

EVENTS

Mainer’s horror spoof draws crowd in LA

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YORK — “I was a Teenage Wereskunk.” York native Neal McLaughlin hopes that when people hear the title of his first film, they will understand immediately what it’s all about. Campy. Slapstick. Goofy. A little raunchy. A comedic take of a 1950s monster movie.

“Think of the old Bat Man TV show — you know, ‘Golly gee.’ ‘Gee whiz.’ At least every 30 seconds, there’s a stab at humor. I think it’s a tough sell when you tell people about it. It doesn’t leap up like something you’d want to see,” he said. “But once you see it, you love it.”

McLaughlin has lived in Los Angeles for the past decade, but is coming home to the Seacoast next week, in preparation for the second screening of the movie at the Cinemagic Theater on Lafayette Road in Portsmouth on June 13. The first screening was in LA, where he was able to fill a 400-seat theater.

“People didn’t expect much from it, but it ended up being like a rock show,” he said. “It was a party atmosphere, a lot of cheering and laughing. People wanted to stay.”

It is perhaps not surprising that McLaughlin, 39, finds himself making a campy spoof of the monster movie. Growing up in York, he said, he was one of those kids who from a very early age just loved to be creeped out.

“I’ve always loved horror films. I would sneak downstairs after my parents went to bed, and watch ‘The Nightmare on Elm Street’ with the volume low,” he said. “I can’t get enough of it. Horror films are a lot of fun. I like the atmosphere and tone. Even as a little kid, I liked ‘Scooby Doo’ with all those monsters and ghosts.”

He said he also has an “affinity” for the 1950s — “the post-Elvis, pre-Kennedy assassination era, that kind of ‘Happy Days’ era,” he said, referring to the popular television show set in that time period.

“I think it’s probably because it had an innocence. These days, we see a lot of war, and corrupt businesses and crappy politicians. There’s so much bad in the world,” he said. “Then you take a look at ‘Leave it to Beaver’ and you just feel good about it. There are no terrorist attacks or Donald Trumps in the ‘Andy Griffith Show.’”

He combined these two loves when making “I was a Teenage Wereskunk,” which he said is “relentlessly committed to what it is. It’s very much set in a period. It’s an homage as much as it’s a parody.”

Neal McLaughlin’s  
“I was a Teenage Wereskunk” will be shown in Portsmouth on Monday

McLaughlin is these days a confirmed resident of LA. Inspired as a teenager by the film “Clerks,” a movie made for \$30,000 that became a cult classic, he quickly realized he didn’t have the knowledge or wherewithal to make his own film back then.

Throughout his 20s, he was singer/songwriter in the York area, where he played at places like Ruby’s and Lobster in the Rough.

“In my late 20s, I realized I was not going to be Bruce Springsteen,” he said. “There’s not a lot of opportunity in York. All my friends were settling down and getting married and all I wanted to do was party and be creative.”

In LA, “I was immediately bit by the movie bug

again. Everyone here is in the movie business, all wanna be actors and actresses and directors. It sparked that feeling again. I wasn’t actually bit by a bug, I was attacked by a swarm,” he laughed.

Working as a manager of a coffee shop, writing screenplays on the side, he started making contacts, which was not hard as everyone in LA is trying to get a foothold in “the industry.” He had some modest success, “but when you’re working in a coffee shop and struggling to succeed in a very vicious, highly competitive industry, I said at one point, ‘Alright. This isn’t working. Screw it. Take the reins and do something yourself.’ It was almost like a last hurrah,” he said.

The film follows the life of a “60s era” teenager named Curtis. “One night, while peeping on a neighbor as she undresses for bed, he gets sprayed in the face by an enchanted skunk.” From then on, whenever Curtis feels amorous, he turns into a “murderous wereskunk. This is bad. Curtis is 17. The slightest hint of cleavage is enough to make him horny.”

And on it goes from there.

Nearly everyone on the film worked for free, “because everyone is trying to build up their resumes.” The early 60s feel to the movie is due to a young woman who went searching in thrift shops for period pieces, “then when we were done with them, she’d return them and get some more. She was amazing. She’s definitely the film’s MVP,” McLaughlin said.

It took more than two years to produce “I was a Teenage Wereskunk,” for a total budget of \$35,000. One of the reasons he’s coming home is because of the number of people from York who helped him during a fundraiser.

“A lot of people donated, a lot were people I went to high school with,” he said. “I’m Facebook friends with half of my graduating class, and when I started the Kickstarter campaign, I said, ‘Hey, five bucks, 10 bucks would be appreciated.’ People I hadn’t spoken to in 20 years were donating \$20 and \$50. So I wanted to bring this back home and give them an opportunity to see it.”

Tickets for “I was a Teenage Wereskunk” can’t be purchased at Cinemagic. For tickets and information about the film, visit www.teenagewerskunk.com.

Barbecue to benefit military, responders

BREWER — A car show and barbecue will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.

A craft fair will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event will benefit Pine Grove Lodge, which offers free outdoor adventures to servicemen and women, veterans and first responders.

Admission is free and the venue offers plenty of free parking.

Winterport church to hold bean supper

WINTERPORT — The Ellingwood’s Corner United Methodist Church, located at 796 Lebanon Road, will hold a baked bean supper 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

The menu will include Great Northern and Navy beans, hot dogs, ham, salads, desserts, biscuits and brown bread.

The Ellingwood’s Corner United Methodist Church Thrift Store will be opened that day 9 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m.

Warm weather items are available in the thrift store.

Call Elaine for information at 862-5304.

Things to Do

BANGOR — Silent auction, yard sale and Pampered Chef event, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, June 10, Maine Veterans Home’s multipurpose room, 44 Hogan Road, rain or shine. All proceeds benefit Alzheimer’s Walk Team.

BANGOR — “Rock of Ages,” June 9 through July 2, Penobscot Theatre, 131 Main St. Performance times vary. Tickets and information about showtimes may be obtained by calling 942-3333 or going to penobscottheatre.org. Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical features hits of the 1980s, including songs from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Steve Perry, Poison and more.

BANGOR — E-waste drive, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 11, William S. Cohen School parking lot, 304 Garland St. \$7 per carload, \$10 per air conditioner. Benefits Camp Invention Scholarship Fund. Items accepted: televisions of all sizes, computers, monitors, printers, copiers, cellphones, microwave ovens, game consoles, CD and DVD players, fax machines, air conditioners and electronics. 385-7478 or mgladstone@bangorschools.net.

BANGOR — “All Dressed Up,” a peek inside Bangor Historical Society clothing and costume collection, focus of Hands on History for children 5 through 13, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at the cemetery. Meet near the superintendent’s office. \$10. Tickets available at start of tour or 942-1900.

BANGOR — Mount Hope Cemetery Walking Tour, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at the cemetery. Meet near the superintendent’s office. \$10. Tickets available at start of tour or 942-1900.

BATH — North of Nashville duo Jay Basiner and Andrew Martelle reunite for performance, 7:30 pm. Friday, June 10, Chocolate Church, 804 Washington St. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. chocolatechurcharts.org.

BELFAST — Inaugural Belfast Has Pride parade and festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 11, beginning at Waterfall Arts, 256 High St., and ending at Steamboat Landing

Park, 34 Commercial St. Bounce castle, dunk tank, snow cones, face painting, live music, drag performances, food and more. belfasthaspride@gmail.com or Facebook page Belfast Has Pride.

BELFAST — Workshop on Photoshop for artists, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, June 10-12, Waterfall Arts. \$200. 338-2222 or waterfallarts.org.

BELFAST — The Penobscot Bay Singers annual Pops concert highlighting songs from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 10-11, First Church in Belfast, UCC, upstairs in Parish Hall, Spring Street entrance. Suggested donation \$15. Accompanied children free. Donations accepted for The Waldo County Soap Cabinet, which provides soap and toiletries for families in need.

BIRCH HARBOR — Red Knights Motorcycle Club Maine 3’s fifth annual Make-A-Wish Ride for Wishes Saturday, June 11, starting from the clubhouse at 501 Main St. Registration 9-11 a.m.; kickstands up and departure 11 a.m. for ride to seawall in Southwest Harbor and back for approximately 100-mile round trip. Barbecue, DJ music, Chinese raffle, silent auction. \$20 per motorcycle; \$5 for barbecue. 963-7793 or 598-7338.

BREWER — Brewer Area Food Pantry Food Race 5K Fun Run, 9 a.m. Saturday, June 11, Brewer Community School. To register https://runsingup.com/Race/ME/Brewer/BrewerFoodPantry5k-FunRun. 605-1218.

BREWER — Singer-songwriter Toney Rocks, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 10, Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. 989-7100.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Country Mist, June 10; Wild Horse, June 17; Steve and the Good Old Boys, June 24. Marilyn, 827-5751.

DEXTER — Bean hole bean and ham supper, 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Wayside Grange, 851 North Dexter Road (Route 23). Includes coleslaw, bread, desserts, lemonade and coffee. Live music. Takeout meals available after 6:30 p.m. (if anything is left). \$7. Chester at 924-5711.

GARLAND — Con-tradance with caller John McIntire and live music by Some Reel People, 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 10, Garland Grange Hall, Oliver Hill Road. All dances taught. Admission \$5 for singles; \$12 for families. For information, call Jim Bunn at 924-3925, or Georgia Prickitt at 277-3961.

GUILFORD — Guilford Bicentennial activities 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Breakfast at the Bridge, 8 a.m. in celebration of Maine Highlands Federal Credit Union’s 50th birthday; presentation of more than \$16,000 to local food cupboards 9 a.m.; Fresh Air Dog’s Pet Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at athletic field; free lunch for children under 18 at noon; Darling’s Ice Cream truck, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Maine Authors Meet and Greet with at least 18 Maine authors, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Guilford Memorial Library.

HOLDEN — Yard sale and vendor fair to benefit Bangor Humane Society, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Grand Lodge of Maine parking lot, 1007 Main Road, corner of Routes 1A and 46. Yard sale items, crafters, vendors, bake sale and more. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 11. For information, contact Marian at LadyLuvs-2kayak@aol.com, or call 944-0908.

ORONO — The fourth concert in the Music with a Mission series “An Evening of French Music,” 7 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Main St., with Nathan Lesser, violin, Marissa Solomon, violoncello, and Patricia Stowell, piano, performing music of Gabriel Faure and Claude Debussy. Proceeds from a suggested donation of \$10 benefit the performers, the church and a mission of the performers’ choice, which will be The Gifts of Music, a nonprofit organization striving to keep music education and performance alive for Maine youth.

PORTLAND — Downeast Soul Coalition concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 10, St. Lawrence Arts. Tickets, stlawrencearts.org.

WESTBROOK — Westbrook Police Department Coffee with a Cop, 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, June 10, Starlight Cafe, Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge St. Community members invited to meet with Westbrook

police officers, discuss community issues and drink coffee. Officer Joel Loranger, jloranger@westbrook.me.us.

WINTERPORT — Open house to view Winterport Union Meeting House’s newly completed lighting project, refreshments and silent auction, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the meeting house. 223-

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HOLLYWOOD CINEMAS

Previously known as: Movie Magic Cinema

Warcraft (PG-13)	11:40	2:00	4:20	6:40	9:00
Teenage Mutant Ninjas (PG-13)	12:05	2:15	4:25	6:45	8:55
X men Apocalypse (PG-13)	12:55	3:30	6:05	8:40	
The Angry Birds (PG)	11:30	1:20	3:30	5:20	7:10
Alice Though the looking Glass (PG-13)	12:10	2:20	4:30	6:40	8:50
Neighbors 2 (R)	12:15	2:00	3:45	5:15	7:00
Captain America (PG-13)	11:35	2:15	4:55	7:35	

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Friday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent The auditions continue. (HD) [PG]	Dateline NBC (N) (HD) [PG]	News					
	4 CBC Fool marketplace	the fifth estate	The National (N)	CBC Coronation Backstage					
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl	NCIS: Los Angeles [PG]	Hawaii Five-0 (HD) [PG]	Blue Bloods (HD) [PG]	News				
	52 CW Family Guy Family Guy	Masters of Masters of	Penn & Teller: Fool Us [PG]	News Seinfeld [PG]	Cougar				
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent The auditions continue. (HD) [PG]	Dateline NBC (N) (HD) [PG]	News					
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! [PG]	J. Kimmel NBA	2016 NBA Finals Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers. (N)						
	WAGM FOX 2016 Copa America Centenario Chile vs. Bolivia. (N)	Pregame	2016 Copa America Centenario						
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! [PG]	J. Kimmel NBA	2016 NBA Finals Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers. (N)						
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Washington Burt Bacharach's Best	This Land Is Your Land (My Music)						
	9 IND Blue Bloods (HD) [PG]	Motive (HD) [PG]	Shark Tank (HD) [PG]	News-Lisa CTV News Big Bang					
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider	NCIS: Los Angeles [PG]	Hawaii Five-0 (HD) [PG]	Blue Bloods (HD) [PG]	News				
	22 FOX 2016 Copa America Centenario Chile vs. Bolivia. (N)	Pregame	2016 Copa America Centenario						
	33 IND M*A*S*H [PG]	M*A*S*H [PG]	Andy Griffith Happy Days Gilligan Isle	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett				
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang	Bones (HD) [PG]	Bones (HD) [PG]	WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld [PG]				
	NICK Thunder Thunder	All In	HALO Effect	Full House [PG]	Full House [PG]	Full House [PG]	Full House [PG]	Friends [PG]	
	DISN Cloudy With Meatballs	Stuck	Girl Meets	Backstage [PG]	Bunk'd [PG]	Walk the	Walk the	Stuck	
	FREE Matilda (PG) (:45) *** Mrs. Doubtfire (1993, Comedy)			(ESP) Robin Williams, Sally Field. (PG)				700 Club	
	HIST Ancient Aliens [PG]	Ancient Aliens [PG]	Ancient Aliens (N) [PG]	Time Beings	Great Minds				
	DISC Alaskan Bush People [PG]	Alaskan Bush: Off Grid	Alaskan Bush People [PG]	The Last Alaskans: Land	Alaskan				
	TLC Say Yes Say Yes	Say Yes Say Yes	Say Yes Say Yes	Say Yes: The Big Day	Say Yes				
LEARN	A&E The First 48 [PG]	The First 48 [PG]	The First 48 [PG]	The First 48 [PG]	The First 48 [PG]				
	ANPL Tanked [PG]	Tanked [PG]	(:01) Tanked [PG]	(:02) Tanked (N) [PG]	The Yet Life				
	CSNE SportsNet Early	Poker After Dark [PG]	Poker After Dark [PG]	Sports	SportsNet	Sports			
	ESPN (6:00) SportsCenter (N) (L)	College Track and Field						SportCtr	
	ESPN2 College Baseball: NCAA Tournament	College Baseball: NCAA Tournament -- Horned Frogs vs. Aggies							
	NBCSP IndyCar Mecum Auto Auctions							Formula One Racing	
	NESN Pitch Red Sox	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Minnesota Twins. (N) (L)						Extra	
	CNBC Undercover Boss [PG]	Undercover Boss [PG]	Undercover Boss [PG]	Undercover Boss [PG]	Undercover				
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 [PG]	CNN Tonight	Morgan Spurlock Inside	United				
	FNC Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	O'Reilly				
NEWS	MNBC Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show						
	AMC (6:00) ** Christine (R)	*** I Am Legend (2007) Will Smith. (PG-13)	** Terminator Salvation (2009)						
	BRV Housewives/NYC	(:06) ** The Holiday (2006, Romance-Comedy)	Cameron Diaz. (PG-13)	The Holiday					
	CMT Last Man Last Man	** Sister Act (1992, Musical Comedy)	Whoopi Goldberg. (PG)	Reba [PG]	Reba [PG]				
	COM Key & Peele Key & Peele	(:09) *** Rush Hour (1998, Action)	Jackie Chan. (PG-13)	** Life (1999) (R)					
	EI E! News (N) [PG]	** A Cinderella Story (2004) Hilary Duff. (PG)	The Kardashians	E! News [PG]					
	FOOD Diners Diners	Diners Diners	Diners Diners	Diners Diners					
	FX (5:30) ** 2 Guns (2013)	** Fast & Furious 6 (2013, Action)	Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson. (PG-13)						
	GAC Top 20 Countdown	Flea Market Flea Market	Flea Market Flea Market	Flea Market Flea Market	Flea Market				
	HALL Last Man Last Man	Home Imp. Home Imp.	The Middle The Middle	The Middle The Middle	Golden Girls				
VARIETY	HGTV House Hunters Reno	Good Bones [PG]	Good Bones [PG]	Hunters Hunters Int'l	Flipping				
	LIFE Fun With Dick & Jane	** Maid in Manhattan (2002) Jennifer Lopez.	UnREAL [PG]	Maids					
	MTV Catfish: The TV Show [PG]	Catfish: The TV Show [PG]	Catfish: The TV Show [PG]	Catfish: The TV Show [PG]	Jackass 3D				
	OXY America's Next Model	She Made Me Do It [PG]	Snapped [PG]	Snapped [PG]	Snapped [PG]				
	SPIKE Cops [PG]	Cops [PG]	Cops [PG]	Cops [PG]	Cops [PG]				
	SYFY (6:00) * Child's Play 3 (R)	WWE Raw (N)		Wynonna Earp (N) [PG]	Chucky				
	TBN Supernat. Potters	The Blessed Hal Lindsey	End/ Age	Perry Stone	Praise the Lord				
	TBS Big Bang Big Bang	*** The LEGO Movie (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt.		Eleague (N) (L)					
	TCM (6:15) ** The Reptile	*** Sunset Boulevard (1950) William Holden.	** Ace in the Hole (1951) (NR)						
	TMC (6:30) Ask Me Anything	(:10) *** St. Vincent (2014) Bill Murray. (PG-13)	* Bubble Boy (2001) Jake Gyllenhaal.						
TV	TNT Bones (ESP) [PG]	** Now You See Me (2013) Jesse Eisenberg. (PG-13)	** Now You See Me						
	TRAVEL Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at				
	TRU Top 20 Most Shocking [PG]	Funniest Funniest	Funniest Funniest	Funniest Funniest	Knockout				
	TVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	George George	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	King				
	USA Mod Fam Mod Fam	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Mod Fam				
	VH1 (5:55) Cruel Intentions (R)	*** Dazed and Confused (1993, Drama)	Jason London. (R)	Saturday Night Live [PG]					
	WGN-A Person of Interest [PG]	Person of Interest [PG]	Person of Interest [PG]	Person of Interest [PG]	Person				
	HBO (5:50) ** The Intern (2015) Robert De Niro.	** Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight (2013, Historical Drama) (ESP) Christopher Plummer. (NR)	Real Time With Bill Maher (N) (L) [PG]	VICE (N) (ESP) [PG]					
	MAX (6:45) ** Hitman (2007, Action) (ESP)	(:20) * Hitman: Agent 47 (2015, Action) (ESP) Rupert Friend, Hannah Ware. (R)	Outcast Kyle questions his family history. (N) (ESP) [PG]	Outcast (ESP) [PG]					
	SHOW (6:15) ** Along Came a Spider (2001) (ESP) (R)	Bud Greenspan's Kings of the Ring: Four Legends of Heavyweight Boxing [PG]	Meet the Hitlers (2014) The relationship between names and identity. (NR)						
	STARZ (:15) * The Perfect Guy (2015, Suspense) (ESP) Sanaa Lathan, Michael Ealy.	Morris Chestnut. (PG-13)	*** The Walk (2015, Biography) (ESP) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley, Charlotte Le Bon. (PG)	(:05) Outlander (ESP) [PG]					
PREMIUM	STZENC (:40) ** The Guardian (2006) Kevin Costner.	** Lake Placid (1999, Horror) (ESP) Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda. (R)	Tommy Lee Jones. (PG-13)						