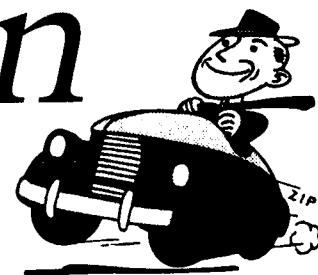


Fun in the sun

Summer is the best time to kick back and enjoy the show. So here is a list of some of the hottest movies and coolest concerts to keep you entertained.

R'Erin To Go



by Erin McCarty

Summer Lovin'

Songs to cure the summertime blues

Well, it's hard to believe, but summer has arrived at last—at least as far as school is concerned. It's time to trade in that notebook for a pair of sunglasses, but first you've got to get Erie to cooperate. While you're waiting for the weather to catch up to your mood, a bouncy, summery tune may be just the thing to make you forget that it's still 50 degrees outside. Here are 10 of my favorite wishin'-for-the-sun songs. Check 'em out or do a little investigating on your own. It's a sure-fire way to bring summer just a step closer!

"Kokomo." This Beach Boys' hit brings to mind all the trappings of the ideal tropical vacation in Kokomo, "where you wanna go to get away from it all." Upbeat and filled with the characteristic harmonies of the Boys, "Kokomo" will switch you into fantasy mode, if only for a few minutes.

"My Girl." The Temptations standard is a classic ode to every gal out there who has brought joy into the life of the fella she loves. A peppy song in the doo-wop style, it cites the power of love to brighten up the darkest and coldest day. "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May."

"I Can See Clearly Now." This optimistic tune by Johnny Nash is a reminder that no matter what we may be going through right now, there is always hope. You may be operating on two hours of sleep a night in order to finish up all those projects and study for those exams, but in a week you will be afforded the luxury of a full night's sleep. Remember those? And don't forget about the impending commencement of that summer weather. "Look all around, nothin' but blue skies ... I can see clearly now, the rain has gone ... It's gonna be a bright, bright, shiny day."

"American Dream." Along the same lines of "Kokomo," the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band sets an inviting fantasy scene in this song which has a great tropical beat. Most of us are probably in the same boat as the speaker here, unable to take that ideal vacation for lack of funds. But sometimes dreaming about it can be almost as satisfying! "Voila! An American dream. Yeah, we can travel, girl, without any means when it's as easy as closin' your eyes..."

"So Much in Love." This bouncy barbershop song hails back from the early sixties when it was performed by The Tymes, but it is as effective as ever in its ability to recall youthful idealism and paint a picture of long walks by the shoreline and the joys of first love. Perhaps it is excessively starry-eyed, but an over-dose of idealism never hurt anyone. And besides, it's just fun to listen to. "As we stroll by the sea together under stars twinkling high above, so in love are we two, no one else but me and you. So in love, so much in love..."

"Sunshine On My Shoulders." For those lazy summer days when the sun has settled into a haze over the city and you just feel like laying down in a field and making dandelion necklaces. Easily the slowest song on the list, this lovely John Denver tune is an ode to sunshine and the joy that it brings, carrying a wish for sunshine for the one he loves. "Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy. Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry. Sunshine on the water looks so lovely. Sunshine almost always makes me high."

"June is Bustin' Out All Over." Just for fun, this song comes from the musical *Carousel*, which takes place in a New England town which apparently suffers as long a winter as we do. I'm sure we'll all be agreeing with its ecstasy at the arrival of summer when we finally get through a week of temperatures in the 70s and 80s. "May was full of promises, but she didn't keep 'em quick enough for some, and the crowd of doubtin' Thomases was predictin' that the summer'd never come. But it's comin', by gum, you can feel it come..."

"Weave Me the Sunshine." This Peter Paul and Mary ditty is similar to "I Can See Clearly Now" in its message of hope despite difficult experiences. It's also an outright invitation for sunshine, which we can all use plenty of, to come join our lives. "Weave, weave, weave me the sunshine out of the fallen rain. Weave me the hope of a new tomorrow and fill my cup again."

"Summer Nights." From the musical *Grease*, this naughty song has proven to be one of the most popular in the show. Taking us through a summer romance from first date to heartbreak, it's a raucous song that's tons of fun. "Summer days driftin' away but, oh, those summer nights!"

"Feelin' Groovy." Exactly how we all want to feel, though most of us probably wouldn't put it precisely that way. Simon and Garfunkel's laid-back hit describes a mountaintop moment right in the middle of an ordinary day. I hope this summer is filled with such moments for us all. "I got no needs to do, no promises to keep. I'm dappled and drowsy and ready to sleep. Let the mornin' time drop all its petals on me. Life, I love you. All is groovy!"

Movies

Moulin Rouge



Twentieth Century Fox

OPENS: JUNE 1

Moulin Rouge is the name of an infamous Paris nightclub in 1900 known for its glamour. Director Baz Luhrmann integrates lavish period designs with modern pop tunes to create a truly unique film experience. Nicole Kidman (above) plays Satine, the club's highest-paid star and most popular courtesan. She is forced to choose between a young writer's inspiration and another man's obsession. Ewan McGregor (above) plays Christian, the writer, who unexpectedly encounters Satine's world of decadence. Loosely based on the myth of Orpheus who travels to the underworld to save his wife, *Moulin Rouge* aspires to be visual masterpiece full of high pop and high camp.

Dr. Dolittle 2

Eddie Murphy (below) returns as the doctor who talks to animals in *Doctor Dolittle 2*, the sequel to the 1998 comedy. This time around, his animal friends are preparing to strike in order to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Dolittle devises a different plan, however. He finds an endangered species, the Pacific Western Bear, living in the condemned forest, but Ava needs a mate. So Dolittle finds her one in the wise-cracking circus bear Archie. Although hardly a love connection, the two must mate to save the forest. Talk about pressure. The film includes the voices of Norm Macdonald, Lisa Kudrow, Steve Zahn, Andy Dick, Molly Shannon and a host of others.

OPENS: JUNE 22



Twentieth Century Fox

A Knight's Tale



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OPENS: MAY 11

The son of a poor thatcher, William (Heath Ledger, above) is trapped by his class, but believes enough in himself to change his meager destiny. He dreams of becoming a knight, so when the Queen's jousting tournament arrives, William changes his identity and quickly moves up the noble ranks. Although the setting is 14th century Europe, Academy Award winning director Brian Helgeland infuses modern pop music. Part road trip, part romance, part action-adventure, *A Knight's Tale* could be the stuff that legends are made of.

Planet of the Apes

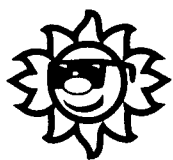
The director of *Beetlejuice*, *Sleepy Hollow* and *Batman* (the good one) returns to revamp the classic *Planet of the Apes*. Tim Burton's film follows the 1968 beginning where a pilot crash lands on a strange planet and finds a brutal, primal place where apes are in charge. From there, Burton breaks from the original and unloads a variety of surprises. In addition to radical plot changes, Burton also breaks new ground in design, makeup and visual effects that earn him a coveted position as a summer blockbuster. The film stars Mark Wahlberg as the astronaut, but also casts a host of other well-known stars.

OPENS: JULY 27



Twentieth Century Fox

Concerts



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In the summertime the living is easy and the music is rocking in the tri-state area. A wide variety of music will tune its way through Cleveland, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh. Listed are the spectacular events that will be held at Pittsburgh's Star Lake Amphitheatre for your review.

U2 and Bon Jovi will also be playing at the Gund Arena in Cleveland. U2 takes the stage on May 3, while Bon Jovi plays on the May 5. Pack up the books and head to the stage because there is no shortage on entertainment in this area. For more information on purchasing tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

X-Fest
May 18, 3 p.m.

Chicago
June 23, 8 p.m.

Backstreet Boys
June 25 & 26,
7:30 p.m.

Aerosmith
June 30, 8 p.m.

Journey
July 14, 7 p.m.

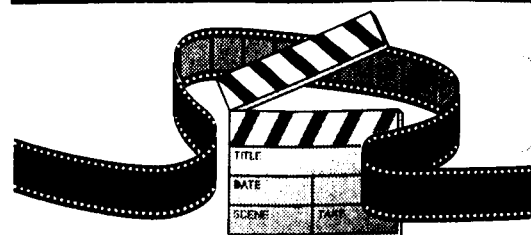
Blink-182
July 17, 8 p.m.

Bon Jovi
July 21, 7:30 p.m.

Poison
July 22, 6 p.m.

Barenaked Ladies
July 24, 8 p.m.

Ozzfest 2001
July 28, 1 a.m.



New Releases

Movies

Driven
One Night at McCool's
The Forsaken Town & Country

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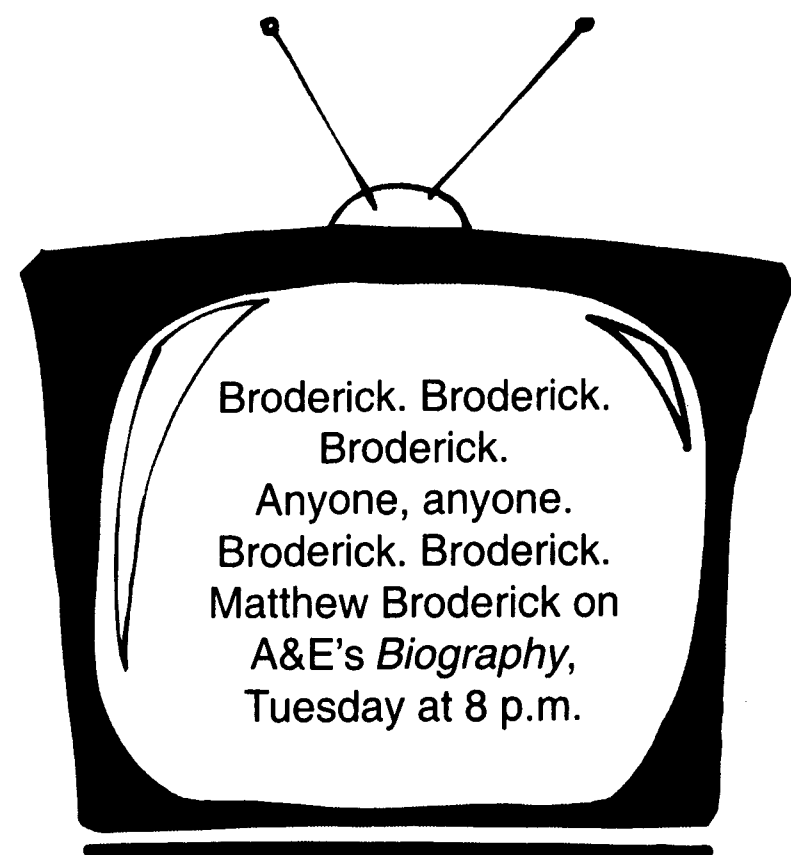
The Emperor's New Groove
Miss Congeniality
Mission: Impossible 2 (Special Edition)

Music*

Destiny's Child
Stevie Nicks

DVD*

The Emperor's New Groove
Miss Congeniality
Superman Vol. 1-4



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Matthew Broderick on
A&E's Biography,
Tuesday at 8 p.m.

*Release Date: 5/1

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