## Album reviews: Johnny Cremains, Velvet Lake

ny Cremains is one of those bands that only plays a handful of gigs each year, and everyone in the band is in like three or four other bands, and you kind of have to know someone that knows them to know much about the band in the first place. Which is a shame, really, because more people should hear Johnny Cremains' new album, the long-in-the-works "Hollywoodland," released earlier in September of the year after a very long wait.

The album is a highly entertaining pastiche of punk, classic 1990s alternative rock, lounge music and just a touch of histrionic prog rock to add to the high drama at play.

Lead vocalist Sean Libby pulls out just about every trick in the rock singer book, from a full-throated "Sahara Nightbelt on

The Portland band John- mare" to a pained wail like and all over the place sty-The Gun Club if he'd se-

cretly loved Freddie Mercury (maybe he like did?) "The on Howling Is For You." The spooky organ cour- EMILY tesy of Erik W i n t e r  $\overline{\text{ROCKIN'OUT}}$ adds high



drama to much of the proceedings, such as "Weeping Eyes of Fire," a track that you should probably play at your Halloween party

If anything, Johnny Cremains sounds like the band Sparks — mandatory listening in the Burnham household — most especially on the "Oswaltz (Dance of the Patsy)," with its theatrical build. Still versatile

Jeffrey Lee Pierce from listically; less spastic. They sound like no one else in Maine, and that is a very good thing.

You know who else sounds nothing like anyone else in Maine? The weirdos at Sweet Pizza Records in Belfast, who keep putting out oddball albums such as "Velvet Lake," which is mostly the work of Hunter Finden, one-third of punk band Jim Dandy. It's Finden's second solo album in a year, though recording as Velvet Lake it's a distinctly different project as Finden's first album, recorded under his own name. Where "My (Untitled) So Far Experience" tread that yacht rock-indie rock line that Mac DeMarco treads so well, "Velvet Lake" is explicitly an homage to the 1980s — despite the fact that Finden was born in 1990s (yikes!). It's



Johnny Cremains, "Hollywoodland"

Velvet Lake, "Velvet Lake"

almost entirely comprised way, there's something of synths, programmed drums and other digital bleeps and bloops. I don't think I heard a single acoustic or even electric instrument anywhere on the album — except Finden's vocals, sung in an earnest-

akin to the idiosyncratic sweetness of Jonathan Richman on many of the songs here, though "Minion Fair" definitely veers into They Might Be Giants territory. I can honestly say this is one of the strangbut-ironic baritone. In a est — and yet, somehow,

most endearing — albums I've heard come out of Maine in a long time.

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## Things to Do

BANGOR - Orono Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls offers free roller skating to 8- to 17-yearold girls, 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Great Skates, off Hogan Road. Girls must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Skate rentals free.

BANGOR - Maine Chef Challenge, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at The Gracie Theatre, Husson University. Challenge will feature chefs from Woodman's, Blaze and 11 Central. Tickets \$30 for general admission; \$40 for VIP, which includes VIP parking, souvenir, photo opportunity with chef Sam Talbot, reception before the challenge. Tickets available at eventbrite.com/e/ maine-chef-challengetickets-18056905691. Sponsored by Bangor Metro.

BANGOR - Bangor Salsa with instructors Misha and Ruzzo 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Noh Way School, 170 Park St. Dancing 8-10 p.m. \$6 for a lesson or the dance; \$10 for both. Latin tunes and mixes. For information, contact Bernadette at 207-460-9239.

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, through Sept. 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.

BREWER - Bangor Singles Club dancing and music, Barb Demo. Sept. 25; Buffalo Creek, Oct. 2: Rick Carter, Oct. 9; Mainely Country, Oct. 16; New Society, Oct. 23; 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 \$8 for Bangor Singles Club

## Parkside to hold annual TrikeAThon

BANGOR — Parkside Children's Learning Center will host its sixth annual TrikeA-Thon at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Throughout the week, the children at Parkside will participate in activities to learn about bicycle safety and prepare them for the TrikeAThon. The children also will learn about others who are sick and that even at their young age they can do something to help.

To make a donation, visit fundraising.stjude.org/ parksideclc or call 941-2122.

members; \$9 for guests.

CHERRYFIELD — Historic Cemetery Walk to benefit Cherryfield Free Public Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Pine Grove Cemetery at the top of Campbell Hill on Route 1. Find out who is buried there, the meanings of the different shapes of grave stones and how they are placed in the cemetery while you walk with local historian Kathy Upton. The cost is \$5. For information, call 546-4228.

DAMARISCOTTA - Coordinator David Seybold is issuing a challenge to Maine restaurants where oysters are featured on the menu to sign up their best shuckers for the Maine Championship Oyster Shucking Contest, to be held Sunday, Sept. 27, during the annual Pemaquid Oyster Festival at Schooner Landing Restaurant. Entry fee for festival and contest is free. Prize of \$100 cash and a custom-made oyster buckle and belt. The top shucker will be qualified to compete in the National Shucking Contest in October in Maryland. For information, call Seybold at 380-4027 or email dcsinmaine@yahoo.com.

DEXTER - Variety show, 7

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Wayside Grange, 851 North Dexter Road. The theme of this year's skit will include characters we've all suffered in the supermarket and convenience store checkout lines. Local musicians and poetry in addition to skits. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$7. For information, call Tim Breen at 355-5507.

ELLSWORTH - Woodlawn Museum, Gardens and Park will offer the following classes in September, 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; Golf Croquet at Woodlawn, 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays in September, at 19 Black House Drive, off Route 172. For fees and registration deadlines, visit woodlawnmuseum. com or call 667-8671.

ELLSWORTH - Writer Trudy Irene Scee will tell the tales of some rogues and scoundrels who are Maine natives or notorious individuals whose mischief, misdeeds or mayhem were perpetrated in the Pine Tree State 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Sept. 24, at Ellsworth Public Library, 20 State St. Copies of Scee's book, "Rogues, Rascals and Other Villainous Mainers" will be available for signing. For information, visit ellsworth.lib.me.us.

GRAY — Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, fall events include Northwoods Law Day on Saturday, Sept. 26; and Halloweenfest Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24. Admission to the park free for ages 3 and under, \$5.50 ages 4-12 and seniors, \$7.50 for adults. Groups of 15 or more \$3.50 per person. Bring a picnic and spend the day. Family and Community Season Passes available.

HERMON - Hydrangea Wreath Workshop, 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Ecotat Gardens, 2699 Route 2. To preregister, call 848-5946 or email info@ecotat.org. Workshop cost is \$20.

PORTLAND - Scheduled

tours of Portland's historic 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 \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens who age 65 and older, free for children under 12. Tickets available on the Spirits Alive website or at the gate. Off-schedule private tours available at no extra charge. Proceeds used to conserve Eastern Cemetery's gravestones. For information, visit SpiritsAlive.org/tours or call 761-0187.

STEUBEN - The family movie night film will be "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" shown at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Steuben Library. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available by donation. For information, visit

moorelibrary.org, facebook.com/HenryD. MooreLibrary, or call 546-7301.

THOMASTON — Join Georges River Land Trust at Pepper Hill Farm for an in-depth tour of its new four-season stable and riding facility set on 28 acres in South Thomaston, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Pepper Hill Riders will introduce horse breeds and demonstrate gaits of their family of Icelandic horses. Light refreshments. For safety, guests must wear closed-toe shoes. Tickets \$10 per person, \$25 per family, available at GeorgesRiver.org/revelry or by calling 594-5166. All proceeds benefit conservation programs of the land trust. For information about programs, trails, events and membership, visit GeorgesRiver.org or call 594-5166.

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

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anthrope mentors his young neighbor. (PG-13) \*\* Invincible (2006, Biography) (ESP) Mark Wahlberg. The story of football's Vince Papale. (PG)

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## Thursday prime time

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\*\*\* Guardians of the Galaxy (2014, Science Fiction (ESP) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. (PG-13)

(:25) \* Saving Silverman (2001 (ESP) Jason Biggs. (PG-13)

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\*\* This Is Where I Leave You (2014)

(ESP) Jason Bateman, Tina Fey. (R)





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(6:50) ★★ The Ruins (2008, Horror) (ESP

Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone. (R)