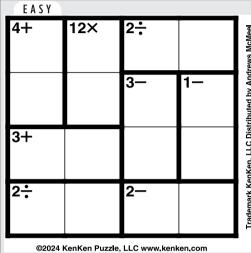
- 33. Toward sunset
- 35. Observant person
- 36. No-bake dessert that may be garnished with gummy worms
- 37. Nostalgic, perhaps
- 41. Lectures
- 42. Dice, most often
- 43. Singer Rita
- 44. Apple product that debuted April © 2025 Matt Jones
- 45. Org. that tracks Santa
- 46. "Ran" director Kurosawa
- 47. Bitter feeling
- 49. Ilsa's surname in "Casablanca"

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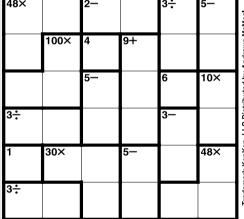
- 50. Work like
- 51. Leg hinge
- 52. "Behold!" to Caesar
- 53. At that moment



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# **RULES**

 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

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## SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *The Third Gilmore* Girl, by Kelly Bishop, born Feb. 28, 1944.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) In many ways, the ballet saved me from a life with no purpose, no sense of direction, and no self-confidence, other than having a lot of whatever the hell 'flair' was. Flair is better with a sense of purpose.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) I admit it, given a choice, with a handful of exceptions. I tend to prefer the company of animals to the company of people. Animals ... just unapologetically are who they are.... Meow.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) I was always Team Logan. Does Logan know that?

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) The first Keep it real. cast get-together on a project is a lot like your first day at a new school. You kind of mill around, getting first impressions of everyone, which may or may not be accurate, and hoping you're making a good first impression on them — not too friendly or aggressive, not too shy or standoffish, just someone they'll look forward to working with rather than dreading it. And then come the second impressions.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Today?! What?! With no time to prepare, and I'm very big on preparation?! You knew it was your turn to empty the dishwasher.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) My theory has always been, and still is, that the attraction [of Gilmore Girls] for men (besides the loveliness of the female cast, of course) is the inherent decency of the male characters. It is a good look.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Throughout my career, I've seen and heard countless stories of how fame and stardom can become a full-time job. Plus overtime.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. **22)** But as I'd started doing before I made a decision on every job I was offered, I made lists of the pros and cons of saying yes to Dirty Dancing. Cons?! What cons?!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) A lot of fans were frustrated by the loose ends they felt they were left with.... I prefer to think that those 'loose ends' were simply left to the fans' imagination to tie up. How are your knot-tying skills?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) There was also the problem of doing 'cold readings' .... For one thing, thanks to my dyslexia, I didn't excel at those. For another thing, when I did make it through the lines, I had trouble sounding enthusiastic about a new and improved laundry detergent or the very latest advancement in mouthwash.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) In my case, those first two jobs were commercials. They were a good learning experience — I figured out very quickly that they weren't my thing. It's nice to know.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) While I danced to afford my passion for dancing, Roy danced to afford his passion for photography. Dance, dance, dance.

# ITTLE W©RDS

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 large citrus fruit (6)
- 2 small, red Japanese fruit (9)
- 3 you eat its red seeds (11)
- 4 Georgia's fruit (5)
- 5 Bartlett or Concorde (4)
- 6 orange-fleshed fruit (6)
- 7 Hawaiian pizza fruit (9)

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Last Week's Answers: 1. SINGAPORE 2. JAMAICA 3. CYPRUS 4. CUBA 5. ICELAND 6. MADAGASCAR 7. TAIWAN

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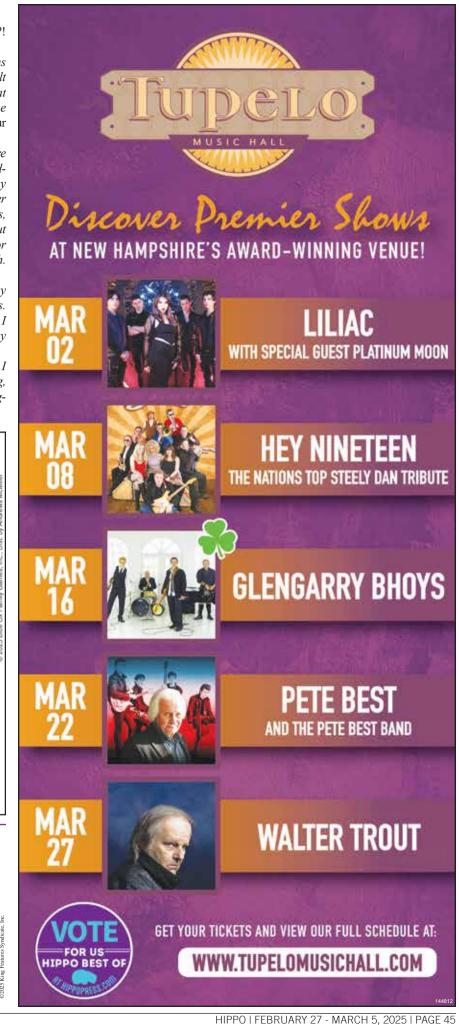
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# Puzzle B

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# **Puzzle C**

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# It's Come to This

Visitors to the Chengdu Snow Village in the Sichuan province of China were left with ma, has an unusual collection — and now a "bad impression" of the tourist attraction in early February, Reuters reported. Because of unseasonably warm weather, project coordinators had to improvise the "snowy" atmosphere, stapling cotton sheets to the rooftops and scattering white sand, cotton batting and soapy water to simulate snow throughout the property. Snow Village organizers said entry fees would be refunded, and the village has closed. Reuters, Feb. 17

# It's a Mystery

Investigators in Munich, Germany, are stumped by the sudden appearance of more than 1,000 small stickers on grave markers in three different cemeteries, the Associated Press reported. The stickers feature a QR code that, when scanned, reveals the name of the person in the grave and the location within the cemetery. "The stickers were put both on decades-old gravestones and very new graves that so far only have a wooden cross," said police spokesperson Christian Drexler. Police are investigating property damage as well, because when removed, the stickers leave discoloration. AP. Feb. 19

# It's Good To Have a Hobby

Clem Reinkemeyer, 87, of Tulsa, Oklahohe has a Guinness World Record. United Press International reported on Feb. 17 that Reinkemeyer's collection of 8,882 bricks includes a Roman brick from 100 A.D. and a sidewalk brick made in a facility where the Pentagon now stands. "What appealed to me about bricks is they have names and you can trace them back historically to places," he said. Some of the most valuable ones are those with misspellings. "I think Oklahoma has a history for the most misspelled bricks," he said. "I don't know why." UPI, Feb. 17

# **Space Trash**

Officials at Poland's space agency POL-SA are examining debris that fell onto the premises of a business in Komorniki on Feb. 19, Reuters reported, to determine whether it originated from a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. Later that day, a second "identical" container was found about 19 miles away in a forest. POLSA said it has been monitoring the flight of the Falcon 9, which launched on Feb. 1 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, and "will verify the object with SpaceX." News outlets in Poland reported that flashes were seen in the sky on the

morning of Feb. 19. Reuters, Feb. 19

# **Recent Alarming Headlines**

Residents of Godstone High Street in Surrey, England, may be out of their homes for months after a huge sinkhole opened up on Feb. 17, the BBC reported. Two sections of the road caved in, causing people in 30 homes to be evacuated. "We'll be looking to completely rebuild the road," said Surrey County Council's Matt Furniss. "It's currently stable, it isn't growing anymore." Local business owners are concerned about how the closure will affect them. Shane Fry of DD Services said it would be "a trialling few months for us." BBC, Feb. 20

# News You Can Use

The SS United States, which has been docked and deteriorating at a Philadelphia port since 1976, started its 18-day passage to Alabama on Feb. 19, NBC10-TV reported. The ocean liner, in service from 1952 to 1969, holds the record for fastest eastbound and westbound trans-Atlantic crossings, but on this final journey, it will be towed at 5 knots (or about 6 miles per hour). In Alabama, it will be stripped of its innards — furniture, engine room equipment, cables and flooring - and then will be moved to Okaloosa County, Florida, where it will be sunk offshore and turned

into a scuba-diving destination. Capt. Joseph Farrell, a ship-sinking and reef expert, said the sinking will be "a final chapter for the last all-American-made, American-flagged ocean liner." NBC10, Feb. 19

# The Wav the World Works

In the aftermath of the wildfires in California, at least two residents have returned to their homes only to find new and unwelcome tenants, the Los Angeles Times reported. Homeowner Sean Lorenzini evacuated during the Eaton fire, and upon his return found a black bear sleeping in the crawlspace under his home and lounging by the pool during the day. The large bear seems to be foraging in neighbors' trash bins and is probably behind an attack on a neighbor's pet goat, Lorenzini said. "It's definitely not moving," he said. He's hoping to get the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to help after they relocated a 525-pound bear at the end of January. In that case, the Altadena-area bear was lured into a trap with peanut butter and rotisserie chicken, then moved to Angeles National Forest. The wildlife agency told Lorenzini that after his bear is removed, he'll need to seal up the crawlspace, as it will probably try to return.

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