

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Buckwild Star Found Dead in Vehicle

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The new MTV series, "Buckwild," also known as the "redneck version of 'Jersey Shore,'" became a massive hit after its first season aired earlier this year. The show "Buckwild" follows a group of young adults trying to have fun in Sissonville, West Virginia. The group's crazy stunts include anything from just hanging out in the "holler" to turning a dump truck into a swimming pool.

But while filming the second season of "Buckwild," tragedy struck Sissionville, and an entire nation was shocked by the unexpected death of one of the show's stars, Shain Gandee. On Monday, April 1st Shain Gandee, 21, and two of his uncles, David Gandee, 48, and Donald Myers, 27, were found deceased in Gandee's Ford Bronco. Gandee, one of the show's most popular characters, was known for taking his truck out to mudding holes for hours at a time, but when the trio didn't return home that evening, Gandee's family reported the three missing on Sunday, March 31st.

According to CNN, the sheriff's office later released that foul play was not suspected and that they found "the vehicle...partially submerged in mud...[I]ts muffler was below the surface. Mud covered the lower part of the Bronco's passenger side door, but the driver's side, where the younger Gandee sat, was free."

Due to the inability of Gandee's vehicle to release emissions from its muffler, carbon monoxide gathered in the vehicle and resulted in the deaths of all three men—this scenario was later confirmed after autopsies were completed on all three victims.

At this time, all production and filming processes for the second season of "Buckwild" have been halted. And MTV recently released a statement about Gandee: "We are shocked and

saddened by the terrible news about Shain Gandee, and those involved in this tragic incident. We are waiting for more information but at this time, our main concern is for the Gandee family and their friends. Our thoughts and prayers are



Shain Gandee via [www.kanawhasherlff.us](http://www.kanawhasherlff.us)

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Some of Gandee's cast members expressed their deep sorrow for their friend's death. Gandee had a special connection with one cast member

in particular, Cara Parrish, Gandee's summertime crush that refused to let him out of the friend zone. After hearing the news of Gandee's death, Parrish tweeted, "This is the emptiest I've ever felt. Please pray for Dale and Loretta [Gandee's parents]."

As unexpected as Gandee's death is, it can surely be expected that his family, friends, and fans will not heal from this tragedy for a very long time. For more information on Gandee's death and the future of "Buckwild" visit MTVnews or TMZ.

## Music Department Faculty to Perform Spanish Concierto with Raleigh Symphony Orchestra

Amy Hruby, Editor-in-Chief

Sitting down with Ed Stephenson and Jim Waddelow for an interview is much like sitting in a front row seat for a comedy of errors. When I met with the two Music Department professors to discuss their upcoming performance, Stephenson opened the conversation by pressing play on a Youtube clip and asking, "Have you heard this? You must have heard this. Everyone's heard this." Before I could answer, Waddelow followed up with "Well maybe she doesn't live in our world, Ed," turning to me to add, "but it is used in a lot a movies."

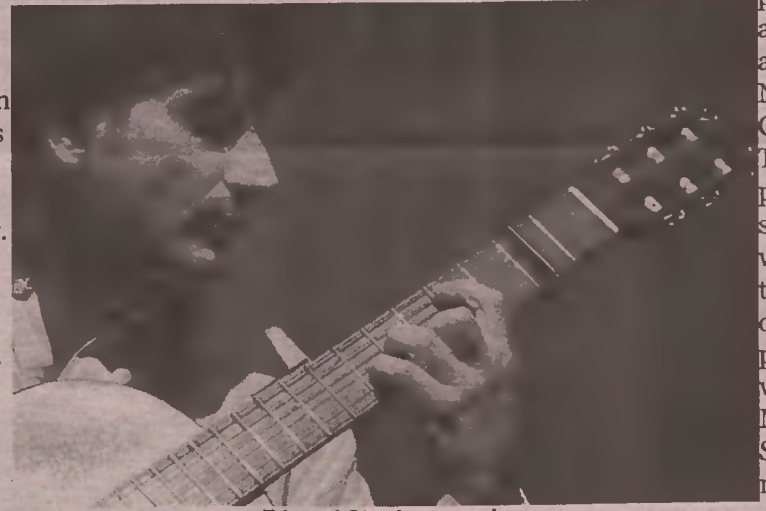
The banter never quit and their energy was infective – as I'm sure it will be for audience members when Stephenson joins the Waddelow-led Raleigh Symphony Orchestra (RSO) for their May 5th *European Gems* concert. The concert will feature Stephenson as the guitar soloist in the performance

of a Spanish concerto – Joaquín Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. A concerto is a musical composition in which a soloist is accompanied by an orchestra. A guitar concerto is especially rare and Rodrigo's composition is the premiere guitar concerto for a contemporary guitarist – making it a especial performance both for Stephenson and the RSO.

*Concierto de Aranjuez* is in three movements -- *Allegro con spirito*, *Adagio* and *Allegro gentile*. The most popular movement is the Adagio. It is often used in television, film and media – explaining why Stephenson thought

I must have heard it before. Composed in 1939, the piece premiered at Palau de la Música Catalana in Barcelona, Spain. In the premiere performance, Regino Sainz de la Maza was the featured guitarist and he was accompanied by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Barcelona. The conductor was César Mendoza Lasalle.

In the local May 5th performance, Edward Stephenson will be featured as the solo guitarist and will be accompanied by the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra as conducted by Jim Waddelow. Both Stephenson and Waddelow are members of the Meredith Music Department. Waddelow serves as the Director of Instrumental Activities, and Stephenson is a professor of guitar. Outside of Meredith, Waddelow is also the Music Director of the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra, and Stephenson is a Spanish and Nuevo Flamenco guitarist who



Edward Stephenson via Brian Schell

performs at venues across North Carolina. The two professors have worked together on projects with the Meredith Symphony but are excited

about a partnering for a public performance of this scale.

The *Concierto de Aranjuez* will be performed on May 5th at 7 p.m. in Jones Auditorium. The program will also include Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 8*. Admission is free for Meredith students and faculty and \$20 for the public.

## ASK GIGI

Dear Gigi,

I am going to be graduating next December. I have always identified myself as a part of the class of 2013. All of my friends and I have celebrated traditions together since our arrival at Meredith College. Cornhuskin', Tea for Two, Alice and Wonderland...everything. The problem is that I am going to be missing out on possibly the most important tradition with them on May

11th. I want to be happy for them, but I can't help feeling slightly sad that we won't be celebrating it together. I don't want to bring my friends down at this special time, but I really get upset when they talk about it. Help!

It is completely natural to feel left out in a situation like this. However, while you may be feeling sad for yourself, you need to realize that these are your best friends and this is their time

to shine. You all have spent four years together, and I am confident that you will be friends throughout the rest of your lives as well- regardless of your graduation date. You need to encourage and show excitement for them, because this is one of the most exciting time in their lives. Go to the ceremony and be the loudest person cheering. Know that they too will be there in December to cheer you across the stage- and all of the attention will be on your

special day. Focus on having the best end of the semester with them, and know that you have your whole lives ahead of you. Have a fabulous end of semester!

Love,  
Gigi