

# PSMA books Circa Survive

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It's always good to have a plan B.

The Penn State Marketing Association is sponsoring an end-of-the-fall-semester concert featuring Circa Survive.

The indie-band was chosen for the show after PSMA's initial choice, Manchester Orchestra, dropped out. Members of the Dear Hunter will open for Circa Survive.

Circa Survive will play at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 in the HUB-Alumni Hall. Tickets are \$5 for Penn State students and \$10 for non-Penn State students.

Tickets are on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 2 and 3 and Dec. 6, 7 and 8 at the HUB ticket desk.

## If you go

**What:** Circa Survive  
**When:** Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

**Where:** Alumni Hall

**Details:** Tickets cost \$5 for PSU students with ID, \$10 for non-students. Tickets go on sale Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 at the HUB

Melanie Versaw, who helped organize the show, said Circa Survive was picked because of lead singer Anthony Green's large following with college-aged students.

Versaw (junior-marketing and advertising) said PSMA chose mainly indie bands for the show because they are different from

the influx of "poppy" musicians who normally play in State College.

Robby Sherman said that's why he likes Circa Survive.

"It's just better than the popular stuff that comes out nowadays," Sherman (junior-pre-design) said.

The music is better and deeper from both a lyrical and compositional perspective, he said.

Sherman said Green's voice is very distinctive, and other students said they agree.

"He doesn't sound like anyone else that I've ever listened to," Shane Byers said. "His voice is what makes it work."

Byers (junior-biological and agricultural engineering) said his friend used to live next to a member of the band in Philadelphia before they were famous.

One day, he heard the band practicing from his friend's house



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Indie-band Circa Survive will be performing at Alumni Hall on Dec. 8, courtesy of the Penn State Marketing Association.

and he's been a fan ever since.

Byers said the band puts on "amazing" live performances with music that'll get the crowd moving.

"They're there to have fun and you can definitely tell they're passionate about everything they do," he said.

Byers said he will attend the concert — admission is reasonable for the quality of the band.

Versaw said PSMA wouldn't charge if the organization didn't have to cover some of the event costs themselves.

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# New stores set to delight students

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In the coming months, Penn State students will be treated to two new stores opening downtown that feature a sweet menu.

Kiwi Frozen Yogurt is scheduled to move in at 324 E. College Ave. in February, and Campus Candy's website indicates that the store will open near Chipotle Mexican Grill, on the corner of Calder Way and Heister Street, in December or January.

Kiwi is a family business that will be expanding out of Philadelphia for the first time when it opens in State College — the former stomping grounds of part-owner Matt Mealey.

Mealey, Class of 2007, said opening his business in State College has been a dream of his, and something he's looked forward to since graduation.

Kiwi will be set up as a self-serve shop with eight flavors of fat-free yogurt and more than 40 toppings, including fresh fruit, granola and

candy. Mealey, who operates the frozen yogurt chain with his father and sister, said part of the store's business plan includes customers choosing as many flavors and toppings as they want, and paying according to their final purchase's weight.

He said the average price for a dish of yogurt is about \$4.

The store will occupy the space next to the Student Bookstore, which Mealey said is prime real estate downtown.

"You can get [any space] you want on Calder Way," he said, but finding an available location on one of State College's more crowded streets requires more luck.

Campus Candy, a small chain with open locations in Bloomington, Ind. and Madison, Wis., will also serve frozen yogurt.

Campus Candy Manager Jeremy Deckard wrote in an e-mail that State College is one of several college towns where he hopes the business will expand by the end of the year.

Jody Alessandrino, director of the Downtown Improvement District, said Campus Candy's prospective space near Chipotle is still a busy location, even if Mealey prefers Kiwi's College Avenue location.

National chains like Chipotle usually research potential locations to maximize their business and as a result, smaller businesses follow in their footsteps, Alessandrino said.

As its name makes clear, the candy store is marketed for college students. According to the store's website, Penn State is only one of several campuses chosen as a place to expand — with University of Maryland, University of Arizona, Tucson and University of Texas at Austin rounding out the list of other locations opening in the next few months.

Campus Candy will also serve coffee and frozen yogurt, and offer cafe-style seating and free Wi-Fi, according to the website.

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Brandy was the latest star to be voted off "Dancing with the Stars." Bristol Palin, who has consistently scored lower than Brandy, will compete in the finals next week.

# Votes shock judges, Brandy on DWTS

By Sandy Cohen  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Brandy earned a perfect score for her Argentine tango on Monday's "Dancing With the Stars," only to learn Tuesday it would be her final dance in the competition.

The 31-year-old singer and actress was eliminated from the hit ABC dance-off just before next week's final showdown for the mirror-ball trophy.

Jennifer Grey, Kyle Massey and Bristol Palin will compete for the prize next week.

Brandy was speechless when host Tom Bergeron announced she would be leaving the show.

"I don't know how to feel right now," she said. "It hasn't processed yet for me."

Moments later, she was shown crying.

Grey's professional partner, Derek Hough, didn't hide his surprise at Brandy's dismissal: His jaw dropped.

Brandy, who collected 57 points out of 60 on Monday, was pitted against Palin, who earned 53 points, at the end of Monday's episode for the last spot in the finals.

Judge Bruno Tonioli said he was shocked at the results.

"I'm so disappointed," he said. "Your freestyle, I was looking forward so much to see it."

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which couple is ousted each week.

The Internet has been abuzz in recent days about how Palin, who has consistently landed at the bottom

of the judges' leaderboard, has been able to remain on the show. Some have suggested that voters — particularly supporters of Sarah Palin — have been manipulating the system.

Both Palins have denied any organized vote-getting tactics. Bristol Palin, 20, says voters support her despite lackluster performances "because I started with no experience in dancing or performing at all, and I've come a long way."

"People do connect with me because they think I'm real and I'm not typical Hollywood," she said.

Brandy said from the start of the "Dancing" season that she was aiming for the trophy.

"I hope to go to the finals," she said after Monday's performance, in comments that aired Tuesday. "In the most humblest way, that's where I feel that we belong."

Her professional partner, Maksim Chmerkovskiy, said after their dismissal that he appreciates that the show reflects the audience's tastes.

"People vote and their voices count," he said. "I love the fact that the show represents that. It represents the people's choice."

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# Alumnus' film project wins awards

"Iowa is Closed Today" won awards at two film festivals in October.

By Lauren Ingenu  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Two men are driving down a country road when they come face-to-face with two men sitting on a couch, blocking the street.

This scene had been playing in Penn State alumnus Ryan Quinn's mind for a while. But he had no idea the absurd image would become the basis for a film that would win awards at two film festivals in the last two weeks of October.

Quinn, Class of 2010, wrote and directed "Iowa is Closed Today" for his senior film project last year with a group of other film and video students.

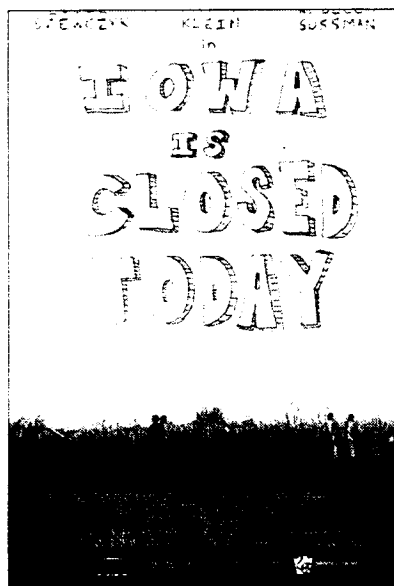
After graduating, Quinn and his team began submitting their film to festivals, and finally their efforts have been rewarded.

The film won the award for best short film at the REEL Independent Film Festival and Extravaganza in Washington, D.C. and it also earned the award for best student film at the 8th Annual Pocono Mountains Film Festival.

Quinn said attending the film festival had multiple benefits.

"It was really cool showing it to people in a new city — to people that have no idea who we are and that they enjoyed it," Quinn said. "It was really thrilling and something I hope we can do again in the future."

Quinn said his 22-minute short film is about a bootlegger named Adam



Courtesy of Ryan Quinn

"Iowa is Closed Today" won the awards for best short film and best student film at two film festivals.

who dies and goes to purgatory. To prove his life's worth, Adam tells the story about how he met a girl during his last year on Earth.

Eddie Szweczyk, Class of 2010, was a theatre major at Penn State and played the main character, Adam, in the film. He said Quinn made the filmmaking process a real, professional experience.

"It was one of the highlights of my college experience," Szweczyk said. "It was guerilla filmmaking. They were willing to take anyone's suggestions, and everyone felt like they had ownership over the film."

Erica Sperber, the producer and production manager of the film, said

she and Quinn were good friends and she was immediately attracted to his script.

"It's an off-beat comedy, and there are a lot of straight-forward comedies — think of any of the blockbusters, you know what's going to happen," Sperber, Class of 2010, said. "There were things around every corner of this comedy."

Maura Shea, one of Quinn's senior film professors, said she expected the film to do well because of its smooth camera transitions, clever visuals and writing.

"I think it's very well-written. I think it's funny but also has something to say within the humor," Shea said.

The off-beat story also caught the attention of other filmmakers who Sperber, Quinn and the rest of the crew had the chance to meet at film festivals.

Quinn said he met Franc Reyes, director of the feature film "Empire," and two others who worked on the film.

Quinn said he and the veteran filmmakers hung out throughout the film festival. He thinks they will work together in the future.

"It's always great to make professional contacts like that. Fifty percent of these festivals is just networking and socializing," Quinn said.

Quinn and the crew have become lifelong friends and their future goal is to start a production company.

He said working on his senior film was great experience and the festival has helped him get his foot in the door.

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