

DMB kicks off tour in CT; Local musician returns



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The Dave Matthews Band will return to Connecticut this summer for its annual tradition of a two-night run at The Comcast Theatre in Hartford.

The group will perform live at the former Meadows venue on May 28 and May 29. Fans can request tickets online at www.warehouse.davemattthewsband.com through Monday; tickets go on sale to the general public on Feb. 26.

Last year, the group released its most recent studio album, "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King" (RCA), which has now reached platinum status. The album featured some of the last studio recordings of founding member/saxophonist LeRoi Moore, who passed away in August.

Sharon Jones and the

Dap Kings will open both shows, which are the first dates on the North American tour this summer.

LOCAL MUSICIAN RETURNS: A Hero's Fate will perform live at The Space in Hamden on Sunday. The Orlando, Fla.-based band – which features the talents of Bristol Central High School alumnus Matt Ouellette – just released its first album, "Another Knight Alone."

Other bands on the bill include The Life I Lead, I Am Disaster, Fate Kills The Hero and 23 Enigma.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Sunday show. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/aheros-fate.

LOVELY DAY: "Love, Laughter and Chocolate" will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Artsplace in Cheshire. **Author Tracey O'Shaughnessy** of Cheshire will serve at the keynote speaker. O'Shaughnessy is a feature writer with The Republican-American newspaper (the parent publication of The Observer) and recently compiled her personal columns into the book "Every Little Thing: Reflections on Family, Faith and Friendship" (Gold Mountain Press). A book-signing will follow.

The event also features displays by chocolatiers and their will be an exhibit



Violinist Itzhak Perlman will be coming to Waterbury's Palace Theater in April in a presentation by Congregation of Kol Ami of Cheshire.

of "Sailors' Valentines." Refreshments include chocolates and coffee or tea.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Artsplace; no tickets will be available at the door. Snow date is at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call (203) 272-2787.

ELVIS' BELATED BIRTHDAY: The Lustre Kings will honor the birthday of the late, great Elvis Presley with a performance at Waterbury's Seven Angels Theatre at 8 p.m.

Saturday. Although Presley's birthday was last month, the Kings will celebrate with a belated bash featuring a blend of '50s rock and roll and rockabilly, including some great Elvis songs.

Tickets are \$24 for the general public; \$19 for the theater's season subscribers. Call the box office at (203) 757-4676 or visit www.sevenangelstheatre.org.

CHINESE NEW YEAR: Families and children are invited to celebrate "The Year of the Tiger" at The

Children's Museum in West Hartford on Feb. 12.

The event features the planetarium program "Dragons in the Stars," and folktales from Asia by professional storyteller Andre Keitt, better known as Greatheart Griot. Themed crafts, light Chinese refreshments and telescope viewing will be in the courtyard, weather permitting.

The program will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 12. Cost is \$7 per person for members; \$8 per person for non-members. Pre-registration is recommended. Call (860) 231-2830 ext. 44 or register online at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

COFFEEHOUSE SHOW: Mad Agnes returns to the Peace Cafe at First Congregational Church, 37 Main St., Southington, at 7 p.m. Feb. 19.

The Celtic folk/rock trio – featuring Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders – will blend guitars, bass, mandolin and keyboard throughout the performance.

Lisa Cote will open the show. Tickets are \$15; call (860) 628-2024.

SWEETHEART DANCE: The Plainville Choral Society will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Feb. 13 at the Celebration Dance Hall, 161 Woodford Ave., Plainville.

The dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Guests may

bring their own beverages and mixers; snacks, coffee and tea will be provided and live music entertain.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from choral society members. For more information, call (860) 747-5695.

VIOLIN VIRTUOSO HEADING TO CITY: Itzhak Perlman will perform at Waterbury's Palace Theater in April. The special concert event, scheduled for April 18, is presented by the Congregation of Kol Ami of Cheshire, and is sponsored by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

The event will serve as a fundraising event for the synagogue to help carry on the mission of its Hebrew School. During the concert, Perlman will be accompanied on piano by Rohan De Silva, who performed with the violinist on the "Live from Lincoln Center" broadcast in January 2000.

Tickets for the show are \$125, \$75, \$65 and \$55 and can be purchased by phone at (203) 346-2000 or online at www.palacetheaterct.org.

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St. Andrew presents choir

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bristol, in celebration of its 25th Anniversary has arranged for the Lycoming College Tour Choir from Williamsport, Pennsylvania to present a concert on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Area residents Emily Hopko from Southington and Linnea Morris from Woodbury, are members of the 44-voice select choir. They will accompany the tour choir on its spring 2010 tour to North Carolina as well as Pennsylvania, New Jersey and

Connecticut. A tour to Argentina is being planned for May 2010.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Fred Thayer, has been widely acclaimed as one of the finest college musical groups in the East. In its six decades of music, the Lycoming College Choir has performed hundreds of concerts including appearances at the National Cathedral, the Crystal Cathedral, and New York City's St. John the Divine and Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

The choir's repertoire consists of both religious and secular music, ranging from contemporary to traditional. The choir performs for all musical tastes, from listener to critic. The public is invited. This event is being offered free of charge, with a "free-will offering" being gathered during the performance.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is located at 1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT 06010. Additional information is available by calling (860) 583-5809.

Nutmeg Symphony announces season

The Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra has announced its 2010 Concert Series:

Saturday, Feb. 13, "Romantic Winds:"

Celebrate Valentine Eve with the music of romantic period composers: Richard Strauss' Serenade for Winds and Symphony for Winds and Joachim Raff's Sionfonia.

At 7:30 p.m. at Chippens Hill School, 551 Peacedale St., Bristol.

Sunday, March 7, "Celebrate Avon:"

Featuring pianist Luiz de Moura Castro and composer Larry Alan Smith, Avon residents with international careers. Franz Schubert's Symphony #3; Beethoven's Concerto #3 for Piano & Orchestra and Larry

Alan Smith's Symphony #2. 3 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 35 Harris Rd., Avon.

Saturday, May 1, "Friendship:"

Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony #3 (The Scottish); Edward Elgar's Variations on an Original Theme (Enigma Variations). 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 220

Prospect St., Torrington.

Single tickets for adults are \$22. Students with identification are admitted for \$10.

Concert series tickets for adults are \$55 and for student with identification are \$30.

For more information, go to nutmegsymphony.org. For tickets, call (860) 584-1055.

Get listed. E-mail or fax notices — with dates, time, address, cost and phone number — to mchaiken@BristolObserver.com or (860)621-1841. Or mail them to Calendar, The Observer/Step Saver, 213 Spring St., Southington CT 06489. Please submit listings at least two weeks prior to the event.

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