



## SMALL HOUSES, BIG SOUNDS

Philly-based musician Jeremy Quentin is one of those guy-that's-a-band/band-that's-just-one-guy types. He performs under the name **Small Houses**. The album art for Small Houses' 2013 release *Exactly Where You Wanted to Be* shows Quentin standing alone, suitcase in his hand, staring into the middle distance, mustachioed like your dad in 1978. He could be laid-over at a Greyhound station — on his way to somewhere he's dreading.

Much of the record sounds that way: lonely, lo-fi, heartbroken and introspective indie folk.

"I call it alternative country," Quentin tells EW. That sound is summed up perfectly with track "I Saw Santa Fe," a literate, mournful and beautiful piano ballad that would fit nicely on Bruce Springsteen's *Nebraska*. "It's kind of a get-even song," Quentin says, adding it was written in Michigan at a time of personal heartbreak for the musician.

Small Houses' upcoming 2015 release *Still Talk; Second City* carries on in much the same vein, this time perhaps with more maturity and teeth. Track "Staggers and Rise" fleshes out the lo-fi sound, taking Quentin's alt country from the bedroom to the barroom. "Seventeen in Roselore" pairs rough, acoustic guitars with Quentin's gravelly tenor and Samantha Crain's ghostly soprano.

"I'll do anything once," Quentin sings, serenading Crain, "Push your hair back with my thumb/ I'll do anything, love/ Heard your name came from a song."

So if Small Houses finds fame and fortune, will he retain the Small House moniker while living in a mansion? "I think I'd buy myself a small house," Quentin says, laughing, "and all my friends a big fucking house."

Small Houses plays with **The Harmed Brothers** 9:30 pm Friday, Jan. 23, at Sam Bond's; \$7. 21-plus.

— William Kennedy

**LUCKEY'S** Matt Lindley, The Zendeavors, The Great Hiatus—10pm; \$5

**MAC'S** Red Thunder—8pm; Rock, \$5

**MCDONALD THEATRE** Wale, Audio Push, Bizzy Crook, Metric—9pm; Rap, \$25 adv., \$30 door

**NOBLE ESTATE WINERY** Soup du Jour—5; Blues, jazz, n/c

**O BAR** Peter Giri—6pm; Variety, n/c

**POUR HOUSE** Karaoke—9pm

**QUACKER'S** Ladies Night & DeeJay—9pm; n/c

**RAGOZZINO HALL** Oregon Jazz Festival—7:30pm; \$10-\$20

**RAVEN A PUB** Karaoke—9pm

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** Willie Watson, Mikaela Davis—9:30pm; Old time, \$10

**SPRINGFIELD VFW** McKenzie Express—7pm; n/c

**TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE** DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c

**TRACKSTIRS** Karaoke—9pm; n/c

**WANDERING GOAT** Entrail, A Volcano, Moan—9pm; Rock, experimental, don.

**WESTEND TAVERN** Karaoke—9pm; n/c

**WHITE HORSE SALOON** Karaoke; Code Red—9pm; n/c

**WOW HALL** Ya Mon! Birthday Party w/710 Ashbury, Wet Spot, Ya Mon!—7:30pm; \$5

### SUNDAY 1/25

**AGATE ALLEY BISTRO** Karaoke—9pm; n/c

**BEALL HALL** Shai Wosner—3pm, piano, \$17-\$39; UO Flute Studio—8pm, \$5-\$7

**COWFISH** 20th Century Soul w/ Qamron Crooks—9pm; Pop, deep house, n/c

**COZMIC** Open Bluegrass Jam—2pm, n/c; Old-Time Jam—4pm, n/c

**CUSH** Open Mic & Jam—7pm; Variety, n/c

**JAZZ STATION** All-comers Jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; Jazz, \$3

**LUCKEY'S** Broadway Revue Burlesque Night—10pm; \$5

**SAM'S** Open Mic Night—7pm; n/c

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** Rosie & the Barnstormers—8:30pm; Square dance, benefit for Burrito Brigade, n/c

**SPRINGFIELD VFW** McKenzie Express—7pm; n/c

**TRAVELER'S COVE** Paul Biondi Quartet—6pm; Variety, n/c

**VILLAGE GREEN** Dave Boch—7pm; Guitar, n/c

**THE WEBFOOT** Karaoke—9pm

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** King of Instruments—3pm; Organ recital, n/c

**WOW HALL** RL Grime, Lunice, Tommy Kruiise—9pm; EDM, \$18 adv., \$20 door

### MONDAY 1/26

**BEALL HALL** William Ludwig w/ Steve Vacchi & David Riley—7:30pm; Bassoon, piano, \$8-\$10

**BLACK FOREST** Karaoke—9pm

**BUGSY'S** MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

**COWFISH** Inclusion w/Aaron Jackson & Guests—9pm; Bass-house, electro, n/c

**MAC'S** Hank Shreve & Friends—6pm; Blues, n/c

**MULLIGAN'S** The Allegations & Special Guests—8pm; Oldies, n/c

**PORKY'S PALACE** Karaoke—8pm

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** Bingo—9pm; n/c

**SPRINGFIELD ELKS** Blue Skies Big Band, Fabulous Jewel Tones—2pm; Swing dance, \$8

**VILLAGE GREEN** Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c

### TUESDAY 1/27

**5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA** Jesse Meade w/Girin Guha—9:30pm; n/c

**AXE & FIDDLE** Science Pub—5pm; n/c

**BLACK FOREST** The Lowmen, Pirate Radio, Mercy Music, No Red Alice—10pm; n/c

**THE CITY** iPod Night—6pm; n/c

**COWFISH** Work-Nite Vibin' w/ Stephen Rose & Guests—9pm; House, hip hop, n/c

**COZMIC** Nappy Roots—8pm; Hip hop, \$12 adv., \$15 door

**EMBERS** Ladies' Night Dance Party w/DJ Victor—8pm; n/c

**THE GREEN ROOM** Karaoke—9pm

**GOODFELLA'S** Karaoke—9pm; n/c

**HOT MAMA'S WINGS** Open Mic—8pm; n/c

**JAZZ STATION** Advanced Jam w/ Adam Harris—7:30pm; Jazz, \$3

**LEVEL UP** Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c

**LUCKEY'S** Kasheusday w/Chad Kashuba & Lindsay LePon—9:30pm; Comedy, variety, \$2

**MAC'S** Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c

**THE O BAR** Karaoke—9pm

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c

**VILLAGE GREEN** Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar; n/c

**WANDERING GOAT** Cleopatra—8pm; Americana, folk, don.

### WEDNESDAY 1/28

**5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA** Karaoke—9pm

**AXE & FIDDLE** Theo Czuk—8pm; Singer/songwriter, n/c

**BEALL HALL** Tai Hei Ensemble—8pm; n/c

**BLACK FOREST** Karaoke—9pm

**THE BLIND PIG** Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm

**THE COOLER** Hump Night Trivia w/DR Dumass—7pm; n/c

**COWFISH** Rotation Live w/ Connor Jay & Guests—9pm; Hip hop, indie dance, n/c

**DEXTER LAKE CLUB** Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Peter Giri—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

**ELK HORN BREWERY** Cross Current—5:30pm; Acoustic folk, n/c

**GRANARY** Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c

**THE GREEN ROOM** Karaoke—9pm; n/c

**HAPPY HOURS** Grateful Dead Wednesday—9pm; Dead concert vids, n/c

**HOP VALLEY BREWING** Buffalo Romeo—6pm; Acoustic Americana, n/c

**JERSEY'S** Karaoke—8pm; Ladies night, n/c

**LUCKEY'S** Kl & the Architetx—10pm; Hip hop, \$2

**MAC'S** Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; Jazz, variety, n/c

**MCDONALD THEATRE** G. Love & Special Sauce, Matt Costa—8pm; Blues, \$25

**MULLIGAN'S** Open Mic—8:30pm; Variety, n/c

**NEW MAX'S TAVERN** Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c

**OLD PAD** Trivia Night—9pm; n/c

**POUR HOUSE** Karaoke—9pm

**SAM BOND'S GARAGE** Left Coast Country, Betty & the Boy, Kory Quinn—9pm; Americana, \$6

**TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE** DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, top 40, dance, n/c

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