

ON THE TOWN



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW DANCE?

The touring live version of “So You Think You Can Dance” is coming to the Chicago Theatre. Will it be Team Street or Team Stage? asks dance critic Laura Molzahn. And what does a show like this mean for Chicago’s own dance companies? **Page 5**

From Benny Golson to Chris Potter, a joyous jazz weekend



HOWARD REICH
Jazz Scene

Chicago jazz lovers have a great deal to be thankful for this weekend.

Among the most promising attractions:

Benny Golson: If you’ve never heard the composer of jazz classics such as “Whisper Not,” “Killer Joe” and “Along Came Betty,” you owe it to yourself to check him out. And if you’ve caught Golson’s annual appearances at the Jazz Showcase, you know of his immense appeal as saxophonist, songwriter and, not least, raconteur. A genial, whimsical presence as storyteller and a formi-

dable figure as jazz improviser, the 86-year-old legend wears his many achievements lightly, yet he leaves a deep impression. He’ll be joined by first-rate players, with Chicagoans Dana Hall on drums and Larry Gray on bass, plus former Chicagoan Michael Kocour playing piano. *8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth*

Court; \$20-\$40; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com

Jimmy Ellis: Another magnificent octogenarian, saxophonist Ellis came of age under the tutelage of Capt. Walter Dyett, who trained generations at DuSable High School. Like many Dyett disciples — including Nat “King” Cole, Gene Ammons, Von Freeman and Johnny Hartman

— Ellis embodies musical traditions nurtured long ago on the South Side. Many of the DuSable stars have passed away, so we’re blessed that Ellis still is at work. He hasn’t performed a great deal this year, however, which makes this an important occasion. *5 and 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Andy’s Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.; \$10-\$15; 312-642-6805 or www.andysjazzclub.com*

Chris Foreman: Because so many great jazz musicians live here, and so many others pass through, we sometimes overlook the artists who play standing engagements year in and year out. Consider organist Foreman, whose weekly, after-work sessions at the Green Mill are unique. Working the Hammond B-3 behind the bar, Fore-

Turn to Jazz Scene, Page 3

DO IT NOW!



TIMOTHY HIATT/GETTY

MAIN EVENT

Donny & Marie, Vegas style

Sibling rivalry has never been a problem for Donny Osmond and Marie Osmond. The duo, a spinoff from the popular family group the Osmonds, has more than 45 years of music, heartthrob appeal and celebrity success as soloists and family act. Donny & Marie bring their variety show to town with a little bit country, a little bit rock 'n' roll and a whole lot of Las Vegas glitz.

Details: 8 p.m. Friday, The Venue, Horseshoe Casino, 777 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Ind.; \$69-\$84; 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com



PRESTON OSHITA PHOTO

CHICAGO: MUSIC

Beauty after the drill goes away

Chief Keef was making rap blow up in Chicago, but rappers like Towkio (aka Preston Oshita) were giving the music beauty. Towkio's "WAV Theory" was one of the best mixtapes of 2015, and it's hard to recall a better rap song that came out of this city's scene this year than his "Heaven Only Knows." There's pop hooks, lyrical majesty and a guest appearance from the now-huge Chance the Rapper. Miss this show at your own peril.

Details: 7 p.m. Saturday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St.; \$20-\$24 (all ages); www.etix.com or www.metrochicago.com



JABARI JACOBS PHOTO

CHICAGO: MUSIC

Grinch, thou name art WKQX

It's four days of alternatives for the holidays with WKQX-101's "The Nights We Stole Christmas." Twenty One Pilots, above, Bastille, Awolnation, Silverspun Pickups and more perform. For a complete schedule go to www.101wkqx.com/stole.

Details: Thursday through Dec. 6, Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave.; \$35 (Thursday sold out); 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com



STEEL TOE STUDIOS

CHICAGO: ART

A holiday gift that's one of a kind

The treasures you'll find at the One of a Kind Holiday Show + Sale Chicago won't be on too many of your holiday shopping lists. But the recipients will love you all the more for getting them an original, hand-made something special instead of the blue-light-special item at a Black Friday sale. We guarantee you'll come away with a new favorite designer or two.

Details: Thursday through Dec. 6, Merchandise Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza; \$12-\$18, free for children 12 and younger; 800-677-6278, www.oneofakindshowchicago.com