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Dear International Students,

The short Presidents Day vacation is over, and school is now back in session- we hope you were able to enjoy some time off from school! As a reminder, the upcoming ISSS outing to see the Albany River Rats hockey team is this Saturday, February 20th at 5pm. There are still a few tickets remaining for the event. If you would like to go, come to our office before 5pm on Friday, February 19 to purchase your ticket(s)! Tickets are \$10 (Regular price \$17). This is one of the last hockey games the River Rats will ever play. The team has recently been sold to another owner and will soon no longer exist. Don't miss out on this historic event to see one of the last River Rats games ever!

ISSS is excited to announce an upcoming event on Sunday, March 7: **Snow Tubing** at Tubby Tubes at Lake Luzerne! Snow tubing is a very simple, yet exhilarating activity. Participants will ride on inflatable tubes down a snow covered hill. To see a video of snow tubing follow this link- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZZgXxPSfyw>. The cost for the trip is \$25 (including 4 hours of snow tubing plus transportation to and from Lake Luzerne).

In addition to snow tubing, we would also like to invite you to come and see a live performance of author Harper Lee's infamous book "**To Kill a Mockingbird**" at Capital Repertory Theatre in downtown Albany on Sunday, March 21st! This drama brings together dark elements of prejudice and racism with lighter themes of courage and compassion to make for a timeless story. A pre-show discussion about the significance of the story in American culture will take place at the theatre at 1:30pm. Tickets for the show are only \$15 (compared to the normal adult rate of \$39)!

To sign up for these events, come to the Office of International Education (Science Library G-40) between 8:30am and 5pm, Monday through Friday. We hope you are as excited about them as we are! On to this week's events...

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- I.) University at Albany Events (find more at <http://www.albany.edu/todayualbany/>)

Thursday, February 18 // 3 p.m.

Professor Christa Van der Walt speaks on Language Education and Language in Education in South Africa

Location: Education 335

Contact: Istvan Kecskes

e-mail: ikecskes@uamail.albany.edu

Cost: Free

Details: Professor Christa Van der Walt of Stellenbosch University, South Africa, focuses on the role of language in multilingual education settings in South Africa.

Friday, February 19 // 8pm

Movie: "Rann" - w/ English subtitles

Location: LC - 19 (lecture centers are located at basement level around the main fountain)

Contact: Ravi Bonam

e-mail: ravikiranbonam@gmail.com

Cost: Free

Details: Indian movie "Rann," presented by the Indian Student Organization. More details on the movie can be found here- <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1451797/>.

Friday, February 19 // 7pm

UAlbany Men's Basketball vs. Stony Brook

Location: SEFCU Arena

Cost: \$12

Contact: http://www.ualbanysports.com/CreateTicket.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=15800

Details: Come see the Great Danes play the Stony Brook Seawolves!

Sunday, February 21 // 12pm - 3:30 pm

Chinese New Year Party on Campus!

Location: Campus Center Ballroom, UAlbany Uptown Campus

Contact: Zubin Liu

e-mail: topcfa@gmail.com

Cost: \$5.00 per ticket before the day of the event at the GSO office (Campus Center 165B) / \$8.00 per ticket at the door (buffet lunch, beverages and snacks included)

Details: Join the Chinese Student and Scholars Association and GSO as they host a Chinese New Year party to celebrate the year of the Tiger!

Monday, February 22 // 8 p.m.

World Travel 101

Location: Lecture Center 23

Contact: Alison Gutman

e-mail: ag583539@albany.edu

Cost: Free

Description: Find out information on how to see the world on a budget, including how to find cheap hostels, how to pack for long trips abroad, and more!

Monday, February 22 // 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The Tug of War Tour

Location: Campus Center Ballroom

Contact: Lisa Friedman

Telephone: (518) 588-1539

e-mail: lfriedman@uamail.albany.edu

Web site: www.ualbanyhillel.org

Cost: Free

Details: The Muslim Student Association presents the Tug of War tour, a show featuring original hip-hop and spoken word from five dynamic artists: Iranian-Israeli rap duo Mazzi & Sneakas, Vanessa Hidary,

Mamita (Def Poetry Jam), Tahani Salah (Urban Word, Def Poetry Jam), and Dash Speaks. The Tug of War Tour is a thought-provoking and multi-dimensional artistic endeavor that explores narratives of conflict and co-existence between Muslims and Jews.

Wednesday, February 24 // 7 p.m.

Ping Pong: Balls of Fury

Location: Colonial Quad Wellness Center (Livingston Tower)

Contact: Simeon Kawakami

Telephone: (518) 442-5911

Details: Love to play ping pong? Interested in learning about the history of this popular and competitive game? Find out the history of ping pong and different styles in which people play throughout the world. Then compete in a small tournament for a chance to win movie tickets!

And don't forget about these upcoming ISSS events...

Friday, February 19: ISSS Social, featuring a presentation and discussion on Black History Month! (3-4:30pm, OIE Conference Room, Science Library G-5)

Saturday, February 20: River Rats hockey game at the Times Union Center (see flyer at ISSS for details)

Saturday, March 6: Ice Skating with ISSS at Swinburne Park (12:30pm, Swinburne Park ice rink)

Sunday, March 7: Snow tubing at Tubby Tubes Co. in Lake Luzerne (see attached flyer for details)

Sunday, March 21: "To Kill a Mockingbird" drama at Capital Repertory Theatre (see attached flyer for details)

II.) Events in the Capital Region

The Pink Floyd Experience

The Palace Theater- 19 Clinton Ave., Albany NY 12207

<http://www.palacealbany.com/>

Saturday, February 20, 7:30 PM

\$27.00 - \$32.00

Description: Come see this spectacular show featuring a full band playing popular songs by the influential English rock band, Pink Floyd! A wide array of laser lights, special effects and projected videos will accompany the music to make for an unforgettable show experience.

Fat Saturday Carnivale For The Arts

Featuring: Captain Squeeze & The Zydeco Moshers

Revolution Hall- 425 River Street Troy, NY 12180

<http://www.revolutionhall.com/>

Saturday, February 20, 6:30 PM

\$15 In Advance / \$20 Day of Show

Description: For those unable to travel to New Orleans for this year's Mardi Gras celebration, Revolution Hall will be hosting their own take on the New Orleans tradition, and for a good cause (A Benefit for the Arts Center of the Capital Region). Come out and have some fun!

Melissa Ferrick With Special Guest Mal Blum

The Linda Performing Arts Studio- 339 Central Ave, Albany NY

<http://www.wamcarts.org>

Sunday, February 21, 8pm

\$23

Description: Melissa Ferrick provides a captivating mix of heartfelt acoustic songwriting coupled with a comedy and wit that makes her music a one-of-a-kind experience. Mal Blum has supported national artists such as Kimya Dawson, Amanda Palmer, Hamell on Trial, Adhamh Roland and others.

Bing Bamboo Room Burlesque

Where: The Dublin Underground (formerly known as Savannah's)

<http://thedublinunderground.com/>

Monday, February 22, 7 p.m.

\$8

Phone: (518) 426-9647

Description: Come down to Savannah's for what is sure to be a hilarious night of satire, as actors poke fun at some of America's most controversial companies and celebrities! Comedic performances done by Scooter Pie as Fannie Mae, Lillian Gash Erin Harkes as Dolly Parton, Mister James as Freddie Mac, and special musical guests Ramblin' Jug Stompers.

Carbon Leaf

The Egg (Empire State Plaza)

<http://www.theegg.org/>

Thursday, February 25, 7:30 PM

\$24

Description: Carbon Leaf, a Celtic-influenced rock band, takes center stage at The Egg as the Virginia based band performs music from their series of acclaimed recordings, including their latest album, "Nothing Rhymes with Woman." Suzannah Choffel opens the concert.

*Restaurant of the Week-

Hana Japanese Steakhouse

1620 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203

<http://www.hanaalbany.com/#/home>

(518) 452-4262

Style: Casual

Hours: Lunch: Monday - Saturday: 11:00am - 3:00pm / Dinner: Monday - Thursday: 4:30pm - 10:00pm, Friday: 4:30 to 11pm: Saturday: 3:00pm - 11:00pm, Sunday: 12:00pm - 10:00pm

Description: Hana Japanese Steakhouse offers 13 dazzling Hibachi tables, a rectangular sushi bar, private dining tables and a full-service bar and lounge for your enjoyment. Stop by and enjoy some of Albany's finest Japanese restaurants!

*Contest of the week-

Enter to win tickets to see the Trans-Siberian Orchestra at the Palace Theatre on April 10th!

<http://pyx106.clearcontests.com/front/OpenContest.asp?Action=Login&SurveyID=57635&zx=529>

(Click above link for details)

III.) Step Up Presents: Giveaways (Free tickets!)

Please note that you will need to provide your own transportation to these events. Northern Lights is located in Clifton Park and is approximately 20 minutes away from the uptown UAlbany campus.

To win a pair of tickets, email the name of the show you want to win tickets for to oiega@uamail.albany.edu. You MUST provide your real name (no nicknames please) in your email to be eligible to win for a particular show. Please submit your name for only one show per week.

What: TWIZTID

with special guests:

Blaze * Kung Fu Vampire * Saint Luke

When: Tuesday, February 23

7pm doors * 8pm show

Where: Northern Lights: Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

What: GEORGE CLINTON

When: 8pm doors * 9pm show

Wednesday, February 24

Where: Northern Lights: Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

What: METHOD MAN & REDMAN

with special guests:

Freeway * Educated Consumers

Playdough * Oddy Gato * Pigz

and DJ Playground

When: Sunday, February 28

7pm doors * 8pm show

Where: Northern Lights: Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

IV.) Promotional opportunity with Spectrum 8 Movie Theater (Ticket Giveaways)

Spectrum 8 Theater is a local cinema that specializes in both independent films and current in-demand movies. The Spectrum is located at 290 Delaware Avenue Albany, NY 12209. The theater will give ISSS a pair of movie tickets every week. ISSS will ask a trivia question each week in our "What to do This Week" newsletter. To win a pair of free tickets, email your full name and your answer to the trivia question to oiega@uamail.albany.edu. You MUST provide your real name (no nicknames please) in your email to be eligible to win. Spectrum 8 tickets are good for any movie being shown between the dates listed in the title of this email.

Here is this week's trivia question!

Q: The movie Forrest Gump, released in 1994, featured Oscar award winner actor Tom Hanks. In this movie, what war did Hanks' character (Forest Gump) fight in?

In addition, Spectrum 8 has given our office four "buy one, get one free" coupons each week. These will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like a coupon, send an email with your full

name to oiega@uamail.albany.edu. If you win, we will email you instructions about how to pick up your tickets.

V.) Going to New York City? Check out these discounts!

The Blue Man Group at Astor Place Theatre
\$66 (Regular price- \$78), Performances throughout February
Source: <http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/752893>

Rock Musical 'Next to Normal' in NYC, 55% OFF
\$51.50 and up, Performances through March 28
<http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/749934>

The Phantom of the Opera on Broadway, 45% OFF
\$46.50 and up, Performances through March 13
<http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/747017>

We encourage your suggestions, comments for improvements, deletions and/or additions. Have a great week!

Best,
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