

Ypsilanti voters decide: 5 Washtenaw County millages are on the ballot this November

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Ypsilanti residents can expect to see five Washtenaw County millages on the ballot this November.

The ballot measures ask residents to vote on the status of property tax millages that will fund emergency communications, veterans’ relief, elderly services, mental health services, public safety, and special education.

The enhanced emergency communication ballot measure asks residents to renew an existing tax rate and add a small increase to fund Washtenaw County’s Enhanced Emergency Communications System. The money would go toward maintaining, upgrading, and operating the system, including building new towers, upgrading infrastructure, buying equipment, and covering maintenance and user fees.

“That [millage] goes to support how public safety agencies inside of the county communicate with each other,” said Washtenaw County Deputy County Administrator, Andrew DeLeeuw.

This means that ambulances, firefighters, police officers, and sheriff deputies all have a system that allows them to communicate with each other efficiently during emergencies, according to DeLeeuw.

“The benefit there is shortening response times and making sure we don’t have any gaps in terms of coverage inside of the county,” DeLeeuw said.

The Veterans’ Relief millage asks voters if they want to renew an existing tax rate to support the Washtenaw County Department of Veterans Affairs in providing financial aid and services to veterans, including assistance for low-income veterans and managing the department’s operations.

The Department of Veterans Affairs

has provided veterans with assistance like access to adequate housing and food, DeLeeuw said.

insurance or ability to pay. Their efforts will focus on reducing stigma, especially among youth,

The elderly service millage asks residents to approve a new property tax to fund services and programs for people aged 60 and older in Washtenaw County.

With the millage being new, the county is still in the process of planning how the money would be used, DeLeeuw said.

DeLeeuw plans to address the needs of the county’s aging population based on suggestions from the Washtenaw County Commission on Aging and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, including the right to age in place, he said.

“Aging in place is this concept that you don’t want to move out of your long-time home because you’re getting older,” DeLeeuw said. “So doing things like modifying bathtubs, ramps, or door handles, can make it so that no one is forced to leave their home if they don’t want to,”

More suggestions include focusing on food accessibility for low-income older adults, accessible housing and accommodations, and transportation services, according to DeLeeuw.

The community mental health and public safety millage asks residents to renew an existing tax rate and add a small increase to fund mental health services and law enforcement in Washtenaw County. Specifically, 38% of the funds will go to the County’s Community Mental Health Department, 38% to the County Sheriff’s Office, and 24% to local government police departments.

According to Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, or WCCMH, these funds will be used to expand services like therapy, crisis support, and housing, while increasing access for all residents regardless of

improving community outreach, and providing more equitable care, according to

WCCMH’s goal is to offer preventive treatment and divert low-risk offenders from jail or hospitalization whenever possible.

According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office, a portion of these funds will be used for their Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Deflection, or LEADD program.

LEADD aims to reduce racial disparities, particularly for African Americans and people of color, and ensure community responders, service providers, and recipients work together effectively. The focus is on creating a safe, supportive environment with trauma-informed care that prioritizes harm reduction.

The special education millage asks for votes to renew an existing tax rate to fund special education services for students with disabilities in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

According to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, or Washtenaw ISD, this millage would not lead to the increase of any existing tax rates and would go to support services that could benefit every public school student, including advanced placement coursework, improved learning environments, mental health supports, extracurricular activities, school safety and more.

Washtenaw ISD provides support services to every one in seven students in Washtenaw County who receive special education services from preschool age through age 26.



Beara Bakes: a new stop for sweet and savory treats

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Tucked into an alley on Washington Street is a new spot for sweet treats. Where GO! Ice cream used to be, Beara Bakes now calls 10 N. Washington St. home.

Beara Bakes started as a pop-up and pre-order bake sale in 2020, inspired by owner Cat Spencer’s history with cooking and love for community. Spencer said that they feel restaurants are important to communities, especially small towns and, “[Opening this restaurant] was the best way I knew how to show love and support for this community.”

From the launch in 2020, Beara Bakes slowly grew until they had their soft open on Aug. 18.

According to the Beara Bakes website, “We strive to use local good ingredients.” Spencer elaborated on this and said that their business is big on sustainability, so they try to use almost all local and organic ingredients, especially their produce.

This means that their menu is ever-changing with what is in season, or even day to day. You can find an updated menu on their Instagram almost every day. However, the cheddar chive biscuit is a savory everyday staple. As well

as the sweet brown butter buckwheat chocolate chip cookie.

The base recipes stay much the same, just with changing flavors as produce becomes available and unavailable. This was evident over the summer as strawberries were only available for about two weeks. So, every item became strawberry flavored to make the most of the micro-season.

In addition to hand-made treats, Beara Bakes offers Intelligentsia House Blend drip coffee. If coffee isn’t your taste, they also offer Topo Chico and a bottle of water with cups to split with your group.

Their prices range depending on what you are getting, but are usually between \$3-\$13 for a treat or coffee. There is also no tax on their in-store goodies.

The food can be taken to go, or enjoyed inside the cozy bakery. They are open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Their products are also available at Roos Roast, Lab Ann Arbor, LowerTown Bar and Cafe, Argus Cafe on Packard and their Sunday Brunch Pop-Ups.

For more information about what items are available and where to find them, you can visit their website, bearabakes.com, or their Instagram, bearabakes.

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What's the move? Oct. 29-Nov. 4

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Domestic Violence Awareness Movie: The Color Purple - Oct. 29

Attend a free screening of The Color Purple to see the story of a woman overcoming abuse. The film will be shown in Student Center 208 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Pumpkins on the Patio - Oct. 29

Carve pumpkins and eat autumn treats on the Student Center Patio from 4 to 6 p.m.

Leroy Clemons: The Impact of Youth during the Civil Rights Movement - Oct. 29

Learn about Leroy Clemons and The Civil Rights Movement at this LBC credit-approved event. Located in Sill Hall 124 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Halloween Sip & Shop - Oct. 30

Grab mocktails, snacks and 4 additional items of professional clothing in McKenny Hall 251 from 1 to 3 p.m.

CORE Conversations: Making the MexiRican City - w/ Dr. Delia Fernandez-Jones - Oct. 30

Join Michigan-based historian Delia Fernandez-Jones who recently published a book about Mexican & Puerto Rican History in Grand Rapids. This event is LBC credit-approved and will be held in the Student Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

Halloween Costume Contest & Pet Parade - Oct. 30

Enter your furry friends into a costume contest at Depot Town Cats and Dogs. All participating pets will receive a \$5 gift card just for joining, while the winner will receive a \$25 gift card. The event is free and starts at 7 p.m.

Maiz Halloween Fiesta - Oct. 31

Enjoy food, a live DJ set, drink specials, dancing, and a costume contest at MAIZ Mexican Cantina. This event is 21+, costs around \$10 to \$20, and starts at 7:30 p.m.

Rise Higher: First Generation Student Day - Nov. 1

If you're a first-generation student, take the time to learn about navigating your college search and also about the resources and features available to you and your family. This will be in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
New Moon Night Hike - Nov. 2
Enjoy a quiet hike at the Burns Stokes Preserve while searching for nocturnal animals. The hike runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register here.

The Brain That Wouldn't Die! (The Musical), Star Jelly Performance Company - Nov. 2

See an all-original production inspired by the cult classic 1960s film in musical form presented by the Star Jelly Performance Company at the Riverside Arts Center. General admission is \$15 and the showtimes are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Get tickets here.

Crafting Care During Election Season You Are Expansive Program at RAC - Nov. 3

Join a community art project will provide a responsive and supportive space to express yourself through art, connect with others, and learn about care during the election season at the Riverside Arts Center. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Register here.

Narcan Overdose Prevention - Layman Training - Nov. 4

Attend a free training and learn how to prevent and treat a narcan overdose. To register, email amickevi@emich.edu. Include your name, training date, department, and EID. Training is in Halle Library 300 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics - Nov. 4

With your insurance card, grab a free flu shot or COVID-19 Vaccine in Student Center Ballroom A from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

National Transfer Student Week at EMU is all about opportunities

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Every third week of October, Eastern Michigan University celebrates National Transfer Student week, which is an opportunity to recognize the portion of the student body who are coming to EMU from another school.

This year, the Holman Success Center celebrated transfer students throughout the week of Oct. 21-25, encouraging transfer students to recognize their achievements and learn about the different resources available to them.

National Transfer Student Week is facilitated by the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students, or NISTS. This year, they focused on the theme "Unlocking Potential: Keys to the Transfers Journey" in order to emphasize the different skills and areas of knowledge that transfer students bring to their schools.

They encouraged campuses to both celebrate the transfer student experience, and enhance institutional support. For EMU, this meant providing educational and relaxing opportunities for transfer students to attend, along with emphasizing the myriad of ways they can be supported through different school programs.

"National Transfer Student Week is an opportunity for us as a community

to celebrate transfer students, recognize all their hard work, help them continue to build community, and then also recognize those that are supporting transfer students," said Jenna Royale, Michigan College and University Partnership (MICUP) Program graduate assistant and success coach.

First, the week began with posters of encouragement being placed in front of Halle Library. These posters featured photos and remarks by current transfer students and supportive faculty. On Tuesday Oct. 22, transfer students could enjoy a relaxing night of coloring, popcorn, and a double feature of Addams Family.

The next day, transfer students headed to the Student Center for a trick-or-treat style event. Different entities around campus, like the Honors College, Academic Advising Center, MICUP-BEAT, and more handed out candy to students who attended, as they learned about the different resources available to them on campus. Then, on Thursday Oct. 24, a Study Table Takeover happened in the evening at Halle Library. The final event was a Paint Your Own Pottery night, happening at Glaze Pottery on Friday night.

"It has been awesome seeing the turnout at events this year," Royale said. "Seeing transfer students that are mostly commuters or are mostly taking

online classes meet at these events and create a community, it's been very rewarding."

Royale hoped that transfer students could unwind and feel a sense of community during National Transfer Student Week. Royale herself was a transfer student during her undergrad, and knows firsthand the excitement, and stress, that transferring brings.

"Going to one school and learning all the rules is really hard, and then picking up and moving, establishing a new community, making new friends, learning a new campus, learning a new school system. It's really, really, really, really hard," Royale said.

Royale hopes that transfer students continue to build a community and utilize campus resources even after National Transfer Student Week concludes. People like herself and Jackson are consistently working to ensure transfer students' success, both on and off campus.

"[Jackson] genuinely cares so much about students and engagement and improving engagement, so that's been really awesome. She's working really hard to build a robust network between all the organizations on campus so we can find the best ways to support transfer students," Royale said.

For more information on transfer student resources, please reach out to the Holman Success Center.

A night of intrigue: 'Murder at Gatsby's Gala'



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On Oct. 24, 2024, Campus Life, the LGBT Resource Center, and E Dining collaborated to put on an unforgettable evening. "Murder at Gatsby's Gala" was an immersive murder mystery that transported 80 students back to the Roaring Twenties, where they stepped into the shoes of various characters entangled in a thrilling whodunit.

Several weeks before this sold out event, students could register and choose their preference of a leading role, side character, or a small role in the storyline. Each participant received a personalized email about their role and tips on what they should wear. Formal attire was suggested, and attendees were encouraged to come dressed in their best 1920's attire. The anticipation grew as they prepared to waltz into Jay Gatsby's extravagant mansion for an evening of glamor and suspense.

As the doors swung open, guests were greeted by a breathtaking scene. Dressed in luxurious silk and adorned with pearls, attendees mingled among eight distinct character categories: athletes, business types, mobsters, politicians, media workers, celebrities, socialites, and veterans. Upon arrival, students were given a character folder and an accessory and name tag that matched one of the eight character groups. In their character folder,

each participant had a list of characters, some fake cash, an envelope labeled "wait to open," rules and guidelines for the night, and a sheet that listed their character's story, traits, goals, and five objectives to start the party. Though a murder mystery set the stage, every character had a side story and worked on their own goals alongside the big case, adding more layers to the drama.

The evening flowed with laughter and lively conversation as students snacked on a delectable array of appetizers, desserts, and mocktails crafted by E Dining. Elegant tables adorned with jewels, candles, and pearls created a stunning ambiance, while student volunteers, dressed in flapper dresses, glided through the crowd serving refreshments. The air buzzed with excitement, setting the scene for an unforgettable night.

Then, in a dramatic twist, the lights dimmed. Suddenly, someone called out, "ratatat, gunshots!" When the lights flickered back on, gasps erupted as a key character lay sprawled on the floor, "dead." Chaos erupted, and the atmosphere shifted from celebration to investigation. Students quickly huddled into their character groups, sharing clues and speculating on the shocking murder.

Each group was then prompted to unveil the secrets hidden in their envelopes, revealing a treasure trove of new information

and additional objectives tied to the murder mystery. Armed with this knowledge, the quest for truth intensified. As the night progressed, five pieces of evidence emerged, challenging students to harness their inner detectives. They interrogated suspects, decoded messages, and pieced together clues, each step bringing them closer to the truth.

The excitement reached its peak during the final group discussions, where students passionately debated their theories and selected their prime suspect. The stakes were high, and with each group presenting a different theory, the tension in the room was palpable. Using a QR code, attendees submitted their final guesses, eager to see who would be unmasked as the murderer.

When the time came to reveal the truth, the room held its breath. The host unraveled the mystery, explaining the trail of evidence that had led to the shocking conclusion. With the case closed, the energy remained vibrant as students lingered, exchanging stories, enjoying more drinks, and capturing memories against the backdrop of Gatsby's party.

As the night drew to a close, it was clear that "Murder at Gatsby's Gala" was not just an event, but a thrilling experience that sparked friendships and left everyone buzzing with excitement long after the mystery had been solved.

Eagle Tips and Tales: Oct. 29-Nov. 4

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The passion and support from Eagle Nation play a vital role in the success of Eastern Michigan sports.

"It was awesome to see Eagle Nation show up like that; I haven't seen the stadium that packed. You know, we pull up to the game and there's tons of fans, tents, I mean people everywhere," I think that had a lot to do with us being able to stick together and persevere through a lot of the adversity," EMU quarterback Cole Snyder said.

As we head into the final days of October and kick off November, get ready for an exciting lineup of EMU athletic events!

With various matchups across multiple sports, there's something for every fan to look forward to, from intense basketball showdowns to crucial conference championships. Here's your guide to this week's can't-miss EMU athletic events:

Women's Golf at Hurricane Invitational

Kicking off the action, the EMU women's golf team will travel to Coral Gables, Florida, for the Hurricane Invitational on Oct. 28-29. This all-day event presents a fantastic opportunity for the Eagles to showcase their skills against top competition.

Men's Basketball vs. Central State

On Oct. 30, the EMU men's basketball team begins their season at home in the Convocation Center with an exciting matchup against Central State at 6:30 p.m. Fans can't miss the chance to see the Eagles in action as they look to start the season strong.

Soccer at Akron

On Halloween, the EMU soccer team heads to Akron for a critical conference clash at 4 p.m. on Oct. 31. This match is essential as the Eagles aim to make their mark in Mid-American Conference (MAC) play.

Tennis at MSU Hidden Duals

The EMU tennis team will compete in the MSU Hidden Duals from Nov. 1-3 in East Lansing, Michigan. This event will allow the Eagles to face stiff competition and test their abilities against strong opponents.

Volleyball at Ball State

The EMU volleyball team faces a doubleheader weekend in Muncie, Indiana, with matches against Ball State on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. These back-to-back contests are crucial as the Eagles seek to secure victories in MAC play.

Football vs. Toledo

One of the season's most anticipated games, EMU football will take on the Toledo Rockets at home on Nov. 2 at 12 p.m. Fans are sure to enjoy an electrifying game as the Eagles look to secure a big win against their MAC rivals.

Women's Basketball vs. Texas State

On Nov. 4, Eastern Michigan women's basketball kicks off their season with a home opener against Texas State at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss the action at the Convocation Center as the Eagles take the court to begin their journey.

Men's Basketball at Texas State

The EMU men's basketball team hits the road to face Texas State on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. in their second game of the season. This early-season matchup is an important test for the Eagles as they build momentum for the year ahead.

With such a packed schedule, be sure to mark your calendars and support your Eastern Michigan Eagles. Stay tuned to The Eastern Echo for updates, scores, and highlights from all the action!



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<p>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MOVIE: THE COLOR PURPLE STUDENT CENTER 208 12 P.M. - 5 P.M. PUMPKINS ON THE PATIO STUDENT CENTER PATIO 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.</p>  <p>LEROY CLEMONS: THE IMPACT OF YOUTH DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT SILL HALL 124 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.</p>	<p>HALLOWEEN SIP & SHOP MCKENNY HALL 251 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.</p> <p>CORE CONVERSATIONS: MAKING THE MEXIRICAN CITY - W/ DR. DELIA FERNANDEZ-JONES STUDENT CENTER 6 P.M - 8 P.M.</p>  <p>HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST & PET PARADE DEPOT TOWN CATS AND DOGS 7 P.M.</p> 	<p>MAIZ HALLOWEEN FIESTA MAIZ MEXICAN CANTINA 7:30 P.M.</p> 	<p>RISE HIGHER: FIRST GENERATION STUDENT DAY STUDENT CENTER 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.</p> 	<p>NEW MOON NIGHT HIKE BURNS STOKES PRESERVE 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.</p>  <p>THE BRAIN THAT WOULDN'T DIE! (THE MUSICAL) - STAR JELLY PERFORMANCE COMPANY RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER 2 P.M. & 7 P.M.</p> 	<p>CRAFTING CARE DURING ELECTION SEASON YOU ARE EXPANSIVE PROGRAM RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.</p> 	<p>NARCAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION - LAYMAN TRAINING HALLE LIBRARY 300 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.</p>  <p>FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM A 2 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.</p> 

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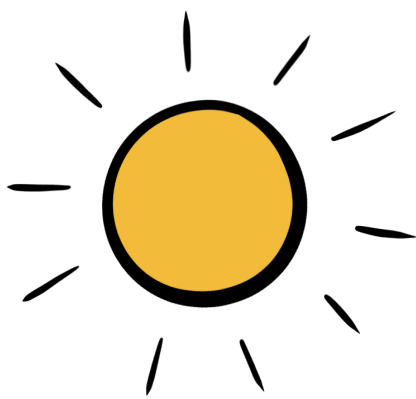
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64° Monday, Nov. 4



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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. “Every woman should have the right to make decisions about her own body.” “This fight is about freedom.” With Biden, strengthened abortion pill access and abortion patient protections, overturned Trump Planned Parenthood federal funding ban. Would sign national abortion rights bill if Congress passed.	Ban. “After 50 years of failure, I was able to kill Roe v. Wade.” Did so by appointing three anti-abortion Supreme Court Justices. It was “a miracle.” States should decide for themselves, potentially monitoring women’s pregnancies and prosecuting women for getting abortions. Abortion is “really not that big of an issue.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. We’re seeing the climate crisis “every day...in real time.” “We must do more.” Cast the deciding vote to commit \$369 billion to climate and clean energy, the biggest investment in US history. Supported \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure; includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions. No longer would ban hydraulic fracking.	No. Climate change is a “hoax.” The world will “start getting cooler.” Withdrew from the Paris climate pact. Will expand coal and oil production. “I want to drill, baby, drill.” Asked oil and gas executives to donate \$1 billion so he could reverse Biden’s climate initiatives.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Police are dedicated public servants. As a prosecutor increased felony convictions by one third. But “public safety requires community trust.” Has supported better training, banning choke holds, and prosecuting police misconduct.	Police are “under siege.” Cut back active federal oversight of excess force, though supported a database to track it. Admires Chinese approach of quick trials and a death penalty for drug dealers so there will be a “zero drug problem.”
ECONOMY How to improve the economy and make daily life more affordable.	Expand child tax credit. Give tax credits for affordable housing builders and subsidize first-time home buyers. Restrict price gouging on groceries and lower drug costs by negotiating prices. Supported bipartisan infrastructure bill.	Increase taxes (tariffs) on imported goods. Cut housing demand with mass deportations. To lower prices, would deregulate businesses, rein in “wasteful federal spending” and unleash American energy. Opposed infrastructure bill.
EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	No. In Florida “extremists... passed a law, ‘Don’t Say Gay,’ trying to instill fear in our teachers.” Now, “they want to replace history with lies,” teaching “that enslaved people benefited from slavery.” Children should be “taught the truth.”	Yes. Certify teachers who “embrace patriotic values.” Would “cut federal funding” for any school “pushing critical race theory, gender ideology.” Restricted diversity training for federal employees and contractors.
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. “The [election] results were certified by state after state and reaffirmed by court after court.” “On January 6, we all saw what our nation would look like if the forces who seek to dismantle our democracy are successful.”	No. Called the election a “Big Lie” and a “Massive Fraud” that would justify “termination” of parts of Constitution. Called those who stormed U.S. Capitol “unbelievable patriots.” Would pardon them fully.
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Tighten. “Every person deserves the freedom to live safe from gun violence.” Supported the bipartisan gun safety bill and required background checks for gun show & online sales.	Loosen. To NRA, “no one will lay a finger on your firearms.” Plans to roll back Biden gun restrictions. Reversed Obama-era background checks for those with mental illnesses.
HEALTHCARE Repeal or expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Expand. “Health care is a right, not a privilege.” Cast a tie-breaking Senate vote to expand ACA & lower Medicare drug prices, including a \$35 monthly insulin cost. Would link drug costs to costs that comparable wealthy nations pay.	Repeal. “Terminate.” “Obamacare is a catastrophe.” As President, promised to replace it with “something terrific,” but repeal failed in the Senate by one vote. Supported an unsuccessful lawsuit to overturn it.

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IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Supports “comprehensive immigration reform.” Backed the bipartisan Senate border security bill. Rejects mass deportation of undocumented immigrants. “We are a nation of immigrants.... let us all address [the issue] with the urgency and seriousness it requires.” Supports pathways to citizenship for DACA participants and undocumented spouses of citizens.	Illegal immigrants are “poisoning the blood of our country.” Will use the National Guard and local police, with possible detention camps, to deport 15 to 20 million illegal immigrants. Opposed the bipartisan Senate immigration bill. Tried to end DACA; Supreme Court overruled. Would renew his Muslim ban and end automatic citizenship for everyone born in US
ISRAEL/GAZA Response to Israel’s invasion of Gaza following October Hamas attack?	“We need” a cease-fire & a two-state solution. “Israel has a right to defend itself.” But “too many innocent Palestinians have been killed... Civilian suffering... [is] devastating.” Palestinians and Israelis both “are entitled to security.”	Has supported Israeli action, “get the job done.” Says Israel releasing images of bombed Gaza buildings loses “the PR war.” Gaza protesters are “raging lunatics and Hamas sympathizers.” Would deport student protesters.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. “Unions built” the American middle class. “We are fighting to protect the sacred right to organize.” Backs pro-union laws. Walked UAW picket line. Build “an economy where every person, not just the wealthy,” can thrive.	Harder. Made it harder for unions to organize. Restricted federal employee collective bargaining. Praised employers who fire striking workers: “They go on strike...and you say... ‘You’re all gone.’” Striking Auto Workers were “sold down the river by their leadership.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. In 2004, officiated some of the nation’s first same-sex marriages. Helped repeal California’s anti-gay marriage initiative. Biden administration protected LGBTQ medical patients from discrimination.	Limit. Weakened an Obama order protecting LGBTQ federal contractors from discrimination. Banned transgender military servicemembers and ended anti-discrimination protections for transgender patients.
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Legal. “Nobody should have to go to jail for smoking weed.” Legalize and regulate. Supports Biden’s easing federal prohibition.	Unclear. It does “significant damage.” Reversed Obama rule to not prosecute in states where legal, but ultimately didn’t prosecute.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal minimum from \$7.25 an hour?	Yes. Supports Congress raising the national minimum wage to \$15. Biden administration raised to \$15 for federal contractors.	No. A \$15 minimum wage would “eliminate jobs.” Threatened to veto. Questioned need for a federal minimum wage: let the states decide.
SOCIAL SECURITY Cut Social Security or raise retirement age to stabilize program?	No. Would protect and stabilize Social Security by making wealthier Americans pay into Social Security at the same rate as everyone else; they’d keep paying in above their current \$168,600/year income cap.	Mostly yes. There’s “a lot you can do in... cutting.” Also flags bad management. Proposed \$35 billion cuts in Social Security disability programs. But “will never do anything” to “hurt Social Security.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Yes. Supported Biden forgiving \$144 billion for over 4 million borrowers, after the Supreme Court blocked the Biden-Harris \$430 billion forgiveness plan.	No. Called student loan forgiveness “unfair” to those not attending college. Vetoed forgiving loans of defrauded students. Proposed cutting support programs for student borrowers.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on the wealthy and corporations?	Raise. Voted against Trump tax cuts, which included the largest corporate cut in US history. Supported increasing corporate tax rates. To boost teacher salaries, proposed raising estate taxes on the very wealthy.	Lower. His 2017 tax cut included the largest corporate cuts in US history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. Would extend and expand when they expire in 2025. Raising business taxes “will lead to the destruction of your jobs.”
UKRAINE/RUSSIA Support defending Ukraine against Russian invasion?	Yes. “Regarding Putin’s unprovoked, unjustified war against Ukraine... we are committed to... defend democratic values and stand up to dictators.”	Mostly no. To end the war, will push Ukraine to give up territory to Russia. Russia should “do whatever the hell they want” to NATO countries that don’t pay enough.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Pass bills to protect voting rights and make voting and registration easier. Biden administration directed federal agencies to help people register.	Harder. Has long supported stronger voter ID requirements. Sued to bar ballot drop boxes. Encouraged Republicans to vote early but said early ballots “get lost” or are “phony.”

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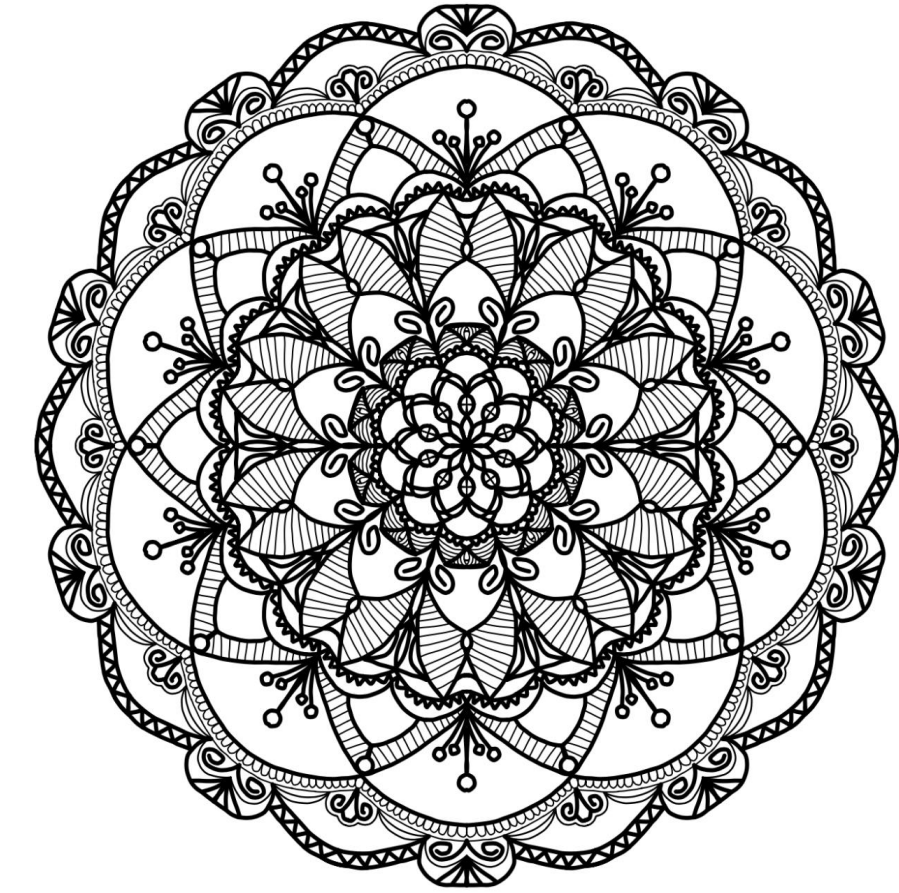


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'The Great Impersonator' is Halsey's most emotionally brave album to date

Frank Remski
Review Columnist

Who is the person behind Halsey? This question concerned her latest record, “The Great Impersonator.” Themed around the decades from the 1970s to the 2000s, it was a mix of synthpop and alternative songs that told stories about Halsey’s health (both mental and physical), identity, and relationships.”I really thought this album would be the last one I ever made,” said Halsey in a teaser for the record.

The album was preceded by multiple singles, including “Lucky” which interpolated the Britney Spears song of the same name. To countdown to the record, Halsey released one photo a day where they impersonated iconic musicians such as Dolly Parton, David Bowie, Fiona Apple, and many others on her social media.

Halsey uses she/they pronouns.

Highs
Halsey held back no punches, delving deep into depressing and cutting subject matter. This led to the record being Halsey’s best lyricism to date. The record was filled with



story-based songs that sounded like confessions, such as “Only Living Girl In LA” where Halsey morbidly sang about being insecure in their life, stating “I don’t know if I could sell out my own funeral.” Other songs were

steeped in metaphor, such as “Life of the Spider (Draft)” which used a metaphor of being a spider in one’s house, simply trying to live but under attack for merely existing.

Especially notable were her

explorations of chronic illness and family. Many of the songs touched on her battles with lupus and T-cell disorder, such as the first song released “The End.” Through its detail, the album showcased bravery in discussing chronic illness, a topic with little representation in mainstream music. And on familial relationships, particularly notable was Hasley’s complicated, adult view of her parents on “I Believe In Magic” and “Hurt Feelings.”

Halsey’s vocal performance was deeply moving and emotional. She showed anger on songs such as the bitter “Dog Years” and the sultry standout “Arsonist” which also benefited from out-of-sync vocal layering. She mostly presented sadness, sounding on the verge of tears on songs such as “Life of the Spider (Draft)” and the three “Letter to God” songs. She also showcased conflicting emotions well, such as “Panic Attack” switching between anxiety and wistfulness and “The Great Impersonator” where she took a playful tone to narrate a gruesome story.

Lows
The record came in at 18 tracks, over an hour long, and failed to justify it. Most of the songs were trying to be as emotional and detailed as

possible, but it lended to many of them bleeding together and after a while, the emotions became numb. These songs were less complementary and more in competition.

The length wasn’t helped by much of the album’s production and backing music. The sounds weren’t enough when it came to memorability, catchiness, and surprises. The music could have gone further with genre, especially if it had leaned more into its retro concept. The length compounded this, as it made it harder for songs to standout. Though there were exceptions such as “Arsonist” with its whispering backdrop, “Hometown” with its country leaning, or “Lonely is the Muse” which was outright rock.

Verdict
“The Great Impersonator” was the bravest album in Halsey’s discography. It was filled to the brim with raw emotions and richly detailed lyricism. But it did suffocate itself a bit with its length. The album was a bit of a mess and a hard listen, but ambitious and in a way, genius.
Content warning for listeners: the track “Dog Years” featured references to a dog dying.

Rating: 7.5 out of 10

'We Live in Time' leaves the audience in tears

Mariam Fakhreddine
Review Columnist

‘We Live in Time’, directed by John Crowley, is limited in theaters and will be released on streaming services on November 25th. This film features Andrew Garfield as Tobias and Florence Pugh as Almut. Their chemistry intrigues the audience, and their love story is exceptional. Due to the explicit content and language, this is for a mature audience only.

Almut and Tobias are brought together by a surprise encounter that forever changes their lives. This challenge is a path that limits their time to cherish each moment together. This movie, with its captivating and exceptional love story, consists of

flashbacks about their love story of how they fell in love. The challenges they face together show the actual test of how strong their love can be.

Highs
The highlights in this film revolve around the incredible emotions that Garfield and Pugh portray through their characters. This is a different role for Garfield, known for his “Amazing Spider-Man” films. His acting in portraying a character who is faced with the love of his life and who is facing a terrible illness is impressive. He shows deep emotions of fear and love within a time limit.
Pugh portrays Almut as an exceptional chef dealing with an illness that soon takes over her life. She faces the challenge of giving up her dream due to being ill and having a limit on

achieving what she wants to in her life. Her character’s challenges are heartbreaking and profound, leaving the love of her life and her daughter to destroy her well-being. The amount of heartbreak and emotion Pugh portrays is beautifully done. As life throws her the most heartbreaking curve ball, her character continues to be strong and achieves one last dream before the time is up.
Another high point is the intriguing and dramatic love story between the characters. But this does not stop Tobias from continuing to chase Almut. This movie starts with Tobias facing challenges that make him depressed until he finds Almut. The love story is intriguing and keeps the audience engaged and curious about what will happen next.
The scenes of them together

were captured beautifully, showing the aspects of love and cherished moments. The chemistry in this film is a highlight, considering the strong connection between the characters. This keeps the audience interested and full of emotion. The plot is intriguing and shows the truth of what illnesses can do to a family.

Lows
There were minimal lows in this film. The main low was the flashbacks, confusing because they showed them in the present and then the past without even realizing it. It was hard to decipher which was which until the middle of the film. Another low was the lack of background information on Tobias, including what he experienced before he met Almut and why he was so depressed.

Another low point was how Almut mistreated Tobias, even when all he was doing was asking a simple question. She sometimes gets very defensive, even when he tries to improve things. His effort and love can go unseen and unappreciated at times, which destroys his self-esteem. His character is too emotional, which is a low point because he is portrayed as weak. The last low was the ending. It did not quite let the audience know what happened; it had the audience assuming what happened.
Verdict
This heartbreaking film is full of profound moments, making it a must-watch for any romantic drama enthusiast. It is a truly beautiful story about illness, drama, and challenges.

Rating: 7.5 out of 10

'Smile 2' is a horrifying sequel with unanswered questions

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Review Columnist

The new sequel “Smile 2” directed by Parker Finn hit theaters on Oct. 18. This film features Naomi Scott as the main character, Skye Riley. Her performance leaves the audience horrified. Fans consider whether this movie is better than the first film, “Smile.”

“Smile 2” centers around Skye Riley, a global pop sensation preparing to go on a comeback world tour when her world is suddenly flipped upside down. She begins experiencing terrifying and unexplainable events combined with the pressure of her past and current level of stardom, she begins to slowly lose her mind and attempt to come to

terms with her past.
Highs
This film has many highs, I would say more than in the first “Smile” film. One of the highs centers around the actors’ performances. Naomi Scott’s performance as Skye Riley is breathtaking and intense. She portrays powerful emotions incredibly well throughout the film. Her performance is very realistic and pairs well with this film’s ever-increasing tone of fear and dread.
Another high point of “Smile 2” is the tone of fear throughout. This movie does an incredible job of keeping the audience guessing and at the edge of their seat. Several moments in the film are shocking and completely unexpected, leaving viewers wondering

what will happen next. The director, Parker Finn, brilliantly takes what worked in his first film and amplifies it in this horror sequel.
Another critical aspect that adds to this film’s uneasiness and fear is the music score, composed of creepy electronics and eerie chatter that builds in volume as we witness our main character lose her sanity. The soundtrack in this film is not only music, but fear manifested through sound.
One time during the movie, when Skye is at rehearsal, she has a bizarre hallucination of the entity with a sudden, deafening sound that makes you flinch. The fact that only she witnesses this as her co-stars surround her symbolizes that she is in a world of fear and nobody can help her. It is unlike what is heard

in classic horror movies nowadays and paints a particularly haunting atmosphere that carries throughout the film. This soundtrack, combined with very believable acting, evokes a sense of fear, disarray, and mystery as Skye tries to survive with the malevolent entity haunting her.
Lows
The lows in this film are minimal. The most confusing aspect is the viewer’s inability to tell what is real. If she was having a hallucination, it was so believable. Another low was the lack of background information surrounding Skye; she is a recovering drug addict, but it is hard to know what started her drug addiction. Something profound that is not told happens between her and her best friend Gemma (Dylan Gelula).

Another low point is her mother, Elizabeth (Rosemarie DeWitt). She degrades her daughter and treats her as a money-maker. Even when Skye is losing her mind, Elizabeth only believes she is on drugs. This takes a toll on Skye and she feels hopeless as no one cares about her unless it is about the tour. The last low point is the movie’s ending, which confuses the audience. It does not leave on a cliffhanger, leaving the audience to question whether another “Smile” film will follow.
Verdict
“Smile 2” is worth watching, considering Scott’s astonishing performance. It is horrifying and a perfect scary movie for Halloween.
Rating: 8.5 out of 10



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