

GIANT SOUNDS

After breaking into the modern rock and alternative worlds in 2011 with hit singles like “Cough Syrup” and “My Body” from its self-titled debut record, **Young the Giant** needed to decompress before starting work on its 2014 release *Mind Over Matter*.

“When we first got off the road, we moved into a house together and tried to get some time to ourselves,” says Eric Cannata, one of the band’s guitarists and background vocalists. “Our first thought was, ‘Let’s not do anything musical for a second and kind of clear our heads.’”

Despite an early bout of writer’s block, once the process clicked for them, an enormous weight was lifted. They ignored media pressure, fan expectations and anything related to the dreaded “sophomore slump,” and just created whatever felt right.

“We wanted to stay true to who we were as a band, but also be able to do whatever we wanted to, sonically, and just explore different sounds,” Cannata says.

Mind Over Matter has an ebullient quality to it that was missing from their debut. “Eros” is a danceable piece of glam rock, while “Daydreamer” is like a kissing cousin of Jimmy Eat World’s “The Middle.” The rock sound from their debut is still there, but enhanced, and while Cannata acknowledges that some will dislike the record, he is OK with that.

“Obviously everybody has their own opinion and everyone has certain expectations for a band that has a new record out that they might fall in love with,” Cannata says. “It’s nice to see people loving it and hating it. I think it’s really interesting.”

Young the Giant plays with Echosmith Joy 8 pm Tuesday, April 8, at McDonald Theatre; \$25 adv., \$30 door. — *Brian Palmer*



JAZZ STATION All-Corners Jazz Jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; \$3-\$5 don.
SAGINAW VINEYARD Bryan Reed—1pm; Acoustic folk, n/c
SAM BOND'S Troupe Carnivale—8:30pm; Acoustic, \$3
THE SHEDD Siri Vik—1:30pm; \$16-\$32
SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c
TRAVELER'S COVE Paul Biondi Quartet w/Mike Anderson—6pm; Variety, n/c
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Doug Wieselmann—7pm; \$10-\$15
VILLAGE GREEN Dave Boch—7pm; Guitar, n/c
THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm
WOW HALL ODESZA, D33J, Kodak to Graph—9pm; Electro-pop, \$10 adv., \$12 door

MONDAY 4/7
AXE & FIDDLE Scott Mickelson, Dan Coyle—8:30pm; Alt folk, \$5
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
BUGSY'S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

COWFISH Monday Night Mics—9pm; Hip hop, n/c
EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; n/c
MAC'S Red Hot Mondays w/Henry Cooper—6pm; Blues, n/c
MCSHANE'S Blues/Rock/Funk Jam—9pm; n/cxx
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7:30pm; Open mic, n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c
WANDERING GOAT Song Writer's Night—7pm; n/c
WILDISH THEATER Chamber Music Amici—7:30pm; \$25-\$30, \$5 stu.
WOW HALL Dead Meadow, Ferns, Snow White—8:30pm; Rock, \$12 adv., \$15 door

TUESDAY 4/8
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Daniel MacAdam—9:30pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Open Mic—6:30pm; Benefit, don.
BUGSY'S Karaoke—8pm

THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c
COWFISH School Night Dance Party w/Michael Human—9pm; Electro, blog-house, n/c
COZMIC El Flowious—7pm; Benefit, don.
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm
GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c
HOP VALLEY TASTING ROOM Blue Grass Jam—7:30pm; n/c
HOT MAMA'S WINGS Open Mic—8pm; n/c
IZAKAYA MEIJI CO. Cowboy Karaoke—10pm; n/c
LEVEL UP Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S The Underground Jazz Collective—10pm; \$2
MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
MCDONALD THEATRE Young the Giant—8pm; \$25 adv., \$30 door
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
SAM BOND'S Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c

WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Karaoke w/KJ Jazzy Jenny—9pm; n/c
WOW HALL Bruce Cockburn—7pm; \$32.50 adv., \$35 door

WEDNESDAY 4/9
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
AXE & FIDDLE The Tenants—8:30pm; Americana, folk, n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
THE CANNERY Jeremy Clark Pruitt—7:30pm; Acoustic, n/c
THE COOLER Hump Night Trivia w/DR Dumass—7pm; n/c
COWFISH “Hump Night” w/Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c
COZMIC Open Mic Night—7pm; n/c
DAVIS Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Hank Shreve—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

DOC'S PAD Twisted Wednesday w/Stephen Rose—10pm; EDM, n/c
GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c
GRANARY Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm; n/c
JERSEY'S Karaoke—8pm
LUCKEY'S KI & The Architex—10pm; Hip hop, \$2
MAC'S Jazz & Variety w/Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c
MCDONALD THEATRE Yonder Mountain String Band—8pm; Acoustic, \$22.50 adv., \$25 door
MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—9pm; Variety, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
SAM BOND'S Goshwood—9pm; n/c
SPIRITS Karaoke—9pm
THE TAP & GROWLER Will Brown—6pm; Acoustic guitar, n/c

TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, top 40, dance, n/c
TINY TAVERN Comedy Night w/Mac Chase—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Larry Barkemeyer—7pm; n/c
WOW HALL CunninLynguists, J-Live, Sadistik, Nemo Achida—8pm; Hip hop, \$18 adv., \$20 door

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SA The Long Hello—10pm; n/c
WE Celtic Jam—7pm; n/c
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