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The Weekend List: Donna the Buffalo, Alter Bridge, Motown Holiday Extravaganza, Tuba Christmas and Organissimo's reunion

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Christmas is right around the corner, which can only mean it's time for more tuba jokes. How do you fix a broken tuba? With a tuba glue. What kind of calendar does a tuba player use for gigs? Year-at-a-glance. Well, the tuba gig of the year has arrived as you'll see from **The Weekend List**:

The Big Show: As big as tubas and euphoniums might be, this weekend's big show is more about heavy metal guitars and hard rock strains, as **Alter Bridge** kicks off its first U.S. tour in three years here in Grand Rapids at the Orbit Room, 2525 Lake Eastbrook Blvd. SE on Friday night. The band, which includes ex-Creed-ites, released a new album, "AB III," last month and it's currently No. 11 on Billboard's hard rock album chart. Tickets to see **Alter Bridge** – Myles Kennedy, Mark Tremonti, Brian Marshall and Scott Phillips – are \$23.50 in advance at the Orbit Room (\$25 day of show), Vertigo Music or Shakedown Street, or with fees through **Ticketmaster**. Opening the show will be American Bang and Bad City. Doors open at 7 p.m. Here's the band performing their new single, "Isolation," recently in Great Britain:

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– **Thursday** – The Herd will stampede The Intersection, 133 Grandville Ave. SW, on Thursday night. That's the endearing term for diehard fans of

Donna the Buffalo, which returns to West Michigan with its unique folk-rock-country blend. The New York band led by Tara Nevins and Jeb Puryear performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, and better yet, impressive new local band Big Dudee Roo opens the show. Tickets to the 17-and-older show are \$17 in advance (The Intersection, Vertigo Music, Shakedown Street, 2525 Eastbrook Blvd. SE) or \$20 day of show.

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