

PIN-UP

pull it out. pin it up



HILARY SCOTT/ RYAN GROFF

Saturday, July 15, Barfly, 8 p.m., free

So it's another Saturday night, and you ain't got nobody? But you got some money 'cause you just got paid? Well, save it for the beverages and head on down to Barfly for an evening of acoustic tunes, because this show is sans cover. Providing the soundtrack for the subdued vibe will be the lovely Missouri chanteuse Hilary Scott. A multi-instrumentalist, Scott started banging the black and whites when she was two and continued her music education on the violin and guitar. These became the facets through which she developed her skills as a singer/songwriter.

When Scott sings, people notice. Her voice hovers somewhere in the range of Paula Cole plaintiveness and Sheryl Crow sweetness, drawing you in without tugging too hard. Drawing upon personal experiences, the songs are soulful tales that play out in pop, folk and rock avenues, leading you down the undiscovered streets and obscured alleyways of the night's discovery. Elsinore's Ryan Groff opens the show. What have you got to lose, besides your worries?

— Josh Kessler



THE BEAUTY SHOP/ THE 1900S/ TRACTOR KINGS

Saturday, July 15,

Canopy Club, 9 p.m., \$5

Summer was made for the sounds of old-school-punk-influenced Americana, and The Beauty Shop has it by the bowlful. The lyrics are stark. The music is tight. The Uncle Tupelo meets Sun Volt meets Handsome Family sound is an unmistakable C-U favorite.

John Hoeffleur's unmistakable haunting baritone drone will make those tiny hairs on the back of your neck stand up . . . and then walk over to the bar for a drink before coming back and asking you about that stain on your shirt. Meanwhile, Ariane Peralta (bass) and Ben Ucherek (drums) maintain the rhythm section with an unflinching abattoir cadence.

The Tractor Kings are the regal descendants of sweet, gritty, heartbreaking song craft. They ride their whiskey-soaked, tear-milking melancholy into the Canopy Club for what should be a great Saturday evening cool-down. As somewhat of a local institution, this ensemble stomps along with a rattle as steady as a freight train cutting across a cornfield at sunset. Somewhere between Uncle Tupelo and Neil Young, you'll find the Tractor Kings propped up on a haystack, pitchforks in hands. And while the lineup has vacillated since their inception in the late '90s, the current roster of Jake Fleischli (guitars/harp/organ/vocals), Aaron "jibbski" McCallister (bass), Jonny Chemical (guitar) and Josh Lucas (drums) are still harvesting Midwestern hearts.

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Rose Bowl Tavern (9p): Crystal River Band. Free. (Country).

White Horse Inn (9:45p): Larry Gates and Jesse Greenlee. Free.

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Cowboy Monkey (9p): Atomic Age Cocktail Party w/ DJ Jason Croft. Free.

Highdive (10p): Subversion w/ DJ Evely/DJ