

GLEE
FOR ALL

WE'RE PRETTY SURE the *Glee* kids will belt out Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" during their stop at The Q June 14. But with more than 200 songs in their repertoire, predicting what else you'll hear is like trying to guess a Grateful Dead set list. Forget how Sue "C's it." Here's what we want (and don't want) to hear when the New Directions take the stage.

BLISS

"THRILLER"/
"HEADS WILL ROLL" →

The zombified mashup of the MJ classic with the Yeah Yeah Yeahs' hit was a Season 2 high.



JOY

"BAD ROMANCE" →

Lady Gaga is *Glee*'s patron saint, and this is one of the cast's best tributes to her.

EH

"DANCING
WITH
MYSELF" →

Artie's great, but a lounge version of Billy Idol?



BLAH

"FORGET YOU" →

With no Gwyneth Paltrow (aka Holly Holliday) on tour, forget this one.

SUMMER

"(YOU'RE)
HAVING MY
BABY" →

Awkward.

Ditto that for "Afternoon Delight."

Polka
Varieties

Inspired by his weekly live gig, DJ Kishka captures his polka party on a new mix CD. / BY JEFF NIESEL /

A motley crew gathers inside the Happy Dog on Friday nights for the city's most popular polka happy hour. The older clientele come to hear the songs they remember from their youth; the younger audience members like the novelty.

Lakewood native Justin Gorski, known to the crowd as DJ Kishka, leads the charge as he spins the tunes. Gorski, who christened himself with the moniker after the polka classic "Who Stole the Kishka," dresses in slacks, a T-shirt, suspenders and a thick fake beard to complete his on-stage persona.

"It just kind of stuck to me," he says of the beard, which he added to the get-up a few years back at an Oktoberfest version of the polka happy hour.

Polka wasn't always so popular, says Gorski, who has been doing the happy hours at Happy Dog for six years. "When I started deejaying here, it was just me and the regulars," he says. "That's where I got my schtick. I was like, 'C'mon everybody!' because I was trying to get everybody going. Now, I don't know what to say because everyone is enjoying the music."

For *Ice Cubes and Beer*, Gorski's new CD, he taped one of his live shows with an old four-track recorder and then settled on 27 tracks he liked. He recruited local celebrities Dick Goddard and Big Chuck to give "shout outs" in the attempt to mimic the popular hip-hop convention of having famous rappers make guest appearances on albums. He culled tunes such as "She's Too Fat to Polka," "I Love to Polka" and "Magic Booze & the Barroom Polka" and retained his half-baked between-song banter.



Justin Gorski has been performing as DJ Kishka for the past six years.

In his teens, Gorski played the accordion. He even gigged with an Irish group and continued to play at the University of Dayton where he studied classical music performance. But the 34-year-old eventually gravitated toward his Polish heritage.

"My grandmother wasn't so into teaching us the Polish traditions," he admits. "But my dad liked the ethnicity, so I picked this up from him. He used to spin these records in our basement."

When he started, Gorski raided his father's collection. "I only had about 15 records, so I had the set down," he says. "All of those songs aren't party songs. So I played them and would try them out [at Happy Dog]. People come here all the time and bring their own records for me to play."

That's why Gorski will keep donning the suspenders and beard each week. "I just want to bring this music to a new audience," he says. "I want to keep this Cleveland Slavic, Polish scene alive."

➔ MORE INFO djkishka.com

Outdoor Voices

There's music in the air. Check out these three cities offering free concerts all summer long.

» Medina

Fridays through Labor Day
You'll find the aptly named Rally in the Alley concert series behind Main Street Café. Tribute bands are the draw. Catch the Glimmer Twins with Mick Jagger look-alike Keith Call June 10. themainstreetcafe.com



» Rocky River

Sundays through Aug. 7
Summer sunsets at Rocky River Park are even better with music. Hear the five members of the Beatles band Revolution Pie play favorites "Help!" and "A Hard Day's Night" July 10. rrcity.com/rec



» Oakwood Village

Thursdays through Aug. 25
Head to the Hawthorne Valley Shopping Center for the Fabulous Mike Albert's "Memories of Elvis Show" on Aug. 11 for the impersonator's only Cleveland appearance this summer. oakwoodvillageoh.com

