



Heart and Craft

VOLUNTEER TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF SENIOR CITIZENS

In Easter of 1986, Adelle Connors visited her grandmother at an assisted-living facility, where she observed that many of the residents had no one visiting them. This led Connors to found **Youth2Seniors** in 2011, a nonprofit that aims to engage youth and enhance the lives of senior citizens by bridging the generations through various programs at assisted-living facilities. "It is absolutely amazing to watch a 5-year-old and 97-year-old work side-by-side together," Connors says. "There's an opportunity to learn to work together and to learn a new skill either very early or very late in life." Throughout the year, they have free programs like art classes and Bear H.U.G.S., where kids and seniors stuff bears that are then donated to the police department and shelters. They also host Intergenerational Day, a fundraising and community awareness event in October.

HOW TO HELP Two types of volunteers are needed for Youth2Seniors: Adults can volunteer to help run events, art classes and workshops, and children under 18 can sign up to participate in one of the programs to work with senior citizens. This month they'll be having two intergenerational art classes at The Summit at Lakeway, including a beading project on Feb. 9 and a mosaic frame project on Feb. 23.

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not only plays traditional classical pieces but also contemporary jazz, pop and even indie rock. *Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive, 477-6060, texasperformingarts.org*

RA RA RIOT (Feb. 20) Ra Ra Riot, an indie-rock quartet formed at Syracuse University in 2006, has received rave reviews from critics on its previous albums *The Rhumb Line* and *The Orchard*. For their latest album, *Beta Love*, the group was inspired by influences like futurist inventor Ray Kurzweil. *The Belmont, 305 W. Sixth St., 476-2100, thebelmontaustin.com*

DON WILLIAMS (Feb. 21) Known as "The Gentle Giant," Don Williams has been cranking out laid-back country standards for decades, including "I'm Just a Country Boy" and the hit duet with Emmylou Harris "If I Needed You" by Townes Van Zandt. Now, Williams is back at the Paramount to perform songs from his latest album, *On and So It Goes*, and showcase the self-assured songwriting that snagged him a spot in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2010. *Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave., 474-1221, austintheatre.org*

JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE (Feb. 21) The late folk singer John Denver, who died in a plane crash in 1997, sold more than 33 million records, made 23 studio albums and won two Grammy Awards during his successful career. His music lives on with the Rocky Mountain High Concert, where a string section and former members of his band perform classic songs like "Sunshine On My Shoulders" and "Leaving On a Jet Plane" while vintage footage of Denver plays in the background. *ACL Live at the Moody Theater, 310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd., 225-7999, acl-live.com*

REBELUTION (Feb. 21) California band Rebelution has been performing its reggae and rock music since its formation in 2004. The four-man group has released four studio albums and found a following with popular songs like "Sky is the Limit," "Bright Side of Life" and "Feeling Alright." In 2012, the band released the triple album *Peace of Mind*, which includes both acoustic and dub versions of the record. *Stubb's Bar-B-Q, 801 Red River St., 480-8341, stubbbsaustin.com*

BRUCE ROBISON AND KELLY WILLIS (Feb. 22) Austin's first couple of country, Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis, bring their fun chemistry to the Cactus Cafe stage this month. Willis is known for hit singles "Baby Take a Piece of My Heart" and "Heaven's Just a Sin Away," while Robison is a sought-after songwriter, having penned chart-toppers for the likes of the Dixie

Chicks ("Travelin' Soldier" and "McGraw and Faith Hill" "Happy Birthday Time"). *Cactus Cafe, 2347 Congress Ave., 475-6515, cactuscafe.org*

OLD 97'S (Feb. 22) Formed in Dallas in 1993, alternative country band the Old 97's has released numerous albums, with the most recent being 2011's *The Grand Theatre (Volume 1)*. Now the band is putting on "The Far to Care" tour, in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of its band's the same name. The show will begin with a solo set by lead singer Brent Miller. *Antone's, 213 W. Fifth St., 320-8424, antones.net*

JUKEBOX THE GHOST (Feb. 23) The three band members of Jukebox the Ghost met while attending George Washington University and decided to form a rock band in 2005. Now based in Brooklyn, the group has released three studio albums and have been following with fun tracks like "Somebody," "Oh, Emily" and "Schizophrenia." *Stubb's Bar-B-Q, 801 Red River St., 480-8341, stubbbsaustin.com*

ELECTRIC SIX (Feb. 24) Just like the name says, Electric Six are a garage band that aims to electrify its audience. The Detroit-based group's influences range from hard rock and punk to New Wave and disco. Since its formation in 1999 under the initial name The Wildbunch, the band has released nine albums. Its songs "Gay Bar" and "Danger! High Voltage" topped the UK charts. *Stubb's Bar-B-Q, 801 Red River St., 480-8341, stubbbsaustin.com*

TAME IMPALA (Feb. 26) Psychedelic rock group Tame Impala has been jamming since 2007. The Australian band has been highly regarded since its debut album, *Innerspeaker*, was released in 2010. The band's second album, *Lonerism*, came out in October and includes popular tracks "Elephant" and "Feels Like We Only Go Backwards." *Stubb's Bar-B-Q, 801 Red River St., 480-8341, stubbbsaustin.com*

JEREMY DENK (Feb. 27) Highly regarded pianist Jeremy Denk has built a reputation for his years as a soloist performing both classical and modern pieces with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra and several other symphony orchestras. Denk graduated from Oberlin College and Conservatory with degrees in piano and chemistry, from Indiana University with a master's degree in music and from Juilliard with a doctorate in piano performance. Denk released his album *Ligeti/Beethoven* in 2012. *Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive, 477-6060, texasperformingarts.org*