



Jeff Rainmaker Rainville, left, Ryan The Wigger Latchman, Robin The Hood Miller, and Max Tri-Tone Jones are Foam Mesh Press and will perform next week.

Reggae band offers two dates, mellow beats and Frosty Beats

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Local reggae band Foam Mesh Press will perform double duty next Thursday and Friday, performing at Nancy O's and Art Space respectively.

The band has been together for a decade but only started performing regularly a couple of years ago. They seem to be on a roll lately, touring during the summer,

hitting a couple of music festivals and playing in town twice a month. Ryan Latchman, vocals and rhythm guitar, Jeff Rainville, lead guitar and vocals, Robin Miller, bass and Max Jones, drums and vocals, are Foam Mesh Press.

"We do mostly originals and we reggae-fy some covers – you know, turn a cover into a reggae song," Jones explained.

"I think we've got a pretty good sound. People seem to like it – young people and old people. It's a mellow vibe and danceable."

The band is hoping to get a tour going this summer that will take them into the Okanagan.

In the meantime Prince George can party with them at Nancy O's Dec. 22 at 9 p.m. \$10 at the door.

On Dec. 23 Foam Mesh Press Foam Mesh Press will be performing at Art Space at 10 p.m. with Frosty Beats opening the show at 8 p.m. Tickets in advance at Books & Co., 1685 Third Avenue, \$15, \$20 at the door.

Check the band out on Facebook or Twitter to get all the details.

Pearl Harbor survivors not happy with Hawaii Five-O

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — A group of Pearl Harbor survivors say they were disrespected by the crew of the CBS crime drama Hawaii Five-O during a visit to Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The Denver-based Greatest Generations Foundation took 23 veterans to the Punchbowl cemetery last week to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. The veterans found it offensive that the crew members didn't stop production while the national anthem and taps were played and that they were walking on graves, said Steffan Tubbs, a foundation board member and co-host of KOA-AM's morning news show in Denver.

Tubbs visited the cemetery with the group, which conducted a small ceremony there.

The crew was filming a scene involving a lead character visiting his father's grave, "which in reality was surrounded by the real graves of WWII heroes," Tubbs said Tuesday. "It didn't seem right."

Cemetery Director Gene Castagnetti said the filming was approved beforehand. He added walking on graves is unavoidable and not considered disrespectful if done carefully.

It came as a surprise that the veterans would be laying roses during their ceremony, taking them to locations in the cemetery where the crew was filming, Castagnetti told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

While payment is not required for filming at the cemetery, Hawaii Five-O donated \$1,000, KHON-TV reported. The show has filmed there several times previously.

"We were surprised to hear this report and are looking into the matter," CBS said in a statement. "Our veterans deserve the highest level of respect and reverence for their service, particularly during a ceremony honouring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

The show's executive producer Peter Lenkov apologized in a statement posted online to Hawaii News Now.

Young author living the dream

Kevin SWAYZE The Canadian Press

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. — Rebecca Carrigan is living the advice she'd give any teenager: follow your dreams.

Eight years ago, she started writing a dark, supernatural-themed novel about young people and their guardian angels. Think Twilight with bent halos, instead of conflicted teens hanging around with vampires.

"It's a story about getting self-awareness in life. Everything is not what it seems. The only person who can change you is yourself," she said.

Now, the Cambridge woman is planning to turn All I Need, for which she put up \$4,000 of her own money to get the book printed, into a book trilogy. She's also bankrolling the production of an independent movie telling the first episode of the story.

"I have a creative vision. I know I always wanted to create," she said.

In her high school years, she sang, acted and danced in school productions, including writing lyrics and music.

The 30-year-old studied at the Vancouver Academy of Dramatic Arts, had bit parts in television shows, travelled to Japan and worked in a hotel in northern Alberta oil country.

Now she's home with plans to create her own success by latching onto the next hot supernatural story theme: angels among us.

Carrigan grew up Catholic, but that's not why she wrote the book. It's more romance and adventure than theology.

"I don't think it's religious... you never know, there could be guardian angels out there," she said.

Shooting scenes for the movie started in September, in and around Cambridge. It's expected to be completed by the middle of 2012.

Paul Brandt at CN Centre March 4

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Fresh from his fall tour, Alberta-born country superstar Paul has added dates, including Prince George and Dawson Creek, to promote his latest release Give It Away. This latest CD showcases his exploration into new musical and lyrical territory, while remaining true to the sound and voice his fans have come to love.

Give It Away is a diverse collection of songs exploring passion, loss, humour and, of course, love. The album also features revisited versions of Brandt's international smash hits I Do and My Heart Has A History.

Brandt is the most-awarded, male, Canadian country artist in history. Born in Calgary, Alberta, his first big break was in 1996 with the single My Heart Has a History, which hit number one in Canada, made him the first Canadian male country artist to reach the Billboard Top Ten in the US since Hank Snow in 1974.

Brandt has nine successful albums to date.

In addition to his music, Brandt also has a strong passion for helping people, working with a number of charities, including his own foundation, The Priceless Gift of Hope Foundation, and being involved with humanitarian pursuits around the globe.

Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at all Ticketmaster outlets and Rogers Wireless Box Office for the March 4 concert.



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