

Tony Jarvis Performs at MHCC



Photo by Bryan Kapschull

Tony Jarvis performed his soulful, bluesy one man show Oct. 20 in the Meade Heights Community Center.

A crowd of more than 30 students gathered to enjoy the performer's wide range of music which included renditions of "Have a Little Faith in Me" and "Take Me Higher."

Jarvis' voice and his subject matter have a wide range. He moves easily from the sexual to the spiritual side of life. He says his focus right now is "the spirit between people, the performer and the audience." -- Deb Hoff

Quit Analyzing and Start Enjoying The Fight Club

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Directed expertly by David Fincher, *Fight Club* tends to polarize audiences. Half perceive the movie as a statement of manhood in an age of increasing consumerism and a departure from the "hunter/gatherer" roots of the past. The other half write the movie off as way too dark and just plain screwed up.

We have to say that we hold neither of the two opinions because we feel the movie is being too over-analyzed.

We saw the movie as a great satire of corporate drones, consumerism, and pretentious people who think that the path to truth and enlightenment involves beating the crap out of each other.

The movie has essentially nothing to do with testosterone, to the dismay of many of the viewers (mostly male) in the audience that night.

The satire on consumerism never becomes preachy as none of the participants exclude themselves by commenting on their own world of film and celebrity lifestyles. We are all consumers, we will always be consumers and we can't do anything about it.

Edward Norton, in another great performance, stars as the movie's narrator, Jack. Jack, an insomniac corporate drone, feigns cancer, sickle-cell anemia and other ailments so he can attend support meetings.

Through these support meetings, he can vicariously experience others' pain and suffering. He feels better and can sleep at night. Jack is feeling good until he meets Marla Singer (Helena Bonham Carter) who shares his addiction for wallowing in other people's pain. She becomes his rival for his favorite support groups.

This goes on until Jack meets Tyler Durden, played by Brad Pitt. Durden is a hip philosopher/soap salesman who shows Jack that the path to happiness involves fighting to get in touch with his masculine self.

A "Fight Club" is created and the idea spreads rapidly. Many other clubs form throughout the country.

Durden tires of the fight club, and decides to act out against consumer America through a plan referred to as "Project Mayhem."

MOVIE REVIEW

Fight Club

Starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton

Nicole's Grade: A-
Dan's Grade: B

This is where the movie achieves its brilliant satire of culture. The acts against society, referred to as "culture jamming," are funny as hell. One act of aggression involves the destruction of a piece of Corporate Art (ie. large pieces of meaningless sculpture exhibited outside corporate offices to imply that Corporate America is in touch with humanity) which results in the destruction of a nearby coffee bar.

There is a *Sixth Sense* element to the film, so to give any more of the plot away would be criminal.

The film is accented by a killer soundtrack provided by the Dust Brothers, known for their work with the Beastie Boys. The soundtrack, along with David Fincher's stylistic direction, creates an absorbing environment that wraps you into the movie like a straight jacket.

The largest achievement of *Fight Club* is that it never takes itself too seriously. The content ranges from hilarious to tasteless, but never does the movie shrink away for fear that someone might get offended.

Fincher and company make no bones about their views on American consumer culture. Let it be noted that the movie's comedy is not for everyone, particularly the close-minded or euphoric types. If you appreciate wicked satire, this is the movie for you.

Fincher was concerned that audiences would miss the comedy element. We found it hard to believe, since the comedy is brilliantly executed through great lines and subversive images making the movie a consumerist icon in itself.

If you leave the movie doing more analyzing than laughing, you missed the point.

Your Horoscope

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Scorpio (October 24-November 22): There comes a time when you must cater to yourself. That time is now. While it is admirable to try and better others' lives, you need to take care of yourself. So kick back, relax and enjoy life a little.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21): Consider establishing a budget for yourself. It would be helpful to see where your money is going and it will help to put some cash into savings. Remember the holidays aren't too far away so a little put away now could amount to more later.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20): The saying goes, "home is where the heart is." Spend a little more time there. Take a break from the constantly moving life you lead. Curl up on the couch with a good book or your favorite movie and a bowl of popcorn. Settle in for a peaceful evening.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19): If you have a friendship that you have let go, now is the time to rekindle it. Life is too short. Nurture every friendship you develop. Give

that person a call or email and set a time to get together and catch up.

Pisces (February 20-March 20): Have you been a little lax with your exercise regimen lately? Fall is a beautiful time to go for a long walk and enjoy the colors of the changing leaves. Bundle up and head outdoors. It will do your body and soul good.

Aries (March 21-April 20): A little effort goes a long way. Put a lot of work and determination into a project and you will be satisfied with the results. It may seem as though you have given a lot without a lot of payback, but you will be rewarded when the project comes together.

Taurus (April 21-May 21): Get on the Internet and research travel destinations. It is time for you to take a vacation. It is long overdue. Plan some relaxation time and give yourself the pampering that you deserve.

Gemini (May 22-June 21): Have you been neglecting a certain love interest? Life gets complicated at times but you need to remember those who care about you. Plan a date to take him or her out to a nice dinner and let that special someone know how much they are appreciated.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Get together with a group of friends. Go with the flow. It is nice to go out and enjoy others company without having a set plan or agenda. So go and have fun.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Has life been a little dull and monotonous? Try a new activity or hobby to liven things up a little. It is always nice to have something that you look forward to doing. Having a way to relieve stress is always beneficial.

Virgo (August 23-September 23): A get-together with the family is long overdue. Plan a time when you can spend a little time together before Thanksgiving. It will be nice to see loved ones and to talk with them without the holiday hustle and bustle and football game to interrupt good conversation.

Libra (September 24-October 23): Surprise a loved one with a small gift or good news. It is bound to brighten their day and yours too. It is always nice to make someone smile. And who knows, when you least expect it the favor may be repaid when you need a pick-me-up the most.