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David W. Jacobsen will bring his style of song to the Alchemist & Barrister

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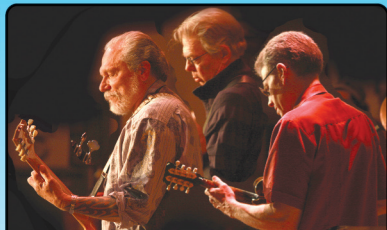
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Songs of Laughter

Singer-songwriter David W. Jacobsen will share his music in Princeton

DAVID W. Jacobsen isn't your everyday acoustic guitar-playing, singer songwriter. The South Orange resident adds a bit of humor to his songs, without losing their alt-folk bent.

Even though his songs are humorous, Mr. Jacobsen is not a satirist along the lines of Weird Al Yankovich; instead, his songs mix a quick wit of social commentary and melancholy reflection.

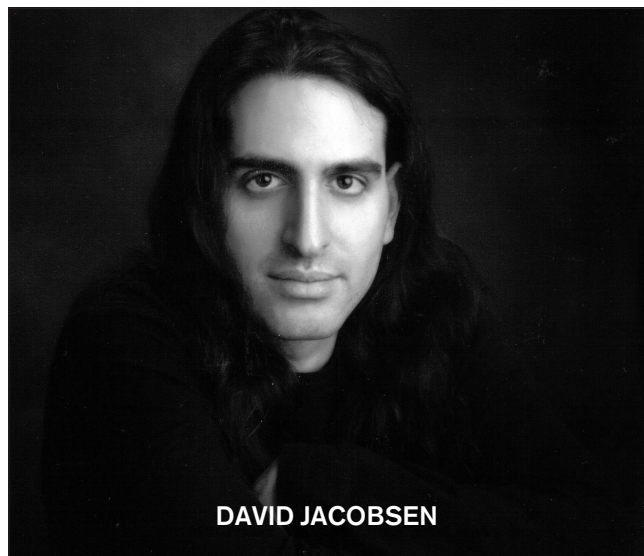
His tunes are catchy and audiences are able to laugh along with him as he sings about everyday problems in life in a fun way.

On June 30, Mr. Jacobsen will be bringing his act to the Alchemist & Barrister in Princeton for a night of live music.

"I played here once before and I'm excited to come back," he says. "People can expect to just have a good time. It depends on the crowd, but it's a mixture of humor and poetry set to song. The nice thing about being a musician is if your song bombs, you can just hide behind your guitar and go to the next song."

Mr. Jacobsen's most recent album, "Not What I Meant," consists of reflective songs about failing to communicate. He says the songs deal with misunderstandings and their light-hearted or heartbreaking repercussions.

Vocalist Chrissy Roberts lends her singing talents to four of the 14 songs on the new album, while Neil Fein and David Spatola added percussion.



DAVID JACOBSEN

"Lyrics play on miscommunications where one party and the other are on different pages and sometimes at least one of the two is unaware of this discrepancy," he says. "Musically, it is predominated by melodic acoustic guitars accompanied

by a rhythm section and occasional mandolin."

While he admits that a certain percentage of his material is inspired by emotional things going on in his life, not everything is strictly from an autobiographical perspective.

"Some of my stuff is a little more involved. Jethro Tull was a really big influence on me, although I don't play flute, and it's that kind of stuff I am striving to do," he says. "I've been recording music in one form or another on a four-track for a long time."

The singer became interested in music in high school, he says, because he thought it would be a great way to meet girls. He started writing songs and studied theory and hoped his efforts would attract the ladies. Eventually, his music became more about the love of music and not so much about the women (although he did snag a beautiful wife in the process).

He studied at Berklee College of Music, concentrating on jazz and composition but then woke up one morning and realized, "I don't really like jazz." From there, he went back to just writing the acoustic slice-of-life songs that make people think.

"I think the best stuff are those things that make people laugh but also give people something to walk away from remembering," he says. "I want people to do more than listen."

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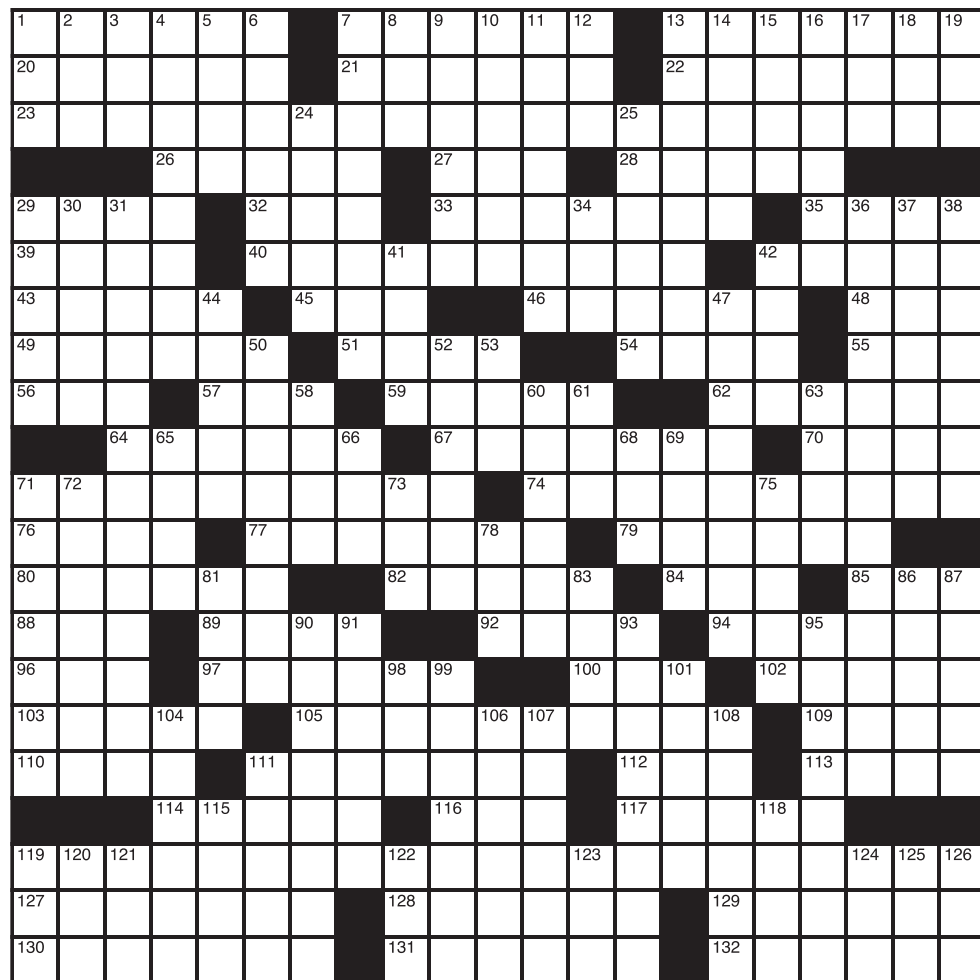
ACROSS

- 1 Pianist Argerich
- 7 Counterbalance
- 13 Burdensome
- 20 "... there's ___": Hamlet
- 21 Trounces
- 22 Forwards, say
- 23 1993 drama for which Stockard Channing got an Oscar nomination
- 26 Now, in Nicaragua
- 27 Fish with bobbing bait
- 28 Golden number
- 29 D-Day transports
- 32 Columnist Coulter
- 33 Soothsayers
- 35 Let go
- 39 Nicole Kidman's birthplace
- 40 2009 sci-fi Best Picture nominee
- 42 Trattoria starters
- 43 Onetime "SNL" regular Cheri
- 45 Thermal opening
- 46 Can plan
- 48 AOL backs-and-forths
- 49 Points of view?
- 51 Islamic leader
- 54 Islamic leader
- 55 Yiddish laments
- 56 Word with fair or opposite
- 57 Andean stew veggie
- 59 In need of wiping up
- 62 Coterie
- 64 Kane's estate
- 67 Effort before the effort
- 70 North Carolina university
- 71 Kurosawa period film remade into a Western in 1960
- 74 1988 baseball scandal movie
- 76 "Devil Inside" band
- 77 Nobility
- 79 Like the West Coast's U.S. Route 101
- 80 Guinea pig
- 82 Prepared to propose
- 84 Cabinet dept. created in 1965
- 85 Spy org. until 1991
- 88 Subway line to Columbia Univ.
- 89 Muffin choice
- 92 Engels collaborator
- 94 More upscale
- 96 Bore, as a cost
- 97 Inclined
- 100 Time-saving phone no.
- 102 Madrid monarch
- 103 Two sheets to the wind?
- 105 1995 Tom Hanks docudrama
- 109 Farming prefix
- 110 Alleviate
- 111 Held lovingly
- 112 Rental car feature, briefly
- 113 First word of the Declaration of Independence
- 114 "Spider-Man" director
- 116 "___ Crazy": Paul Davis hit
- 117 Riveting icon
- 119 Grant/MacDowell romantic comedy
- 127 Stinkers
- 128 Rear
- 129 First in line, perhaps
- 130 Deep down
- 131 High-hats
- 132 Gave lip to

DOWN

- 1 "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll" launch of 1981
- 2 Yellowfin tuna
- 3 Common color in national flags
- 4 Cherish
- 5 Actor Laurie
- 6 Using a passport
- 7 1960 Rat Pack film
- 8 TV sites, in realty ads
- 9 Russian basso
- 10 Honeymoon adventure
- 11 Typographic measure
- 12 J.A. Prufrock's creator
- 13 Degree requirement, maybe
- 14 Dorks
- 15 Actor Morales
- 16 Injure again, as a ligament
- 17 Covert maritime org.
- 18 Side for 2-Down
- 19 ID in MDs' records
- 24 Banks on a diamond
- 25 Enforcement group
- 29 Froot ___
- 30 Composer of gnossiennes
- 31 Hitchcock thriller remade three times
- 34 Pennies: Abbr.
- 36 Academy Award-nominated 1949 war film
- 37 Country singer Harris
- 38 Minority opinion
- 41 Some cats
- 42 Prefix with scope
- 44 Actress Massey
- 47 Double espresso, say
- 50 Darts
- 52 Rome's ___ Way
- 53 Salyut successor
- 58 In unison, in music
- 60 Parking garage section
- 61 Light opening?
- 63 Baroque painter Guido
- 65 Part of ADA: Abbr.
- 66 Portrait finish?
- 68 Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
- 69 Sumptuous
- 71 Spoil
- 72 Subject of Newton's first law
- 73 Ararat arrival
- 75 Ewok's planet
- 78 Masterpiece
- 81 Auction site
- 83 Cretaceous giant
- 86 Class
- 87 Jellyfish's lack
- 90 Chicken Little, notably
- 91 Half a workout mantra
- 93 2003 Penn/Watts drama with "The weight of a hummingbird" in one of its taglines
- 95 Common coastal arrivals
- 98 Okra unit
- 99 "Invisible Man" author
- 101 "It's on the ___ my tongue"
- 104 Composed
- 106 Smooth, musically
- 107 Tooth: Pref.
- 108 Promulgates
- 111 Drink from a press
- 115 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 118 At Staples Center, briefly
- 119 "___ little teapot ..."
- 120 Lab inspector?
- 121 Crib cry
- 122 Literary monogram
- 123 Period, for one
- 124 Hi-___ monitor
- 125 "Peer Gynt" widow
- 126 Inc., in Ipswich

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Answers to last weeks puzzle 06-16-13

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COVER STORY

Jacobsen

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Mr. Jacobsen's album, *Footprints* was voted one of the best albums of 2005 by *Upstage Magazine*. His song "Christmas in Jersey City" received an honor award in the Great American Song Contest.

"With the way things are today, you can do a lot of the recording yourself. I had the newest album professionally mastered, which makes it the most-polished of my recordings," Mr. Jacobsen says. "When I write songs, it usually takes me a couple of years to finish and I expect to have my next album ready next year."

The thing he loves most about performing is the chance to see audiences respond to what he's doing and what he's written — seeing them laugh and singing along.

"I love being able to feed off the energy of a crowd," he says. "I like to get people's minds off their worries and troubles and get people interested in my worries and my troubles."

David W. Jacobsen will perform at the Alchemist & Barrister, 28 Witherspoon St., Princeton, June 30, 9 p.m. For more information, go to www.davidwj.com

ON STAGE

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"It's a beautiful romantic comedy," Ms. Quartarone says. "And Shakespeare is still an unknown entity to a lot of people and if they want to take a chance, I think the idea of a romantic comedy is more welcoming to people. So Frank thought it was high time to do it at the theater."

Even people who have never read or seen a Shakespeare play are bound to know some elements of *As You Like It*, particularly the "All the World's a Stage" monologue spoken by the forlorn character Jaques. Shakespeare '70 promises an entertaining visit to Arden, and also a fresh look at the story.

"Each new play certainly is a challenge," Ms. Quartarone says. "Even if it's a play that the actors have done

before, or that Frank's directed before, because you're bringing together a different cast. It's a new day and you have to look at each play with new eyes. But Frank does love the idea of a repertory company; of having people who come in and perform with us again and again.

"You need to refresh your company with younger people... but there are a number of folks in this cast where it feels like coming home."

As You Like It will be performed at Kelsey Theatre, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, June 28-July 7. Performances are Fri.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$16, \$14 seniors, \$12 students/children; www.kelseytheatre.net; 609-570-3333.