



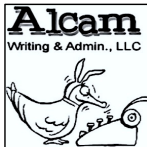
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Happy February!



We may not have a groundhog to predict the start of spring today but we do have a resident cardinal in our yard.

Photo by Patricia Villers

## Movie Review: *La La Land* is whimsical musical that charms, stirs emotion

By Patricia Villers

Los Angeles is the City of Angels. And for those who hope to make it in Hollywood it's the City of Dreams.

I went to see *La La Land* earlier this week to find out what all the shouting is about. And I wasn't disappointed. I can understand why the movie written and directed by Damien Chazelle was nominated for 14 Academy Awards.



The movie stars Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, whose on-screen chemistry sizzles.

*La La Land* charms the audience with music, dancing, and acting. There are flights of fancy and fantasy sprinkled with a dash of drama, comedy, and romance.

Gosling plays Sebastian, a pianist whose goal in life is to keep the old-style jazz genre alive. He dreams of opening his own club for jazz musicians to play what they want, when they want, how they want.

Stone portrays an aspiring actress who auditions, audition and auditions more until she finally lands a role that changes her career, and her life.

The movie offers old-fashioned entertainment - the kind that features the main characters suddenly breaking into song and dance. It harkens back to the golden days of the Hollywood musical but it is played out in a modern-day setting.

The opening scene is a dance number that's set on an L.A. freeway is a bit confusing at first, and it's a long film - two hours and eight minutes.

But with all its fantastical sequences *La La Land* serves as a reminder to never stop pursuing one's dreams.

If you're looking to get away - far away - from the news of the day go see *La La Land*.



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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**February 11th & 12th 10a-3p**  
**Handmade Artisans ♥ Live Music**  
**Mini-Chocolate Tasting**  
**Shop Local. Give Local. Love Local.**  
**FREE ENTRY!!**

SHELTON - The Celebrate Shelton-sponsored Downtown Handmade Markets will be moving around town this year, highlighting new businesses and nonprofits.

The community is invited to join Celebrate Shelton's first Downtown Handmade Market... Around Town from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 at the Valley United Way offices, 54 Grove St.

It will focus on shopping local and giving local; attendees will be encouraged to make a donation to Valley United Way.

The work of the Valley United Way benefits the communities of Shelton, Derby, Seymour, Ansonia, and Oxford.

*This is a press release from Celebrate Shelton.*

See more at

<https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateShelton/>

# Leah Rondon's Birthday Bash

[www.leahrondonfund.org](http://www.leahrondonfund.org)

Carnival games, crafts, face painting,  
raffles, performances, and more!

When: Sat. February 4, 2017

Where: Kolbe Cathedral H.S.  
33 Calhoun Pl, Bridgeport

Time: 12-4 PM

More info: <https://goo.gl/dMCiLb>



All proceeds will benefit the Leah Rondon Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

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