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## Lard Dog and his cosmic combo

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He's been called "the greasy nugget of world-class children's music," "the dim-witted genius," and "the shyest extrovert" — and it must all be true, since it says so right there on his record *Life's a Real Dream*. Yep, it's **Lard Dog**, who is set to play Saturday morning at World Cafe Live.

Through the efforts of artist Steve Erdman, Lard Dog arrived on Earth from the planet Belopio on a giant pretzel, and eventually went into the music biz, with his **Band of Shy** (including singer Honey Babe, keyboardist Schwington Boogie, bassist B. Happy, guitarist Marcel Bowhaus, with the Lady

Wonga on drums, MC Louis Luminous, and Ploop — just being Ploop, of course).

With songs including "Beeples, No Pie," "Yum Yum Head Gear Co.," and "I Dig Holes," and zany, surreal comedy in the spirit of children's shows such as *Yo Gabba Gabba* and *Beany and Cecil*, the cosmic combo present a multimedia show with music equally inspired by Zappa, Devo, and 1950s beatnik bop.

They say, "Slurp the noodle of life." We say, OK!

11 a.m. Saturday at World Cafe Live, 3025 Walnut St.  
Tickets: \$10. Information: 215-222-1400 or  
[www.philly.worldcafelive.com](http://www.philly.worldcafelive.com).

### Special Events

#### Philadelphia

**FREE Art & Architecture Tour** Tour focusing on the Center's architecture & the artwork on display. Sat. 10:30 am. Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Sts.; 215-893-1999.

**Philadelphia International Flower Show** Features floral masterpieces, culinary demonstrations, garden marketplace & more. Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St.; 215-418-4700. [www.theflowershow.com](http://www.theflowershow.com). \$27; \$20 students 17-24; \$15 children 2-16. Closes 3/13.

#### Pennsylvania suburbs

**FREE Audubon Bird Town Bird Walk** A monthly guided birding expedition at an Audubon Society listed site. Lorimer Park, 183 Moredon Rd., Huntingdon Valley. 3/15. 8:30 am.

**FREE Carriage House Art Sale** Semi-annual art sale with original works in all mediums available for purchase. Tamanend Park, 1255 2nd St. Pike, Southampton. Closes 3/13.

**Greater Philadelphia Boat Show** Display & sale of various boat models & accessories. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. [www.phillyboatshow.com](http://www.phillyboatshow.com). \$8; free for children 16 and under. Closes 3/13.

**Hippety Hop Rabbits** Learn about wild rabbits as well their domesticated relatives that live at the park. Story & craft included in program. Upper Schuylkill Valley Park, 1600 Black Rock Rd., Royersford; 610-948-5170. Suggested donation: \$4 per child. 3/12. 10 am.

**FREE Saturday Morning Bird Walk** For all birding enthusiasts. Silver Lake Nature Center, 1306 Bath Rd., Bristol; 215-785-1177. Closes 3/29.

**FREE Waterfowl Watch** Search for ducks, geese, swans, & other birds. Green Lane Park, 1614 Snyder Rd., Green Lane; 215-234-4528. 3/12. 1 pm.

**FREE Waterfowl Watch** Explore the pond for ducks, grebes, egrets & herons fresh from spring migration. Norristown Farm Park, 2500 Upper Farm Rd., Norristown. 3/15. 8:30 am.

**WineFest Philadelphia** Sample offerings from PA wineries while enjoying entertainment & chocolate. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. \$25. Closes 3/13.

#### New Jersey

**Smooches for Pooches** Saturday, March 12th promises to be a lucky day for bulldogs at The Promenade at Sagamore in Marlton, NJ. On that day, from 11 am to 2 pm in Center Court, guests are invited to take part in the Center's Annual Bulldog Kissing Booth and St. Patrick's Day Pooch Costume Contest. For just \$1 a smooch, guests can get a lick from one of HeavenSent Bulldog Rescue's lovable pals. All \$1 kiss donations directly benefit HeavenSent Bulldog Rescue and help the effort to re-home a bulldog that has been surrendered or found astray. The Promenade at Sagamore, Rte. 73, Sagamore Dr., Marlton; 856-985-3846. 3/12. 11 am.

#### Children's performances

**A Paranormal Purim featuring Fred's Magic World** A magic show with plenty of laughs for Purim. University of the Arts - Gershman Hall (Gershman Y), 401 S. Broad St.; Call (215) 545-4400 or buy at [www.gershmany.org](http://www.gershmany.org). \$14-\$20. 3/13. 2-3 pm.

**The Amazing Kreskin** Mentalist whose performances offer a blend of wit & showmanship. Glazier Jewish Center, 25 N. State St., Newtown. [www.amazingkreskin.com/](http://www.amazingkreskin.com/). 3/13.

#### Children's museums & attractions

**Camden Children's Garden** 3 Riverside Dr., Camden; 856-365-8733. [www.camdenchildrensgarden.org](http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org). \$6; \$5 ages 3-11; free for children 2 & under. Tue.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm.

**The Crayola Experience** 30 Centre Square, Easton; 610-515-8000. [www.crayolaexperience.com](http://www.crayolaexperience.com).

**Delaware Children's Museum** 550 Justison Street, Wilmington; 302-654-2340. [www.delawarechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.delawarechildrensmuseum.org). \$8.75; free for children 12 months & under and members. Tue.-Thu. 10 am-3 pm; Fri.-Sat. 10 am-8 pm; Sun. 10 am-3 pm.

**Garden State Discovery Museum** 2040 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill; 856-424-1233. [www.discoverymuseum.com](http://www.discoverymuseum.com). Passport to Discovery: Starkbier Fest. 3/12. \$10.95; \$9.95 seniors; free for children under 1. May-Sept.: Daily 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Oct.-Apr.: Sun.-Fri. 9:30 am-5:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am-8:30 pm.

**Insectarium** 8046 Frankford Ave.; 215-335-9500. [www.myinsectarium.com](http://www.myinsectarium.com). Working Beehive. Cockroach Kitchen. \$7; free for children under 2. Mon.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm.

**Kix & Giggles Children's Playground** 9356 Old Bustleton Ave.; 215-677-4140. [www.kixandgiggles.com](http://www.kixandgiggles.com). Wed.-Fri. 10 am-3 pm.