

# FAMILY FUN

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D-FW's own pirate band, the Bilge Pumps, will perform a family show at the Uptown Theater. Pirate poetry and another pirate band are also in the lineup.

## Set Sail for Grand Prairie

Pirate Show will feature swashbuckling songs and nautical nonsense

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Pirate music is kind of like pop music of the 1600s, says Craig Lutke of Grand Prairie. He makes a good point. Pirate songs are catchy, designed to be repeated while seamen kept time as they pulled ropes on a ship. Maybe today's pop musicians are really just new-age pirates.

Lutke and his merry band of mateys are the hosts of a pirate-loving concert on Feb. 11 in Grand Prairie that's designed to rouse kids and kids at heart to sing along like scallywags. Pirates on the Prairie at

Uptown Theater in Grand Prairie is part concert, part comedy show. And you can bet Lutke and his friends will hook you with some pirate jokes.

“We definitely don’t take ourselves too seriously,” Lutke says. Good thing: His band is called the Bilge Pumps, named for the pumps that keep dirty water out of boats. The band has been together since 1999, singing ditties at Mardi Gras fests, in front of large ships on the gulf and at home in landlocked Grand Prairie.

Because the pirate life isn’t necessarily a lucrative one, the members of the Bilge Pumps have day jobs, too: There are two teachers, two computer programmers, a retired aircraft mechanic and an auto warranty expert.

Aye, the Bilge Pumps are able to turn their show R-rated if they choose, but the Feb. 11 gig is meant for families, Lutke says. Take the young ’uns.

The evening will start with pirate poetry in the lobby from Seadog Slam, followed by two musical sets from the Bilge Pumps and from Houston pirate band the Pride of Bedlam.

You might just go home with a new, groanworthy pirate joke or two.

Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St., Grand Prairie. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. [uptowntheatergp.com](http://uptowntheatergp.com).



**The Bilge Pumps** don’t pretend to be great singers, but they know a lot of pirate jokes.