

'Pony rides on Student adapts play

by Joe Mottillo
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When offered the chance to see Rusted Root two weeks ago, I jumped at the chance to go see them. When arriving at the arena outside of Buffalo, I was a bit skeptical of the opening act. Who the hell is Bonepony?

After hearing 3/4 of their set, I found out. This trio from Nashville is a mix of rock, country, bluegrass, and a little bit of church harmonies. I was so impressed that I went out and got their debut CD, "Stomp Revival."

The album contains 13 tracks, the highlight of which is "Where the Water's Deep." This song has already received airplay on Rocket

101 and Pittsburgh's WDVE. Scott Johnson's lead vocals remind one of The Black Crowes' Chris Robinson. Johnson's voice range is good and is best exemplified on "P.S.O.B." Johnson and the other two members, Kenny Mims and Bryan Ward, wrote all the lyrics and music for this album.

Some other songs that really stick out on the album are "Poor Boy Blues," "Soap," and "Bleaker Street."

Bonepony has been opening for Root as of late in support of "Stomp Revival" and tend to play a club a few nights before the Root show. I recommend that you buy the album and see them live, where they are even better.

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On Friday night, I entered the studio theater full of misgivings. If it hadn't been for this newspaper assignment, I wouldn't have considered attending the stage reading of "The House on Mango Street", an adaptation of the book of the same name by English literature major Markus Rodriguez.

I went in expecting the play, but before it began, director Tony Elliot explained that a stage reading would be done. A run-through of the script by the actors (or actresses, in this case) done for the writer's benefit.

The emphasis was on the text,

allowing Markus to see how the script would look and sound if produced. Very little props were used and the actresses read their lines directly from the script.

The book version by Sandra Cisneros chronicles the life of Esperanza, a young girl who grows up on Mango Street.

Presented in a series of eighteen short scenes, Esperanza explores the various aspects of her life by interacting with her family and friends, as well as discussing her thoughts and feelings with the audience.

As she does this, Markus said he believes, "Esperanza speaks to the minority experience, but addresses universal themes as well."

"Mango Street" is filled with humor. I laughed from the first scene on.

There are several scenes, however, that are very sobering. They deal with serious issues in Esperanza's life and were conveyed with genuine emotion by Abigail Greenberg.

The other three actresses, Conchita Dixon, Crystal Velasquez, and Sofia Suri, handled all the other roles in the play and shifted easily from one role to the next.

While it is unknown at this time when "Mango Street" will see full production, be sure to check it out as soon as it does. It will be well worth your while.

Horoscopes: September 11 - 17

Aries (March 21-April 19). Monday morning is your best time this week, so do as much as possible. Schedule your shopping for Tuesday and Wednesday. Those are also the best times to do math homework. Study on Thursday; you'll be very smart then. You're smart on Friday, too, but you'll probably be more interested in romance than schoolwork. Wrap up your socializing by Saturday afternoon, so you can finish a household project this weekend.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Monday morning could be hectic, but you should calm down by the afternoon. From then through Wednesday, you're lucky, but there's lots of work to be done. Expect difficulty finding the information you need. Let friends know what you want, and you may get a good deal on Thursday or Friday. The extra money might go for school expenses. Shop on Saturday morning. Play with your sweetie and your best friends all day Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). A team effort on Monday morning should succeed. From the afternoon through Wednesday, financial worries may have you down.

Consult an expert for an option you hadn't considered. Thursday through Saturday morning should be excellent, particularly Friday night. A date could become real special then. Save domestic chores for Sunday. You'll be in a better mood to deal with them, so a job you usually hate could actually be fun.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). An early morning class on Monday could be tough. Expect the prof to be in a bad mood. Tuesday and Wednesday should be excellent for raising money for your favorite good cause. A meeting with friends could lead to a productive idea. Overdue paperwork might have you frazzled on Thursday and Friday. If possible, review your work again for errors on Saturday morning. Sunday's best for short journeys and visiting brothers or sisters.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Exercise on Monday morning; you may not have time again this week. There might not be enough money to do what you want from Monday afternoon through Wednesday. Don't snivel; ask an older person for ideas so you can make more. Thursday through Saturday are best for parties, club meetings and team

sports. There may be confusion, however. Stay home this weekend and take care of the needs of a female friend or relative. You owe her a favor.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have a financial emergency on Monday morning, but the rest of the day should be great. Study subjects that can help pay for your education and/or start a business from Monday afternoon through Thursday. A person you meet on Tuesday could turn out to be a keeper. Help a ditzzy professor get organized on Thursday or Friday and make points. There's too much to do on Saturday morning. That afternoon through Sunday, visit long-lost loved ones.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stand your ground on Monday morning and you may get your way. Money is tight on Tuesday and Wednesday. Find more, but don't go into debt. Practice a foreign language with a native on Thursday or Friday; you'll learn more than you could in class. Saturday morning's great for a long drive with a talkative friend. You may have to go along with an older woman's agenda on Saturday evening and Sunday. Be nice, and make a good impression.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An emergency on Monday may not be your fault, but your patience can help resolve it. Tuesday, your luck in love improves for several weeks. Tuesday night is especially passionate, with the moon in sensual Taurus. Wednesday's not bad, either, but by Thursday, you'll have to focus on schoolwork again. An essay test on Friday could be a real challenge, so prepare! Pay bills on Saturday morning so you can travel from then through Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Meet a date on Monday morning, before your first class. It'll be wonderful. Concentrate on your work from then through Wednesday. Don't ask for an extension; it's pointless. An argument on Thursday or Friday could lead to a meaningful relationship. You'll learn lots from disagreeing. Get out for a run on Saturday morning. You'll have plenty of business to take care of over the weekend. Don't play if you have bills to pay.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't stress over a squall at home on Monday morning. It'll pass as quickly as it came. A party or club

meeting on Tuesday could lead to a new romance, if you're in the market. Wednesday's also good for making contacts. Thursday and Friday could be tough; check you work carefully before turning it in. The confusion should start to clear by Saturday, and Sunday could be downright enjoyable. Spend it with your favorite partner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Cram for a difficult class on Monday morning. A roommate problem may prevent further study that night and for the next two days. Hopefully, you'll already know the material by then. Thursday should be good for you, and Friday should be excellent. You're even more brilliant than usual. Push hard for what you want on Friday night and Saturday morning. You may have to comply with an older person's agenda on Saturday night and Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't shop on Monday morning; you'll spend too much. You may fall in love with a professor on Tuesday or Wednesday. A date on Saturday night should be absolutely marvelous. The glow could last clear through Sunday.

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Nothing to do? Sherlocks is the place for you

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If you're in downtown Erie and you're stuck for something to do, I've found just the spot for you!

It's Sherlock's/Park Place located 1820 North Park Road in downtown Erie, right across from Perry Square.

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