

311 comes back for concert

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Senior Reporter

When former Omaha funk-rap-rock band 311 rolls into Lincoln tonight for a concert at the Hurricane, 1118 O St., it will be a homecoming of sorts. Since departing Omaha three years ago for greener pastures and bigger opportunities in California, 311 has released three full-length albums and played in front of sold-out crowds throughout the country.

The band's sound contains elements from a countless number of musical genres, including rap, heavy metal, rock, reggae, jazz and ska.

Their latest release, "311," made its debut at No. 56 on Billboard's Top 200 chart. "Don't Stay Home," the first single off the new album, has been receiving heavy airplay at a number of modern rock radio stations.

The group consists of Nicholas Hexum (lead vocals, guitar), Chad Sexton (drums), Timothy J. Mahoney (guitar), P-Nut (bass), and SA Martinez (vocals, turntables).

For longtime 311 fans, tonight's concert is an opportunity to revisit a local favorite.

Charlie Jacobsen, a freshman psychology major, said 311 had been a favorite band of his for a number of years.

"It's cool to see them back," Johnson said. "I'd like to think that they put forth even more effort than normal to have a good show when they're closer to home."



Courtesy of Capricorn Records

311 members, from left, SA Martinez, P-Nut, Timothy J. Mahoney, Nicholas Hexum and Chad Sexton.

North Carolina-based band Dag will open tonight's concert. Having received considerable critical acclaim and comparisons to '70s funk artists such as the Ohio Players and Parliament, Dag promises a lively and energetic opening to the night's festivities.

Music at the 19-and-over show will begin at 9, with doors opening at 8. Tickets for the show are \$12. 311 will continue touring after tonight's show, but will return to its native ground on Sept. 9 to headline the Edgefest at Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha.

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Speech

Bruce Cohen, executive producer of "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar," will speak today at 3 p.m. in the Howell Theatre. The presentation is free and open to all students and faculty.

Cohen, a 1983 graduate of Yale University, is the live action producer of Steven Spielberg's "MovieMaker," an interactive cinema CD-ROM product scheduled for release around Christmas.

He also produced "The Flintstones" and co-produced "Alive."

"To Wong Foo," filmed in Ne-

braska, will be released Sept. 8 by Amblin Entertainment and Universal Pictures. It premieres tonight at the Stuart Theater.

Concerts

This year's series of open-air concerts at the Nebraska State Fair offers a lineup that is certain to put forth a challenge to the more popular and expensive concerts held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Tonight, the series continues with the Sandy Creek Band, a local bluegrass and country group. Their performances will take place at 6 and 8 p.m. All open-air shows will be held at the Pepsi Open Air Audi-

torium. Admission for the concerts is free.

Wednesday night, the stage will be taken over by up-and-coming country artist Ty England. A former college buddy of Garth Brooks, England is hoping to find his own brand of success. He will perform at 6 and 8 p.m.

The remaining shows are as follows:

- Thursday: Bonnie Nelson at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Friday: Frazier River at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Saturday: Georgia Satellites at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Sunday: Williams and Ree, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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"We had to strip him down and ice him down. He came through and did the rest of the show."

One item that caused problems for both Haubrich and Conrad was a busy set of railroad tracks which laid between the site of the production theater and the theater where all the work was done.

"It was either a short, itty-bitty train," Haubrich said, "or other times was a big, fat, long train."

Tuttle said his experiences were well rewarded when he was able to speak with audience members.

"We were having fun on stage," Tuttle said, "and we were getting comments from audience members, saying, 'You looked like you were having fun up there.'"

"That's what crucial to acting; if you don't enjoy yourself on stage, the undercurrent of dissatisfaction will be noticed by the audience."

But Tuttle said dissatisfaction wasn't a problem.

"We had a blast."

PEOPLE people

Hanks, Field help museum

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (AP) — Tom Hanks, Sally Field, Lily Tomlin and others are donating items to help out a museum dedicated to one of Hollywood's great sister acts: Dorothy and Lillian Gish.

Among the mementos in the Oct. 13 silent auction is a photo from the movie "Forrest Gump," signed by stars Hanks and Field. The museum at Bowling Green State University also has gotten a personalized coffee mug from Bob Hope and a lock of hair from Tomlin.

Curator Ralph Wolfe needs to expand the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Film Theater and Gallery to make room for new acquisitions. The renovation is expected to take a year.

"We didn't have much of what I would call personal — or intimate — things on display," Wolfe explained Monday, as he stood near the sisters' matching Louis Vuitton suitcases from the 1920s. "What could be more personal than luggage, something they used?"

clude Joel Swetow as Swann's assistant Valentin and Lorin Stewart as the magician Billy Who. Stewart, in his feature film debut, also served as magical effects consultant.

The main problems with the film are from the technical end. Sloppy editing and continuity problems plague the movie, giving the appearance of a rush job to release it.

"Lord of Illusions" is not a bad film. It can make you jump and scream. The effects and tricks are worth the price of admission, but be warned: The illusion referred to in the title is the one concerning the plot. Or lack thereof.

Lord

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And the bad guy can't be forgotten. Daniel Von Bargan is flawless in his performance as the psychotic cult leader and illusionist Nix. Von Bargan ("Philadelphia," "Basic Instinct" and "Silence of the Lambs") brings this truly evil character to life. Nix, a man who just cannot stay dead, is evil, but charismatic through and through. He can fly. And juggle fire. And some other really cool tricks. He is not a man you want to mess with.

Other notable performances in-

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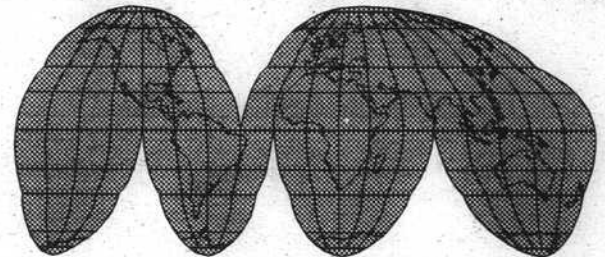


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