

SAT., DEC. 6

The Old Ceremony at IOTA

These North Carolina boys play some fine indie rock. Hop online and sample their catchy song, "Papers in Order," and you'll be instantly hooked. Show 9:30 p.m., tickets \$12. - *Dana Steinberg*

IOTA Club & Cafe: 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA; 703-522-8340; www.iotaclubandcafe.com

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The Soft Parade at the State Theatre

This Falls Church institution is well known for getting some of the best cover bands around, and this Doors tribute act is no exception. What better way to celebrate Jim Morrison's birthday? \$14. 9 p.m. - *Robert Fulton*

The State Theatre: 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church, VA; 703-237-0300; www.thestatetheatre.com

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Loretta Lynn at the 9:30 Club

Yea, you read that right. Country legend Loretta Lynn is set to play the 9:30 Club. Local Justin Jones opens. Sure, it costs \$55, but it's freakin' Loretta Lynn. 6 p.m. doors. - *Robert Fulton*

The 9:30 Club: 815 V St., NW, D.C.; 202-265-0930; www.930.com

SUN., DEC. 7

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Benefit Concert at Jammin' Java

Help out a good cause at this fundraising show featuring: Travis Hammill, Project Knockout, Magdelina and Winston Carmichael. 1:30 p.m. show. \$10. - *Robert Fulton*

Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, VA; 703-255-1566; www.jamminjava.com

MON., DEC. 8

Ray Davies at the 9:30 Club

Few songwriters cast as long a shadow as Ray Davies, who long ago in a far off village green played in a band by the name of the Kinks. Now, forty years after spearheading the British Invasion, Davies returns to the States with just his guitar in tow. Expect tunes from last year's "Working Man's Café" LP to preface some rousing versions of "Lola" and "Waterloo Sunset." Cheerio! Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40. - *Hunter Gorinson*

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MON., DEC. 8

Mad Tea Party, Tippy Canoe at IOTA

Those who have yet to experience the rockabilly of Ashville, North Carolina's Mad Tea Party are missing out. This duo plays catchy, rollicking tunes that touch upon surf and garage rock. Pick up their most recent disc, "Found a Reason," before heading to the show to know what we're talking about. \$10. 8:30 p.m. - *Robert Fulton*

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TUE., DEC. 9

Emmet Swimming at IOTA

Emmet Swimming is one of the finest rock bands to emerge from the D.C. area. This male quartet formed while at George Mason University in the early '90s and play few live shows these days, so

catch them here, at this special concert benefiting Crohn's disease and colitis research. Two Kings and Mike Huckleberry open. 8:30 p.m. show; \$10 minimum donation. - *Dana Steinberg*

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TUE., DEC. 9

Raphael Saadiq, John Legend at D.A.R. Constitution Hall

In September, Raphael Saadiq came out with his new album, "The Way I See It," his first in four years. The album is filled with odes to 1960s and '70s vintage soul — a tambourine-shaking joyous sound that is straight-out-of-Motown. The rich-hooks are sung with ease by Saadiq, most notably on the single "Love That Girl" — a superb update on classic Temptations-era swing with impeccable strings and Saadiq laying it down on the clarion and falsetto vocals. Show 8 p.m., tickets \$71. - *Alfredo Flores*

D.A.R. Constitution Hall: 1776 D St., NW, D.C.; 202-628-1776; www.dar.org/conthall

WED., DEC. 10

The Points, Terrible Twos, The Electricutions at the Velvet Lounge

Who says D.C. ain't got a scene no more? The Points are taking their local brand of arty rock 'n' roll to the stage along with Detroit's highly spastic (and aptly-named) Terrible Twos. Local garage-punk neophytes The Electricutions open up. The show begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. - *Hunter Gorinson*

The Velvet Lounge: 915 U St., NW, D.C.; 202-462-3213; www.velvetlounge.com

WED., DEC. 10

Greg Klyma, Hannah Spiro at O'Brien's BBQ

D.C.-based folk music foundation Focus Rockville bring local troubadour Greg Klyma and fellow folk singer-songwriter Hannah Spiro to music and meat lovers alike at O'Brien's. Down some down home barbecue and listen up as Klyma performs funny bar songs, historical ballads, radio hits and of course, songs of his own creation. Folk-popper Spiro, a University of Maryland freshman and Washington Area Music Award 2006 nominee, has been performing in District area coffee shops since she was 13.8 p.m. show, tickets \$15 general, \$12 members.

O'Brien's: 387 E. Gude Dr. Rockville, MD; 301-340-8596; www.obrienspitbarbecue.com



FRI., DEC. 12

Jukebox the Ghost, The Postelles, Pretty & Nice at the Rock 'n' Roll Hotel

