

5 THINGS TO DO IN DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT

Do you remember Dallas hair, giant foam shoulder pads and leggings? If you once said



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'yes' to any one of those fashion statements, this weekend is for you. If you said 'yes' to all, we want you on our trivia

team. The '80s return to downtown, along with some fine live music, and the chance to both learn about the environment and make art from it. Don't be a bohunk, join us downtown!

Science and art go hand-in-hand at the Rainforest Art Foundation. The Thursday morning Biology & Art Exploration programs are sure to keep your kiddos (suggested ages 3-10) entertained and educated. The next topic: Animals and Abstraction. When: 9 a.m. to noon July 16.

Where: Marlene Yu Museum, 710 Travis St. Cost: Free, \$10 donation suggested. Info: rainforestartfoundation.org

2. It's the Totally Awesome '80s Movie Marathon at Robinson Film Center. The fun kicks off in a bangin' way with an



'80s movie trivia dinner and the movie, "The Breakfast Club." Prizes, costumes, big hair. When: July 17-23. Movie trivia dinner is 6 p.m. July 17. Where: Robinson Film Center, 617 Texas St. Cost: \$28/\$21. Info: robinsonfilmcenter.org

3. The Red River District rocks your socks with Pocket Change. The Southern-fried, Texas-style blues and funk rock foursome will light up the stage under the Texas Street Bridge Friday night. When: 5-8 p.m. July 17. Where: Red Riv-

er District, 450 Clyde Fant Parkway. Cost: Free. Info: (318) 673-5100

4. The Shreveport Farmers' Market is stand-alone great, but when you combine the market with musician Buddy Flett, well, life doesn't get much better. Flett is one of the finest musicians in the country and he's a born and bred local. Ask him to sing "Train" and see him play the guitar in a way you never thought possible. When: 7 a.m. to noon July 18 for the market. Flett plays 8 a.m. to noon. Where: Festival Plaza. Cost: Free. Info: Shreveportfarmersmarket.com

5. Brit Floyd, aka the world's greatest Pink Floyd tribute band, is at the historic Municipal Auditorium. Their travels have taken them through Europe to North America and now, to downtown Shreveport. Go to the dark side of the moon and be back in time for work on Wednesday. When: 8 p.m. July 21. Where: Municipal Auditorium, 705 Elvis Presley Ave. Cost: \$47-\$54. Info: Ticketmaster.com.

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