

the list

A little jazz, a little rock
and a whole lot of chili

fund-raiser

WMSE Rockabilly Chili Contest

Listener-supported radio stations are perpetually fund raising to stay on the air. If you've never pledged and feel a little guilty about it, here's your chance to show some support without dropping lots of money. Forty local restaurants are competing in a citywide chili contest (meat and veggie), and you get to help judge. There will be local microbrews on tap, and WMSE DJs Jonny Z and Dietrich will provide the soundtrack for the hottest radio pledge drive in town.

When 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

Where O'Donnell Park Harbor Lights Room, 909 E. Michigan St.

How much \$3 at the door, \$1 per chili serving.



play

"Ears on a Beatle"

He said he wanted a revolution. Instead, he got an investigation. The two-year federal investigation of John Lennon was part of President Nixon's effort to deport the former Beatle and Vietnam War critic. Mark St. Germain's play "Ears On a Beatle" is a loose, comedic retelling of the investigation through the eyes of two FBI agents assigned to keep tabs on John and Yoko during Lennon's "white period" after his 1971 "Imagine" release.

When Opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29; runs through April 29.

Where Off-Broadway Theatre, 342 N. Water St.

How much \$18-\$25. For tickets and info, call (414) 278-0765 or visit www.nextact.org.

exhibit

"Hermetic Alchemy: Japanese Experimental Video"

Excerpts from the recent Japanese independent and experimental film festival are on display at this week's installment of the UWM Film Department's Experimental Tuesdays. Included in this exhibit are alchemic abstractions by Yuiko Matsuyama, animations by Takashi Ishida and new serene minimalist films from Shiho Kano.

When 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3.

Where UWM Union Theatre, 2nd Level, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

How much Free

jazz

Pat Metheny

Pat Metheny broke onto the jazz scene as a 21-year-old guitarist ripping up chord charts alongside legendary bassist Jaco Pastorius in the late 1970s. In the '80s and '90s, the Pat Metheny Group produced groundbreaking jazz without succumbing to the cheesy smooth jazz format that victimized the genre. His monster chops, storytelling leads and compositional prowess set the bar in his craft. Metheny's shows are guitar clinics for aspiring jazz players.

When 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

Where Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St.

How much \$29.50-\$39.50. For tickets, call (414) 286-3663 or visit www.pabsttheater.org.

rock

Snow Patrol and OK Go

Irish alt-rockers Snow Patrol are riding high on a mountain of radio play in North America, which is what happens when a band that sounds like Coldplay gets a song on the "Grey's Anatomy" playlist. Opening act OK Go (pictured) produced similar results using a different method — its now-famous "Here It Goes Again" treadmill-dancing video was a do-it-yourself YouTube sensation that exploded the band into the mainstream.

When 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5.

Where The Rave, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave.

How much \$28. Tickets are available through the box office at (414) 342-7283 or Ticketmaster.



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hot tickets

Minus the Bear 8 p.m. May 16 at the Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St. \$14. Tickets on sale now. Call the box office at (414) 286-3663 or visit www.pabst-theater.org or www.tickets.com.

Bill Engvall 8 p.m. June 2 at the Riverside Theater, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave. \$37. Tickets go on sale noon Friday, March 30. Call the box office at (414) 286-3663 or visit www.riversidetheater.org or www.tickets.com.

Bill Clinton 8 p.m. April 28 at the Riverside Theater, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave. Price TBA. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 2. Call the box office at (414) 286-3663 or visit www.riversidetheater.org or www.tickets.com.

Keller Williams 8 p.m. April 28 at the Rave, 2401 W. Wisconsin Ave. \$22. Tickets on sale now. Call the box office at (414) 342-7283 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

video on april 2

1. "Black Christmas"
2. "Copying Beethoven"
3. "Death of a President"
4. "The Good Shepherd"
5. "Volver"



music on april 3

1. "B'day," Beyoncé
2. "Because of the Times," Kings of Leon
3. "A Hundred Miles or More: A Collection," Allison Krause
4. "Live at Texas Stadium," Alan Jackson, George Strait, Jimmy Buffet
5. "Seeds," Martin Sexton
6. "The Story," Brandi Charlie
7. "Traffic and Weather," Fountains of Wayne
8. "Waking Up Laughing," Martina McBride



SOURCES Billboard.com, Amazon.com, Videoeta.com, Ticketmaster.com. Dates and times subject to change.

GETTING IN THE CALENDAR

Send event listings to mke.Calendar, P.O. Box 371, Milwaukee, WI 53201. E-mail: calendar@mkeonline.com. Fax: (414) 225-5095. Listings must include a contact number to verify info. All listings must be submitted the Thursday before publication.