

# DMB kicks off tour in CT; Local musician returns



## Kellie Lambert McGuire Observing The Arts

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

The group will perform live at the former Meadows venue on May 28 and May 29. Fans can request tickets online at [www.warehouse.dave-matthewsband.com](http://www.warehouse.dave-matthewsband.com) through Monday; tickets go on sale to the general public on Feb. 26.

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

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

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

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

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Sunday show.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, visit [www.myspace.com/aherosfate](http://www.myspace.com/aherosfate).

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

The event also features displays by chocolatiers and their will be an exhibit of "Sailors' Valentines." Refreshments include chocolates and coffee or tea.

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

**ELVIS' BELATED BIRTHDAY:** The Lustre Kings will honor the birthday of the late, great Elvis Presley with a performance at Waterbury's Seven Angels Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday. Although Presley's birthday was last month, the Kings will celebrate with a belated bash featuring a blend of '50s rock and roll and rockabilly, including some great Elvis songs.

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



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

[www.sevenangelstheatre.org](http://www.sevenangelstheatre.org).

**CHINESE NEW YEAR:** Families and children are invited to celebrate "The Year of the Tiger" at The Children's Museum in West Hartford on Feb. 12.

The event features the planetarium program "Dragons in the Stars," and folktales from Asia by professional storyteller Andre Keitt, better known as Greatheart Griot. Themed

crafts, light Chinese refreshments and telescope viewing will be in the courtyard, weather permitting.

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

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

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

Lisa Cote will open the show. Tickets are \$15; call

(860) 628-2024.

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

The dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Guests may bring their own beverages and mixers; snacks, coffee and tea will be provided and live music entertain.

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

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

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

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

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