

The Black Crowes ♪

(Nov. 15, 8 p.m.) "Hallelujah, come join the jubilee." That's the invitation that opens *Warpaint*, the first new studio recording in seven years from the blessed The Black Crowes, true believers in rock's power and potential to set us free. Their powerful new album builds compellingly on the band's trademark adventurous brew of rock, blues, country, soul and gospel, and finds the band in top fighting form. Alabama Theatre, \$40.50. 715-6000. ticketmaster.com

A Passion for Natural History 🦋

(Nov. 16, 1-2 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.) A series of lectures. The first, presented by J. Gilbert Johnston, is "A Passion for Natural History." The second is William Bartram in Alabama, presented by Dr. John Hall. Aldridge Botanical Gardens. \$15 each nonmembers; \$10 each members. 682-8019. aldridgegardens.com

High Society 📺

(Nov. 16, 2 p.m.) Enjoy this classic film musical during Marvelous Musical Movie Sunday. Alabama Theatre. \$6; \$5 senior citizens and children younger than 12. 251-0418. alabamatheatre.com

Sunday Topic Tour 📖

(Nov. 16, 2 p.m.) New Hands, Native Lands. Birmingham Museum of Art. Birmingham Museum of Art. 254-2565. artsbma.org

Meyer Planetarium

Show 🌟

(Nov. 16, 2 p.m.) "Destination: Pluto." \$2, \$1 children. Birmingham-Southern. 226-4771. bsc.edu

Pilobolus Dance

Theatre for Kids 🎭

(Nov. 16, 2:30 p.m.) In addition to their public performance in the ASC's Magic and Movement series, Pilobolus Dance Theatre will give a special one-hour performance just for kids. Alys Stephens Center. \$10; \$7 children. 975-2787. alysstephens.org

November Organ

Recital Series ♪

(Nov. 16, 4 p.m.) Nathan Laube performing. A rising star among young classical musicians, Nathan began his music studies at age 5 and at age 15, he was accepted as a full scholarship student at the renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In addition to his studies at The Curtis Institute, Nathan also maintains a rigorous performance schedule. Independent Presbyterian Church. Free. 933-3700. ipc-usa.org

Battle of the Bands ♪

(Nov. 16, 5 p.m.) Presented by Gorilla Productions. Battles in cities across the nation will consist of approximately eight bands, each playing a 30-minute set. The winner of each show will advance to the finals, where the winner will receive prize money, studio time and a submission to a label. WorkPlay. \$10 advance; \$12 day of show. gorilla productions.net

Sixth Avenue Baptist Men of Distinction ♪

(Nov. 16, 6-7:30 p.m.) Join the church for this annual concert of classic and contemporary religious music by an outstanding

A Passion for Natural History

It all started with a book of John James Audubon's bird images. As a child, J. Gilbert Johnston would spend evenings flipping the pages of that book, a gift from his parents, memorizing bird names while fighting sleep. His grandmother followed that gift with one of her own—a biography of Audubon. Johnston's fascination with these images continued to grow as he began collecting bird prints in college and studying those birds on his wilderness travels. "Everywhere I would go, I would take guides to birds and guides to flowers and trees because I wanted to know what I saw," he says.

Now Johnston, a Birmingham native, is the owner of Antique Nature Prints. He'll share his knowledge with art and natural history enthusiasts during a Nov. 16 lecture series and sale benefitting Aldridge Botanical Gardens. Johnston's lecture, "A Passion for Natural History," is scheduled for 1 p.m. and will be followed by University of West Alabama Professor Dr. John Hall's lecture, "William Bartram in Alabama," at 2:30 p.m. Both will be held at the Hoover Library Theatre.

An exhibition and sale of Johnston's print collection will take place on Nov. 19 to 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Aldridge Gardens. The collection includes original nature prints by John James Audubon, Mark Catesby, John Gould, Prideaux John Selby and other natural history scientists/artists.

"Holding an original is holding a little piece of history," Johnston says. "These things are older than we are and we are kind of the custodians of them for a period of time, then we pass them on to someone else." A percentage of each purchase goes to Aldridge Gardens.

Johnston's lecture will introduce people to the origin of these prints, which are scientific art. Attendees will learn about the rediscovery of Greek writing during the Renaissance and the genesis of botanical art through medicine.

Learn more about the lecture series and sale at aldridgegardens.com or by calling 682-8019. View more of Johnston's collection online at antiquenatureprints.com. —CARLA JEAN WHITLEY



chorus of more than 100 voices. Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. Free. 251-5173. sixthavebaptist.org

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Alabama Citizen of the Year 2008

Testimonial Dinner 🍷

(Nov. 17, 6 p.m.) Dr. Carol Z. Garrison, president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has been named the March of Dimes 2008 Alabama Citizen of the Year. Dr. Garrison will be honored at the 14th annual March of Dimes Alabama Citizen of the Year Testimonial Dinner. Reception and silent auction begin at 6 p.m.; dinner begins at 7:15 p.m. Business attire. Cahaba Grand Conference Center. \$150, individual tickets. 824-0103. marchofdimes.com

Amos Lee ♪

(Nov. 17, 8 p.m.) *Last Days at the Lodge* finds Amos Lee honing