

WXYC holds dance party for fanatics of '80s music, culture

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Remember the time when just about the most suave thing you could do was breakdance or do the electric slide? Well, if that seems to have slipped your memory, WXYC, UNC's student-run radio station, is sponsoring an '80s dance at the Cat's Cradle tonight to take you back to the era when jean jackets and bright neon clothes ruled.

The dance, which lasts from 9 p.m. to

2 a.m. and has a \$3 cover charge, will include a wide variety of activities to bring out that lively '80s spirit. For instance, a trivia contest will be held to test the knowledge of those who lived through the decade of Reagan and Bush.

WXYC
Retro-'80s Dance
Tonight
Cat's Cradle
9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Cost: \$3

"It's a pretty long quiz of '80s-type questions," WXYC DJ Bynum Parsons said in describing the brain-teasing contest.

However, if such intellectual endeavors don't grab your immediate attention, fear not because a breakdancing contest will allow those who still remember the moonwalk to show their stuff.

Parsons said he assured the competitors could look for dance inspiration from the tunes that will fill the air, and the music will be nothing but '80s.

"There is a lot of '80s music played," Parsons said.

This should be good news to the people who are never able to get enough of those songs immortalized by the likes of Tommy Tutone (remember Jenny/867-5309?).

But, no '80s celebration would be complete without including some of the most memorable teen movies of the decade. To be sure, televisions will display the trials and triumphs of Molly Ringwald, one of the actresses whose

names have become synonymous with the era of '80s pop culture.

WXYC has also made sure that proper tribute is paid to the video game entertainment system that brought Pac Man and Donkey Kong home long before the years of Nintendo's Super Mario Brothers and Rad Racer. Even an Atari 2600 video game will be on site complete with an old-school joystick.

All of this could come across as sounding like a '90s version of Marty McFly's adventures in "Back To the

Future." But past attendees of the event — WXYC held the event last year — constantly rave about how the dance is a refreshing change of pace and is possibly an even more enjoyable way to spend a Thursday night than watching "The Cosby Show" used to be.

If so, the WXYC '80s dance at the Cat's Cradle promises offer some smooth tunes, retro dancing, and countless other '80s flashbacks all rolled into one fantastic night. Tonight the Cradle will go back in time, retro-'80s style.

Arts & Entertainment Calendar

MUSIC

Thursday, Sept. 18

WXYC Retro-'80s Dance. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, 967-9053.

Tim Stambaugh Impersonation Contest. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

T-Tauri, Movieola. Lizard & Snake Cafe, 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, 929-2828.

Blue Mountain, Stella. Local 506, 506 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 942-5506.

Sidedoor Johnnies. Area 51, 212 Rigsbee

Ave., Durham, 682-0721.

Friday, Sept. 19

Squirrel Nut Zippers w/ Two Dollar Pistols, Bio Ritmo. The entire concert is free and open to the general public. Carrboro Town Commons, Main Street, Carrboro.

The Jumpstarts with Tender Idols. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, 967-9053.

Soul Junk, Danielson. Lizard & Snake Cafe, 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, 929-2828.

Zen Frisbee, Pipe. Local 506, 506 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 942-5506.

Tangeena Barren. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Saturday, Sept. 20

The R.A.M. Band. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Doxy's Kitchen with Ultra Violets. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, 967-9053.

Kickball, Starry Wisdom Band. Lizard and Snake Cafe, 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel

Hill, 929-2828.

The Offspring. The Ritz Theater, 2820 Industrial Drive, Raleigh, 834-4000

Sunday, Sept. 21

Eau de Jed. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Monday, Sept. 22

The Chickenwire Gang. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Retro Disco Night. Local 506, 506 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 942-5506.

Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Lizard and Snake Cafe, 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, 929-2828.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Bryce Landes. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Big Back Forty w/Kim Richey. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, 967-9053.

Noah's Red Tattoo, Sadie's Realm. Lizard and Snake Cafe, 110 N. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, 929-2828.

Gam, Shek ala Shek, The Heartdrops, Dirty Feather Boas. Local 506, 506 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 942-5506.

Aerosmith. Walnut Creek Amphitheatre, 3801 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, 831-6400.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Jon Shain and Paul Messinger. The Cave, 452 1/2 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 968-9308.

Graham Parker. Cat's Cradle, 300 E. Main St., Carrboro, 967-9053.

The Buck 50 Boys, Poor Valentino. Local 506, 506 W. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, 942-5506.



The Squirrel Nut Zippers will be holding a free concert in Carrboro on Friday night at the Carrboro Town Commons. This concert, the band said, is for the fans and the area that gave them their start.

ART

"It's Only Rock and Roll: Rock and Roll Currents in Contemporary Art." On exhibit through Nov. 16. N.C. Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, 839-6262.

"Geometric Abstraction." On exhibit until Oct. 6. Ackland Art Museum, UNC campus, 966-5736.

Ron Snapp. Sculptor and Installation Lecture. Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m. Room 121 Hanes Art Center, 115 S. Columbia St., Chapel Hill, 962-2015.

"Photographs by Frank Baskerville." A photographic gallery exhibit. Through Oct. 7. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro, 929-2787.

"Breath." Dance performance by Tzadki-el Yansan Tahar Nut. Sept. 19-20 and Sept. 26-27, 8 p.m. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro, 929-2787.

Carolina Union Auditorium, \$2 admission.

"Spaceballs." Sat. 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Carolina Union Auditorium. Free admission with UNC ONE Card.

"Network." Sun. 6:30 p.m. Carolina Union Auditorium. Free admission with ONE Card.

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PLAN AHEAD

Tim McGraw. Sept. 27, Walnut Creek Amphitheatre, 831-6400.

Lawn Party. Sept. 27, Trinity Farms, (404) 355-8300.

Sheryl Crow. Sept. 28, Walnut Creek Amphitheatre, 831-6400.

Live with Luscious Jackson. Oct. 4, Walnut Creek Amphitheatre, 831-6400.

The Rolling Stones. Oct. 10, Ericsson Stadium, Charlotte. JUST ANNOUNCED. More information on tickets will be forthcoming from Cellar Door Companies For info, (803) 782-6239.

Fiona Apple. Oct. 11, The Ritz, Raleigh, 834-4000.

THEATER

"As You Like It." PlayMakers Repertory Company, Running through Oct. 5. Paul Green Theatre, Country Club Drive, UNC campus, 962-PLAY.

"Everyday Blues." Mask Theater by enaj. Running Sept. 18-21. The ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St., Carrboro, 929-ARTS.

FILM

"Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker." Thurs. 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Carolina Union Auditorium, \$2 admission.

"Sling Blade." Fri. 5:30, 8:30 and 11:30 p.m.

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18 TH	WXYC 80's Dance
19 FR	THE JUMPSTARTS
20 SA	DOXY'S KITCHEN
21 SU	Neal Coty w/Mumblefish & Mary Me Jane
23 TU	Kim Richey w/Big Back 40
24 WE	Graham Parker** (\$10)
25 TH	Leo Kottke** (\$12)
26 FR	MR T. EXPERIENCE w/Groovie Ghoulies & Scaries**(\$5)
27 SA	SUPERCHUNK** (\$7) w/Lambchop & Bandway
29 MO	Dog's Eye View** (\$7)
30 TU	JOHNNY WINTER** (\$15)

OCTOBER

1 WE	Eugene Chadbourne, Friend Side Monkey
2 TH	Wake, Trailer Bride
3 FR	Bio Ritmo (Salsa)** (\$7)
4 SA	Spectrum w/ Shallow** (\$6)
7 SU	Pat McGee
8 WE	Less Than Jake
9 TH	John Cale
10 FR	JUPITER COYOTE
12 SA	Yo La Tengo
15/16	SON VOLT** (\$9)
17 FR	Bruce Cockburn
18 SA	Seven Mary Three
20 MO	GOD STREET WINE** (\$8)
21 TU	Cowboy Mouth

NOVEMBER

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3...	Mike Watt
13...	MOE** (\$10)

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