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The Verve Pipe was awarded its choice of either \$5,000 cash or an equal value of Yamaha Musical/Pro Audio equipment and will receive an all-expense paid trip to the annual National Showcase in Dallas in mid-September, where the group will vie for \$25,000 in cash or musical equipment.

The award also includes consultations with industry professionals and an all-expense paid trip to Japan to represent the United States at MusicQuest, an annual music festival featuring performances of bands from 25 countries around the world.

The Charm Farm will celebrate the release of its 12-inch single "Lies to Your Lover" at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, on Friday, Aug. 6. A week later, the band will hold its record release party for its CD "Flirt" at Industry on Friday, Aug. 12. The Charm Farm will also perform on Aug. 12. For more information, call 334-1999.

Walter White & IF-U-NU is bringing plenty of established musicians with them when they play the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22916 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Guitarist Tim Mitchell has played with Gloria Estefan, Bob Seger and Exposé. Other musicians include: guitarist Wayne Girard (Wayne Girard Project, studio work), drummer Jeff Trudell (owner,

Trudell's Drum Shop), electric bassist John Duun (Sun Messengers, Louis Resto), pianist Ricke Tice (Bird of Paradise, Rick Ross Trio), synthesizerist Bill Haff (Import/Export), vocalist Kathy Kosins (Johnny Trudell band, studio work) and vocalist Deb Friauff (doctoral candidate at University of Michigan music school). For more information about the show, call 544-3030

Erik Rutan has joined Morbid Angel for its American and European tours. The band, called "the most important and influential death metal band in the world" will perform along with Kreator and Anacrusis Last at the Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit.

The Morbid Angel's recent album "Covenant," released by Giant Records, is the first death metal record to be released on a major label. For more information about the show, call 366-8633.

Lollapalooza side-stage veterans Tsunami will storm into Finney's Pub on Saturday, Aug. 21. They recently released the CD "Lo Hog" on their own Simlak Machine records out of Arlington, Va. Also performing are Shimmy Disc Records artists Nothing Painted Blue and the local band Asha Vida.

Speaking of festivals, The Breeders featuring ex-Pixie Kim Deal are slated to headline X-Fest on Sept. 5 at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Pontiac. Doors open at noon for the all-day fest. Music begins at 2 p.m. Also tentatively slated to appear are Graham Whigs and Urge Overkill.

Tickets will go on sale for \$8.90 soon. Fifty cents from each ticket sold will go to Alternatives for Girls, a prevention/shelter that rescues Detroit girls from physical and sexual abuse and homelessness. 85X water bottles will be for sale with 100 percent of the profits going to the Midwestern AIDS Prevention Project.

Aerosmith dumped its opening act Megadeth three shows into the second leg of its North American "Get a Grip" tour. This is the first time Aerosmith canceled its opening act. Megadeth had been booked for the 24 concerts.

"(Megadeth lead singer) Dave Mustaine just wasn't happy and we don't want to tour with anyone who isn't having a good time."

The group was replaced by Atlanta-based rockers Jackyl who opened most of the shows on the first leg of the tour, including the show at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Seven-year-old Raven-Symone, who played Olivia on TV's "The Cosby Show," has released her first album, "Here's to New Dreams." The album's 10 songs feature a cross-section of contemporary R&B, pop and dance styles from the hip-hop swing of "That's What Little Girls Are Made Of," "Raven Is the Flavor" and "First Day of School" to the first crush ballad of "Ooh Boy."

— Christina Fuoco

# DFT unveils its lineup for fall series

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## MOVIES

The Detroit Film Theatre saw some of its biggest successes last season with premieres of "Indochine," "Brother's Keeper," and especially "The Crying Game."

"We don't measure our success in terms of attendance," Wilhelm said. "We book what we like and what's of exceptionally high quality. Some come off incredibly well."

Believe it or not, "The Crying Game" was a gamble.

"Last December, I asked people and surprisingly few had even heard of it," Wilhelm said of the Oscar-nominated film, with a much-publicized sexual identity twist that helped it break box office records nationwide.

Coincidentally, "Orlando" also deals with gender bending. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf, it follows the title character (played by Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, first as a man and then as a woman.

The two-weekend run will be followed by "Un Couer en Hiver" (Aug. 20-22), a typically French scenario about two men in love with the same woman. Claude Sauter directs.

Other intriguing titles this season include "The Music of Chance" (Sept. 3-5), an American movie about gambling and the nature of luck; "Farewell to My Concubine" (Oct. 22-24), an epic study of two actors and their relationship over 50 years; and "The Long Day Closes" (Nov. 19-21), the follow-up to Terence Davies'

brilliant "Distant Voices, Still Lives."

A fall fixture, "The International Tournee of Animation," screens Nov. 26-28, this year in its 24th edition.

With the auspices of movies like "Roger and Me," "A Brief History of Time" and "Brother's Keeper," it's no surprise that the DFT offers four new films in the documentary, or as Wilhelm likes to say, "non-fiction" category.

"Road School" (Aug. 27-29) follows Andre Codrescu, Transylvania-born and now New Orleans-based National Public Radio commentator, as he takes to the road in search of the American Dream. Detroit is one of the stops on his 4,500-mile, coast-to-coast odyssey.

In "Time Indefinite" (Oct. 8-10), Ross McElwee, who made the very personal and funny "Sherman's March" in 1988, focuses on the events of everyday life. "Rock Hudson's Home Movies" (Dec. 3-4) uses clips from the actor's movies as clues to his sexual preference.

No films on the new schedule were made prior to 1991, which may disappoint fans who enjoy seeing bright new prints of vintage DFT movies.

"There were so many strong films to choose from that we didn't have time for the rest of the films on this schedule," Wilhelm said, then promising, "We will have at least two next season for our 20th anniversary."

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## SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters throughout metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

**DETROIT FILM THEATER**  
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"Orlando" (Britain — 1992), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Aug. 6-7, 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Aug. 8 (playing through Aug. 15). Gender-bend once again at DFT, this time in the form of a Virginia Woolf novel about a character who lives for 400 years, first as a man, then as a woman. Tilda Swinton, Billy Zane, John Wood and Quentin Crisp star.

**HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**  
13671 Michigan, Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for information. (Free)

Mack Sennett — "The Fun Factory," 7 p.m. Aug. 2. The film-making pioneer who invented the Keystone Kops and gave others, like Chaplin, their first big break, is featured in this documentary.

**MICHIGAN THEATER**  
603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 663-8397 for information and show times. (\$5; \$4 students and senior citizens)

"Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media" (Canada — 1993), 8:30 p.m. Aug.

2-3. The ideas of the outspoken and radically independent thinker, author and activist are incorporated with cleverly used stock footage.

"Solif" (Sweden — 1993), Aug. 4-11 (call for show times). Liv Ullmann, a longtime member of Ingmar Bergman's stock company, makes her directorial debut. This epic family drama, based on a 1932 novel, revolves around a young woman's struggle to retain her Jewish faith.

"Man Bites Dog" (Belgium — 1992), Aug. 6-11 (call for show times). In this very black comedy, a documentary film crew follows a serial killer around on the job.

Critics have called it a cross between "This Is Spinal Tap" and "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer." Obviously not for all tastes.

## REDFORD THEATER

17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"Ivanhoe" (USA — 1952), 8 p.m. Aug. 6, 2 and 8 p.m. Aug. 7 (organ overture begins a half hour before show time). This colorful medieval adventure stars Robert Taylor as the dashing Saxen legend trying to restore King Richard to the throne. Elizabeth Taylor co-stars.

## LOCAL SPINS

- 1. Ten songs being played on 90.9 FM WDR's "Detroit Music Scene" show — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays and 5-6 p.m. Thursdays — include:
- 1. "Turn Your Mind Inside Out" Deborah Veda (Nebula)
- 2. "Sex Song" Shriill (Monkfish)
- 3. "I Am A Bulle" Hillaleo Strangers (44 Caliber)
- 4. "I Am A Gambler" CROY
- 5. "Party Store" Snake and the Charmers (Unclassified)
- 6. "Heem Street" Bruce Nichols (Arena)
- 7. "Life on Mars" Life on Mars
- 8. "Never Give In" Cheap Thrillz
- 9. "Run Wild" Invisible Lisa (Cypress)
- 10. "Are We Home Yet?" Rick Matlo

## CUTTING GROOVES

- The top 10 singles as reported by Harmony House are:
- 1. "Whoopi! There It Is," Tug Team (Life Records)
- 2. "Slam," Orxy (Sony Music)
- 3. "Lately," Jodeci (MCA)
- 4. "Can't Help Falling," UB40 (Virgin)
- 5. "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)," The Proclaimers (Chrysalis)
- 6. "Weak" by SWV (RCA)
- 7. "Die Day" by Dr. Dre (Inter-scope/Death Row)
- 8. "If I Had No Loot," by Tony Tontone (Polygram)
- 9. "I'll Never Get Over You," Exposé (Arista)
- 10. "Whoopi! There It Is," 95 South (Ichiban)

## Bosstones from page 6

stones. I thought, 'Enough!' Like many ska bands, the Bosstones fan base averages about 18 years of age. That's all right with Carr.

"I hate playing over 21 shows. Most of the people are at the bar, getting totally drunk and they don't watch the show."

Because the crowd is so young — and dedicated — they enjoy catering to them.

"We like to play the clubs and keep ticket prices low — especially considering we bring in 15-year-olds who don't have a lot of money," he said. They keep the

ticket prices around \$8; T-shirts are \$12-15.

Another way the Bosstones reciprocate their fans' admiration is by answering all the group's fan mail.

"Dicky (Barrett, lead singer) goes down to the mailbox every day. He'll answer them or if it gets too full he'll hand everyone a few letters."

Recently, they signed to Mercury, a Polygram subsidiary. Even though they're signed to a major label, they're still given the freedom to do as they like. Their first release, "Ska-core, The Devil and More," is a case in point.

"A lot of people think it's very odd that our major label debut is mostly covers of heavy metal tunes. Mercury lets us do that," he said.

That was quickly followed by a full-length album, "Don't Know How To Party." The tour began shortly thereafter. Carr is impressed with Mercury's attention. "It's moving so quick (that) my head's spinning," he said. The band wants to keep up the pace by recording another EP soon. "Bands that totally play out an album don't offer anything new to listen to for like two years," Carr said. "We don't want to do that."

We want to always give fans something new and fresh to listen to."

After all, the Bosstones are devoted to their fans.

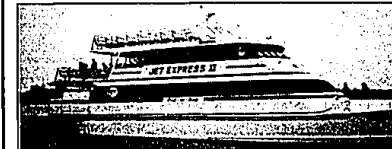
"If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be," Carr said.

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, The Exceptions and Shooty Grooves will perform Saturday, Aug. 7, at Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Doors open at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance. This attending must be 18 years or older with ID to enter. For more information, call 824-1700 or 645-6666.

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