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CLEARED OF  
ALL CHARGES:  
Less Newsworthy  
Than Arrest?**  
by FRANK PARLATO



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# KEY FIGURE IN PIGEON CASE LEAVES TOWN



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Edward Allen Betz

## BY FRANK PARLATO

A lawyer who the New York State Attorney General alleges was extorted by Steven Pigeon has left Buffalo.

Edward A. Betz, 30, joined the Carlisle Law Firm, P.C. in Ogdensburg, NY.

Ogdensburg, pop. 11,000, is in Saint Lawrence County, about 300 miles from Buffalo and 30 miles from Betz's hometown of Potsdam, pop. 9,700.

Betz made headlines last year after Pigeon was indicted in a state Attorney General's Office prosecution on eight counts of bribery involving a judge and one count of grand larceny by extortion when it became known that extortion charge related to a \$5,000 payment

the state alleges Pigeon extorted from Betz. Betz came from Potsdam to attend the University of Buffalo and received his law degree in the fall of 2009.

By March 2010, Betz was bar-tending in Williamsville, NY. He made the acquaintance of Pigeon, and helped the political strategist in various campaigns. In September 2010, Betz was hired by Pigeon ally, Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, as assistant corporation counsel for the City of Buffalo.

After Pigeon ally John O'Donnell was appointed commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority, Betz was hired as associate counsel at the Water Authority for \$117,877 per year.

It was shortly after this that Pigeon committed the alleged extortion against Betz.

New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman explained the charge.

"Judge [John] Michalek appointed a lawyer [Betz] that Pigeon had suggested as a receiver even though that lawyer was not on the government list qualified to be a receiver", Schneiderman told the media.

The Office of Guardian and Fiduciary Services certifies training programs and Betz, aware he was not on the qualified list, needed to become a qualified receiver, to complete a three hour online or audio course.

But Judge Michalek "pushed it through anyway" as he wrote to Pigeon in May 2012. Betz took the receivership without being qualified, and was paid \$45,000 by the courts.

Schneiderman further explained.

"After Pigeon's associate got the receivership, we allege Pigeon extorted \$5,000 in phony consulting fees from that same asso-

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Steven Pigeon with Gov. Andrew Cuomo

ciate, essentially a kickback from the guy he got appointed as a receiver."

According to state prosecutors more fulsome explanation of the case, the extortion was committed after Pigeon tried to pressure Betz into hiring Pigeon "cronies" to work on the golf course property where Betz that had been appointed receiver.

Betz refused to hire Pigeon's cronies, and Pigeon retaliated by instilling such fear in Betz that he paid Pigeon \$5,000 by "extortion," according to court papers.

Betz told no one.

If, as the state alleges, Betz thought he was extorted by Pigeon, he had a duty to report it. Rule 8.3 of the New York State Unified Court System Rules of Professional Conduct requires a lawyer "who knows that another lawyer has committed a violation [i.e. extortion]... [to] report such knowledge to a tribunal or other authority empowered to investigate or act upon such violation."

Instead, Betz continued to accept help from Pigeon.

In August 2012, at 27 years old, with only two-year's experience as a lawyer, Betz was named general counsel for the Water Authority at a salary of \$124,000.

After O'Donnell's term as commissioner ended, Betz, who enjoyed the choice political plum courtesy of O'Donnell and Pigeon, was terminated.

Betz joined Joseph DeMarie, Daniel L. Schoenborn and Sean D. Schoenborn as a partner in DeMarie, Schoenborn & Betz, P.C. It was now two years after Pigeon allegedly extorted \$5000 from Betz. Still Betz did not report the extortion. Instead Betz began to accept client referrals from Pigeon, including Seneca businessman Aaron Pierce, who paid Betz more than \$100,000 in legal fees, and

referrals from big-time Niagara Falls lawyer John Bartolomei, a Pigeon ally.

Then, with Pigeon's help, Betz was introduced to the then-majority on the Buffalo School Board, including Carl Paladino and Larry Quinn, and the 30 year old lawyer, Betz, was named as general counsel to the School Board in January 2016, at \$160,000 per year.

After the school board majority changed, and Pigeon was indicted, he was replaced.

All told, Betz netted around \$500,000 from Pigeon's connections, referrals and support, after he was allegedly paid him \$5,000 as extortion.

Meantime, in Ogdensburg, Betz has already begun to make news.

On February 4, northcountrynow.com reported that the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce "received a sponsorship donation of \$250 from the Carlisle Law Firm for the 11th annual Polar Bear Plunge scheduled for Saturday, March 11, at the Dobisky Visitor's Center from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the plunge is free."

Pictured in the story with his new law partners, Preston Carlisle, and Lloyd Grandy, is Betz who, if he split the \$250 donation evenly with his partners, contributed \$83.3 to the Polar Bear Plunge. Up in the north country, it is an annual event where people in bathing suits briefly enter the Saint Lawrence River despite the water temperature being about 35 degrees.

It is hoped that some prosecutor will not persuade Betz that he was extorted into giving his share of the Polar bear plunge out of fear that he might get dunked himself, not unlike the dunking he got when the state lassoed him into the Pigeon case.

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# CHARGES AGAINST HARIG DISMISSED

BY FRANK PARLATO

Austin Harig is perhaps best known as the 18-year-old student who ran against Carl Paladino for a seat on the Buffalo School Board, and was later charged with gang assault in the first degree, assault in the third degree, and harassment in the second degree, arising out of an August 25, 2016, assault on a man at Harig's home.

On February 2, the Grand Jury of the County of Erie "made a finding of dismissal" in the matter of the people versus Austin Harig.

Erie County District Attorney, John Flynn, through Amy J. Goldstien, an assistant district attorney, and chief of the Grand Jury Bureau, informed Harig, in a letter dated Feb. 2, that "after reviewing the evidence against you ... an Erie County Grand Jury has dismissed the case against you."

Harig's lawyer, James Ostrowski told Artvoice he will be filing a notice of claim against the city on behalf of Harig. Ostrowski said, "It was a false arrest and a false charge."

Both Ostrowski and Harig said that a story in Artvoice was at least partly responsible for changing the momentum of the case and helped lead to the dismissal.

Shortly after Harig's arrest, Artvoice looked into the case.

Police said Harig, who lived in an upper apartment at 82 Zittel St., was a nuisance in this quiet South Buffalo neighborhood. His motley friends came and partied all night.

Harig was arrested twice after he lost the school board election to Paladino last May. On June 8, he was arrested for the first time.

A minor himself, Harig was charged by police with misdemeanors - first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child and second-degree criminal nuisance - for allegedly providing alcoholic beverages to three minors - one was 18 and two were 17 - and allowing them to smoke marijuana in his home. Harig pleaded not guilty before City Court Judge James McLeod.

After several adjournments, prosecutors were unable to produce physical evidence of alcohol and marijuana which police should have



James Ostrowski represents Austin Harig in his civil suit against the City of Buffalo.



Erie County District Attorney John Flynn did not allow a grand jury to indict an innocent man.

seized at the time of the arrest. Police were unable to produce drug or sobriety tests to indicate the minors had consumed drugs and alcohol which Harig was said to have provided.

The prosecution was also unable to produce supporting depositions from the teenagers since all three claimed Harig did not give them alcohol or allow them to smoke marijuana. Judge McLeod dismissed the case against Harig.

Police then brought another case against Harig. The charge was that a 14-year-old girl drank alcohol in the 18 year old's apartment which he shared with several roommates. This went to trial before Judge McLeod under youthful offender status. Again police failed to provide evidence. Judge McLeod acquitted Harig.

"Every time they arrested me," Harig said, "I'd be paraded around like a circus animal to the media and humiliated. None of their charges held up. But police seemed angry with me. They started driving by my house several times a week in the late hours of the night and early morning to shine flashlights through my windows. When I confronted them after being abruptly woken up they cited a disturbance in the neighborhood and said they were just checking up on me."

Harig's roommate, Dominique Deane, 24, said police regularly stopped at their resi-

dence, knocked on the door, and shined flashlights up to his windows at night.

At his door, officers told Harig they knew who he was and laughed, she said.

Harig said officers made disparaging comments about Hillary Clinton stickers he hung on his door, referring to him as "the Hillary supporter".

On August 25, a number of motley people visited Harig and his roommates.

Deane told Artvoice that Brett Garlock, 25, was one of her guests. Inebriated, he began flirting with her and another roommate, Jennifer Pahl, 24.

Pahl told Artvoice that "Brett grabbed my butt and I turned around and said 'don't do that' and he pushed me and that's when the guys started fighting."

According to several witnesses, a man named Giovanni threw the first punch. Then Tyler Lampert and a man named Deetho joined in. Brett was joined by his cousin, Zach Garlock.

Jeremy P., 18, a witness, said, "We were all just hanging out and then I see Austin breaking it up and then he was helping the one guy out. The roommates started the fight. They started fighting down the stairs and it was not good."

The fight spilled outside to the porch. Zach was knocked out. Brett was beaten uncon-

sciousness.

Harig told a neighbor to call 911.

Harig described the scene, "Brett was bleeding from his nose and mouth and in danger of choking on his own blood. I put him on his side and patted him on the back so he would cough up some blood because he was starting to choke. While we were waiting, Tyler Lampert came down and tried to stomp on Brett's face, but Jonathan Tyner stopped him."

"I was the only one who stayed with Brett. I said, 'stay with me, Brett you're going to be ok.' I stayed until the cops got there and as soon as they arrived they started yelling at me, calling out my name 'Austin Harig.'"

When police arrived, they found Brett Garlock, 25, lying at the foot of the porch, suffering head and body injuries and bleeding from a head wound. Police reported that Garlock may have had a broken neck, a head fracture and fractured or missing teeth. He was taken to the Erie County Medical Center by ambulance.

At the scene witnesses identified Lampert, with bloody hands and boots -sitting on the porch as one of the assailants.

Deane said, "The police were asking us questions. There was around 10 people on the porch and we were all saying the same thing. 'Austin was trying to get everybody to stop fighting and calm them down. After the fight he was at the bottom of the stairs trying to help Brett.' The police had us all on the porch and everyone said the same thing."

"Though I knew that the police officers and myself had some differences with each other," Harig told Artvoice, "I had hoped that the sense of getting justice for my injured friend would prevail. There were about 10 witnesses to this fight, including neighbors, roommates, and friends of the victim. The people who committed the assault were also present. Their hands, clothes, and shoes were marked with blood. In what I can only describe as the biggest act of dishonesty I have seen, police ignored the word of neighbors, roommates, friends and me telling them who committed this crime. They refused to take statements from anyone, and when

## GRAND JURY DISMISS FELONY ASSAULT CASE AGAINST TEENAGER WHO RAN AGAINST PALADINO FOR SCHOOL BOARD



Austin Harig was falsely arrested.

inspecting the men with bloody hands and boots, they asked them how they ended up like this. To the reply of 'I don't know', the officer responded 'Okay' and proceeded to let one of them walk away.

"My friends and I were outraged, and we shouted at the police that he was one of the people who did it. We were baffled as to why he was allowed to walk away. It was then that I was told to stand up. I was cuffed much to the bafflement of everyone.

"Police shouted the remaining people, including the two remaining criminals, to go into my house or face arrest as well. They did. Jonathan Tyner did not go in but protested what the police were doing to me and he was arrested and charged with obstruction and resisting arrest. I was arrested. As I protested and demanded to know why they were doing this to me, I will never forget the laugh and spit that hit my face as Officer John Bannister of the Buffalo PD said to me, 'We got an affidavit, Harig!'"

It was true. Fight participant, Zach Garlock, cousin of the victim, signed a statement that Harig beat up Brett Garlock.

Artvoice found and then contacted Zach Garlock. When asked about the incident, he

told Artvoice, "I want to recant my statement about Austin I made to the police. He never hit anybody."

Why did you tell police Austin hit Brett?

"Because I was coerced by the arresting officers," Zach Garlock said. "They wanted me to incriminate Austin Harig. My statement to the police was under a false name. I said I was Zach Drake. My real name is Zachary Garlock. Austin did not get personal in the fight. The police asked me if Austin did it and they wouldn't let me see my cousin unless I told them so I said Austin did it."

Why did you lie?

"I was scared. I had warrants against me," Zach Garlock said.

Deane told Artvoice. "Everyone was shocked that the police insisted on arresting Austin. There were at least nine witnesses telling the police that Austin had nothing to do with the fight and everyone told the police who actually participated in the fight."

Pahl said, "Austin didn't have a role in the fight. He was trying to break it up. I told them not to arrest him. I said Austin didn't do anything. The cop told me to get your shit

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JOHN J. FLYNN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February 2, 2017

AUSTIN HARIG  
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Re: People v. AUSTIN HARIG  
ECDA File No. 01744-2016  
BCC No. CR-13396-16

Dear AUSTIN HARIG:

After reviewing the evidence presented against you in regard to the above-captioned case, an Erie County Grand Jury has dismissed the charges against you. The date of this dismissal was February 2, 2017. A copy of the dismissal is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. FLYNN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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TO THE SUPREME COURT:

The Grand Jury of the County of Erie, for the 1-A Term, 2017, of the Supreme Court, respectfully reports that it has inquired into the following charges and has made a finding of dismissal against the following named person(s):

AUSTIN HARIG  
(01744-2016)

GANG ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, P.L. §120.07  
ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE, P.L. §120.00(1)  
HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, P.L. §240.26(1)

S/  
FOREPERSON [Signature]

Dated: FEB 02 2017

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and get out of the house, and I am standing outside and they are arresting Austin. The police were yelling at everybody in the house and said that Austin has crazy parties all the time, which he doesn't."

Artvoice contacted neighbors, like Deanna Nichols, who said she was outside when police arrived.

She said, "All Austin was doing was giving some medical attention and the cops got real-

ly rough with him for no reason at all. They treated him like garbage. I seen it right across the street from my neighbor's porch."

Another neighbor, Mary Lee Nowocin, 38, said, "I seen the cops were nasty with Austin when they were outside. He wasn't getting smart or nothing. They were rude to him. They said he was a nuisance in the neighborhood. They were trying to say he was in on the fight. Austin said he wasn't. The other kids in the house were in the fight. Austin is not a fighter. He stays to himself. He doesn't fight nobody. They just like to harass him.

They like to stop him and pester him for no reason."

But Harig's ordeal had only just begin.

He was taken in handcuffs and delivered to the Erie County Holding Center.

Harig described what happened to him next:

"When I first walked into the Holding Center, I heard blood curdling screams that I can only equate to that of tortured animals or a mental institution. I was told this was normal. Resigned to my fate, I made an effort to learn about the people who I was housed

with in jail. Why were they there? Did they have families? Were they innocent too? I was surprised to see people had hopes for their lives, dreams of education and success, of getting out of their troubles and leading happy lives. I was sad to see kids as young as 18 locked up for petty crimes, who longed for education yet couldn't get it due to the conditions of being in jail and the services there. I met people who wanted to be doctors, lawyers, psychologists, businessmen, chefs. Someone wanted to be an author, and spent most of the day writing. Yet, these people,

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BY TONY FARINA

most of the day writing. Yet, these people, including myself, were treated as animals by corrections officers. Given, it is the job of corrections officers to treat people as criminals, but I found it particularly inhumane in our Erie County facilities.

“To say that the Holding Center is disgusting would be an understatement. It was the most unkempt and disgusting place I ever stepped foot in. I remember seeing mold and collapsing ceilings in many parts of the facility, patched up with sub-par workmanship and sometimes leaking water. The toilets were abysmal. Many were backed up and the smell was putrid.

“I was an especial victim, as I will now relate. The Prisoner’s Handbook clearly states that people should be issued three pairs of underwear. I was given only one for my entire stay, despite submitting three pink slips to request the additional pairs I was entitled to. I never received a response. As a result of these subhuman conditions, I contracted an infection fairly quickly and required medical attention. I was given sub-par antibiotics and suffered for almost a week before my repetitive complaints got me stronger ones. By the way, while they gave me the medicine, they still hadn’t issued me the underwear and if I didn’t go through the humiliation of trading one of my meals for a new pair from a fellow prisoner bought through commissary, I would have suffered further.”

While still in jail because of the high bail originally set, based on the gang assault charges, Harig was assigned counsel by the court and criminal defense attorney, Daniel Grasso, was assigned to him.

Grasso attended the the felony hearing before Judge James McLeod. Harig was taken from jail to attend hearing also.

Grasso said that at the hearing, “witness testified Austin didn’t do it. The victim never accused Austin. The victim denied it.

But he was not surprised that Judge McLeod held it over for the grand jury since these were serious charges.

But Harig said he was shocked at the compartment of the Assistant District Attorney.

Harig said, “During my felony hearing, people went up and testified to the judge that I had not done anything. A person I didn’t even know went up and testified. The assault victim himself testified he had no recollection of me ever hitting him. I was left with a screw face as the prosecutor methodically tore into these innocent witnesses, telling the judge not to consider their experiences valid because they ‘probably couldn’t see what really happened’ which, in her mind, was me, the 5’6”, 18-year-old beating the pulp out of the 24-year-old, 6’5”, former Marine. It was then that I realized these people were really trying to keep me in jail for a crime I didn’t commit.”

One good thing came out the hearing. Grasso was able to get the bail reduced.

But Harig still couldn’t raise it and he was returned to jail.

Harig said, “I begged my family to gather the money to get me out and they were able to scrape it together and I was set free. But I will never forget the faces and the voices of those locked up in those subhuman conditions, who need help from their fellow citizens to rehabilitate, not to be treated like animals.

“I was condemned still in the court of public opinion. Every news station reported on my arrest as if I was a criminal, making no effort to contact the people the police listed as witnesses to find out the real story which was clear as day.

“When the Artvoice did this, they found that my arrest was false and frivolous and published the article quoting all the witnesses and that changed things for me.”

When Harig got out he still had to live with the presumption of guilt.

The media had reported his arrest and because he was in jail he was unable to give his side of the story. The media published only the police report of the arrest.

He lost his apartment. His computer and his cell phone were stolen. He had no job. He never took welfare and was not about to start.

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BY TONY FARINA

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Meantime he was facing 20 years.

Harig chose to take a bold step.

He would testify before the grand jury.

Grasso remarked that in his career he recalled only "a handful of clients that went before the grand jury.

In this case Austin wanted to. He had the right and he not only testified, but gave names of witnesses that he said would ultimately say he didn't have anything to do with the assault."

The Harig case had been handed over with the changing of Erie County District Attorneys from acting District Attorney Michael Flaherty to newly elected District Attorney John Flynn on January 1, 2017.

Flynn had stated during his campaign that he had in effect a decided antipathy for prosecutorial misconduct and police abuse when he promised an inquiry into the death of Richard Metcalf who died in the Erie County Holding Center.

As for Harig's case, the Assistant DA, Danielle D'Abate, must have realized at some point that Harig was not guilty.

She could have likely indicted him since grand juries are notoriously enfeebled by the people's lack of understanding of their historic role of independence, as a watchdog, and shield against government overreach and malicious prosecution. It is said that the grand jury room is the prosecutor's playground.

Flynn's office led a grand jury to dismiss the charges.

Some prosecutors in this community would consider this a waste of prosecutorial resources. Better to indict and get the likely statistic, since most innocent defendants will take a plea deal anyway.

In the end, of course, by some people's calculations, justice was done. Harig's charges were dismissed.

And Harig retained Ostrowski, well known for perseverance, who will sue the city and bring every tidbit of fact about every policeman at the scene out into daylight and



Buffalo City Court Judge James McLeod saw Austin Harig falsely accused three separate times by police.



Attorney Jim Ostrowski

probably collect for Harig a substantial sum of money for his false arrest.

With extra doses of sunlight, maybe the consequences will be greater than some police men and women originally thought when they laughed and arrested Austin Harig knowing he was innocent.

But will it be enough to undo the injustice the harm.

Harig said, "I will forever be regarded as a person who was arrested for a terribly violent act. People get condemned in the media for crimes they did not commit every day. Police make mistakes and hold grudges like every other person. There needs to be a check on their power. That's one of the reasons I am suing.

"But most of all, I feel sorry for the assault victim, Brett. To this day, the people who attacked him are free. They will likely never face justice. He still suffers from what happened to him that night. I apologize to him that our police officers failed to get justice for him and fulfill their duty to him as a former member of the military in favor of pursuing their differences with me. I apologize to those in the Holding Center who suffer every day in subhuman conditions and animalistic treatment who have truly done nothing wrong but were in the wrong place at the wrong time. I apologize to those whose job opportunities and dreams have been tarnished by false police and media reports, I too have to carry that burden. Lastly, I apologize to the people of this city. I'm sorry that our police officers who are supposed to protect us, solve our crimes, help us, and put criminals behind bars prefer to spend their time arresting people they have personal vendettas against, giving those who know what how to navigate the system but commit crimes, passes, and using people's beloved animals as target practice in wrong-house raids based on the word of informants."

Perhaps the worm has turned, and the creepy laughter of sadistic authority will become the shrill cry of fear when the bully turns his face to the mirror and see that his color of power only masked the truth that he is a coward.

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# TWO DEPUTIES GET SEPARATE LAWYERS IN WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT BY INMATE'S FAMILY

BY TONY FARINA

Two of the nine deputies named in a wrongful death civil suit by the family of the inmate who died while in the custody of the Erie County Sheriff's Dept. in November of 2012 will have their own lawyers, according to the attorney hired by the county to represent the deputies in the civil action that also names the county as a defendant.

Jennifer Persico, an attorney with the Buffalo law firm of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman, tells Artvoice that Robert Dee and Matthew Cross will have their own attorneys in the civil action filed by the family of Richard Metcalf whose death has been ruled a homicide by the state Commission of Corrections in a report issued last October.

"While we can't comment on the specific facts of the case, the rules of professional conduct require the retention of individual counsel where there is even the appearance of potential conflict," said Persico.

The state report said that Metcalf's death



Lori Pettit Rieman  
...Cattaraugus County DA to probe inmate death

"was a homicide caused by the restraint methods used by deputies." Metcalf had been originally arrested by Depew police on Nov. 27 of 2012 on burglary charges before being brought to the Erie County Holding Center where he was held briefly before being transported to the Erie County Medical



Richard Metcalf died inside the Erie County Holding Center.

Center where he was pronounced dead on Nov. 30, 2012.

On Wednesday, State Supreme Court Justice

Christopher Burns granted a motion by Erie County DA John Flynn to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate Metcalf's death because of a conflict in his office as a member of the DA's staff is related to Deputy Dee.

Justice Burns has named Cattaraugus County District Attorney Lori Pettit Rieman to conduct that investigation and her office declined to comment when asked about the assignment on Wednesday.

The other deputies named in the wrongful death suit besides Cross and Cross are Scott Evans, Michael Anderson, Matthew O'Connell, Edward Kawalek, Robert States, Scott Emerling, and Richard Frys.

"I'm pleased that the DA Flynn has determined that this matter should be further investigated based upon the conflict of interest in his office," said attorney Tom Casey who represents the Metcalf family, "and I respect that his request to transfer the matter to an independent agency, and in this case the Cattaraugus County DA, has been granted by Judge Burns. We will cooperate in any way we can with the Cattaraugus DA."

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# NEW SOMALI PRESIDENT HAS GRAND ISLAND HOME

BY TONY FARINA



After he came to Buffalo – where there was a large Somali community - he joined the west side political organization of Carl Perla and met the youthful Joel Giambra. Mohamed also worked with Steve Pigeon when he was Erie County Democratic Chairman and Pigeon is said to have assisted Mohamed in getting support in Rumania..



Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, whose popular nickname is "Farnajo" (Italian for cheese, from the imperial days of the Italian Somaliland) is president largely in name only since he the government he leads is not a functioning government and controls only small slices of territory. Somalia's central government collapsed in 1991, and has not had direct elections since 1969.

The war-torn nation of Somalia, located in the Horn of Africa with an estimated population of 12.3 million, has elected a Grand Island man with dual Somali-U. S. citizenship as its first president in decades.

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, who worked on former Erie County Executive Joel Giambra's campaign in 1999 and later worked for Giambra on affirmative action compliance, won the presidency of the East African country in peaceful voting by parliament amid heavy security.

Giambra, who remains close to Mohamed and his family who still reside on Grand Island, said Mohamed is a "man of high integrity and great compassion who is determined to eliminate terrorism."

The former county executive said Mohamed's first objective is to bring peace, stability, and economic opportunity to the people of Somalia, one of the seven Muslim-majority countries listed in President Trump's travel ban last month.

"This is a great opportunity for the people of Somalia, the people of the United States, and people around the world because Somalia is a breeding ground for terrorist activity and the best way to stop terrorism in the U. S. and elsewhere is stop the terrorists from leaving Somalia, and he [Farnajo] understands that,"

Mohamed was not elected directly by a vote of the Somali people but by a vote of the 329 members of Parliament, an election which took place at the heavily guarded airport complex in the capital, Mogadishu, as the rest of the country was considered too dangerous to hold elections. There were initially 20 candidates for president. Sixteen had dual citizenship - nine held US passports, four UK passports and three Canadian passports. Unconfirmed reports said votes were being sold for up to \$30,000 in a country heavily funded by foreign donors, and where most people living in the country are extremely poor. Mohamed won in the second round of voting over the runner-up, incumbent president Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.

said Giambra, adding that Mohamed's position as a world leader presents a great opportunity for him to work with President Trump in the war against terrorism.

Mohamed lived in the United States since 1985 and served for less than a year as Somalia's prime minister in 2010-2011. He holds degrees from UB and worked briefly for the State Department of Transportation in Buffalo after leaving his compliance position with Giambra.

"This is a victory for Somalia and the Somalis," Mohamed told lawmakers after he was sworn in, vowing to fulfill his campaign promises to improve security, education, democracy and the economy.

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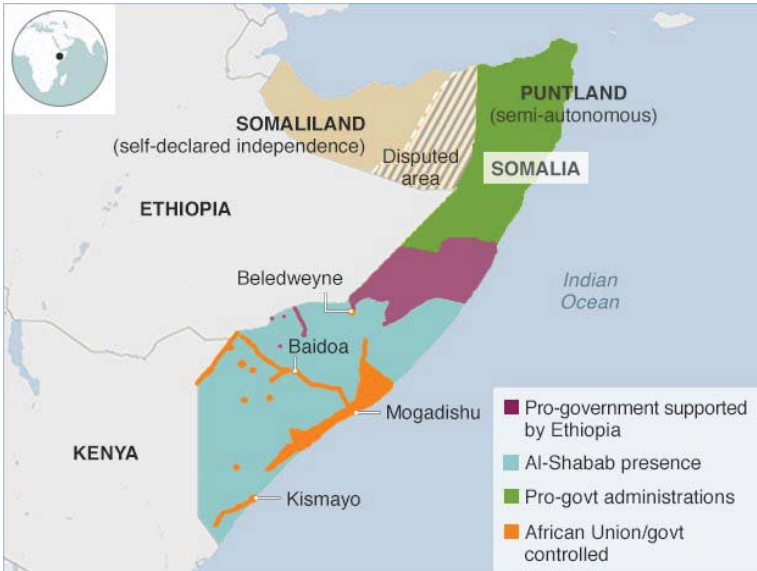
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# CABBIES STILL BATTLING AS FIGHT GOES ON TO STOP UBER

BY TONY FARINA

It is truly a David vs. Goliath story playing out in Albany these days as the ride-sharing giant Uber and its smaller competitor, Lyft, inch closer to their goal of operating beyond New York City and likely overwhelming conventional taxi services across the state, especially if they get a pass on some key regulations that govern traditional taxi businesses.

Uber, reported to be worth \$69 billion last month, and Lyft (\$2 billion) have spent big dollars lobbying state lawmakers, with Uber alone spending close to \$800,000 in the first six months of last year to push its agenda of expanding ride-sharing without regulations, and they have big-name supporter across the state and including the governor who wants cities like Rochester and Buffalo to have the location-based app that makes it easy to hire an on-demand driver.

Bill Yuhnke, president of Buffalo's Liberty Cab, is one of the little guys taking on Uber and he knows he's facing an uphill battle. The key for Yuhnke and many others is to have a level playing field, not just handing everything to the ride-sharing guys without regulation.

Uber has taken off like a rocketship since it was launched in 2010, and one of the big reasons—aside from app-based technology—is that it's not regulated in the way traditional taxi services are.

Graham Hodges, a taxi expert, was quoted in Time Magazine in 2014 as saying those

regulations are absolutely necessary. Hodges is the author of "Taxi! A Cultural History of the New York City Cabdriver," and himself a former cabbie, and argues in the Time story that taxis are pretty much a public utility, like subway and bus systems, and cities should play an important part in regulating them.

Hodges' view is that taxis shouldn't be fair game for corporations like Uber to take over and control any more than an inner city bus service should be privatized.

In favor of regulation, according to Hodges, is knowing you are getting into a safe vehicle (maintenance requirements), a fare fixed to a predictable formula (no peak hour surge pricing), and background checks on drivers to be sure you are not being driven by a driver with a criminal history.

But it is still very uncertain what will eventually make it into law in New York State as things remain unsettled in Albany despite the passage by the State Senate this week of a bill that would allow the ride-sharing companies to operate upstate and would require drivers to submit to criminal and driving history background checks.

And the GOP-controlled Senate bill calls for a 2 percent tax and exemption from the state's 4 percent sales tax. Gov. Andrew Cuomo's budget plan includes a tax of 5.5 percent on rides.

Also, John Tomassi, president of the Upstate



**L-R: Geoffrey Michael Riesel, Chief Executive Officer of Mountview House Group Limited (also known as Radio Taxis), Bill Yuhnke, President of Liberty Cabs, and actress Julia Roberts at the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association's cocktail party in Times Square.**

Transporation Association, is critical of the bill's lack of a fingerprint background check requirement. Tomassi was quoted as saying senators who supported the measure "have gone soft on public safety, tarnished their legislative records and caved in to Uber's high-priced lobbyists." The measure passed the State Senate by a 53 – 5 vote, but there is no Assembly sponsor at this time and the speaker has said the Assembly is still formulating its ride-sharing proposal.

The deadline for a final state budget is March 31, and a lot could and will likely happen on the ride-sharing front before any final agreement is reached. In the end, the state could well leave it up to local municipalities to determine the regulations for the ride-sharing services in their area, and that could continue the fight over a level-playing field that folks like Bill Yuhnke see as important to keeping

the taxi business competitive.

"We're already at a disadvantage in some areas," says Yuhnke, "because there are no taxi stands that we can use, like at the downtown arena. If we could get there, we could provide the services that people want. We need to have a fair discussion about the future before we kill off the workers and families that depend on driving a cab for a living."

So the David vs. Goliath battle is still going strong and the cabbies and their leaders are not throwing in the towel without a fight, even though they are clearly underdogs in the contest. Bill Yuhnke may not have Uber CEO Travis Kalanick's more than \$6 billion net worth, but he's a fighter and will fight for his business and his people to the end.

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# AN UBER-BAD SENATE BILL FOR UPSTATE NY

By JIM OSTROWSKI

I have advocated a free market approach to transportation since 1989. In an article, published in Business First, I proposed allowing drivers of smaller vehicles to compete with buses and provide a better product including door-to-door service. After the digital age came along, companies like Uber began to supply just such services but Buffalo and Upstate remain the last areas in the country that make Uber driving an imaginary crime. I mean, it's an actual crime punishable by law, but one which, lacking a victim, logically exists only in the minds of progressive legislators and their gendarmes.

After a massive and expensive lobbying campaign, a bill finally passed the State Senate the other day. Before I knew this was the "good bill", far better than whatever the hardcore commies in the Assembly would spew out, I had read the bill and was horrified. Clearly, even the State Senate is dominated by progressive "thinking." First of all, the bill is thirty pages long and only a lawyer could truly understand it. Yet, violations of the law are crimes for which you can be jailed! Note that progressives are always complaining about police misconduct but continually pass laws that give cops ever more power to use deadly physical force against citizens whose behavior has harmed no one, e.g., offering a ride to a willing customer.

Insofar as it changes existing law, the bill increases the power of the state and reduces



liberty in many ways. It requires that drivers obtain a state business license, requires that they maintain an agent for service of process in the state, requires that drivers provide various useless information, requires that drivers be 19 years old, and notify passengers of a non-discrimination policy. The bill also imposes a new tax on riders, and establishes a new state bureaucracy whose job it will be to enact inscrutable and burdensome regulations to make sure that Uber services are as expensive and cumbersome as possible. Part of the revenue from the new tax will go to subsidize obsolete, pre-digital forms of transportation. I suggest the horse and buggy

industry apply for a grant.





These are just some of the many burdensome regulations this bill imposes on Uber drivers while mandating even further regulations be promulgated. Expect the tax to rise through the years and the pile of regulations to increase as well. This follows the "logic" of the progressive mindset which has no theory of costs and no limiting principle on making life better through government force and coercion.

With respect to the ban on drivers under 19, progressives like to make it illegal for young people to work so that those who want to work are encouraged to work in various and

sordid illegal industries such as drugs and prostitution. Regarding background checks, I would note that a similar background check is not required to become a state legislator even through these miscreants have a much greater tendency to inflict harm on their fellow human beings than do Uber drivers. While the law requires that passengers not discriminate against passengers, the bill itself discriminates against Upstate by exempting our colonial headquarters, New York City, from this onerous law. Keep in mind this is the "good" bill. The eventual product will likely be far worse when the uber-progressives in the Assembly chime in.

Many libertarians viewed the digital age as a way of freeing up the statist progressive system of control over every significant transaction in a citizen's life. Uber did indeed provide a brief moment of actual liberty that riders loved and that gave drivers stuck in the progressive's moribund economy a flexible and convenient source of needed income. Alas, the State, that "cold, cold monster" has caught up with liberty, and, using that same information technology, has begun the long, slow process of strangling to death this accidental outbreak of human freedom.

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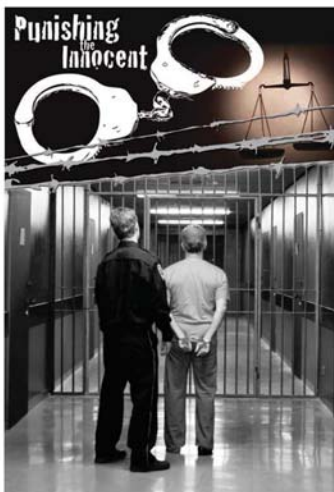
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Up until now, no one had the temerity to publicly challenge this allegedly 'villainous bully' until Frank Parlato, who claims to have been falsely accused by Bruce, brought Bruce's alleged misconduct to light in a series of articles in this publication. Bruce's alleged blatant prosecutorial misconduct in the Parlato case has prompted other defendants and lawyers to contact Parlato who now has a growing body of evidence that the conduct Bruce showed in his case was not singular. Other victims are and will be going on record in coming articles. Were you or your family victimized by Bruce too?

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### NEWS OF THE WEIRD



BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

#### WAIT, WHAT?

-- Surgery on a 16-year-old Japanese girl, reported in January by New Scientist, revealed that her ovary contained a miniature skull and brain. Doctors say that finding rogue brain cells in ovaries is not that uncommon, but that an already-organized brain, capable of transmitting electric impulses, is almost unheard-of. [New Scientist, 1-6-2017]

-- The neonatal intensive care unit of Texas Health Fort Worth disclosed in January that the secret to keeping the most fragile prematurely born babies alive is to quickly stick them into Ziploc freezer bags to create, according to a clinician, a "hot house effect." (It turns out that merely raising the temperature in the delivery room had only marginal effect.) [KXAS-TV (Dallas-Fort Worth), 1-11-2017]

#### CAN'T POSSIBLY BE TRUE

Reporting from Mbyo, Rwanda, in January on the success of a "reconciliation" program following the country's bloody genocidal wars, London's The Guardian found, for example, Laurencia

Niyogira living peacefully and forgivingly alongside neighbor Tasian Nkundiye -- even though, 22 years ago, Nkundiye murdered Niyogira's entire family (except for her and her siblings, left barely alive). (Over a 100-day span in 1994, 800,000 ethnic Tutsis were systematically slaughtered by Hutus.) A survey by the country's national unity commission showed that 92 percent of Rwandans have come to accept reconciliation. [The Guardian, 1-12-2017]

#### LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINALS

-- Driver Joshua Concepcion-West, 27, was arrested in Apopka, Florida, with an ingenious license-plate cover that he could raise and lower remotely from his key chain (thus avoiding identification by cameras as he passed through turnpike checkpoints). On Jan. 11 at a \$1.25 toll plaza, he had neglected to check his rear-view mirror before lowering the cover -- and failed to notice that right behind him was a Florida Highway Patrol car with a trooper watching the whole thing. [WFOR-TV (Miami), 1-13, 2017]

#### PERSPECTIVE

Right to Be Grumpy: Trader Joe's has gained popularity among grocery shoppers in large part by having relentlessly sunny employees, but now that the firm has expanded from mellow California to more brusque New York City, it is learning that cheerfulness is harder to find. The company fired Thomas Nagle recently because, though he said he frequently smiled, he was told his smile was insufficiently "genuine," and, backed by several colleagues, he has filed an unfair labor practice charge (and union organizers have taken notice). The National Labor Relations Board has already ruled (against another employer) that workers cannot be forced to convey that all-important "positive work environment" because they are entitled to have grievances. [New York Times, 11-3-2017]

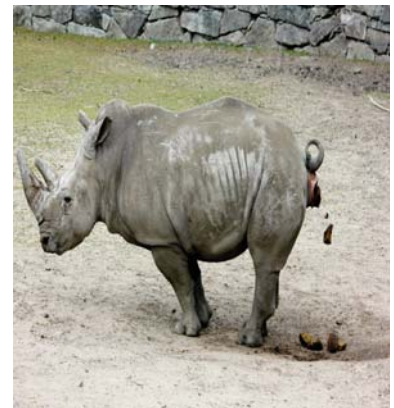
#### THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS

-- Settlement of a class-action lawsuit against a group of dairy co-ops was announced in January with milk producers agreeing to pay \$52 million on charges they had conspired to fix the dairy supply for years to get top-dollar prices. Among the producers' primary tactics, allegedly, was using what the industry calls

"herd retirement," which is "retirement" only in the sense that 500,000 healthy young cows were slaughtered -- just to drive up prices by eliminating otherwise-available milk. The \$52 million will be for consumers in 15 states and Washington, D.C. [Washington Post, 1-19-2017]

#### WORK OF A RESEARCHER

"Field work is always challenging," explained Courtney Marneweck of South Africa's University of KwaZulu-Natal in a recent journal article, but studying the sociology of a white rhino's dung meant developing a "pattern-recognition algorithm" to figure out "smell profiles" of 150 animals' feces -- after tracking them individually to observe them in the act. Wrote Marneweck, "I think my record for waiting for a rhino to poo was 7 1/2 hours." Conclusion: Rhinos use feces to send distinct social signals on genetically compatible herds, mating access and predator dangers. (Or, in the Los Angeles Times "clickbait" version of the story, rhino dung "has a lot in common with a Facebook post.") [Los Angeles Times, 1-14-2017]



Rhino depositing its "smell profile".

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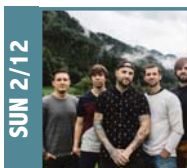
**LEMURIA**  
Mohawk Place 7pm -11pm \$13 adv /\$29 dos  
Lemuria has a kind of hardcore-punk-pop sound, if there is such a thing. The band started in Buffalo in 20014 but they've been on tour practically every day since. This homecoming show should be great.



**SKIFFLEMINSTRELS**  
Sportsmens 5:30pm  
If you haven't seen the Skiffleminstrels you owe it to yourself to check them out. If you have seen them you know they're worth seeing again. At 8pm they'll stay on and share the stage with Stone Country Band.



**KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS**  
Seneca Niagara Casino \$45  
11-time Grammy winner "Babyface" Edmonds brings his tender style of R&B to the Bear's Den stage. With 26 number one singles, including 2016's "Let it Burn", we won't try and list them all.



**AUGUST BURNS RED**  
Town Ballroom doors open 6pm \$23-\$25  
Metalcore band from PA with a tinge of Christian rock. They share the bill with punk rock duo '68, Protest the Hero and In Hearts Wake.



**CELLIST BRYAN ECKENRODE**  
Rockwell Hall \$10  
Solo performance by principal cellist with the Western New York Chamber Orchestra and Southern Tier Symphony. Eckenrode has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, with Ars Nova, and as principal cellist of the British Columbia (Canada) Mozart Festival Orchestra.




**BIG SAUCE TRIO**  
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**The Players Chess Club**  
Main St. Gallery, 8:30p.-Midnight  
"The Players Chess Club", is a new joint chess venture with Michael A. Mc Due, US Chess Federation Tournament Director and Lodina Clyburn, the manager of the Main St. Gallery 515 Main St. (opposite Hyatt)

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<b>JOAN JETT AND THE BLACKHEARTS</b>	MAR	<b>11</b>	
<b>BILL ENGVALL</b>	MAR	<b>18</b>	
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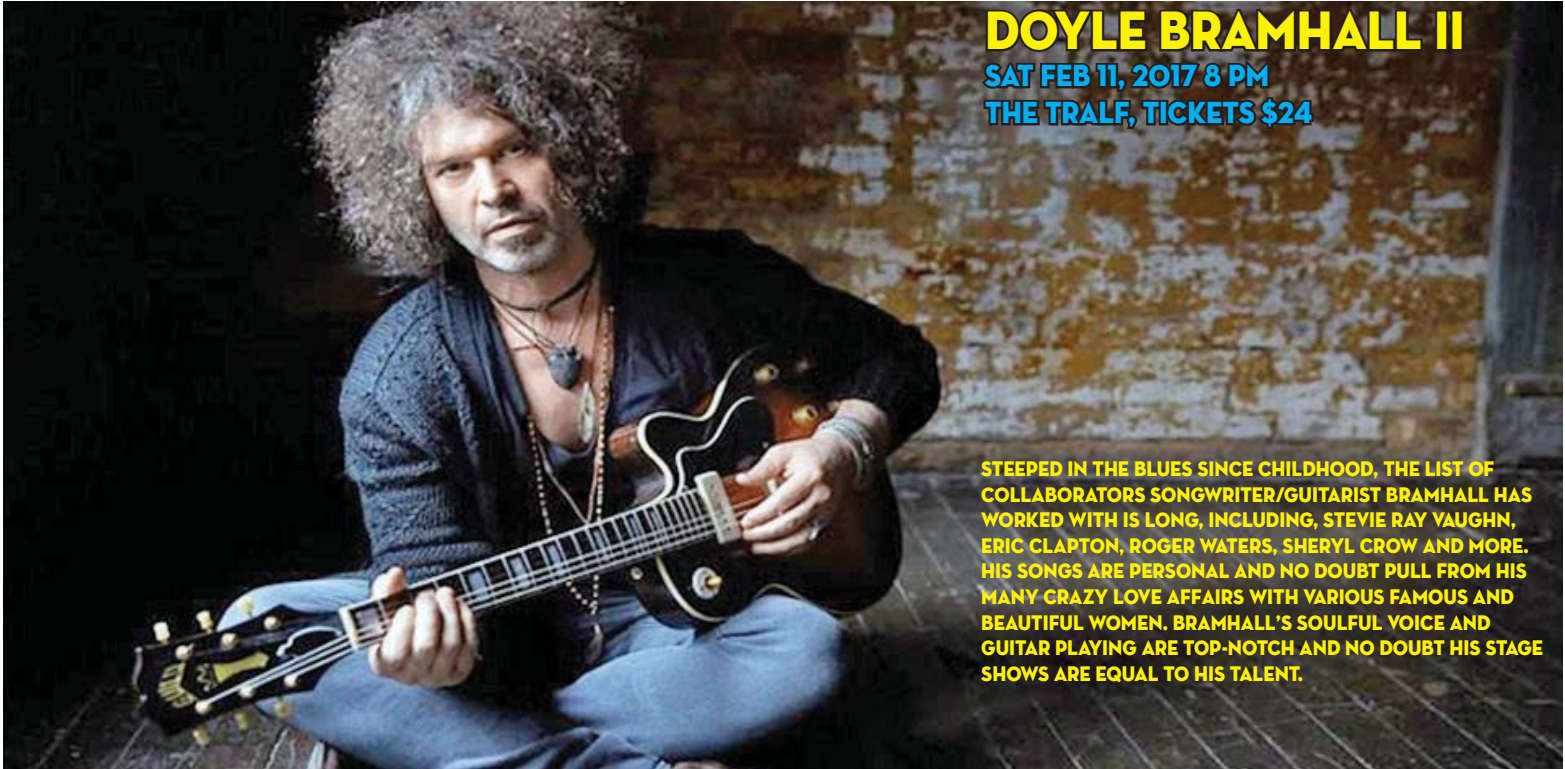
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w/Bess Greenberg  
Thurs Feb 9, 2017 8pm  
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Hard to find a better crew of happy jammers than Donna The Buffalo. Founders of grassroots festivals and frequent headliners at Blue Heron, the band from the tiny village of Trumansburg, NY has been making people smile and dance for a long time. In fact, they played for Artvoice's first anniversary in 1991. When they formed, a friend suggested the name "Dawn of the Buffalo." They found out later they had misunderstood what the friend said. Donna the Buffalo will transport you to a country porch on a sunny day with a gaggle of gifted musicians celebrating life.

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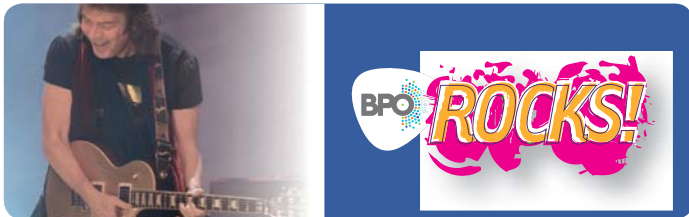
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# GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER AT SHEA'S

by Anthony Chase



Long before *Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* was a hit Broadway show and Tony Award Best Musical winner, Michael G. Murphy, president of Shea's loved this sweet comical show about Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune who improves his chances of succession by eliminating the eight relatives who stand in his way. The national touring production arrives at Shea's next week.

"I read the script," recalls Murphy, who was the managing director of the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego at the time. "It was originally called 'Kind Hearts and Coronets,' after the 1949 film based on the same material, [the 1907 novel *Israel Rank: The Autobiography of a Criminal*]. But after some legal complication, anything original to the film was removed and this wonderfully entertaining musical, based entirely on the book emerged. I got a call from Hartford Stage, where it was first produced, and they asked if we were interested. There was no talk at all of Broadway at that time. All I knew was that we were interested to work with [director] Darko [Tresnjak] again, and I thought our audience would love the show.

Murphy was right.

"I attended the opening in Hartford," says Murphy. "The audience loved it, and the *New York Times* review was

a love letter! Then it moved to San Diego, where a few changes were made. Two ensemble members were added. Costumes were added. Still, we never dreamed it would win the Tony Award for Best Musical!"

Why was this show an unlikely Tony contender?

"It was never a question of quality," says Murphy. "We knew the show was good. But it didn't have any stars. We weren't able to use the more recognizable title. It wasn't based on a recent film."

Nonetheless, the show was a rousing Broadway success.

Some thought that with its whimsical intimacy, the show might not tour well. Murphy dismisses any such notion entirely.

"Because of its style, and and the stylishness of the period and the staging, the tour is going very well, and the show will look beautiful at Shea's. The comedy is dry but actually very broad. No matter where you sit, you will laugh and enjoy this show!"

On the tour, Kevin Massey will play Monty, and John Rapson will play the doomed members fo the D'Ysquith Family.

A *Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* will play at Shea's from February 16 - 22, 2017.

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# BERLIN PHILHARMONIC WIND QUINTET

ONE OF THE BEST WIND QUINTETS IN THE WORLD MAKES ITS BUFFALO DEBUT

BY JAN JEZIORO

On Tuesday February 14th at 8pm the Buffalo Chamber Music Society will host the first-ever Western NY appearance of the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet in the Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall.

The Berlin Philharmonic is universally recognized as one of the very finest classical orchestras in the world, so it should come as no surprise that when members of the woodwind sections of that august body decided to form a woodwind quintet to perform chamber music, it would swiftly, and inexorably, earn just the kind of critical admiration reserved for its parent organization. And, that is exactly what happened when the group was formed in 1988, when Herbert von Karajan was still the orchestra's music director. The founding members of the group, Michael Hasel, flute, Andreas Wittmann, oboe, Fergus McWilliam, horn, Walter Seyfarth, clarinet, and Henning Trog, bassoon, played together until 2010, when Trog retired to be replaced by Marion Reinhard. Reinhard was a founding member of the Orsolino Wind Quintet.

Besides touring extensively on five continents, the group has enjoyed the benefits of an exclusive, long term recording contract with the Swedish company BIS Records. The result of



Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet

this collaboration has received critical accolades worldwide, with many of these recordings "already widely held to be 'definitive' or 'reference' performances. Critics agree that the ensemble has succeeded in virtually redefining the sound of the classic wind quintet".

As might be expected, the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet's repertoire ranges from works by Franz Danzi and Anton Reicha, composers who defined the wind quintet genre, to just-written works by contemporary composers. Their Buffalo Chamber Music Society program will reflect the quintet's wide-ranging tastes.

The oldest selection on the program is also, surprisingly perhaps the newest, an arrangement by Michael Hasel, the group's flutist, of Mozart's Fantasy in F minor for clockwork organ, K.594. The very prolific French composer Darius Milhaud composed his delightful *La cheminée du roi René* (The Fireplace of King René), Op. 205, a suite in seven movements for wind quintet in 1939. One of the most popular 20th century pieces for wind quintet, Milhaud uses music that he had originally composed for a film of the same name with a screenplay by the playwright Jean Anouilh. The three love stories are set in the 15th century court of the count of

Provence, René I, in Aix-en-Provence, where Milhaud was born.

It is unlikely that any work by the prolific contemporary Finnish composer Kalevi Aho (b. 1949) has ever been performed before locally. Known better for his large-scale compositions - Aho has written 16 symphonies, 26 concertos and five operas - he has also composed several dozen chamber works, including his Wind Quintet No. 2 from 2014. It took a while for the highly original musical compositions of Carl Nielsen (1865-1931) to be fully appreciated outside his native Denmark, which only happened in the 1960's. However, his irresistibly appealing Wind Quintet, composed in 1921 quickly became very popular world-

wide, and it was first performed on this series in 1960, and most recently in 1989. Nielsen's biographer Robert Simpson has this to say about the work: "Nielsen's fondness of wind instruments is closely related to his love of nature, his fascination for living, breathing things. He was also intensely interested in human character, and in the Wind Quintet composed deliberately for five friends, each part is cunningly made to suit the individuality of each player".

Tickets: \$25; free admission for Middle/High School students. Information: [www.bflochambermusic.org](http://www.bflochambermusic.org)



# CALENDAR

## THURS FEB 9

### MUSIC

#### ACOUSTIC/FOLK

**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 12:30-1:30pm Acoustic Lunch with Westcott & Co  
**GALLO COAL FIRE KITCHEN** - 6-9pm Ray Berry  
**UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CENTER** - 9pm Lance Drake acoustic show



#### BLUES

**727 ELMWOOD** - 8-10pm Fritz The Kat  
**ABBEY SQUARE** - 8:30pm Open Blues Jam  
**LAUREL AND HARDY'S** - 9pm Pro Blues Jam  
**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 7-9pm WNY Blues Society free evening of music

#### CABARET/BROADWAY

**BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE** - 8pm Buck, Boogie, Bop & Beyond: the black and brown of Broadway musicals

#### COUNTRY

**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 12-2:15pm Mark plays classic country with The Lunchtime Classic Country Review; noon The Lunch Bunch

#### DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC

**BLU BAR & GRILLE** - 7pm Dancing All Night with DJ's Nino and Henry from LVP.  
**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR** - 9pm Throwback Thursdays with DJ Charles Masters  
**MOONEY'S** - 8pm DJ Trivia

#### HIP-HOP

**MOHAWK PLACE** - 8pm Trunkweed, Bold Folly, Velvet Bethany, Moody Cosmos, The Drains

#### JAZZ

**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT** - 12-2pm Mayden Jazz with Dennis M. Warne  
**COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB** - 8pm Carol Mc Laughlin  
**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 5-6:30pm Evening Jazz:: Fred Caputi  
**PAUSA ART HOUSE** - 7pm Rick Holland Presents RHQ plus Lindsey  
**SHANGO BISTRO** - 7pm Ron Davis

#### KARAOKE

**727 ELMWOOD** - 9pm Karaoke night  
**GARDEN PARK CAFE** - 8pm Dan's Nightly Karaoke  
**GYPSY PARLOR** - 9pm Karaoke; 9pm Gabrielle's 30th Birthday with Karaoke  
**HAT TRIX BAR AND GRILL** - 10pm karaoke  
**ROCKIN' BUFFALO SALOON** - 7pm Rock and Roll Rich  
**STERLING PLACE** - 9pm Tom Tom

#### OPEN MIC

**COUZINS** - 8-11:30pm Bouncin' off the Walls  
**GONZOS** - 11pm Andy Geier and Joe Batt  
**O'NEILL'S STADIUM INN** - 10pm Cory Klawon & Dustin Francis  
**SPOT COFFEE (DELAWARE)** - 7-9pm Open Mic  
**T.C. WHEELERS BAR & PIZZERIA** - 8-11pm Michael Hund



**TAP HOUSE PUB & GRILL** - 7-10pm Keith Shuskie Jr  
**WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT** - 8:30pm Thursday Night Jams with Chuck DeRose

#### PIANO

**DICK AND JENNY'S BAKE AND BREW** - 6:30-9:30pm Don Burns Ragtime Player

#### ROCK

**BUFFALO IRON WORKS** - 7:30pm Donna the Buffalo with Beth Greenberg  
**TALTY'S TAVERN** - 8pm Bob Roof & Bob Wirth  
**WAITING ROOM** - 7pm That One Guy

#### WORLD BEAT/ INTERNATIONAL

**BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE** - 7:30pm Brazilian choro Ricardo Freire



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

**BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY** - 11am Laughter Yoga; noon Exercise with Mary Ann Linkowski  
**BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY** - 1-2pm Cardcrafter's Club; 1:30-2:30pm Cardcrafter's Club Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 Create beautiful, handmade greeting cards. Experienced and beginning crafters are welcome. This is not a class; we share ideas and techniques. Call 332-4375 for information.  
**BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY** - 6:30-8pm Anime Meet-Up  
**CEPA GALLERY** - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession

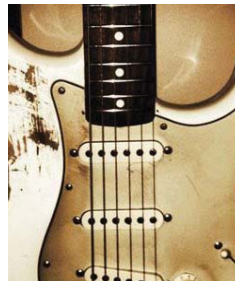
#### COMEDY

**MR. GOODBAR** - 8pm Open

#### Comedy Mic

#### COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS** - 6-9pm Student Night  
**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world



**DELVAN-GRIDER COMMUNITY CENTER** - 5-6:30pm PeaceJam Buffalo, For Teens:

**GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER** - 3-6pm Food For Thought Teen Girls Program

**THE MUSIC ROOM** - 7pm (music, comedy, poetry) Hosted by Dave Hallett All ages. Loaner instruments if necessary. In house non-alcohol refreshments. Free popcorn! Professional sound system. Kid/family friendly.

#### EXHIBITS

**STEEL PLANT MUSEUM** - 10-5pm A Fair Day's Work: The Role of the Union in the Steel Plants

#### FILMS/SCREENINGS

**HALLWALLS** - 7pm Luchino Visconti's Rocco and His Brothers Restoration



#### KIDS STUFF

**SHERATON AT THE FALLS** - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour

Food & Drink Specials; 5-8pm Family Fun Night

#### LITERARY

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard



**GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER** - 6-7pm All Word and No Play Workshop  
**WESTERN NEW YORK BOOK ARTS CENTER** - 5:30-7:30pm Valentine Lotus Books

#### SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

**JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/ BENDERSON FAMILY BUILDING** - 7:30pm, 7:30pm After the Revolution

#### SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO** - 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire  
**SHAMBHALA MEDITATION GROUP OF BUFFALO** - 7pm Open Meditation



#### TOURS/HIKES

**TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE** - 10-noon Wellness Walks Thursdays (offered all year) 10AM-12PM All Ages Tift Nature Preserve 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203 Drop by Tift Nature Preserve and enjoy the fresh air and the sights and sounds of the season with a healthy outdoor walk on beautiful and accessible trails! Please call

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## FRI FEB 10

### MUSIC

#### ACOUSTIC/FOLK

**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 12-1pm Drew Azzinaro; 7-9pm Mike Criscione  
**PEOPLEART COFFEEHOUSE** - 9pm Open Stage

#### BLUEGRASS

**TALTY'S TAVERN** - 9pm Panfil Brothers



#### BLUES

**HOT MAMA'S CANTEN** - 8-11pm The River Dogs Blues Band  
**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 9:30pm Tommy Z  
**VIZZ'S** - 10pm Jony James

#### CABARET/BROADWAY

**BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE** - 8pm Buck, Boogie, Bop & Beyond: the black and brown of Broadway musicals

#### COUNTRY

**NASHVILLE'S 2** - 9pm 2 Leftboots

#### DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC

**ALLEN BURGER VENTURE** - 10pm "Snake n' Stylus. DJ Malik Von Saint and Marcos Ugawdawa playing Disco Punx high class dance rock"  
**BLU BAR & GRILLE** - 5-9pm Classic Mix Friday Happy Hour

**CLUB MARCELLA** - 10pm Friday Night Dance Party  
**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR** - 9pm The Legendary Milk and Cochise w/ Buffalo Funklord Lopro play It's Motha Funkin' Fridays  
**GYPSY PARLOR** - 10pm DJ Basha

**MOONEY'S BAR & GRILL** - 8pm DJ Brian Blaze  
**MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL** - 10pm DJ Homewrecker  
**POLISH VILLA 2** - 8pm Tom Hastings Dance Party

**FUNK/SOUL**

**189 PUBLIC HOUSE** - 8:30pm Ron Davis & David Wasik  
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**JAZZ**

**ANCHOR BAR** - 8pm The Jazz Example  
**GIGI'S CUCINA POVERA** - 6-9pm Bobby Jones Trio with Andy Weinzler  
**PAUSA ART HOUSE** - 8pm Andy Weinzler Quartet



**WEGMAN'S (AMHERST ST.)** - 6-8pm Kathy Beck Trio

**KARAOKE**

**ARMORY SALOON** - 10pm Karaoke at bthe Armory  
**CARMINE'S** - 9pm Parrot Karaoke with John Dudley  
**HAT TRIX BAR AND GRILL** - 10pm karaoke  
**RIVERSIDE PARK INN** - 10pm Riverside park Inn 1160 Tonawanda St. Buffalo

**PIANO**

**OLIVER'S** - 7:30pm George Jones



**PUNK**

**MOHAWK PLACE** - 7pm Lemuria



**ROCK**

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**MATTHEW GLAB POST** 1477 - 9pm The Screaming Pineapples  
**CRAZY JAKE'S** - 9pm Under Arrest  
**DWYER'S IRISH PUB** - 6-10pm Darrell Porter Band  
**JACK DEVINE'S SOUTH (HAMBURG)** - 8pm Gregg Sansone



**KEYBANK CENTER** - 7:30pm Red Hot Chili Peppers  
**LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE** - 7:30pm Buddy Holly Tribute  
**MAC'S ON HERTEL** - 9pm Mike Zogaria  
**MOHAWK PLACE** - 5pm Mr Conrad Rock n' Roll Happy Hour  
**MR. GOODBAR** - 10pm The Revenge Therapists No Wounded Soldiers  
**PURE NIGHTCLUB** - 8pm Dub Affair w/ Styn & Berrix  
**ROSE GARDEN RESTAURANT & GROVE** - 7:30pm The Angry Buffalo  
**SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (MILLERSPORT)** - 8pm Chris Maloney  
**SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (TRANSIT RD.)** - 9:30pm JJ Swing  
**TALTY'S TAVERN** - 9pm Joe and the Smoes  
**TOWN BALLROOM** - 7pm

Granger Smith feat Earl Dibbles Jr.  
**WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT** - 9:30pm Flatland Fire



**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**CEPA GALLERY** - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession  
**THE FAIRGROUNDS** - 4-9pm This year's edition of Springtime in the Country features garden art, metalworks, women's fashion, original wall art, custom furniture, designer jewelry, home décor, spa quality bath and beauty products, gourmet foods, children's toys, pottery and so much more.



**BURLESQUE**

**MOHAWK PLACE** - 11pm Love & Lust Kinky Valentine:



Hell's Harlots, Arlowe Price, DJ Einsam Hosted by Atasha Salad & Lady Zilla

**COMEDY**

**CLINTON BAR AND GRILL** - 9pm Comedy Open Mic The Friday Night Bender  
**THE ARENA** - 8pm ComedySportz Buffalo Improvisational Comedy

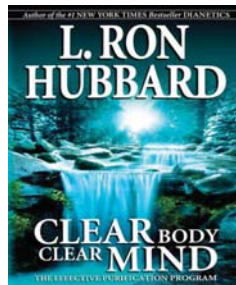


**COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world  
**GRAPEVINE BANQUET FACILITY** - 6pm "Annual Valentine 's Social" and Lip Sync Battle  
**EXHIBITS**  
**PRIMROSE PATH BOUTIQUE** - 5-9pm Partner Paint Night And Pop-Up Shop

**LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS**

**CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BUFFALO** - 7pm Clear Body, Clear Mind



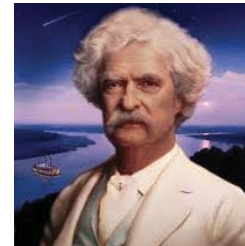
**LITERARY**

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard

**SPECIALTY/COMMUNITY THEATER**

**ELLICOTT CREEK PLAYHOUSE (ST. EDMUND CAMPUS)** - 7:30pm Cat on a

Hot Tin Roof  
**SHEA'S BUFFALO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** - 8pm SHOT! by Persis Vehar  
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF AMHERST** - 7:30pm Mark twain's The Diaries of Adam and Eve



**SPIRITUAL**

**INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO** - 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

**TOURS**

**BUFFALO VISITOR CENTER AT THE BRISBANE BLDG** - 10am Masters of American Architecture

**SAT FEB 11**

**MUSIC**

**ACOUSTIC/FOLK**

**CASA ANTICA** - 9pm Cue The Sun  
**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 7-9pm Grace Stumberg

**BLUEGRASS**

**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 5:30-8:30pm Skiffle Minstrels; 8pm Skiffle Minstrels & Stone Country Band



**TALTY'S TAVERN** - 7-9pm Panfil Brothers

**BLUES**

**BROADWAY HOTEL** - 4pm

Grateful Dans  
**PIZZA PLANT ITALIAN PUB (TRANSIT RD)** - 7:30-10:30pm My Cousin Tone  
**RAINTREE BAR & GRILL** - 2pm Black N' Blues  
**THE COVE** - 2-5pm "Blues Crew" with Joe Dimino, Paul Iannello, Bob Price & Speedy Parker  
**THE TRALF MUSIC HALL** - 8pm Doyle Bramhall II



**CABARET/BROADWAY**

**BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE** - 2pm, 8pm Buck, Boogie, Bop & Beyond: the black and brown of Broadway musicals

**CELTIC/IRISH**

**NIETZSCHE'S** - 5pm The Celtic Seisuns

**CLASSICAL**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH** - 7pm Buffalo Brass Choir  
**UB SLEE CONCERT HALL (LIPPES CONCERT HALL)** - 3pm Sungmin Shin, guitar

**COUNTRY**

**ERNIE WEBER'S BEEF AND ALE** - 5-10pm Live Country Roundup



**DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC**

**BLU BAR & GRILLE** - 7pm Retro Dance Party; 8pm

This week's DJ is DAN DEGOSKIFREE DISCO LESSONS at 8pm with TRISH from the Step by Step TV show

**CLUB MARCELLA** - 9pm Salvation Saturday Drag Show and Sexy Underwear Contest  
**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR** - 9pm SNM feat: Scott Down, Daringer, Charlie the Butcher, Milk & Cochise and



Keith Concept  
**GYPSY PARLOR** - 7pm MOD Dance  
**MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL** - 10pm DJ Homewrecker  
**MOONEY'S** - 8pm DJ Homewrecker

### FUNK/SOUL

**HYDRAULIC HEARTH** - 9:30pm Ron Davis and Ray Haugen  
**SENECA NIAGARA CASINO** - 8pm Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds



### HIP-HOP

**KEYBANK CENTER** - 7:30pm Charlie Wilson, Fantasia, Johnny Gill, Solero  
**MOHAWK PLACE** - 8pm Tines, Second Trip, Settlement, Saints And Winos

### JAZZ

**GIGI'S CUCINA POVERA** - 8-11pm Johnny Dee  
**PAUSA ART HOUSE** - 8pm Nick Finzer's Hear & Now

### KARAOKE

**DOMESTIC STADIUM** - 10pm

Karaoke Night

### LATIN

**ANCHOR BAR** - 8-11pm Kevin Doyle and Sol Y. Sombra

### OPEN MIC

**AL-E-OOPS** - 9:30pm Eric Joseph

### PIANO

**MANGIA RISTORANTE** - 9pm Piano bar with Jon Lorentz

### POP

**31 CLUB** - 9pm Joe Bolognese and Dolly Durante

### ROCK

**AMERICAN LEGION STEPHEN SIKORA POST 1322** - 4pm Party Hounds  
**BASES LOADED SPORTS BAR & GRILL** - 10pm Band Habit  
**BROADWAY HOTEL** - 9pm Joe and the Shmoes  
**CRAZY JAKE'S** - 9pm Toast  
**GYPSY PARLOR** - 10pm Zamir presents With Love from Russia, Pine Fever  
**HOT MAMA'S CANTINEEN** - 5-8pm Dosareality



**JACK DEVINE NORTH** - 9pm 90 West  
**JACK DEVINE'S SOUTH (HAMBURG)** - 10pm Seismic Urge  
**MR. GOODBAR** - 9pm Magic Honey Stationwagon & Enamity  
**MS. B'S PIZZERIA & BAR** - 9pm Party Hounds  
**RAINTREE BAR & GRILL** - 9:30pm Wide Right  
**SANTORA'S PIZZA PUB & GRILL (TRANSIT RD.)** - 9:30pm Back to the Bars  
**SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO** - 7pm Blood Sweat & Tears Feat Bo Bice  
**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 3:30pm Ron LoCurto Band  
**TALTY'S TAVERN** - 9pm JJ White Band  
**THE RAPIDS THEATRE** - 8pm Skillet Unleashed Tour 2017  
**WAGON WHEEL**

**RESTAURANT** - 9:30pm Jim Wynne Band  
**WAITING ROOM** - 7pm STRFKR



### SOUL

**MILKIE'S ON ELMWOOD (FORMERLY ELMWOOD LOUNGE)** - 10pm Sugar City's Soul Night Fundraiser

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

**CEPA GALLERY** - 10-1pm Basic Digital SLR Photography; 12-4pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession

### COMEDY

**COMEDYSPORTZ BUFFALO** - 9:30pm Todd Benzin & Don Gervasi  
**HELIUM COMEDY CLUB** - 8pm comedy open mic  
**THE ARENA** - 7pm ComedySportz Buffalo Improvisational Comedy

### COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDENS** - 11-1pm HorticultureV  
**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world  
**INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO** - 9-11am Homeopathy Consultations by Rev. Ellen Bourn; 12-2pm Psychic Healing and Readings by Lory Pollina  
**REINSTEIN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER** - 11-noon Winter Wonderland in the Woods

### DANCE

**NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS** - 9:30-10:15am Hatha Yoga; 10:30-11:30am Pilates/ Floor Barre

### EXHIBITS

**STEEL PLANT MUSEUM** - 10-

5pm A Fair Day's Work: The Role of the Union in the Steel Plants

### FUNDRAISERS

**HARBORCENTER** - 4-6pm Breast Cancer Fundraiser Skate, Prizes; 4-6pm Pink The Rink Buffalo Event  
**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY** - 6pm Notre Dame Academy Monte Carlo Night

### KIDS STUFF

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 11am Toddler Storytime; 1pm The Power of Words Aitina Fareed Cooke  
**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 2-3:30pm Lego Club  
**NASH HOUSE MUSEUM** - 11:30am Historical storytelling  
**TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE** - 9:30-11:30am Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp  
**WESTERN NEW YORK BOOK ARTS CENTER** - 12-2pm Screenprint Valentines for Kids

### LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

**KENAN CENTER** - 11am Jeremy Begbie



### LITERARY

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard

### SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

**ELLCOTT CREEK PLAYHOUSE (ST. EDMUND CAMPUS)** - 7:30pm Cat on a Hot Tin Roof  
**JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/ BENDERSON FAMILY BUILDING** - 4pm, 4pm After the Revolution  
**JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO/ BENDERSON FAMILY**

**BUILDING** - 8pm, 8pm After the Revolution

### SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO** - 12-3pm Energy Healing & Psychic Life Alignment by Lori Pollina; 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle  
**INSPIRATION POINT BUFFALO** - 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

### TOURS

**BUFFALO VISITOR CENTER AT THE BRISBANE BLDG** - 10am Masters of American Architecture  
**DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE (GREATBATCH PAVILION)** - 5-7pm Valentine's Tour

# SUN FEB 12

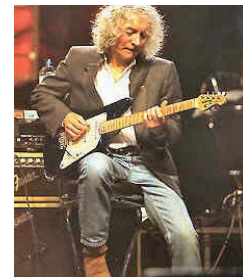
## MUSIC

### A CAPELLA

**CROSSROADS LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 3pm Buffalo Chips

### BLUES

**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 5pm Albert Lee Band



**THE COVE** - 5:30-8:30pm Joseph Mahfoud & Jack Civilelto



### CHORAL

**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAL CHURCH** - 6:30pm The Grand Island

Community Chorus

### CLASSICAL

**BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 3pm A Requiem in Our Time  
**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 7-9pm The Bell Canto Quartet  
**UB SLEE CONCERT HALL (LIPPES CONCERT HALL)** - 3pm Bass Soloist Michael Zogaib with the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra

### JAZZ

**BUFFALO HISTORY TOURS** 2:30pm PETE MALINVERNI  
**COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB** - 6pm Open Jam Session; 6-9pm Live Jam Session  
**MUSICALFARE THEATRE** - 8pm Sophisticated Lady George Caldwell  
**NIETZSCHE'S** - 6pm Ann Phillipone; 8pm Dr Jazz and the Jazzbuds

### KARAOKE

**RIVERSIDE PARK INN** - 7pm Karaoke with Eclectic Sound

### METAL

**TOWN BALLROOM** - 7pm August Burns Red



### OPEN MIC

**MR. GOODBAR** - 9pm Keith Shuskie Jr.  
**RUSTY NICKEL BREWING CO** - 5-8pm acoustic open mic

### POP

**EVENING STAR CONCERT HALL** - 6pm Aesthetic Perfection

### ROCK

**BACKSTAGE PUB** - 8pm Jimmy Zigzag and Johnny Jeffery  
**MOHAWK PLACE** - 6pm The Bunny The Bear, Unwill, Tetelestai, VoKillz  
**STAMPS BAR** - 6pm Blackened Hearts Ball; 6pm ALL WNY Radio's Blackened Heart Ball



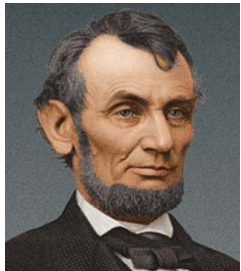
## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

CEPA GALLERY - 10-3pm  
Liangxiang Wu A Modern  
Flaneur's Possession

### COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO HISTORY TOURS  
- noon Abraham Lincoln's  
Birthday Celebration



BUFFALO MUSEUM OF  
SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar:  
The instrument that rocked  
the world

### FILMS/SCREENINGS

MR. GOODBAR - 7pm  
Sunday Public Domain Film  
Night

### KIDS STUFF

AMHERST MIDDLE  
SCHOOL - 3pm A Musical  
Family Concert  
FRANK E. MERRIWEATHER  
JR. LIBRARY - 2-4pm African  
American Read-in  
SHERATON AT THE FALLS -  
4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food  
& Drink Specials

### LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY - 12-5pm  
Milestones of Science: Books  
that Shook the World!; 12-5pm  
Celebrating 400 years of  
Shakespeare: Reflecting on  
the Life of the Bard  
GYPSY PARLOR - 6pm Pure  
Ink Poetry Slam

### SEASONAL EVENT

AMERICAN LEGION - 1:30-  
4pm 6th Annual Zumbathon

### SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

JEWISH CENTER OF  
GREATER BUFFALO/  
BENDERSON FAMILY  
BUILDING - 2pm, 2pm After  
the Revolution

# MON FEB 13

## MUSIC

### COUNTRY

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -  
7pm Stone Country Band

### DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR &  
GRILL - 7:30pm DJ Trivia

### JAZZ

COLORED MUSICIANS'  
CLUB - 7pm George Scott  
Big Band

### OPEN MIC

BACKSTAGE PUB - 8-11pm  
Michael Hund  
GENE MCCARTHYS - 7pm  
Mike P; 8-11pm Open Mic

NIETZSCHE'S - 8pm Buffalo's  
longest runnin open mic

TALTY'S TAVERN - 7pm 1st  
Monday of every Month:  
Charlie O'Neill Guitar Club  
7:00pm HOSTED BY: Jim  
Brucato

THE ALLEY CAT - 9pm  
Bobby Angel



### ROCK

EVENING STAR CONCERT  
HALL - 6pm Aesthetic  
Perfection Solar Fake, Nyxx,  
Optic Oppression & Shadow  
Siren  
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -  
7pm Mutlu

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

CEPA GALLERY - 9-5pm  
Liangxiang Wu A Modern  
Flaneur's Possession

### COMEDY

TUDOR LOUNGE - 8:30pm  
Comedy OPen Mic

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF  
SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar:  
The instrument that rocked  
the world  
GYPSY PARLOR - 8pm Trivia  
with Geeks who Drink



An authentic pub quiz for beer-soaked nerds™

### INSPIRATION POINT

BUFFALO - 12-2pm Psychic  
Healing and Readings by Lory  
Pollina

### DANCE

NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS  
- 5:45-7:15pm Adult Ballet;  
7-8:30pm Adult Ballet for  
Beginners



### KIDS STUFF

FRANK E. MERRIWEATHER  
JR. LIBRARY - 1pm Carter  
G. Woodson Essay Contest;  
2-4pm Along This Way:  
Storytelling in the African  
Tradition-27th Year  
SHERATON AT THE FALLS -  
4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food  
& Drink Specials

### LECTURES/ PRESENTATIONS

CHURCH OF  
SCIENTOLOGY OF  
BUFFALO - 7pm Dianetics  
Lecture

### LITERARY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm  
Milestones of Science: Books

that Shook the World!; 8:30-  
6pm Celebrating 400 years  
of Shakespeare: Reflecting on  
the Life of the Bard

### RECREATION/GAMES

EPIC RESTAURANT &  
LOUNGE - 8pm Epic Movie  
Trivia Night!  
EXPO MARKET - 6:30pm  
Foosball Night

### SPIRITUAL

INSPIRATION POINT  
BUFFALO - 12-3pm Energy  
Healing & Psychic Life  
Alignment by Lori Pollina;  
2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

# TUES FEB 14

## MUSIC

### ACOUSTIC/FOLK

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN  
- 9:30pm John Culliton  
Mahoney

### CLASSICAL

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE  
- 7:30pm Cellist Bryan  
Eckenrode



KLEINHANS MUSIC HALL  
- 8pm Berlin Philharmonic  
Wind Quintet

### COUNTRY

POLISH CADETS HALL -  
8:30pm The Skiffle Minsrels  
SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -  
6pm Twang Gang

### DANCE/DJS/ ELECTRONIC

DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE  
BAR - 8pm Neo Soul with  
Mike DiSanto's Verse

### JAZZ

SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN -  
noon Joe Baudo Big Band

### KARAOKE

BLU BAR & GRILLE - 8pm  
Karaoke by Steve Urge

### OPEN MIC

CLARENCE CENTER  
COFFEE CO. - 7:30-10:30pm  
karaoke; 7:30-10:30pm Doc  
Stuart Shapiro  
CLINTON BAR AND GRILL -  
8-11pm Jony James



COYOTE CAFE - 9:30pm  
Keith Shuskie

FLATTERY'S IRISH PUB -  
9:30pm Tyler Massaro

GENE MCCARTHYS - 7-9pm  
Trivial Tuesday

GYPSY PARLOR - 8pm  
TuTuTuesday and Open Mic

MILKIE'S ON ELMWOOD  
(FORMERLY ELMWOOD  
LOUNGE) - 8pm Open Mic

THE ALLEY CAT - 9pm  
Bobby Angel

THE GROOVE LOUNGE -  
7:30-11:30pm Bringing the  
lovers of Blues and Soul  
together, networking in the  
Blues Community, mentoring  
in the genres and good times!

### ROCK

TGI FRIDAY (SHERATON) -  
7pm Steve Balesteri

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY  
- Adult Coloring Tuesdays,  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Our  
Adult Coloring Club is a great  
way to relax and meet new  
friends. This is not a class and  
is very casual. Call 332-4375  
for information.

CEPA GALLERY - 9-5pm  
Liangxiang Wu A Modern  
Flaneur's Possession

### COMEDY

NIETZSCHE'S - 8pm Rust Belt  
Comedy

### COMMUNITY INTEREST

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF  
SCIENCE - 10-4pm Guitar:  
The instrument that rocked  
the world  
GLORIA J. PARKS  
COMMUNITY CENTER - 3-  
6pm Food For Thought Teen

Girls Program  
INSPIRATION POINT  
BUFFALO - 9:30-11:30am  
Homeopathy Consultations  
by Rev. Ellen Bourn; 4-6pm  
Metaphysical Medicine  
Astrology Readings by Aaron  
Fried

LOCKHOUSE DISTILLERY  
- 9pm Black Hearts Singles  
Party  
THE LODGE BAR & GRILL -  
8pm Trivia Night

### DANCE

NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS  
- 6:30-7:30pm Yoga By  
Bonnie Series

### EXHIBITS

STEEL PLANT MUSEUM - 10-  
5pm A Fair Day's Work: The  
Role of the Union in the Steel  
Plants

### KIDS STUFF

BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY  
- 4:30-5pm Ukulele for Kids;  
5:30-6:30pm Ukulele Sing  
and Play  
SHERATON AT THE FALLS -  
4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food  
& Drink Specials

### LITERARY

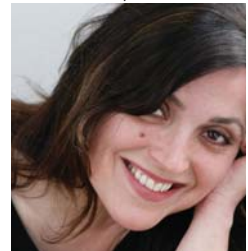
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY - 8:30-6pm  
Milestones of Science: Books  
that Shook the World!; 8:30-  
6pm Celebrating 400 years  
of Shakespeare: Reflecting on  
the Life of the Bard  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
INAUGURAL NATIONAL  
HISTORICAL SITE - 6:30pm  
Spin-a-Storytellers of Western  
New York and Theodore roo-  
sevelt Inaugural Site presents  
Stories of Immigrants

### RECREATION/GAMES

BALLYHOO BAR & GRILL -  
8pm Geeks Who Drink Pub  
Quiz

### SPECIALTY/ COMMUNITY THEATER

EASTERN HILLS MALL -  
7pm Love Letters w/Connie  
Caldwell & Guy Tomassi to be  
staged at WBBZ-TV studio for  
Valentine's Day



## SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT**  
**BUFFALO** - 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire; 2pm Spirit Art Readings

# WED FEB 15

## MUSIC

### BLUES

**ALTERNATIVE BREWS** - 8-11:30pm Blues Pro-Jam with Big Sauce Trio with special guests; 8pm Blues Pro-Jam with the Big Sauce Trio and guests



### CELTIC/IRISH

**SHANNON PUB** - 6:30pm  
 Joe Head

### CLASSICAL

**UB SLEE CONCERT HALL (LIPPES CONCERT HALL)** - 7:30pm Glenn Einschlag, bassoon

### DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC

**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR** - 9pm Dolla Dolla Beer Ya'll with DJ Charles Masters  
**EPIC RESTAURANT & LOUNGE** - 10:30pm Ladies Night and DJ  
**MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL** - 7:30pm DJ Trivia  
**PAN AMERICAN GRILL & BREWERY** - 5:30pm DJ Trivia

### INDIE

**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 7pm Buffalo Dead All Stars

### JAZZ

**GIGI'S CUCINA POVERA** - 7-10pm Joe Bolognese & Dolly Durante



**NIETZSCHE'S** - 6pm Tyler Westcott & Dr Jazz  
**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - noon Joe Baudo Quartet

### KARAOKE

**OZONE** - 9pm Karaoke Nights

### OPEN MIC

**ANCHOR INN** - 7-11pm J C Thompson

**ASHKER'S JUICE BAR & CAFE** - 7-10pm Cosmic

**BYRD HOUSE** - 9pm Phil Elinsky

**MILKIE'S ON ELMWOOD (FORMERLY ELMWOOD LOUNGE)** - 8pm Comedy

Open Mic

**MUG & MUSKET** - 7pm Dave Thurman & Ray Barry

**PEACE OF MIND COFFEE SHOP** - 7-10pm Keith Shuskie

**PENNY LANE CAFE** - 7-10pm A J

**RUDEBOYZ ARTWORK** - 6-9pm Mic Da Network hosted by Cire Luey Freeman

**STAMPS BAR** - 8-11pm Arrow

**STOCKMAN'S TAVERN & GROVE** - 8pm Tom Seitz

**THE PENALTY BOX** - 10pm Open Jam with Matt Ruschmann

**TUDOR LOUNGE** - 10pm Todd Allen

### ROCK

**HYDEOUT** - 8pm Randy California's Open jam

**MARINARO'S LARKIN TAVERN** - 5:30-8pm Alfie Alessandra/Alan Knoll Duo

**TGI FRIDAY (SHERATON)** - 7pm Steve Balesteri



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

**CEPA GALLERY** - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession

### COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar:

The instrument that rocked the world

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - 7-8:30pm Gothic Revival & Art Deco in Buffalo  
**INSPIRATION POINT**  
**BUFFALO** - 1-5pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle every Wednesday



### DANCE

**BLU BAR & GRILLE** - 7pm Dance lessons by Salsa for the Soul

**NEGLIA BALLET ARTISTS** - 7-8am Barre Fitness

**TRINITY CHURCH** - 7pm Dances and Drums for Universal Peace

### FILMS/SCREENINGS

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO** - 9:30-11:30am Opera Without Singing: The Films of Erich Wolfgang Korngold

**CHURCH OF BUFFALO** - 9:30-11:30am Opera Without Singing: The Films of Erich Wolfgang Korngold

### KIDS STUFF

**SHERATON AT THE FALLS** - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials

**TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE** - 12:30-2:30pm Homeschool Series: The Web of Life

### LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

**CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BUFFALO** - 6-6:45pm You can be more able than you are. A recorded lecture by L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Dianetics and Scientology. \$15. 856-3910; 7pm Clear Body, Clear Mind

**CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BUFFALO** - 7pm Dianetics Lecture

**RALPH WILSON STADIUM** - 12-4pm Women in Leadership, A Woman Up mini-conference

### LITERARY

**BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY** - 8:30-6pm Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!; 8:30-6pm Celebrating 400 years of Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard  
**GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER** - 3:30-4:30pm All Word and No Play Workshop

### RECREATION/GAMES

**MAIN STREET GALLERY** - 8:30pm The Players Chess Club



### SPIRITUAL

**INSPIRATION POINT**  
**BUFFALO** - 2pm Tarot Readings by Eva Danielle; 2pm Reiki Healing by Claire

# THURS FEB 16

## MUSIC

### ACOUSTIC/FOLK

**GALLO COAL FIRE KITCHEN** - 6-9pm Dave Thurman  
**UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CENTER** - 9pm Lance Drake acoustic show

### BLUES

**727 ELMWOOD** - 8-10pm Fritz The Kat  
**ABBEY SQUARE** - 8:30pm Open Blues Jam  
**LAUREL AND HARDY'S** - 9pm Pro Blues Jam  
**SHANNON PUB** - 7-10pm Modern Groove Quartet

### COUNTRY

**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 12-2:15pm Mark plays classic country with The Lunchtime Classic Country Review; noon The Lunch Bunch  
**SPORTSMEN'S TAVERN** - 7pm Mountain Run Trio

### DANCE/DJS/ELECTRONIC

**BLU BAR & GRILLE** - 7pm Dancing All Night with DJ's

Nino and Henry from LVP.  
**DUKE'S BOHEMIAN GROVE BAR** - 9pm Throwback Thursdays with DJ Charles Masters  
**MOONEY'S** - 8pm DJ Trivia

### JAZZ

**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT** - 12-2pm Mayden Jazz with Dennis M. Warne  
**COLORED MUSICIANS' CLUB** - 8pm Carol McLaughlin



**DAILY PLANET COFFEE CO.** - 5-6:30pm Evening Jazz:: Fred Caputi

**SHANGO BISTRO** - 7pm Ron Davis

### KARAOKE

**727 ELMWOOD** - 9pm Karaoke night  
**GARDEN PARK CAFE** - 8pm Dan's Nightly Karaoke  
**GYPSY PARLOR** - 9pm Karaoke

**HAT TRIX BAR AND GRILL** - 10pm karaoke

**ROCKIN' BUFFALO SALOON** - 7pm Rock and Roll Rich

**STERLING PLACE** - 9pm Tom Tom

### METAL

**EVENING STAR CONCERT HALL** - 6pm Motograter

### OPEN MIC

**COUZINS** - 8-11:30pm Bouncin' off the Walls  
**GONZOS** - 11pm Andy Geier and Joe Batt  
**O'NEILL'S STADIUM INN** - 10pm Cory Klawon & Dustin Francis  
**SPOT COFFEE (DELAWARE)** - 7-9pm Open Mic  
**T.C. WHEELERS BAR & PIZZERIA** - 8-11pm Michael Hund

**TAP HOUSE PUB & GRILL** - 7-10pm Keith Shuskie Jr

**WAGON WHEEL RESTAURANT** - 8:30pm Thursday Night Jams with Chuck DeRose

### PIANO

**DICK AND JENNY'S BAKE**

**AND BREW** - 6:30-9:30pm Don Burns Ragtime Player

### ROCK

**MOHAWK PLACE** - 6pm Vanity Strikes, A Scent Like Wolves, Forgetting Fame  
**WAITING ROOM** - 8pm Lawrence

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS

**BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY** - 11am Laughter Yoga; noon Exercise with Mary Ann Linkowski

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**BRIGHTON PLACE LIBRARY** - 6:30-8pm Anime Meet-Up

**CEPA GALLERY** - 9-5pm Liangxiang Wu A Modern Flaneur's Possession

**COMEDY**

**MR. GOODBAR** - 8pm Open Comedy Mic

### COMMUNITY INTEREST

**BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE** - 10-4pm Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world

**DELANAN-GRIDER COMMUNITY CENTER** - 5-6:30pm PeaceJam Buffalo, For Teens:

**GLORIA J. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER** - 3-6pm Food For Thought Teen Girls Program

**THE MUSIC ROOM** - 7pm (music, comedy, poetry) Hosted by Dave Hallett All ages. Loaner instruments if necessary. In house non-alcohol refreshments. Free popcorn! Professional sound system. Kid/family friendly.

### EXHIBITS

**STEEL PLANT MUSEUM** - 10-5pm A Fair Day's Work: The Role of the Union in the Steel Plants

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**SHERATON AT THE FALLS** - 4-6:30pm Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials; 5-8pm Family Fun Night

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## THEATER | ON THE BOARDS

### OPENING

**AFTER THE REVOLUTION**, play by Amy Herzog presented by The Jewish Repertory Theatre, directed by Saul Elkin, starring Lisa Ludwig, Tom Makar, David Marciniak, Adam Rath, Tina Rausa, Anne Roaldi, Bonnie Jean Taylor, Steve Vaughan. Feb 9-Mar 5, Thu at 7:30, Sat at 4 & 8, Sun at 2. The Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre, 2640 North Forest Road, Getzville (688-4114 x391). [www.jewishrepertorytheatre.com](http://www.jewishrepertorytheatre.com)

### ONGOING

**IT SHOULD A BEEN YOU**, musical by Brian Hargrove and Barbara Anselmi presented by O'Connell & Company, directed by Roger Paolini, starring Joey Bucheker, Todd Fuller, Gregory Gjurich, Bill Group, Adam Hayes, Sara Kovacsi, Pamela Rose Mangus, Matthew Mooney, Mary Kate O'Connell, Emily Pici, Heather Reed, Rebecca Runge Dan Urtz. Through Feb 26, Thu-Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2:30. The Park School, 4625 Harlem Road, Snyder (848-0800). [www.oconnellandcompany.com](http://www.oconnellandcompany.com)

**SOPHISTICATED LADIES**, musical by Duke Ellington directed by John Fredo, starring Cecelia Barron, Annette Christian, Dudley Joseph, Jr., London Lee, Katy Miner, Ben Michael Moran. Through Mar 5, Wed & Thu at 7, Fri at 7:30, Sat at 3:30 & 7:30, Sun at 2. MusicalFare Theatre, 4380 Main St., Amherst (839-8540). [www.musicalfare.com](http://www.musicalfare.com)

### CLOSING

**CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF**, drama by Tennessee Williams presented by The Niagara Regional Theatre Guild, directed by Fran Newton, starring Sarah Potozniak, M. Joseph Fratello, Paul Bene, Amy Jorrisch, Ryan Morgan, Amy Feder, Lauren McGowan. Through Feb 12, Fri & Sat at 7:30, Sun at 3. Ellicott Creek Playhouse, 530 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda (260-2319). [www.niagaratheatre.com](http://www.niagaratheatre.com)

**FRANKENSTEIN**, world-premiere adaptation of the classic horror novel, written and directed by David Oliver, starring Jonas Barranca, Steve Copps, Gerry Maher, Candice Kogut, Joel Fesmire, John Profeta, Adam Yellen, Marisa Caruso. Through Feb 12, Thu-Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2. Road Less Traveled Theater, 500 Pearl St. (629-3069). [www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org](http://www.roadlesstraveledproductions.org)

**THE SHAKESPEARE STEALER**, play by



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by Gary L. Blackwood presented by Theatre of Youth, directed by Chris Kelly. Through Feb 12, Sat & Sun at 2, plus Feb 11 at 10:00 a.m. Allendale Theatre, 203 Allen St. (884.4400). [www.theatreofyouth.org](http://www.theatreofyouth.org)

**STEVE**, play by Mark Gerrard presented by Buffalo United Artists, directed by Jessica K. Rasp, starring Zachary Bellus, Caitlin Coleman, Timothy Patrick Finnegan, David Granville, Eric Rawski, Michael Seitz. Through Feb 11, Fri & Sat at 8. Alleyway Theatre, One Curtain Up Alley (886-9239). [www.buffalobua.org](http://www.buffalobua.org)

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**HEAVEN CAN WAIT**, comedy by Harry Segall, presented by Desiderio's Dinner Theatre, directed by Jay Desiderio, starring Brett Klaczyk, Michael Breen. Feb 9-Apr 9, most Thu, Sat & Sun, evening shows arrival at 6, show at 7:30; matinee shows arrival at 1, show at 2:30. Bobby J's Italian American Grille, 204 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga (395-3207). [www.mybobbyjs.com](http://www.mybobbyjs.com)

**MARY AND MYRA**, staged reading of the play by Catherine's Filloux, presented by The Brazen-Faced Varlets, directed by Jennifer Fitzery, starring Heather Fangsrud, Lara D. Haberberger. Feb 12 at 2. Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, 641 Delaware Ave. Feb 15 at 12 noon, Erie County Courthouse, 92 Franklin St. (771-6277). [www.varlets.org](http://www.varlets.org)

**TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING**, interactive comedy presented by Actors Anonymous Theatre Company, directed by Kevin Barwell, starring Karah Krajewski, Bill Kennedy, John Pirrone, Scot Kaitanowski, Justyn Harris, Curtis Rose, Peter Snodgrass, Jodi Cook, Dan Morris, Sean Farrell, Joe Schenkel. Through Feb 25, Fri & Sat at 7:15. Lancaster Country Club, 6061 Broadway St., Lancaster (633-4355).

**LOVE LETTERS**, play by A.R.Gurney starring Constance Caldwell, Guy Tomassi. Feb 14 at 7. WBBZ TV studio at Eastern Hills Mall, around the corner from the Dipson Theatre entrance. Tickets available by request online at [www.wbbz.tv](http://www.wbbz.tv)

### UPCOMING

**BUFFALO QUICKIES**, 26th annual celebration of new one-act plays, directed by Joyce Stilson, starring Kyle Baran, Stephanie Bax, Timothy Patrick Finnegan, Christopher Standart, Becky Globus. Feb 23-Mar 11, Thu-Sat at 7:30. Alleyway Theatre, One Curtain Up Alley (852-2600). [www.alleyway.com](http://www.alleyway.com)

**CHARLOTTE'S WEB**, based on the book by E.B. White adapted by Joseph Robinette presented by Theatre in the Mist, directed by Corey Bieber, starring Michael Giannini, Reagan Posey, Isaac Fesmire, November Reign Maziarz, Natalie Condino. Feb 17-26, Fri & Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2. Stella Niagara Education Park, 4421 Lower River Rd.,

Lewiston. (1-877-856-0694) [www.theatreinthemist.org](http://www.theatreinthemist.org)

**THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** (Abridged), comedy presented by Springville Center for the Arts, directed by Mike Kowal, starring Justin Chortie, Tim Musial, Cory Golabek. Feb 16-26, Thu-Sat at 8, Sun at 2 (no performance Feb 23). Carol Mongerson Theater, 37 North Buffalo St., Springville (592-9038).

**DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE**, comedy by Sarah Ruhl presented by Niagara University Theatre, directed by Trevor Copp. Feb 16-19, Thu at 7, Fri & Sat at 7:30, Sun at 2. Castellani Art Museum, NU campus (286-8685).

**THE COLLECTION**, drama by Harold Pinter presented by Torn Space Theater, directed by Dan Shanahan. Feb 17-Mar 11, Thu-Sat at 7:30, plus Mar 12 at 7:30. The Adam Mickiewicz Dramatic Circle, 612 Fillmore Ave. (812-5733). [www.tornspacetheater.com](http://www.tornspacetheater.com)

**THE EDGAR ALLAN POE SHOW**, adapted and directed by L. Don Swartz, Chris Fire, Trey Wydysh, Joann V. Mis, Shelby Ebeling. Feb 23-Mar 5, Thu at 7, Fri & Sat at 8, Sun at 2. Ghostlight Theatre, 170 Schenck St., N. Tonawanda (743-1614). [www.starrynighttheatre.com](http://www.starrynighttheatre.com)

**A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER**, touring production of the Broadway musical presented by Shea's and Albert Nocciolino. Feb 16-22, Thu at 7:30, Fri at 8, Sat at 2 & 8, Sun at 2 & 7. Tue & Wed at 7:30. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St. (1-800-745-3000). [www.sheas.org](http://www.sheas.org)

**OTHER DESERT CITIES**, play by Jon Robin Baitz presented by Aurora Players, directed by Tom Durham, starring Katie Buckler, Mary Eckstein, Kris Kielich, Mary Moebius, Rick Sweet. Feb 24-Mar 12, Fri & Sat at 8, Sun at 2:30. Roycroft Pavilion in Hamlin Park, East Aurora (687-6727). [www.auroraplayers.org](http://www.auroraplayers.org)



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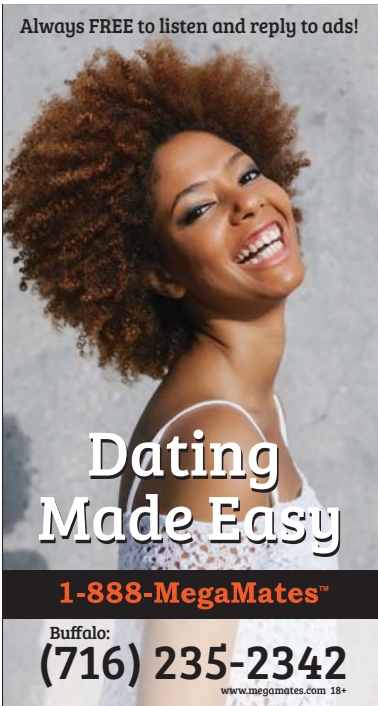


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