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The Machine, a Pink Floyd tribute band, performs shows by album, with "Dark Side of the Moon" Saturday and "The Wall" Sunday.

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A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING SHOWS

HEADLINE ACTS
coming to Little River
Casino Resort include:

SEPTEMBER
SEPT. 11 An Evening
with Johnny Rivers, 8
p.m.
SEPT. 25 Bobby Vinton
Live in Concert 8 p.m.

OCTOBER
OCT. 2 Rolling the
Stones (Rolling Stones
Tribute show), 8 p.m.
OCT. 17 Battle of the
Bands, 4 p.m.
OCT. 23 Zed-Leppelin:
The Nation's Premier
Led Zeppelin Experi-
ence, 9 p.m.
OCT. 30 Molly Hatchet
& Blackfoot, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER
NOV. 13 Australia's
Thunder From Down
Under, 8 p.m.
NOV. 20 John Michael
Montgomery, 8 p.m.
NOV. 26 John Cafferty
& The Beaver Brown
Band, 9 p.m.

A Pink Floyd experience

The Machine to perform 2 nights of Pink Floyd music at Little River Casino

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we play it **like we wrote it.**'

Joe Pascarell



Joe Pascarell and drummer Todd Cohen get into the performance.

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Joe Pascarell has loved Pink Floyd since he was a teen. Now he is living the dream as the premier tribute band for the legendary rock group.

The Machine, a Pink Floyd tribute band out of New York, will perform two shows at the Little River Casino Resort this weekend, including laser lights to give the full Pink Floyd experience.

"I am aware tribute bands have a stigma," said Pascarell. "I ask people to give our band a chance. We try really hard to perform honestly."

Pascarell's favorite song to perform is "The Final Cut." While it isn't as popular as some of the band's classics, he has a connection to it.

"I feel like when I play, I could have written some of those songs," he said. "I am really comfortable performing them."

The Machine didn't start out to be a Pink Floyd tribute band, but moved into the role over time.

"We did a lot of Pink Floyd songs and people freaked out because we sounded so much like them," said Pas-

DETAILS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SHOWS ARE at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Little River Casino Resort.

TICKETS COST \$15, \$20 and \$25 and can be purchased by calling 800-585-3737 or visiting www.startickets.com.

carell. "We learned more of their songs and when the agents heard us play, we started to get gigs to just play Pink Floyd."

The band has been touring as a tribute band for 23 years.

He said audiences can expect a heartfelt performance of the music.

"We really love this music," said Pascarell. "We don't just go through the motions, we play it like we wrote it."

"It is pretty elaborate," said Pascarell. "I think it adds a whole other texture to the show and involves the audience. It's neat for people to see lasers, it's like watching fireworks."

GETTING STARTED

Pascarell was 10 when his older brother came home from college and brought his guitar. He had been listening to mainly The Beatles

but was fascinated with the guitar and became a Pink Floyd fan.

"I didn't take lessons," said Pascarell. "I figured it all out myself. I loved it so much." He said he learned to play by ear. Later on he learned to read music.

"I look back and that was the best way to learn," said Pascarell, now age 49.

Some of his influences include Mozart, Bjork, Radiohead, Brian Wilson and more.

"I like a wide spectrum of music," said Pascarell.

He first saw Pink Floyd live at age 13 and returned time and again for live show after live show.

"I like the early '70s Pink Floyd better," said Pascarell.

Like Pink Floyd, The Machine will play two different shows, by album.

"It makes sense that way, it flows well," said Pascarell.

Saturday's show features "Dark Side of the Moon," in its entirety. Sunday's features "The Wall," also in its entirety.

The Machine is made up of Todd Cohen, drums, Joe Pascarell, guitar and vocals, Ryan Ball, bass and vocals and Scott Chasolen, keyboard and vocals.

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'What If ...' — filmed here — opens Friday

"What If..." filmed in Manistee, opens nationwide Friday.

It was the first movie filmed by 10 West Studios of Manistee, produced for Pure Flix and Jenkins Entertainment.

It stars, Kevin Sorbo, Kristy Swanson, Debby Ryan, and John Ratzenberger.

The movie tells the story of Ben Walker (Kevin Sorbo), who 15 years ago left his college sweetheart Wendy (Kristy Swanson), and his calling to be a preacher, in order to pursue a business opportunity. Now with a high-paying executive gig, a trophy fiancé, and a new Mercedes, he hasn't considered a family nor felt the need to set foot in a church in fifteen years.

But God has other plans. While on a thrill ride outside the city, his new car mysteriously breaks down, and he's visited by a tow truck driver named Mike (John Ratzenberger) who claims to be an angel sent to show Ben what his life would look like had he followed his true calling. Suddenly Ben wakes up in the

IF YOU GO

SHOWTIMES

SHOWTIMES ARE at 1:05, 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m. at the Harbor Cinema, starting Friday.

SEE MORE on 10 West Studios' take on the movie release, A1.

middle of domestic chaos as his wife Wendy and daughters (including Disney Channel's Debby Ryan) are getting ready for church, where Ben is the new pastor.

Before he can get back to his old life, Ben must first embrace this reality and discover the value of faith and family, and perhaps restore his love for those who were heartbroken 15 years ago: Wendy and God. In the tradition of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Family Man," "What If..." is a story of finding your true purpose in life.

The film runs 1 hour and 40 minutes and is rated PG. Showtimes at the Harbor Cinema are, 1:05, 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

FOR AN interview with director Dallas Jenkins, see the Daily News later this week.



Film Director Dallas Jenkins gives instructions to actress Debby Ryan during filming of the movie "What If..." in Manistee.

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