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The Seedy Seeds will be on the WNKU 25th Anniversary Stage, 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday.

Local film 'Meth' premieres Friday

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What started as a short story turned into a short movie.

"Meth," by Hyde Park resident Michael Maney, premieres 8 p.m. Friday at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

"I wrote it as a short story, as an exercise. Then I turned it into a screenplay," says Maney, 31, who also was the director, producer and editor for the 24-minute film.

Stephanie Brait, a University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music graduating senior, stars as Nikki, a methamphetamine junkie. Brait won a \$1,000 Rising Star Award grant Monday at the fifth annual local theater Acclaim Awards.

"Meth" explores the downward slide of an addict who hears voices from a mannequin. As Nikki says in the film: "For one shining moment, I was everything I thought I could be. Meth became my life, my love."

Brait will attend the Cincinnati premiere.

Maney and producer Ryan Lewis from Mount Washington have had it screened at film festivals in Florida, Hollywood and Newport Beach. It won an editing award at the First-Glance Film Festival in Hollywood.

"Meth" was shot here in the summer of 2008 for \$5,000, says Maney, a freelance commercial director, editor and writer. He's a St. Xavier High School and University of Cincinnati graduate.

Most scenes were shot in Saint Bernard, a Brighton warehouse and by Longworth Hall, says Lewis, 31, a Milford High School and Miami University graduate.

Adding the nice special effects — an exploding head, a talking mannequin — was part of the reason postproduction took 18 months. The film also has a surprise, twisted ending which some people have told Maney to expand into a feature film.

"My goal was to leave people thinking," says Maney, who has collaborated with Lewis for years. Their "Infamous: The Pelagino Brothers" mockumentary for the 48 Hour Film Project aired on the Independent Film Channel in 2006.

"I plan to do a feature, but probably about something else. I've got a couple of concepts in my head," he says.

Lewis also has a feature film script called "Emulsion" that is "pretty much ready to go, pending the funding," Lewis says. "And Michael and I are kicking around some other ideas."



Maney
If you go

What: "Meth"
Where: Cincinnati State Technical and Community College ATLC Auditorium
When: 8 p.m. Friday
Cost: Free

A DELICIOUS DOZEN BANDS

Taste of Cincinnati serves a vast musical lineup over 5 stages

By Daniele Pfarr
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This year's Taste of Cincinnati should come with a T-shirt that reads, "I survived the 2010 Taste of Cincinnati music lineup."

Maybe that's a little wordy, but attendees will have to fight the urge to stick to just one genre because variety abounds.

In previous years, it seemed the hipsters were parked at one stage all day, the folk fans at another and the families at yet another. Not this year. There is music for almost every ear throughout the three-day festival along Fifth Street between Broadway and Race streets.

Saturday through Monday, you can see 75 scheduled performances on five stages. Ten of the performances are by stand-up comedians. The musical genres range from folk, rock and blues to R&B, reggae and ska. The music starts noon each day and will be over by 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9 p.m. Monday.

There's a lot of good music to see and the more than 40 restaurants represented offer plenty of food for energy and sustenance. If you don't want to try to see all the bands — who could? — try at least to check out these 12 not-to-miss acts.

The Tillers

Where: WNKU 25th Anniversary Stage (Fifth and Race streets)

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
 We can't get enough of these guys. The band's live set at CincyPunk Fest was simply amazing. The bluegrass, folk, Americana sounds that emanate from the trio will transport your imagination back to large front porches, rocking chairs and summer nights.
More: myspace.com/thetillersthree

The Pinstripes

Where: Metromix stage (Fifth and Sycamore streets)

When: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday
 This band has been catching our attention for a minute now. It's the uplifting manner of its live show and the quality instrumentation that comes out of each player. The band won last year's Cincinnati Entertainment Award in the World Music category. We expect lots of dancing and excitement.



Provided

The Pinstripes to perform on the Metromix Stage, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday.

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More: myspace.com/thepinstripes

The Seedy Seeds

Where: WNKU 25th Anniversary Stage

When: 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday
 An hour and a half of the Seedy Seeds? Do you think you're up for it? These guys (and gal) can rock, and we expect to see a good ol' fashioned hoe down in front of that stage, or you're all fired. The electro-pop band will bring out the smiles.
More: myspace.com/theseedyseeds

Mia Carruthers and the Retros

Where: Metromix stage

When: 8-9 p.m. Saturday
 Many Cincinnatians know Mia from her appearance as a School of Creative & Performing Arts senior on MTV's "Taking the Stage." Since graduation and the show, she has been relentlessly shopping record labels, playing shows and releasing albums to promote her band and music career. The

pop star is backed by a full band bringing her songs to life. If you didn't see the show, you'll immediately be drawn in by her beautiful vocals and classy tunes. Get ready to sway, people.
More: myspace.com/miacarruthers

Kelly Thomas & the Fabulous Pickups

Where: Government Square Stage (Fifth and Walnut streets)

When: 1-3 p.m. Sunday
 Thomas will be honored on the Metromix Stage this weekend with the "Spirit of Katie Reider" award (6:30 p.m., Saturday), and for many good reasons. She is an avid supporter of the local music scene, whether it's planning shows for bands, or singing in one, and success has a way of finding her and the things in which she's involved. Check out her powerful vocals while being backed up by some of Cincinnati's most talented players.
More: myspace.com/kellythomasamph-efabulouspickups

Ricky Nye INC

Where: Chemed Plaza Stage (Main and Sycamore streets)

When: 4-7 p.m. Sunday
 You'll be wowed by Ricky Nye's piano talents, that's for sure. His boogie woogie blues will have all generations dancing, singing and carryin' on. And it's happening right in that phase of time when the buzzing will probably be starting. Sweat it out.
More: myspace.com/rickynye

You, You're Awesome

Where: CityBeat Stage (Fifth and Race)

When: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday
 This is the duo of Kevin Bayer and Yusef Quotah who perform fun, electronic sets. The band has been taking its act out of the Ohio area and gracing places like Brooklyn and Minneapolis with fantastic new stuff. Quotah is fun to watch live. He's ridiculously enthusiastic about his performances.
More: myspace.com/youyouareawesome

The Turkeys

Where: Metromix Stage

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Bid for 'American Idol' auditions falls short

By John Kiesewetter
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Maybe next year? Efforts by Mayor Mark Mallory, the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky Film Commission and WXIX-TV to bring "American Idol" auditions here this summer apparently have fallen short, says Kristen Erwin, film commission director.



Erwin

At the invitation of the mayor and his Young Professionals Kitchen Cabinet, an "Idol" scout visited here earlier this year and found "at least three locations that would work for future auditions," Erwin says.

Kevin Goyrl, Fox 19 marketing director, also had been lobbying Fox executives in Los Angeles to bring auditions to Cincinnati, which ranks among the top 20 markets for the show.

Last week Fox announced the first four summer audition cities: Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans; San Francisco; and Jersey City, N.J. All have hosted auditions before, counting Jersey City as part of the New York market.

More cities will be announced soon. But Fox officials told Erwin that Cincinnati likely will be passed over "because of our close proximity to Nashville," she says.

"It is still possible (for this year) because they did find things that worked well

and said they'd let us know. If not this year, we will get it soon," she says.

"It makes a big difference to producers when the mayor rolls out the red carpet to productions like these," Erwin says. "They notice, and are excited to bring jobs and dollars to cities they feel not only appreciate them — but also appreciate the show itself." Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance" may come here because of the Cincinnati trip, she says.

The closest "Idol" auditions were in Louisville in 2008, and Cleveland in 2004.

This will be the sixth "Idol" audition in 10 seasons for the New York area; the fifth for San Francisco; and second for Nashville and New Orleans.

KIDS' CORNER



Sarah Ferguson, Grade 5, Central Elementary School

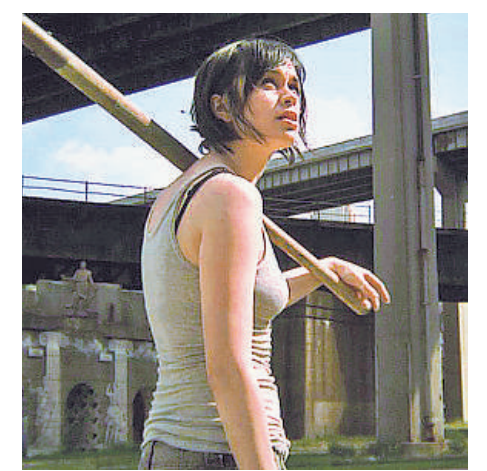
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AUTHORS SIGN BOOK ABOUT 1990 REDS

Enquirer sportswriter John Erardi and Redreporter.com blogger Joel Luckhapt will sign copies of "The Wire-to-Wire Reds: Sweet Lou, Nasty Boys and the Wild Run to a World Championship" (\$25; Clerisy) at the Newport on the Levee Barnes & Noble 4-6 p.m. Saturday. Marty Brennaman wrote the foreword for the book, which is based on interviews with Eric Davis, Barry Larkin and other players, manager Lou Piniella and general manager Bob Quinn. Other signings: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Norwood; 4-6 p.m. June 12, Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

TELL US DAD'S BEST ADVICE

What was the best advice your father ever gave you? For a Father's Day story, we're asking readers to recall their top tips from dad, whether funny, poignant or practical. E-mail by June 12 to jjohnston@enquirer.com; please include your name, neighborhood and a daytime phone number.



Provided

A scene from the film "Meth" by Hyde Park resident Michael Maney.

Music: 12 acts not to be missed this weekend

From Page B6

When: 1-2 p.m. Sunday
 We know we're not the first to coin this phrase, but it's perfectly correct when describing the Turkeys: the Simon and Garfunkel of Covington, even though there are three of them. The trio made up of Chris Cusentino, Kyle Knapp and Harold Kennedy has perfected the harmonies and guitar picking of the groovy 1970s. It's like a time warp of rock 'n' roll and folk. It'll be nice to have them cross the river to entertain us.

More: myspace.com/the-turkeysband

The Guitars

Where: Metromix Stage
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday

Indie pop from the era of the Beach Boys and the Animals. That's what we hear when we crank up the Guitars. The boys have made quite an impression on the

local music scene in less than two years, and you'll see just what we're talking about when you feast your eyes and ears on this beast of a band. It is in the process of releasing an album, and we're all waiting patiently.

More: myspace.com/wearetheguitars

The Lions Rampant

Where: Metromix Stage
When: 8-9 p.m. Sunday
 These guys are raucous, fun, party animals. The band has dominated the local music scene during the past couple of years with multiple Cincinnati Entertainment Award nominations and a record label deal with Deep Elm. Catch them playing tunes from the recent release of "It's Fun to Do Bad Things," before they head out on a tour of the UK.

More: myspace.com/the-lionsrampant

Cover Model

Where: Metromix Stage

When: 4-5 p.m. Monday
 Cover Model will get you dancing and singing with its cover songs that span decades of music. There are 70s, 80s, 90s and nows in there for your listening pleasure. All of the members have been part of the local music scene for years in bands such as MOTH, 500 Miles to Memphis, Wake the Bear, Promenade, The Waydowns, Great Modern, whooosh. The band is taking the cover scene by storm.

More: myspace.com/covermodelbooking

Natalie Wells

Where: Government Square Stage
When: 6-9 p.m. Monday
 Want to see a chick shred a guitar like no other? Check out Natalie Wells. Seriously, you're going to be wowed. She plays blues; she plays Hendrix; and she plays that guitar like few can.

More: myspace.com/nataliewellsband

Entertainment lineup for Taste of Cincinnati

Metromix Stage at P&G Gardens

Sponsored by Convergys, MI Homes, Metro and Tank

Saturday

1-2 p.m.: Giant Wow
2:30-3:30 p.m.: A Continuous Now

4-5 p.m.: Lovely Crash
5:30-6:30 p.m.: The Pinstripes

6:30-6:45 p.m.: Spirit of Katie Reider Award Presentation

7-8 p.m.: Evan Scott (DJ)
8-9 p.m.: Mia Carruthers and the Retros

9-10 p.m.: Evan Scott (DJ)
10-11 p.m.: Kristen Key

Sunday

1-2 p.m.: The Turkeys
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Goose

4-5 p.m.: The Minor Leagues
5:30-6:30 p.m.: The Guitars

7-8 p.m.: Matt Joy (DJ)
8-9 p.m.: The Lions Rampant

9-10 p.m.: Matt Joy (DJ)
10-11 p.m.: Bad Veins

Monday

2-3 p.m.: Mad Anthony
4-5 p.m.: Cover Model

6-7 p.m.: Tonefarmer
8-9 p.m.: Paul Otten and Bad Parade

Government Square

Saturday

1-3 p.m.: Otten Brothers
3:30-4 p.m.: GreenSweep

5-7 p.m.: Sullivan Janszen Band
8-8:15 p.m.: Ryan Singer (comedy)

8:15-8:25 p.m.: Tabari McCoy (comedy)

8:25-8:40 p.m.: Alex Stone (comedy)

8:40-9 p.m.: Dave Waite (comedy)

9-9:30 p.m.: Josh Sneed (comedy)

Sunday

1-3 p.m.: Kelly Thomas & the Fabulous Pickups
4-7 p.m.: 3 Day Rule

8-8:15 p.m.: Ryan Singer (comedy)

8:15-8:25 p.m.: Mike Cronin (comedy)

8:25-8:40 p.m.: Chris Wagel (comedy)

8:40-9 p.m.: Dave Waite (comedy)

9-9:30 p.m.: Josh Sneed (comedy)

Monday

2-5 p.m.: Blues Brothers Tribute Show (www.leroyellington.com)

6-9 p.m.: Natalie Wells

Cintas Stage at Fountain Square

Saturday

1-3:30 p.m.: Core
4:30-7 p.m.: DV8

8-11 p.m.: Rusty Griswolds

Sunday

1:30-3 p.m.: Robin Lacy & De-Zydeco

4-7 p.m.: Bootleg Rider

8-11 p.m.: 4th Day Echo

Fifth & Race Stage

Saturday

Sponsored by WNKU
2-3 p.m.: The Tillers

3:30-4:30 p.m.: Tickled Pink

5-6 p.m.: Frontier Folk Nebraska

6-7:30 p.m.: WNKU's Mr. Rhythm Man & The Rhythm Man Dancers

7:30-9 p.m.: The Seedy Seeds

9-9:30 p.m.: Exhale Dance Tribe

9:30-11 p.m.: Auburnaires

Sunday

Sponsored by CityBeat
1:30-2:30 p.m.: Visqueen

3:30-4:30 p.m.: Daughters and

Sons

5:30-6:30 p.m.: All the Day Holiday

7:30-8:30 p.m.: You, You're Awesome

9:30-11 p.m.: The Hood Internet

Monday

Sponsored by 96Rock and McDonald's

Noon-5:15 p.m.: Local bands

6:30-7:30 p.m.: American Bang

Chemed Plaza

Saturday

Sponsored by Radio One
Noon-12:15 p.m.: Rockdale Baptist Praise and Worship Team

12:15-12:30 p.m.: WDBZ/MOJO Mass Choir

12:35-12:45 p.m.: Gary Ward

12:45-12:55 p.m.: David Scott

12:55-1:20 p.m.: Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers

1:20-1:30 p.m.: Ryane Wynn

The Anointed One

1:30-1:45 p.m.: Cincinnati Super Choir, under the direction of P. Ann Everson-Price

1:45-2 p.m.: Anointed Sons of God

2-2:20 p.m.: R.W. Hagins, Jr. & Co.

2:20-2:45 p.m.: Pastor Freddie Phiphus and Pearl

2:45-3 p.m.: 2nd Wind and Friends of P. Ann

3-3:15 p.m.: Carl Lindner West End YMCA Rope Twisters

3:20-3:35 p.m.: College Hill Senior Steppers

3:35-4 p.m.: Line Dancing

4-5:30 p.m.: The All-Star Band of Cincinnati

Sunday

Noon-3 p.m.: Perfect Sequel

4-7 p.m.: Ricky Nye INC

8-11 p.m.: Groove Crew

Monday

Noon-2 p.m.: Kevin Fox Band

3-5 p.m.: Tracy Walker Band

6-9 p.m.: The G Burton Story

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Top Picks for May 30

- In News: Paul Daugherty writes about one father's personal crusade to have metal bats banned from youth and high school league play.
- In Business: A neighborhood-by-neighborhood look at home sales and prices shows that the recent recovery has been uneven. Some Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky neighborhoods are faring better than others.
- In Forum: Reflections on Memorial Day.

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