

From: ISSS

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Subject: ISSS What to do this Week 3/4 - 3/11

Dear International Students,

We hope you are enjoying your week! With the spring season coming up soon, this upcoming weekend may be your last chance to enjoy winter sports here in Upstate New York. What better way to enjoy the last of the winter season than going **snow tubing** with ISSS this Sunday (March 7th) at Tubby Tubes Co. in Lake Luzerne! The cost for this outing is only \$25 (cost includes 4 hours of snow tubing + transportation). Check out the website of Tubby Tubes Co. here- <http://www.tubbytubestubing.com/winter.cfm>.

The last of two annual **ice skating** trips is planned for this Saturday afternoon, March 6th at Swinburne Park Ice Rink in Albany. It's an easy trip to the park via the CDTA #12 bus from either the uptown or downtown campuses. There is a \$3.00 fee - \$1.00 to get in and \$2.00 for skate rental – payable at the rink when you arrive. For more information and directions to Swinburne Park, see the attached flier. A sign-up sheet for this event is located in the ISSS office.

As a reminder, ISSS will be going on an outing to see a dramatization of "**To Kill a Mockingbird**" on Sunday, March 21 at the Capital Repertory Theatre in downtown Albany. 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. The cost for this outing is only \$15 (a savings of over \$20)!

We have a limited amount of space left for both events, so if you are interested in going on either of them, please sign up at the Office of International Education (Science Library G40) as soon as possible. On to this week's events!

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

Thursday, March 4 // 7 p.m.

Festival of Contemporary Music

Location: Main Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Contact: Box Office

Telephone: (518) 442-3997

e-mail: tickets@albany.edu

Web site: <http://www.albany.edu/pac>

Cost: \$6 general public / \$3 students, faculty-staff & seniors

Details: A concert of percussion music with an emphasis on contemporary and recent works featuring the University Percussion Ensemble and two youth ensembles.

Friday, March 5 // 7:30 p.m.

Film Screening: "Fists in the Pocket"[I Pugni in Tasca]

Location: Page Hall, Downtown Campus

Contact: Writers Institute Staff

Telephone: (518) 442-5620

e-mail: writers@uamail.albany.edu

Web site: <http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/>

Cost: Free

Details: A shocking and influential Italian comedy, "Fists in the Pocket" features the exploits of a disturbed young man who takes drastic measures to "save" his family from various medical afflictions. Presented in Italian with English subtitles.

Saturday, March 6 // 1 p.m.

UAlbany Women's Tennis vs. Fordham

Location: The Bubble (east side of Physical Education Building)

Web site: <http://www.ualbanysports.com/>

Details: Come see the Great Danes women's tennis team face off with the Fordham Rams!

Sunday, March 7 // 3 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra

Location: Main Theatre, Performing Arts Center

Contact: Box Office

Telephone: (518) 442-3997

e-mail: tickets@albany.edu

Web site: <http://www.albany.edu/pac>

Cost: \$6 general public / \$3 students, faculty-staff & seniors

Details: A group of students, faculty and community musicians under the direction of conductor Chris Neubert present symphonic favorites.

Sunday, March 8 // 7 p.m.

It's a Tea Party

Location: Colonial Quad Flag Room

Contact: Kimberly McCalla

Telephone: (518) 442-5911

Details: Come join Colonial Quad for a tea party! Sample different types of tea and learn the health benefits associated with drinking tea.

Monday, March 9 // 9 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

La fête de la francophonie

Location: Campus Center Ballroom, 2nd floor

Contact: Susan Cumings and Veronique Martin

e-mail: scummings@albany.edu and martinv49@gmail.com

Web site: <http://www.albany.edu/llc/NewsandEvents.htm>

Cost: Free and open to the public

Details: Students from around the state who are taking UAlbany Intermediate French through the University in the High Schools Program will join with French students and native French speakers on campus for a day of activities geared toward communicating in French and exploring aspects of francophone cultures. Special guests "Homespun Occasions" will return with Quebecois and Old French music and folk dancing. Come join in- soyez les bienvenus!

Wednesday, March 11 // 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grad Fest 2010

Location: University Bookstore, Campus Center

Contact: Dixie Botts

Telephone: (518) 442-5690

e-mail: DBott@uamail.albany.edu

Cost: Free

Details: Grad Fest is your one stop shop for all your Commencement needs. Receive information on commencement, purchase your cap & gown, visit with Career Services, and learn more about the Alumni Association.

II.) Events in the Capital Region

The Holmes Brothers, Scrapomatic

Friday, March 5, 8:00 PM

The Egg (Empire State Plaza)

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

\$24

Details: Experience the boundless energy and beautiful harmonies of The Holmes Brothers' music that has captured the hearts of thousands of people around the world. The Brothers' music incorporates a unique style of blues, soul, Americana/country, and pop.

Kevin Hart & Friends

Friday, March 5, 8:00 PM

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

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

\$35 - \$55

Details: Kevin Hart is one of the most popular urban comedians touring today. Although he is well known for his roles in movies like "Soul Plane" and "Scary Movie 3 & 4," it is his live stand up comedy that truly sets him apart. Joining Kevin for this evening of comedy are Corey Holcomb (Last Comic Standing) and Na'im Lynn.

Dear Companion Tour (Featuring Ben Sollee and Daniel Martin Moore)

Tuesday, March 9, 8:00 PM

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

<http://www.wamcarts.org>

\$16

Details: Dear Companion is collaboration between three Kentucky musicians: the songs are written and performed by Ben Sollee and Daniel Martin Moore, produced by and featuring Jim James of My Morning Jacket and Monsters of Folk. Come join them for a night of folk and bluegrass music!

Sergeant Dunbar and the Hobo Banned, Beware! the Other Head of Science (music)

Wednesday, March 10, 6 p.m.

Valentine's- 17 New Scotland Ave., Albany NY

<http://www.valentinesalbany.com/shows/>

\$5

Details: Come see two of Albany's finest local bands play an original mix of rock and electronic music!

*Restaurant of the Week-

Appletini's Café

1118 Central Avenue, Albany NY

(518) 489-2990

Cuisine: American

Ambience: Family owned, friendly atmosphere to wine and dine.

Hours: M-W 11am - 12am Thur-Sat 11am - 2am Sunday 12 p.m. - 12 a.m.;

Entertainment nights: Monday - Karaoke - 8-11pm Thursday - Open Mic - 8-12pm Saturday - Live

Entertainment - 9pm-1am

Description: Appletini's offers a variety of authentic American food, from New England clam chowder to "Philly" cheese steaks. Great prices and plenty of weekly entertainment options!

*Contest of the week-

Chance to win Second Row Tickets to Hammer of the Gods - The Led Zeppelin Experience at The Egg!
<http://pyx106.clearcontests.com/front/OpenContest.asp?Action=Login&SurveyID=59026&zx=529>
Click the above link for more details on how to win this week's contest!

III.) Free Concert Ticket Giveaways (Including NEW giveaways from EMPAC!)

EMPAC, or the Experimental Media and Performing Arts center (located in Troy, 15 minutes from the UAlbany uptown campus), is a new facility that offers show experiences like you have never seen before. Fusing together the worlds of science and art in a unique fashion, EMPAC hosts a variety of performances that are sure to stimulate your imagination. For more information on the venue, visit their website- <http://www.rpi.edu/about/empac.html>.

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: Solos2 Concert

When: Friday, March 5, 8 PM

Where: **EMPAC Concert Hall**

110 8th Street, Troy, NY 12180

Description of this performance available here:

<http://www.empac.rpi.edu/events/2010/spring/solos2/sopranos/>

What: KITTIE

with special guests:

God Forbid * Periphery

Contempt *The Harrowing

When: Friday, March 5 6pm doors * 7pm show

Where: **Northern Lights**

Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

What: JET

with special guests:

Crash Kings * Owl

When: Saturday, March 6

7pm doors * 8pm show *

Where: **Northern Lights**

Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

What: COMEDIAN CRANMAN

with special guest:

Alec Sobel

When: Sunday, March 7

6:30pm doors * 7:30pm show *

Where: **Northern Lights**

Rt 146W North Country Commons, Clifton Park, NY

What: ALKALINE TRIO

with special guests:

Cursive * The Dear and Departed

When: Monday, March 8

7pm door * 7:30 show *

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

What: THE TOSSERS
with special guests:
Outernational and Honeycreeper
When: Tuesday, March 9
7pm doors * 8pm show * 18
Where: **Valentine's**
17 New Scotland Avenue Albany, NY

IV.) Promotional opportunity with Spectrum 8 Movie Theater (Ticket Giveaways) (Protocol Change: Read on for details!)

ISSS will be using a new protocol for the next few weeks of ticket giveaway contests with the Spectrum Theater. The new directions on how to win are as follows:

1.) Go to the ISSS Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Albany-NY/University-at-Albany-International-Student-Scholar-Services/32929781792>

(If this link doesn't work, search "University at Albany International Student & Scholar Services" on Facebook's search bar)

2.) Click the "Become a Fan" link on the top of the page

3.) On Saturday March 6th, we will select one "Fan" at random to receive a FREE pair of movie tickets to the Spectrum Theater!

(Those who are already a "Fan" of our page are also eligible to win)

Additionally, If you would like a "Buy one, Get one Free" coupon for Spectrum 8 movie tickets, send an email with your full name to oiega@uamail.albany.edu. These are given out on a first come, first serve basis, so please send us your request promptly!

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

\$59 & up -- See 'Mamma Mia!' on Broadway, Half Price
Performances through April 5

Source: <http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/764627>

\$49.50 -- New Musical Comedy on Broadway, 40% OFF
Performances through April 18

Source: <http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/764389>

This Week's Top Pick from

\$29 -- Hit '80s Musical 'Rock of Ages' Rocks Broadway in March, 50% OFF

Source: <http://entertainment.travelzoo.com/new-york-entertainment/763585>

Thanks for reading, have a great week!

Best,
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