EVENTS

Sara Hallie Richardson releases new album

How many Maine albums album, "Phoenix," Richardhas Sara Hallie Richardson sung guest vocals on in the past two years? I don't have an exact count, but I would imagine it is close to 10, if not more, on albums from

artists as varied in genre as the R&B-indie rock of KG-FREEZE and the jazz-funk trio Micromasse. Richardson,



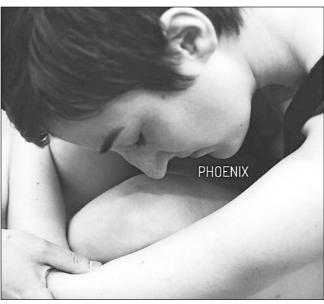
Knox ROCKIN' OUT

County native, is the go-to singer for a huge swath of the Portland music scene. If you want some gorgeous female vocals on your band's album, you call her up.

With her third proper

son proves once again, however, that she's more than just a pretty voice. As with her previous album, "Rest-less," "Phoenix" is packed with icy, crisp, expressive pop, among the most perfectly produced Maine releases of this year or any other. "Phoenix" is the work of a professional, which is exactly what Richardson is. Probably why everyone wants to work with her, right?

As a songwriter, Richardson often falls into an unfairly maligned category: the confessional songwriter, putting her feelings and relationships into her lyrics and then breathing brilliant life into them. In home with Sarah McLach-



Sara Hallie Richardson's "Phoenix"

the late 1990s, Richardson lan, Beth Orton and the populated the Lilith Fair. would have been right at countless other female Today, she falls somewhere

singer-songwriters that on the spectrum between

the pop sensibility of Sara ing on her own songs, falls Bareilles and the edgier indie rock of Feist. Accessible but intelligent.

As with her previous albums, "Phoenix" is full of layers and layers of careful, exceptionally attractive sonic landscapes — from the striking string arrangements by co-producer Sean Morin on the title track courtesy of the Amarantos Quartet, to the percussive handclaps and samples on album closer "Reprise." On "If You Asked Me," she uses vocal samples and alterations to great, unearthly effect. There's some welcome dissonance on songs such as "Green Gables," which features some rumbling, Reznor-esque piano lines. This is a beautiful-sounding album, no doubt about it.

hallierichardson.com. Richardson, when sing-

vocally somewhere in between the achingly intimate soprano of Joni Mitchell and the bold, singular vision of Bjork or Kate Bush. Would that Richardson would embrace more of the aural boundary-pushing and lyrical wit and bite those artists are known for, and push that wondrous, multi-octave instrument and songwriting voice further, beyond the silky, crystalline, accessible pop most of the songs on "Phoenix" tread in. She's got it in her. I know she does. Half the musicians in Portland can't be

"Phoenix" is available to buy on iTunes and at Bull Moose Music stores, as well as streaming online at sara-

Things to Do

BANGOR — Auditions for the Robinson Ballet's production of "Nutcracker." 11-11:45 a.m. for dancers ages 9-12 and noon-2 p.m. for dancers ages 13 and up, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Robinson Ballet Studios, 107 Union St. Dancers with pointe experience should bring pointe shoes. Rehearsals are on Saturdays beginning Sept. 19. Performances will be Nov. 21, University of Maine at Machias; Dec. 5, Gould Academy, Bethel; Dec. 12-13, The Grand, Ellsworth; and Dec. 19 and 20, with Bangor Symphony Orchestra, Collins Center for the Arts, Orono. For information, call 990-3140 or visit R obinsonBallet.org.

BELFAST - Midcoast Actors' Studio will present the play "The Servant of Two Masters," 7:30 p.m Friday and Saturday; 4 p.m. Sunday matinees, Sept. 11-27, at Troy Howard Middle School stage. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and adults older than 65. On opening night there will be a two-for-one ticket special. Call the box office at 370-7592, email midcoastactors@gmail. com or visit MidcoastActors.org.

BREWER - The 14th annual Brewer Days Celebration, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, at the Brewer Auditorium Complex. The following activities will be held: barbecue, 6-8 p.m.; Brewer Hometown Band, 6-7 p.m.; street dance, 7 p.m.; fireworks, 9 p.m. Friday; Kiwanis Club pancake, breakfast 7-9:30 a.m.; children's carnival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; pony

Sam Smith newest 007 composer

BY SORAYA NADIA **MCDONALD**

THE WASHINGTON POST

A new Sam Smith song, "Writing's on the Wall," will be the theme song for the new James Bond movie, 'Spectre.'

"This is one of the highlights of my career. I am honoured to finally announce that I will be singing the next Bond theme song.'

The secret was so closely held that when Eon Productions granted an interview to BBC Radio 1, it wouldn't tell host Nick Grimshaw who he would be interview-

"I'm so relieved to finally talk about this," said Smith, 23. "Nick, it's been — this has been like a top-secret mission of my own trying to keep this a secret, but I hope

I did a good enough job." Smith had a flash of inspiration and wrote the song in 20 minutes with his "Stay With Me" collaborator Jimmy Napes, he told Grimshaw. Eon gave him a copy of the script watermarked with his name on every page so the studio would be able to trace it back if Smith happened to lose — or leak — a page.

rides, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; bands The Ian Black Band, 195th Army Band Jazz Combo, RetroRockerz, Allison Ames Band and Beatles For Sale throughout the day and evening; spaghetti dinner; free public skate, Saturday; Eighth annual Brewer Days Car Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Snap Space parking lot, 55 Baker Boulevard, with music, food, prizes, and games; free 195th Army Band Reunion Concert, noon at **Brewer Community** School Performing Arts Center Sunday. The entire schedule available at B rewerMaine.gov/Parks-Recreation/Seasonal-Recreation/Fall/Copy-of-2015-Brewer-Days-Schedule.

BREWER - Join the Brewer Public Library's Knitting Socials to participate in a new community service project, in partnership with the Brewer Police Department, 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 11 and 18, at the library's conference room. All knitters and crocheters welcome. For information, call 989-7943.

BREWER - The five-member Massachusetts-based Beatles tribute band Beatles For Sale, 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Brewer Performing Arts Center, 92 Pendleton St. Tickets are available online at B rewerPerformingArts.com or by calling 200-5447 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$15 adult, and \$10 students, seniors and military.

BREWER — The bands for Bangor Singles Club in September and October will be: Country Mist, Sept. 11; Frye Mountain, Sept. 18; Barb Demo, Sept. 25; Buffalo Creek, Oct. 2; Rick Carter, Oct. 9; Mainely Country, Oct. 16; New Society, Oct. 23; and Country Mist for the Halloween dance, Oct. 30. Doors open at 7 p.m. and bands begin at 8 p.m. upstairs at Brewer Eagles Club. Cash bar. Cover charge is \$8 for Singles Club members and \$9 for quests.

ELLSWORTH — The 2015 Big Lobster Invitational Croquet Tournament will be held Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, at Woodlawn Museum, Gardens and Park, 19 Black House Drive. The tournament is sponsored by the Woodlawn Croquet Program and will draw participants from at least nine other states and countries. Spectators are welcome. Ninewicket rounds in will be held in Southwest Harbor, and six-wicket rounds will be held at Woodlawn. There will be a reception and barbecue for players. For information, call tournament director Larry Stettner at 266-2733 or email larryorfran@yahoo. com; or tournament manager Perry Mattson

at 667-9335 or email newburyneckshore@ gmail.com.

ELLSWORTH - Woodlawn Museum, Gardens and Park will offer the following classes in September: Botanical Print Jewelry with Precious Metal Clay, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12; Native Pollinators: Habitats in Your Garden with Alison Dibble, 10 a.m.noon, Saturday, Sept. 19; Botanical Art: Where Art and Science Meet with artists Trish Worthen and Sharon Jeffery, 12:30-2 p.m Saturday, Sept. 19; Woodlawn 2.0: Redesigned for 21st Century Living, on what Woodlawn could look life if redesigned for modern living, 3-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25; Super Harvest Moon with naturalist Lynn Havsall, 9-10:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27; and Golf Croquet at Woodlawn, 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays in September, at 19 Black House Drive, off Route 172. For fees and registration deadlines.

PORTLAND - Scheduled tours of Portland's historic

visit WoodlawnMuseum.

com or call 667-8671.

Eastern Cemetery, founded in 1668, 11 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, through October, at 224 Congress St. Tours led by trained volunteers, who cover the cemetery's history, prominent historical figures and early gravestone art. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens who age 65 and older and free for children under 12. Tickets are available on the Spirits Alive website or at the gate. Off-schedule private tours are available at no extra charge. Proceeds used to conserve Eastern Cemetery's gravestones. Visit SpiritsAlive.org/Tours or call 761-0187 for more information.

PROSPECT — Fort Knox and Penobscot Narrows Observatory open 9 a.m.-sunset through Saturday, Oct. 31. Observatory closes at 5 p.m. Guided tours of Fort Knox provided daily or visitors may take their own self-quided tour. Site available to rent for reunions, birthday parties, weddings and other events. The observatory has a new pavilion for rent that overlooks the

Penobscot River and comes with a gas grill. Check out Fort Knox special events at Fort-Knox.MaineGuide.com.

SEARSPORT - The fishermen of Port Clyde Fresh Catch will present an illustrated panel discussion about fishing in Maine, their pioneering community-supported fishery, how they started it and Port Clyde Fresh Catch today, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Penobscot Marine Museum's Douglas and Margaret Carver Memorial Art Gallery, 11 Church St. Tickets are \$5 for Penobscot Marine Museum members, and \$8 for nonmembers.

SKOWHEGAN - Concert by EP Rock, an Elvis tribute, will perform, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Skowhegan Opera House, 225 Water St. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Nancy's Cut and Curl at 643-2469; and Cheree Brown in Moscow at 672-5586.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE YOUTH SERVICES

All High Holy Days - 10:00 am

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tashlich, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

> SHABBAT SHUVAH Friday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Break-the-Fast, September 23 after 7:30 p.m.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING

If you are a member of our congregation and attended services last year, the same seating arrangements will be made for you...you don't need to contact us. All members that did not attend last year, as well as non-members, please contact either Stan or Ellie at 942-3322 to make your plans for this year.



September 12th & 13th at Cross Insurance Center

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Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Aidan Quinn. (R)

(5:50) ** Million Dollar Arm | *** No Country for Old Men (2007, Crime Drama) (2014) Jon Hamm. | *** No Country for Old Men (2007, Crime Drama) (ESP) Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem. (E)

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