

Erie showcased with *That Thing You Do*

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Erie has finally made it big, or at least to the big screen. The movie, "That Thing You Do" sneak previewed in Erie last weekend, and is now at theaters nationwide.

"That Thing You Do" takes place in 1964 and revolves around a young band from Erie, The Wonders.

The band, Guy (Tom Everett Scott), Jimmy (Jonathon Schaech), Lenny (Steve Zahn), and the bass Player (Ethan Embry) get a quick glimpse of success when their hit song, "That Thing You Do", is released.

As The Wonders are thrown into the hectic world of rock and roll, they watch their hit single rise on the Billboard charts. They soon come to realize that their lives will never be the same again.

I have to admit that when I first saw the previews for *That Thing You Do*, I didn't think that it would be worth seeing. Then when I heard it was based in Erie, I thought that it might be interesting.

Now that I have had the chance to see the movie, I have totally changed my opinion. This movie is a fun story about music, friendship, love and change.



The story gives a great portrayal of the rock and roll era in the 60's. It also shows how people's lives can change in the blink of an eye. I really enjoyed this film.

The acting was great, even though the cast consisted of many newcomers. Tom Hanks wrote and produced the film, as well as played the part of Mr. White, The Wonders manager. Liv Tyler, who played Faye, Jimmy's girlfriend, is also

worth mentioning.

There is only one bad thing that I can say about the film. If you don't know the words to "That Thing You Do," you will be at the end of the hour and a half. (The song is played numerous times through out the film).

I definitely recommend seeing this film, if not for the story, then at least to hear Erie mentioned a few times on the big screen.

This is a new feature titled University². It is considered one of the hottest comics on the college circuit. Hope you enjoy it!



Erie Museum of Art preview of events

PERFORMANCE
Friday, October 18

Indian classical dancer Oopalie Operajita will present a performance and demonstration of the art of Odissi, the earliest form of Indian classical dance, at the Art Museum Annex on Friday, October 18. The Odissi dancer isolates different parts of her body to form a nonverbal expressive vocabulary. Operajita was trained in classical dance from a young age. Her teacher, Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, is one of the most respected dancers and choreographers in the Odissi tradition. Operajita is in Erie to work with Pittsburgh Dance Alloy in a residency at Gannon University, supported by a grant from the Vira I. Heinz Endowment. The event is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex, 423 State St.



Donald Robinson Lisle Ellis Larry Ochs

IN CONCERT
Saturday, October 19

What We Live combines the talents of three prominent artists working at the cutting edge of jazz. The trio is a collective formed in 1994 in the San Francisco area by composer/conductor/bassist Lisle Ellis, composer/saxophonist Larry Ochs, and drummer/percussionist Donald Robinson. All are veterans of improvised and new music. Canadian Lisle Ellis is best known for his longtime association with pianist Paul Pimley, as well as his

recent work with Cecil Taylor. Larry Ochs is a member of Rova Saxophone Quartet, with whom he has made more than 20 CD releases, and has performed with Terry Riley, Kronos Quartet, Anthony Braxton, Butch Morris and many others. Drummer Donald Robinson has been performing professionally for 25 years with many of the well known leaders of contemporary jazz, such as Oliver Lake, John Tchicai, Cecil Taylor, and Anthony Braxton. Recently returned from their third European tour, What We Live will present a night of new music on Saturday, October 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for members, and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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