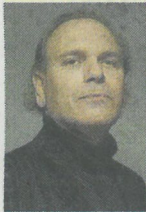


Racine Symphony Summer Pops

STURTEVANT — The Racine Symphony Orchestra's first Summer Pops concert of its 90th season will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Fountain Banquet Hall, 8505 Durand Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Tomaro

Guest conductor will be Robert Tomaro, music director of the Beloit Janesville Symphony and previously music director of the Elysian Symphony Orchestra. A graduate of Northwestern University and New York University, Tomaro received a master's degree and a PhD in composition while serving as music director of the New York University Orchestra. He subsequently served on the faculties of St. John University in New York and Rutgers University in New Jersey. Tomaro is a professor of Music at Beloit College, where he holds the Shogren Family Conducting Chair.

Guest artists are Joe Ketchum on the violin and Thomas Aquino on guitar.

The program will include some country, bluegrass and feature Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9"

Tickets cost \$28, or \$38 for a premium seat. Table packages are also available. Go to racinesymphony.org for tickets or call 262-636-9285.

Shakespeare play at Bong Saturday

BRIGHTON — Wisconsin-based traveling theater company Summit Players Theatre is returning to live, outdoor performances and will be performing Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" from June 12 to Aug. 22 in 24 different Wisconsin state parks.

The first show is at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Bong State Recreation Area, 26313 Burlington Road. All free performances will be preceded by a 45-minute educational workshop with the

Bong workshop beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"The Winter's Tale" is like Shakespeare's take on a fairy tale — there's love, there's loss, there's magic and music.

The group's educational workshop, "Inside Shakespeare's Story: The Winter's Tale," is new this year and offered before every show. It serves as a way for the audience to get comfortable with the play, Shakespeare's language and the way nature played into his works. Participants take part in Shakespeare games and exercises culminating in performing a short scene.

For the complete schedule of performances and more information, go to summitplayerstheatre.com.

Root River REC opens for summer

RACINE — The Root River Environmental Education Community Center, 1301 Sixth St., is open for public kayak and canoe rentals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, with the last boat departing at 3 p.m. Rental prices are:

■ Single kayaks — \$10/hour

■ Tandem kayaks — \$15/hour

■ Canoes — \$15/hour

■ Season passes — \$50 for individual, \$90 for family of four

Student discounts are available with a valid ID. Organizations and citizen groups may rent the facility during the week and at night for \$25/hour or \$75/hour with unlimited boating access. To make a reservation, email rec@uwp.edu or call 262-595-2912.

For updated policies and regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, visit uwp.edu/REC.

The REC is a partnership between the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the City of Racine, with a mission to provide community members with opportunities to explore the Great Lakes and connected ecosystems through recreation, education, demonstration and research. Activities at the REC are coordinated by the College of Natural and Health Sciences at UW-Parkside.



Damon Fowler

Damon Fowler at River Rhythms

WATERFORD — Damon Fowler is the next performer when Waterford River Rhythms is held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 17.

Fowler, of Tampa, is a masterful singer, guitar player and songwriter. A hard driving troubadour, his music is steeped with soul and representative of the many styles that make up the roots of American music.

From 6:30 to 9 p.m. every other Thursday through Aug. 26, the public will have the opportunity to enjoy Waterford River Rhythms for its 15th season. Concerts are held at Waterford's Village Hall Park, 123 N. River St., right on the Fox River. People are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and picnic fare and settle in for an evening of entertainment and relaxation.

The remaining lineup:

■ June 24: Head East (national act)

■ July 1: Sneazy

■ July 15: Bobby Friss (classic rock)

■ July 29: Trippin' Billies (Dave Matthews tribute)

■ Aug. 12: Gravity — The John Mayer Experience

■ Aug. 26: Hillbilly Casino (rockabilly)

The Cotton Exchange will be the exclusive food vendor for all shows and the Racine Brewing Co. will be selling craft beer.

Street parking is available throughout the immediate area. There is also the municipal parking lot next to the old fire/police building (short walk across the bridge). For updated information, go to waterfordriverhythms.org.

Evening paddle on Root River

CALEDONIA — River Bend Nature Center, 3600 N. Green Bay Road, is offering an Evening Paddle on the Root River on Friday, June 11.

The cost is \$30 to rent a kayak or canoe. Boats may be launched from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and must return by 8:30 p.m.

Reservations are required

by calling 262-639-1515 or send email to info@RiverBendNatureCenterRacine.org.

'Onward' is first movie in park

WATERFORD — The Village of Waterford will host a Movies in the Park series at Village Hall Park, 123 N. River St.

Opposite the Waterford River Rhythms concert series, the inaugural summer series will begin Thursday, June 10, with a showing of "Onward." The remaining schedule:

■ July 8: "Avengers — End Game"

■ July 22: "Despicable Me"

■ Aug. 5: "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"

■ Aug. 19: "Tangled"

■ Sept. 2: "Grease Sing-A-Long"

Movies will be shown at no charge beginning at dusk or approximately 8 p.m. Attendees will need to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Concessions will be hosted by the Creative Youth Performing Arts Collaborative and include beverages, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs, brats and nachos.



JON BOLTON

"The Ingenue," an oil painting by Janet Roberts of Brookfield, is part of the Wustum Museum exhibit, "Racine and Vicinity Show 2021: All Media Juried Competition."

RAM to host all media exhibit

RACINE — Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, a campus of the Racine Art Museum at 2519 Northwestern Ave., continues a significant tradition with the opening of "Racine and Vicinity Show 2021: All Media Juried Competition" on Wednesday, June 16.

A glimpse into local talent, this juried exhibition showcases work from artists residing throughout Racine,

Kenosha and Walworth counties, as well as RAM members from in or outside the area. This year's show, open through Aug. 14, features 99 accepted pieces by 96 artists.

Of the 376 pieces submitted by 206 artists, only approximately one-quarter were chosen by juror Diana Bolander for this year's exhibition. Bolander has been the curator at the Rahr-West Art Museum in Manitowoc since 2018.

Bolander also selected this year's award winners, who will receive their prizes during the virtual awards presentation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, via Zoom and Facebook Live. Registration for the Zoom event is available at ramart.org.

Wustum Museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. There is no admission fee.

See wildlife animals at area Jerry Smith Farm

SOMERS — Have you ever wanted to take a safari through the African savanna? Or travel to India to see some of the exciting wildlife?

Guests will be able to see various wildlife when annual Babies on the Farm Safari is held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 12-13 and 19-20 at Jerry Smith Farm, 7150 18th St. (Highway L).

The fourth annual event provides a new twist with exotic safari themed animals as well as farm favorites.

Count the stripes of Nyala, a South African bunga; fly over to Asia to meet the largest Asian Antelope in the world, the Nilgai; bounce on over to Australia to meet a kangaroo then head to South America to meet Cocoa, an Alpaca cria and Indy a miniature zebu calf. Come back home to North America to spend some time with sheep, goats, ducklings, chicks, pigs, calves and ponies.

Think you have what it takes to be a zookeeper? People who purchase a feed cup and bottle can test their skills by helping to feed the baby antelope, goats and calves. There will be a bouncy house, wagon rides, the Marrakech Market and a local makers vendor fair.

Admission is \$10 and the gates close at 5 p.m. There is no charge for children ages 2 and younger. Go to jerry-smithfarm.com.

Kenosha Pops season to open

KENOSHA — The Kenosha Pops Concert Band is performing its 98th season of summer concerts at the Sesquicentennial Band Shell in Pennoyer Park, 35th Street and Seventh Avenue. The band performs at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 4.

Instead of the weekly concert themes the band is known for, the group will be performing "a weekly concert in the park" with plenty of marches and familiar concert band tunes.

Audience members should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Park benches are also provided at the bandshell. There is no admission fee.

Racine Zoo animal events

RACINE — The Racine Zoo, 2131 N. Main St., is offering these breakfast and dinner events:

Breakfast with the Animals

Breakfast with the Animals will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on these Saturdays:

■ June 19 — Giraffe presentation

■ July 24 — Eagle presentation

■ Aug. 21 — Orangutan presentation

■ Sept. 18 — Bear presentation

Breakfast will be served. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$25 for children ages 3 to 15. There is no charge for ages 2 and younger.

Dinner with the Animals

Dinner with the Animals will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on these Saturdays:

■ June 19 — Skunk presentation

■ July 24 — Penguins presentation

■ Aug. 21 — Fossa presentation

■ Sept. 18 — Tamarin presentation

Dinner will be served. Tickets cost \$40 for adults and \$30 for children ages 3-15. There is no charge for ages 2 and younger.

For tickets, go to racinezoo.org.

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