Entertainment Calendar

Friday

MUSIC

WALLY SCHNABEL Sextet — Drummer Wally Schnabel returns to the city after his hit contributions to the recent "Schnabel's" benefit, but you may probably know Schnabel for his innovative music. A fixture of the Bay Area jazz scene, this drummer has shared the stage with Larry Coryell, Billy Cobham and other top jazz names. With the release of his new record "It Rains," Wally Schnabel clearly establishes himself as a composer, performer and arranger as well. Finishing up the evening, Al fires up the bass. 5 p.m. at the Kraken Jazz Club, 412 Cedar St. Santa Cruz. 427-2220.$5.

HARVEY MANDLE — Every time Mandel plays around people laugh about the show. Manda- days. A pioneer of the two-handed tapping tech- nique, new shows are his one and only brand. Mandel plays rockin blues with his own twist. Mandel is definitely a more original musician than almost anyone in the scene today. 8 p.m. at 410 Commercial Way, Santa Cruz. 427-8484.$10.$5:

JAMBAJAM — A popular hip-hop/rock band from the Western plains, JamboJam uses a combination of rock and funk to make their audience dance. If you like it, you can call it "For the Mothers." The band also will play at the Loose Moose, where members of the audience will join in the fun with a 9 p.m. at Live Songs, 300 Ocean St. at Fourth and Hyatt St. Santa Cruz. 427-1088.$5:

PESCHE — Santa Cruz's top band takes a break from its touring schedule to play a gig at the Misfit. Live & Hooky opens the show which promises to keep the dance floor full. 9 p.m. at 301 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz. (420)358-4769.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CHOIR — Graduate student Rebecca Slavens directs the choir with the Redwood string quartet in President's "Holiday Mixer," a devotional piece on the Virgin Mary's vigil and Christ's crux. 4 p.m. at the UCSC Performing Arts Concert Hall. 459-3538.$3:

Saturday

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SAN FRANCISCO DANCE FESTIVAL — Celebrating its 12th year, the San Francisco Dance Festival has expanded its monthly performance series to offer 15 shows through March. A varied line-up of leading Bay Area dance companies will perform in three city locations. In February, the concerts are on the 15th and 22nd. The festival takes place on the first and third Saturday of each month. Details: (415) 655-1100.

CONCERT FOR KIDS — Planned Parenthood presents another installment of its concert for kids with Jim Marshall and Jack Bowler, who perform folk songs, folk songs and rock 'n roll at 11 a.m. at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History. Free. For more information, call (408) 696-4000.

DANCE PLANET — A monthly free-form dance event open to all ages and free of alcohol. The event features a casual offering of a multicultural DJ and 11 p.m. at Portage Saloon, 219 Front St. at 6th St. Santa Cruz. (408) 424-9130.$4:

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EVEN/DANCES — Lincoln Street, 11 p.m. at the Free and Easy. For more information, call (408) 424-9130.$4:

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SAN CRUZ COUNTY SYMPHONY — John Lattanzi, the guest conductor for this weekend's performance, will lead the orchestra in a night of exciting music by such well-known composers as Schumann, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart. The program includes a visit to the Tchaikovsky and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." 8 p.m. at the City College Auditorium, 115 Wall St. Santa Cruz. 427-5000.$5:

TENES VAN ZANDT — Texas swingin' and lyrical extraordinary. Tenes Van Zandt is a composition of Lucy Clark's influence, who has influenced Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard and Emmy Lou Hur- rys, all of whom have recorded his songs. Influ- enced himself by Sam Lightman's. Reginald and Bob Dylan, the writer makes his Santa Cruz de- but after NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion." The band also will play at the Loose Moose, where members of the audience will join in the fun with a 9 p.m. at Live Songs, 300 Ocean St. at Fourth and Hyatt St. Santa Cruz. 427-8484.$10.$5:

CRAIG CHIN — Fans of blues, jazz and soul will enjoy as members of the group are always guaran- teed a killer show by the South Bay's international star. With a new band in tow, Craig is working on a new CD and will play some material from that plus his previous three records at 9:30 p.m. Max's Alley, 135 Commercial Way, Santa Cruz. 427-8484.$10:

WOMEN'S CHOIR — The women's choir performs at the Kraken Jazz Club, 412 Cedar St. Santa Cruz. 427-2220.$5:

BAY CITY OPERA — Enjoy his group and its familiar hits at the 410 Commercial Way at 7 p.m. 427-8484.$5:

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION — See Fri- day's listing for details. 8 p.m. at Actors' Theatre, 101 Pacific Ave. Santa Cruz. 420-358-4769.


Sunday

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AL DI MEOLA — Meet the sugar of 10, when he played with Chuck Berry in January in Bar- cino. Di Meola's band is the epitome of the world's music. Take his performance with Carlos Santana and then his work with the Spanish guitar. (408) 420-358-4769.$10:

COCO MONTOYA — Montoya began his career in 1962 and has been playing with some of the biggest names in the business, including John Mayall, John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, and now with the greats like Eric Clapton and John Mayer. For more information, call (408) 420-358-4769.$10:

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TREVOR JUNKER —婷婷 and David Caster perform vocal harmonies, acoustic and electric guitars to create a sound of love, folk, pop and folk sounds. The band will play at 7 p.m. at the Kraken Jazz Club, 412 Cedar St. Santa Cruz. 427-8484.$5:

CRAZY FINGER — The Crazy Finger performs a number of songs at 9 p.m. at the Kraken Jazz Club, 412 Cedar St. Santa Cruz. 427-8484.$5:

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