

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. March 12-23. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture newsletter:

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Millers Falls Book Club

Millers Falls Library, 5:30-6:30pm

The selection for March's book club meeting is THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS by Ursula K. LeGuin

Thursday, March 12

Tea & Crumpets Society

6:30pm The National Spiritual Alliance, 2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant. Join us for our monthly gathering of shared stories, spoken word, and creative connection. 5-minute reading slots (+1-minute grace), Two extended 12-minute spots if time allows, All voices welcome—bring a poem, song, or story.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3340250042799628>

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Chris Hartman

Millers Pub, Millers Falls

7-10PM. Acoustic.

Thursday, March 12

Vinyl Night with Rockwitch

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1434536804778661>

Friday, March 13

Kidleidoscope Story Hour-Salamanders

great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

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BINGO

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

7-9pm. St. Patrick's Day Edition! Brew bucks and other prizes awarded each round!

Friday, March 13

Montague Square Dance

Common Hall Montague Center

Don Stratton Calling with Easily Distracted (Mary Fraser, Peter Seigel) 6:30pm Family/Beginners. 7:30pm Everyone! \$7-\$20 No one turned away for lack of funds.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1272453571474909>

Friday March 13

Max Creek

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$24/\$32

In those rare instances that a band reaches its fifth decade, it's usually a result of stardom. It's easy enough to keep things together when each member has a jet and techs on retainer and the world tour rolls around every few years. But that's not how Max Creek has done it. Creek lacks pretense; there is no hip style or genre-title that can define them. From the beginning they've mixed anything they liked—rock, country, reggae, soul, jazz, calypso—in with their own great songs and it's all just come out sounding like Creek.

Friday, March 13

Twang Club

Classic Country Vinyl Night

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9pm

Dj Brew Foot will spin twangy records about gambling, black cats and other kinds of bad luck. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2177384046412416>

Saturday, March 14

Family Dance

Great Falls Creative Movement

Brick House (upstairs) 24 Third St.

9-10am. An inclusive, community-based creative dance class for 0 – 5-year-olds and their caregivers offered through Great Falls Creative Movement. Pre-registration required. visit

greatfallscreativemovement.com or contact Anna at 413 834-4644 for more information

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Volunteer Book Packing Day

Great Falls Book Through Bars

104 Fourth St., 1-5pm. We will be reading and responding to letters from incarcerated folks. Come for a bit or the whole time! Masks required and our space is ramp accessible. Book donations welcome at this time. Paperback and newish condition is best. Thrillers, scifi, fantasy, gay fiction, horror, coloring books, puzzle books, and reference books are always needed. <https://www.facebook.com/events/938900908674584>

Saturday, March 14

History Talk: Grand Trunk Hotel

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

What was so grand about the Grand Trunk Hotel in Turners Falls? The hotel, once sited next to today's Center, was built in 1872 and demolished in 1968. Join DCR staff as we use our imaginations, old photographs, and testimonials, to piece together the story of the grand old days in Turners Falls. For youth and adults. Co-sponsored by Montague Public Libraries.

Saturday, March 14

Second Saturday Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center

6:30-9:30pm. All types of performers are encouraged to participate – musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. Performers should sign in before 6:15PM. Come prepared to perform for 10-15minutes. Special guests: Beth Logan Raffeld is an accomplished singer of jazz, folk, and blues. She has enjoyed the adventure of growing musically through the jazz repertoire and experimenting through the opportunity to play with amazing musicians. Beth has studied with jazz greats Sheila Jordan and Jay Clayton who opened the language of jazz and sparked Beth's passion for the Great American Songbook. Benny Kohn, Berkshire based pianist, is a fixture in the Western Mass Jazz scene collaborating with many Jazz artists as well as performing solo and leading duos, trios and quartets all over the greater Berkshire region and beyond. Michael Dunning embraced the upright bass and quickly established himself as a strong presence on the Scottish jazz scene. He has worked with many musicians, dancers, visual artists, and musical theatre. Scott Rogers joins

harmonica. Free Admission. Donations requested.

Saturday March 14

All Cooped Up! A Musical Performance

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7-9pm

The Franklin County Musicians Cooperative (COOP) features solo artists, established duos, and small group performers who perform an unpredictable mix of folk, rock, country, Celtic, jazz and swing. Suggested Sliding Scale donations. For all ages.

Saturday, March 14

Double Duran: The Ultimate Duran Duran

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$22

From the moment the lights drop, Double Duran brings the unmistakable sound, style, and high-energy presence of the legendary British icons. Every performance is a full-sensory experience — soaring synths, driving bass lines, lush harmonies, cinematic projections, and the fashion-forward aesthetic that defined an era. Fans are transported back as hits like “Hungry Like the Wolf,” “Rio,” “The Reflex,” and “Girls on Film” ignite the room.

<https://sheatheater.org/>

Saturday, March 14

Mass Resistor/ Ginger Bug

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Mass Resistor (Hope Punk from Holyoke) <https://www.instagram.com/p/DLqHWmGpJel/>

Ginger Bug (CT Folk Rock for Doubters, Seekers, and Restless Creatures)

<http://gingerbugmusic.com/> Donations Appreciated.

Sunday, March 15

Boys of the Landfill

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

2pm. Traditional music to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!

Sunday, March 15

Queer Soup Night

Upper Bend, 5-7pm

Suggested donation of \$10-20 if you have funds, but ALL ARE WELCOME! NOTAFLOP as always! Hot soup for all! Beneficiary: Great Falls Books Through Bars

Sunday, March 15

Oscar Night/ Poutine

St. Kaz, 7pm

Watch the awards on TV. They'll be serving Poutine with mushroom gravy

Tuesday March 17

Drop-In Craft

Millers Falls Library, 2-7pm

The craft bin is available in the children's area during library open hours. Designed for ages 5-12 but all are welcome.

Tuesday, March 17

Knitting Night

Carnegie Library, 5-7pm

Drop by our casual knitting night at the Carnegie! Bring your fiber arts work-in-progress, or borrow from our stash of yarn and needles.

Tuesday, March 17

Your Library, Your Voice: Overview and Funding

Montague Senior Center, 62 Fifth Street, 6-7:30pm

The state has approved Montague's design for a new main library and committed to funding a large part of the project. Now it's time for Montague voters to learn more about what this means financially for our community. Join Town Administrator Walter Ramsey, Town Accountant Angelica Desroches, Downes Construction, and members of the Library Building Steering Committee for an overview of the Main Library Building Project. We'll talk about why a new library is needed, review the building plans, explain how costs will be kept low, and walk through the funding and voting process. You can expect to learn more about the role of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program, what a debt exclusion means, what the costs could look like for Montague taxpayers, and why accessibility challenges are significantly limiting the Carnegie Library. Our goal is to help residents understand the funding options and make informed decisions about the project. Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome. Can't attend in person? Join us on Zoom: <https://montague-ma.gov/d/14063/Your-Library-Your-Voice-Project-Overview-and-Funding>

Tuesday, March 17

Voices of the Village Open Mic

2 Montague Ave, Lake Pleasant

6pm. Hosted by Tobey LaRoche. Musicians of all ages and experience levels are welcome to share songs in a warm listening-room atmosphere. Amplification is available if needed, though the evening is generally acoustic. This intergenerational, spiritually inclusive, and sober gathering welcomes performers and listeners alike.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/880359698270262>

Wednesday, March 18

Libraries on the Big Screen Series:

Free For All: The Public Library

Montague Center Library, 5-7pm

Free For All: The Public Library, a film that explores the history and importance of public libraries and the role they play in our communities. Free for All: The Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. (Description from PBS). Rated TV-14+

Wednesday, March 18

Wes Brown and Friends

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every 3rd Wednesday ("Wes-day") joined by talented musicians from all over the valley!

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Curmudgeon Bingo

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 7-9pm

He's old. He's grumpy. He calls bingo. CURMUDGEON BINGO

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Valley Voices Story Slam: Homecoming

Shea Theater, 7:30pm, \$20

The Academy Of Music Theatre presents Season 11 of our Valley Voices Story Slam series! True stories told live without notes by your friends and neighbors. The audience picks the winner, and a storytelling star is born! Grab a beverage and get ready for a night of great entertainment.

Friday, March 20

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David Brule and His Irish Band

Element Brewery, Millers Falls, 6pm

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March 21-22

From Screen to Stage

JaDuke Center for the Performing Arts

"From Screen to Stage," a captivating show that highlights popular music from film, reimagined with dance and dramatic flair. From the triumphant swell of epic adventures to the tender whisper of heartfelt romances, this show brings beloved movie soundtracks to the stage in (and your heart). The talented students of JCPA breathe new life into timeless hits. Friday 6pm, Saturday 6pm + 2pm, Sunday 2pm. \$12/\$15

Friday, March 20

The Dream Eaters

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$20

Come celebrate our very own Monte Belmonte's birthday with The Dream Eaters from Brooklyn. Described as 'The Carpenters meets Slayer,' *you know you're gonna wanna #gettotheshea for this one! Special Guest Zara Brode.*

Friday, March 20

Start Again/ Immune Friction

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Immune Friction can best be described as ruminative art punk, but they don't really fit into any specific box. Their genre-bending music takes the audience on a journey through their own thoughts and feelings. "start again" is a digital/alternative rock duo based out of Bennington, Vermont that create an electrifying blend of indie rock and digital soundscapes with energy, heart, and a modern edge.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3836182779848011>

Saturday, March 21

*OPEN FOOD PANTRY*

Brick House, 24 Third St, 10am-1pm

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Shea Presents: The Samples

Shea Theater, 8pm, \$35/\$40

Best known for his high voice, unique guitar playing and songwriting (“Nature”, “Feel Us Shaking”, “Did You Ever Look So Nice”) rock, reggae and folk singer/songwriter Sean Kelly frontman for The Samples, was born February 7, 1965 in Norwalk, Connecticut. After moving to Colorado in 1987 to start a band, Kelly became a fixture on local club stages as the front man for The Samples, playing original songs with a variety of rock, reggae and folk. When not touring with The Samples, he enjoys playing his songs acoustically. The Samples are currently recording their 20th album, Indian Summer, to be released later this year. This show was rescheduled from July. All tickets will be honored. <https://sheatheater.org/>

Saturday, March 21

Shirese/TBA

Great Falls Harvest, 50 Third ST., 8pm, \$10

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DVgYiyTEXdK/>

Saturday, March 21

Brook Batteau and the Party Emergency

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

He's the demented frontman, the mad eponymous magician, who plays around with his voice so you get a little Roy Orbison, a little David Byrne, a little Antony & the Johnsons, a little Barry White, a little Rufus, both Wainwright and Chaka Khan.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1943501896242485>

Sunday, March 22

A French/ Breton Jam Session

Great Falls Discovery Center. 2:30-4:30pm

An informal group of musicians gathers to play the enchanting traditional dance music from France and Brittany, commonly known as bal folk. This is not a performance but rather a coming together of musically minded friends. The event is free and open to the public to come and go at will. For all ages

Sunday, March 22

## Rosemary Caine and Wilde Irish Shenanigans

Shea Theater, 3-5pm, \$20

An eclectic Celtic lineup whose repertoire is drawn from a broad tradition of Irish traditional music and newly composed melodies by Rosemary Caine whose musical inspiration includes the genius poems of William Butler Yeats and Emily Dickinson. Music and stories, history, jigs, reels, and songs. Even if you've never been to Ireland, you might think you're there and maybe you'll get there before you know it! Featuring Multi-Instrumentalist Chris Devine, Michael Morgan (Guitar), Rick Mauran (Percussion and Drums), Brooke Steinhauser (Vocalist), Lynn Lovell (Bass), Robin Pfoutz (Cello), Rosemary Caine (Harp Bodhrán).

Sunday, March 22

Cattlestack/Rhubarb Duo?Beauty Bag

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8:30pm

*This show will feature a suggested donation of \$5-10, with 100% of the money going to the performers NOTAFLOF. Cattlestack (art rock):*

<https://cattlestack.bandcamp.com/album/demo>

*Rhubarb Duo:*

<https://open.spotify.com/album/0UN1XJCGgFADbgfxLGlyEA...>

*Beauty Bag (punk):*

<https://beautybag.bandcamp.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/938940128822833>