

Theron, Rogen make improbable, winning pair

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That title is a double entendre. Wait, maybe it's a triple entendre.

Long Shot

★★★

Cast: Charlize Theron, Seth Rogen, O'Shea Jackson Jr.
Rating: R for strong sexual content, language throughout and some drug use.

This I know for sure: There's no way I can get into any kind of detail about one particular entendre — and that's just fine by me.

In the cheerfully raunchy, entertainingly weird, scattershot slapstick comedy "Long Shot," Charlize Theron's Charlotte Field is a widely respected secretary of state with impressive credentials, but when Charlotte announces her candidacy for president, she's regarded as something of a long shot, given her inability to connect with the average voter on a human level, coupled with the fact the country has never elected a woman. (How's that working out, country?)

Then there's Seth Rogen's dorky, awkward, goofy but passionately dedicated liberal journalist who is hired to punch up Charlotte's wonky speeches and help her come across as more relatable. There's a certain something between Fred and Charlotte, but to say Fred is a long-shot candidate to become Charlotte's romantic interest is an understatement.

Finally, there's another kind of long shot, a very different type of long shot, and I think we should just leave it at that.

Seth Rogen is one of the most



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Ravi Patel, left, June Diane Raphael, Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron are shown in a scene from "Long Shot." The film opens Friday at Jasper 8 Theatres.

acutely self-aware comedy hyphenates of his generation, and he'd be the first to tell you there's something intrinsically funny about a blocky, bespectacled, fashion-backward, in-need-of-a-man-groomer guy romantically paired up with the likes of Katherine Heigl ("Knocked Up"), Rose Byrne (the "Neighbors" movies) and now Charlize Theron.

Of course he's out of his league. That's the launching point for the laughs.

And yet there's a certain vulnerability and intelligence, and a respectful and self-deprecating aspect to Rogen's on-screen persona that makes these male-fantasy romances seem at least semi-plausible.

Though "Long Shot" has

its moments of relevant social commentary, the first sign we shouldn't take any of this too seriously is the name of Rogen's character: Fred Flarsky.

Local morning TV clowns in the 1960s had more subtle names than Fred Flarsky.

Fred is a gifted writer and committed journalist-advocate working for a far-left, Brooklyn-based publication, but when a giant, conservative media conglomerate gobbles up the paper, Fred quits on the spot, even though he's broke and has no other prospects.

Good thing for Fred (and for the plot), his best friend, Lance (O'Shea Jackson Jr.), a wealthy startup exec, has just the remedy for Fred to forget his troubles, at least for one night: He's going to

take Fred to an elite Manhattan gala headlined by Boyz II Men (played, quite convincingly, by Boyz II Men).

The star guest at the gala is Charlotte Field, looking so regal and perfect we wouldn't be surprised to see the Guardians of the Galaxy working as her security detail.

Charlotte sees this loud, boorish, underdressed, unruly guy causing trouble at the party, and wonders why he seems so familiar. Turns out Charlotte used to babysit Fred when she was an idealistic, politically active teenager and he was a smitten adolescent.

They haven't spoken in some 20 years, but seeing as how Charlotte's pollsters are saying her public profile could use an injec-

tion of humor and humanity, and Fred is a man-of-the-people word-smith who happens to be unemployed, here's an idea:

How about Charlotte hires Fred as a speechwriter!

Imagine the hijinks as the windbreaker-clad, wide-eyed Fred accompanies the sophisticated Charlotte and her team as they embark on a worldwide tour designed to lock in support for a landmark environmental initiative. Imagine the unlikely and yet sweet romance developing between Fred and Charlotte, who begins to feel as if Fred is the only person who truly gets her.

It's "Notting Hill" meets "Dave" meets "Pretty Woman."

At times, "Long Shot" takes a big comedic swing, and the result is less than a home run. Theron and Rogen fully commit to an extended and quite ridiculous sequence in which Fred and Charlotte go clubbing and do Molly, and then Charlotte is called in to negotiate an international crisis, and we find ourselves in a military "drama" hardly more plausible than "Stripes."

This is the kind of comfort-comedy movie where it's a given we'll be treated to a number of juicy supporting star-turn performances, in this case Bob Odenkirk as a dimwit POTUS who played the POTUS on a "West Wing"-style TV show before becoming the actual POTUS; Andy Serkis as a Jabba-the-Hutt-like conservative media mogul; June Diane Raphael as Charlotte's ruthlessly ambitious right-hand person, and Alexander Skarsgard as the prime minister of Canada, who is as handsome and empty and narcissistic as a clueless prince in a fairy tale.

Ultimately, though, it all comes down to those two leads.

Fortunately, Theron has enough comedic chops to support that pretty boy Rogen.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

All times are Eastern unless otherwise noted.

Current cinema

New releases

Long Shot ★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) In a cheerfully raunchy, entertainingly weird slapstick comedy, a widely respected presidential candidate (Charlize Theron) begins an unlikely romance with her dorky new speechwriter (Seth Rogen). Of course he's out of his league. That's the launching point for the laughs. (Comedy, R, 2 hrs. 5 min.)

Currently playing

Avengers: Endgame ★★★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) Amid all the soaring and the blasting, this superhero adventure for the ages is a genuinely moving drama involving characters we've come to know and love. It's a serious contender to be the best of the Marvel series and the undisputed champion when it comes to emotional punch. (Superhero drama, PG-13, 3 hrs.)

The Curse of La Llorona ★½ (Jasper 8 Theatres) A hissing, pasty-faced zombie-ghost targets the children of a social worker (Linda Cardellini) in the latest addition to the Conjuring Universe. But any hopes of a creepy horror gem are dashed by the overacting, clumsy plot machinations and cliché-riddled "Gotcha!" moments. (Horror, R, 1 hr. 33 min.)

Dumbo ★★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) With his typically eye-popping visuals, director Tim Burton remakes the Disney classic in CGI for a look closer to live action. It's more

complex and darker than the original, but the baby elephant with the oversized ears is so brave that we never stop caring. With Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton and Danny DeVito. (Fantasy adventure, PG, 1 hrs. 52 min.)

Pet Sematary ★★ (Jasper 8 Theatres) A really smart guy commits one idiotic act after another in this second adaptation of Stephen King's horror novel. Though far superior to the tone-deaf 1989 version, the film ultimately comes across as more grisly and grotesque than scary and involving and thought-provoking. (Horror, R, 1 hr. 41 min. minutes)

On DVD

What Men Want ★★★ With impeccable comedic timing, Taraji P. Henson is the primary reason why this cheerfully bawdy remake of the Mel Gibson hit "What Women Want" is consistently funny and entertaining. (Comedy, R, 1 hr. 57 min., 2019)

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part ★★★ A candy-colored sugar rush with a nonstop parade of pop culture references, famous cameos and inside jokes, "The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part" doesn't quite match the original's spark and creativity, but it's a worthy chapter in the ever-expanding Lego movie universe. (Animated adventure, PG, 1 hr. 33 min., 2019)

IMAX

Showplace Cinemas East, 1801 Morgan Center Drive, Evansville: "Avengers: Endgame." www.showplacecinemas.com

Events

Attractions

Angel Mounds Historic Site, 8215 Pollack Ave., Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. www.angelmounds.org

Big Splash Adventure, Valley of the Springs Resort, 8505 W. State Road 56, French Lick. 877-936-3866 or www.bigsplashadventure.com

Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center, at the end of West Riverside Drive, Clarksville. **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. www.falloftheohio.org

Indiana Caverns, 1267 Green Acres Lane S.W., Corydon. Features a 25-minute boat ride, a waterfall, thriving cave life and Big Bone Mountain. **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily April through October and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily November through March. Closed Christmas. www.indianacaverns.com

Indiana Railway Museum, French Lick. Excursion trains depart from the former Monon Railroad Passenger Station. The two-hour, 20-mile trip takes passengers through several limestone rock cuts, part of the Hoosier National Forest and the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel. **Train rides:** 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through May 19. **Special events: Wild West Hold-Ups**, May 25-27. **Museum hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, free. 800-748-7246 or www.

indianarailwaymuseum.org

Jasper City Mill, 160 Third Ave. The mill features cornmeal ground on site, craft items, old-fashioned candy and local products. **Exhibit (changes every six months): Dubois County Art Guild Gallery Walk**, items from artisans and rustic Amish furniture available in the gift shop. **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City (all times CT). **Park hours: Memorial Visitor Center**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, through Sept. 30; **farm**, staffed Wednesdays through Sundays, through May 24; **nature center**, open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays; **Colonel Jones Home**, noon-4 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, June-August. www.nps.gov/libo/ or 812-937-4541

Louisville Zoo, 1100 Trevilian Way. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Sept. 22. www.louisvillezoo.org

Marengo Cave Park: The Crystal Palace walking tour features a formation-filled room and huge flowstone deposits, while the Dripstone Trail walking tour is known for its profusion of delicate soda straw formations, slender totem pole stalagmites and penny ceiling. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. http://marengocave.com

Mega Cavern, 1841 Taylor Ave., Louisville. **Historic Tram Tours, Mega Zips and Mega Quest**, an underground ropes challenge. Closed major holidays. 877-614-6342 or www.louisvillemegacavern.com

Mesker Park Zoo, 1545 Mesker Park Drive, Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. 812-435-6143 or www.meskerparkzoo.com

Wilstem Ranch, Paoli: **Grizzly, Giraffe and Kangaroo Encounters**. www.wilstemranch.com or 812-936-4484

Other events

Stories and Songs, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-next Thursday, Jasper Public Library Theater. Abbie Rumbach, Scott Saalman, Debbie Schuetter and The Gatwoods on Monday; The Gatwoods, Scott Saalman, and Andy Hagedorn on Tuesday; Debbie Schuetter, Kyle Lueken and Andy Hagedorn on Wednesday; and Scott Saalman, Debbie Schuetter and a musical guest to be announced on Thursday. Free; donations will be accepted by Anderson Woods.

Upcoming events

Nine & Dine, 5 p.m. May 10, Sultan's Run. Play nine holes in teams of four and enjoy meal by Executive Chef Phil Barth. Reservations required. 812-482-1009

Old Jasper Day and Strawberry Festival, May 19, Jasper Riverwalk and downtown Jasper.

Benefit Car Show, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. May 19, Ridetech, 350 S. St. Charles, Jasper.

Huntingburg Farmers Market, 7-10 a.m. June 1, Memorial Gym parking lot.

Ferdinand Heimatfest, July 21-22, 18th Street Park, Ferdinand.

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Dubois County 4-H Fair, July 15-19, Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bretzville.

Strassenfest, Aug. 1-4, Jasper.

Evansville Hydrofest 2019: Roar on the River!, Aug. 16-19. www.tropevansville.com/event/events/evansville-hydrofest-2019

Latino Festival, Aug. 30-31, Huntingburg City Park.

Holland Community Festival 160th Celebration, Sept. 13-15, Holland Park.

Ferdinand Folk Fest, Sept. 21, 18th Street Park.

Herbstfest, Sept. 26-29, Huntingburg City Park.

Exhibits

Kremp Gallery

Exhibit: Sculptor Matthew Boonstra and Printmaker Alan Pocaro, through May 24. **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

Exhibit: "Drawing the World," through May 12, features works of Evansville artist Kathryn Waters. **Hours:** Call 357-6401 or 800-987-7311 or visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/library/hours/

Other galleries

Ivy Tech Bower-Suhrheinrich Visual Arts Center, 3501 N. First Ave., Evansville. **Hours (CT):** 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. www.ivytech.edu/southwest

Flame Run Glass Studio and Gallery, 815 W. Market St., Louisville. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 502-584-5353 or www.flamerun.com

The Green Building Gallery, 732 E. Market St., Louisville. **Hours:** 9-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays and 4-9 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. www.thegreenbuilding.net/gallery/index.html or 502-561-1162

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-682-3156 or www.nhgallery.com

Dubois County Museum

Membership: 2019 memberships are available. Purchase a membership and receive free admission into the museum from the day the membership is purchased through Dec. 31.

Storytime for Kids, May 11 (theme is picnic and Mother's Day); June 8 (theme is camping); July 13 (theme is fishing); Aug. 10, (theme is bees); and Sept. 14 (theme is apples).

Tie a Fly Fishing Fly, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, June 22.

Jasper Strassenfest displays, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 1-4.

Johnny Appleseed Comes to the Museum, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Archaeology Day, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 7.

Permanent exhibits: Our Eldest **Hours:** The museum, 2704 N. Newton St., is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Admission charged. Can be found on Facebook and at www.duboiscountymuseum.org. 812-634-7733

Huntingburg Museum

On exhibit: Commercial, manufacturing, military, school and social club memorabilia; the Geiger bedroom, family Bible and other belongings; a dollhouse inside a grandmother clock; a pony cart; and a 1950s kitchen.

The museum is in Huntingburg City Hall, 508 E. Fourth St. **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays unless City Hall is closed and by appointment. Closed major holidays. 683-2211.

French Lick West Baden Museum

Exhibit: The Art of the Monon — The Howard Fogg Paintings, through Sept. 1.

Hours: The museum, located at 469 S. Maple St., Suite 103, is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. www.flwbmuseum.com

Other museums

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum, 311 W. Second St., Owensboro. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. bluegrasshall.org

Evansville African American Museum, 579 S. Garvin St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-423-5188 or www.evansvilleaamuseum.org

Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, 411 S.E. Riverside Drive. **Hours (CT):** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-425-2406 or www.emuseum.org

Frazier History Museum, 829 W. Main St., Louisville. **Exhibits: Olmsted's Louisville: 1891 to the Present**, through Sept 15; **Freak Power: Hunter S. Thompson's Campaign for Sheriff**, Saturday-Sept. 2; **Celebrating the Sounds of Kentucky**, Sept. 19-February 2020. **Hours:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 502-753-5663 or www.fraziermuseum.org

Henager Memories & Nostalgia Museum, 8837 S. State Road 57, Elberfeld. **Hours (CT):** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Closed major holidays. 812-795-2230 or www.henagemuseum.com

Indiana Military Museum, 715 S. Sixth St., Vincennes. **Special event: Dedication of the USS Indianapolis SSN-697 Nuclear Submarine Monument**, 11 a.m. June 8; post-ceremony luncheon tickets available by contact the Hoosier Base USS VI Sub Vets Association at 812-847-9070 by May 24. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays and Thursdays-Sundays. 812-882-1941 or <http://indianamilitarymuseum.com/>

Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville, 22 S.E. Fifth St. **Hours (CT):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-464-2663 or www.cmoeekids.org.

Owensboro (Ky.) Museum of Fine Art, 901 Frederica St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Fridays and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 270-685-3181 or www.omfa.us

Owensboro Museum of Science and History, 122 E. Second St. **Hours (CT):** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, 20 Red Skelton Blvd., Vincennes. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-888-2105

Reitz Home Museum, 224 S.E. First St., Evansville. **Hours:** 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CT Tuesdays through Sundays. Closed major holidays. 812-426-1871 or www.reitzhome.com

Speed Art Museum, 2035 S. 3rd St., Louisville. Exhibits: **Making Time: The Art of the Kentucky Tall Case Clock**, through June 16; **Yinka Shonibare MBE: The American Library**, through Sept. 15; and **Ebony G. Patterson: ... while the dew is still on the roses**, June 22-Sept 29. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. 502-852-5555

Science Centers

Kentucky Science Center, 737 W. Main St., Louisville. **Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. Sundays. Closed major



GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE ...

The Dubois County Museum is holding a silent auction featuring 14 dolls, including the five dolls pictured, to raise funds for the children's room and upcoming children's programs. The dolls are on display at the museum, near the bidding sheets. The silent auction began April 24 and bidding ends Saturday, May 25.

holidays. 800-591-2203 or www.kysciencecenter.org

Night Life Dances

American Legion Post 147, Jasper: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, line and couples dancing. \$5, 482-5426 for information.

French Lick Senior Center, 785 S. Bears Bend Road: 7-9:30 p.m. Fridays, dance with live band.

William Tell Center, 1301 11th St., Tell City, 7-10 p.m. CT Saturdays. Open to all ages; smoke and alcohol free. \$5, includes snacks. Sponsored by the William Tell Senior Citizens.

Bars

Gaslight, Huntingburg: **Open Mic Night**, 8-11 p.m. Thursdays.

VFW Post 673, 3131 N. Newton St. (basement), Jasper: Karaoke, 3-6 p.m. Saturday.

Casinos

Tropicana, Evansville: **Throw the Horns**, Friday-Saturday; **Dance Floor Riot**, May 10-11; **Paint the Earth**, May 17-18; **Breaking Southwest**, May 24-25; and **The Devonshires**, May 31-June 1. www.tropicanacasinos.com

French Lick Casino: Casino Lounge (8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.) — **DJ Charlie**, Friday and May 11; **DJ Rishi**, Saturday and May 25; and **Moonshine at Sunrise**, May 18. 888-936-9360 or www.frenchlick.com/entertainment/concerts

On stage

Actors Community Theatre **Plays: "Into the Woods,"** July 25-28.

All of the shows will be performed at the Jasper Arts Center. Season tickets and two-event packages are available at ActorsCommunityTheatre.com.

Historic Astra Theatre

Films: "Mary Poppins," 7 p.m. June 1.

Concerts: Cris Jacobs, 7:30 p.m. May 18; and second annual **Rock Lotto**, 7 p.m. July 20.

Buy tickets and make donations at www.TheNextAct.org.

Area concerts

Abbeylell Hall, Legend of French Lick, 7328 W. County Road 100, West Baden Springs: **I've Got the Music in Me**, today, next Thursday and May 16 and 23; June 10, 12,

13, 18 and 20; and July 11 and 30. **The Thomas Brothers**, June 27. **The American Variety Show**, Aug. 23 and 30; Sept. 6, 11, 13 and 19; and Oct. 10, 17 and 23. **Christmas Treasures**, Nov. 17, 19 and 30; and Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21. www.sildernightentertainment.com

Calumet Lake Events Plaza, 2210 N. Mill St., Jasper: **Ultimate Elvis: Cody Ray Slaughter**, 8 p.m. June 1. Dinner available at 6 p.m. thecalumet.eventbrite.com or 812-319-1281

Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln City: Departure: A tribute to Journey, May 16; **Molly Hatchet**, June 1; **Toys in the Attic: A tribute to Aerosmith**, June 15; **Purple Veins: A tribute to Prince**, July 27; **Ben and Noel Haggard**, Aug. 10; **John Waite**, with special guest **Henry Lee Summer**, Aug. 24; **Celebrate the Sounds of the Summer of '69**, Aug. 31; **Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra**, Sept. 7; and **Hard Day's Night: A Tribute to the Beatles**, Sept. 28. Season tickets available. lincolnamphitheatre.com

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jasper: **LYRA Vocal Group**, 7 p.m. May 22. Free.

Other concerts

Corydon Live (formerly Corydon Jamboree), 320 Hurst Lane, north of town square: **The Forgotten Trail Show**, first Saturday of each month; and **Allen Hilbert, Billy Keith and Fallon Marie**, May 11. 812-734-6288 or www.corydon.live

Derby Dinner Playhouse, Clarksville: **World The Doo Wops & The Wulfe Bros**, May 13; **Mo5aic**, June 3; **The River City Boys: Salute to the Songs of the Statler Brothers**, Aug. 5; **The VanDells**, Aug. 5; **Branson on the Road**, Aug. 26; **The Ladies for Liberty & The Soldiers of Swing**, Sept. 9; **How Great Thou Art: The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley**, Oct. 7; **The Return: A Beatles Tribute**, Nov. 4; 812-288-8281 or www.derbydinner.com.

The Ford Center, 1 S.E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Evansville: **Jason Aldean**, next Thursday; **Twins of Evil: Rob Zombie and Marilyn Mason**, July 14; and **Toby Keith**, Aug. 17. For the complete schedule, visit www.thefordcenter.com. For tickets call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

KFC Yum! Center, Louisville: **Backstreet Boys**, Sept. 13; **Carrie Underwood**, Oct. 17. For the complete schedule, visit www.kfcyumcenter.com. For tickets call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

The Kentucky Center, 501 W. Main St., Louisville: **Shawn Mendes**, Aug. 3; **Backstreet Boys**, Sept. 13; **Phil Collins**, Oct. 9; **Carrie Underwood**, Oct. 17; and **Chris Stapleton**, Nov. 2. www.kentuckycenter.org

Louisville Palace Theater, 625 S. Fourth St.: **India.Arie**, May 30; **The Piano Guys**, Nov. 23; . For a complete schedule, visit www.louisvillepalace.com. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

Victory Theatre, 600 Main St., Evansville (all times CT): **I Am King — The Michael Jackson Experience**, next Thursday; **Indiana Legends**, May 19; **Bill Gaither and The Gaither Vocal Band**, June 20; and **The Sweet Caroline Concert: A Neil Diamond Concert Celebration**, Aug. 10. www.evansvillephilharmonic.org or www.victorytheatre.com

Area plays

Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln City: "Here I Grew Up" (story of Lincoln), June 28-9 and July 11-13. **Season tickets available.** lincolnamphitheatre.com

Plays

Actors Theatre of Louisville, 316 W. Main St.: **"Dracula,"** Sept. 4-Oct. 31; **"Hype Man,"** Sept. 11-Oct. 13; **"Measure for Measure,"** Oct. 9-27; **"A Christmas Carol,"** Nov. 20-Dec. 23; and **"The Santaland Diaries,"** Nov. 24-Dec. 23. 502-584-1205 or www.actorstheatre.org/visit/ticketing-options/

Derby Dinner Playhouse, Clarksville: **"Newsies,"** through May 19; **"Snow White & The Prince,"** May 25-June 29. 812-288-8281 or www.derbydinner.com.