



Friday 12.21 - Thursday 12.27

A Christmas Celebration with the Steeles
Annex, 9:30 pm
Malice in Wonderland should make it a very merry Christmas with their WJJO-approved thrashing and brooding. To make things a little more interesting, fans dressed in clown suits get in free. Kuntu opens.

Knuckel Drager
High Noon Saloon, 10 pm
Having a hellish holiday? Musical ghouls, Knuckel Drager and their punishing, bitter-flick-worthy instrumentals should have you in stitches as soon as the stage smoke begins billowing toward the rafters. Hellphant and the Facesteak freak out earlier in the evening.

Jose y Sumilmes
Mr. Roberts, 10 pm
The local Sublime tribute act is around to banish gray thoughts of another endless winter with some of Brad Nole's lilting rock-reggae just as the season of ice kicks off in earnest.

Saturday 12.22

WINTER SOLSTICE
BIRTHDAYS: Nixon proleque Diane Sawyer, 1945; actor Ralph Fiennes, 1962.
NOTEWORTHY: Big, Gen. Anthony McAuliffe's surrender at the Battle of the Bulge with exclamation mark: "I am an American and I am going home!"
CRITICS' CHOICES

Ken Lonquist
Overture center, 9:30 am, 11 am & 1 pm
Here's the perfect way to start off the holiday weekend. The local singer-guitarist will have the kids singing and laughing in his appearance at the free Kids in the Rotunda series. The piece is called "A Kenland Holiday," featuring traditional carols and songs from various traditions.

Jim Schwall
Wil-Mar Center, 8 pm
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Eddie Butts Band
Badger Bowl, 9:30 pm
Smoke-voiced Milwaukee .R&B vet Eddie Butts and his band aren't satisfied until everybody's out on the floor showing their stuff. Their song list is vast, so don't be shy about requesting some Ohio Players or Barry White.

When Water Was Here
Vilas Park walking path, between Grant Street and Edgewood Avenue, through June 21. Opening: 10 am-noon
Local artist Brenda Baker's site-specific installation, made from native willow and dogwood, is based on primitive canoe structures found in Northern European graves over 5,000 years ago. The piece comments on the fragile Lake Winigra watershed and the cultural geography of the surrounding land. It looks to the past, when Lake Winigra was surrounded by marshland, effigy markers and native camps; and to a possible dark future, with the lake destroyed by human intervention.

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Bobby Bryan & the Original Downtown Players
Brink Lounge, 3 pm
L.A.-bred singer/guitarist Bobby Bryan, Buddy Guy and James Cotton before putting together their own American roots act. Needless to say, they know all about vibing up a barroom.

Full Moon
BIRTHDAYS: Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, 1964; guitarist Slash, 1965.
NOTEWORTHY: Filmmaker Woody Allen, 62 weeks Soon-Yi Previn, 27-year-old adopted daughter of ex-wife Mia Farrow, 1997.

Competition and Collaboration
Chazen Museum of Art, through Jan. 6
This exhibition features over 120 Japanese prints from the Utagawa School, drawn from the Chazen's Van Vleck collection. The "pictures of the floating world" as they are known - the world of courtesans, entertainers and the like - have a timeless appeal owing to the exquisite sense of design honed by Japanese printmakers. Elegant lines, rich colors and the judicious use of empty space create prints of lasting impact.

Bro DJ
King Club, 9-15 pm
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Ida Wyman
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, through May 9
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Wednesday 12.26

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Karl Wirsum: Winsome Work(some)
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