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Night & Day

Our top picks for the upcoming week

Night:

ALBANY — Interstellar Amazons presents alternative folk band The Magdalens for Happy Hour at The Low Beat, 335 Central Avenue, Albany on Friday, Jan. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. Featuring Moses Nagel, Alexander Kash, Britany Orlebeke, John Caplis and RM DaVink, The Magdalens will perform a combination of their original songs and a unique blend of Americana classic and indie music covers. Cover charge is \$5. For more information about the band, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/The-Magdalens-532716210193862. For additional details about The Low Beat, go to www.thelowbeat.com.



RM DaVink of The Magdalens performs during a May 2015 gig at The Low Beat.

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▲ From left to right: Story Circle members Siri Allison, Alden (Joe) Doolittle, Kate Dudding and Marni Girard

◀ Story Circle members Colette Odell and Sandy Schuman.

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Day:

SCHENECTADY — Story Circle at Proctor's, the theater's resident storytelling company, will host "Stormy Weather," another installment of its Word Plays adult storytelling series, on Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m. in the Fenimore Gallery.

If you're one of those people who lingers in your car long after reaching a destination just to hear the end of Garrison Keillor's "The News from Lake Wobegon" or Ira Glass on

"This American Life," then Word Plays may be for you.

We've all experienced stormy weather - either actually or metaphorically. Come hear fabulous stormy weather stories told by Siri Allison, Alden (Joe) Doolittle, Kate Dudding, Marni Gillard, Colette Odell and Sandy Schuman.

Siri Allison started acting classes when she was 12 years old because she was too shy to present oral reports in class. She fell in love with the theater, and continued acting, finding her niche with alternative audiences,

especially the residents of homeless shelters. After her children were born, she began telling stories in the public school classrooms, concentrating on subjects that complement state learning standards.

Alden (Joe) Doolittle began storytelling when his children were young and realized it was also good method to motivate and teach staff. He listens for stories in all aspects of his life and collects those he believes will entertain and teach others. Joe has a particular interest in local historical stories.



Proctors Theatre will host the next installment of Word Plays on Sunday, Jan. 24.

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Kate Dudding creates entertaining, heartwarming and memorable stories about real people who made a difference. She has told stories at many venues in the Northeast, including First Night Saratoga and The Norman Rockwell Museum (Stockbridge, Mass). She has been commissioned to create stories by the Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site in Albany, and The Empire State Aerosciences

Museum in Schenectady. In 2010, she won the story slam (competition) at the National Storytelling Conference in Los Angeles telling a personal story.

Marni Gillard once taught Niskayuna middle schoolers and now freelances as a teacher-artist and education consultant. She traces her journey into storytelling and the transformation it brought to her classroom and her life.

A native of Oneonta, Colette Odell enjoys listening, reading, writing, and telling stories. She belongs to three local story circles and serves on the boards of Church Women United and Schenectady Interfaith.

For years, Sandy Schuman has used storytelling in his work as a management consultant, group facilitator, and trainer. Recently he has been sharing his stories of life, culture, and history with youth and adult audiences, including Tellabration and Story Sundays.

During each two-hour installment of Word Play, a different group of performers tell rarely heard contemporary and traditional stories about being human. You will discover that Word Plays is a shared experience between the audience and the performer, combining the intensity of a solo performer with the intimacy of a face-to-face conversation.

Tickets for the performance are \$12. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 383-4620 or visit StoryCircleatProctors.org.