

# THE OUTER TOONS®

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Looney 'Toons: The ineffable lure of Saturday-morning slapstick is the driving force behind *The OuterToons* (above), whose onstage revue dashes Daffy-like through the annals of animated gagery. As overseen by mastermind Chris Charles (center, a former Swingerhead sax man now with the Legendary J.G.'s), the three-act show details the misadventures of a cadre of musicians hired to lay down theme music for a half-finished, break-dancing cartoon character named Skatch (Tim Morse, third from right). Giving the Stones a run for their money, the 'Toons make use of props like silly-string trumpets, confetti-shooting tubas, bubbles and balloons. There's also a game, "Name That Cartoon," that tests fans' memories of classic themes. Let's see: "Pimps Up, He's Down" was the main title to *The Hair Bear Bunch*, right? (Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, Cherry Street Theatre, Creative Stages)

### Saturday (24)

**OUTER TOONS** Watching the Outer Toons stage show – the self-proclaimed “world’s only cartoon band” – is like dropping acid, only cheaper. The multitalented seven-piece from Orlando, whose members are formally trained educators who push for better music programs in schools, brings out the kid in all of us by performing original musical theater and classic cartoon themes. Is there anything better than the theme song to *The*

*Rocky and Bullwinkle Show*? Yes, that would be the theme song to *Mighty Mouse* – the Outer Toons rip through both with extra relish. Besides excellent song choices, there are costumes, props, choreography, sound effects and zaniness aplenty. Throw in a bundle of dynamite and some racial propaganda, and you’re in a Looney Tunes episode. It’s a wacky trip suitable for the whole family, and best of all, no detox is required afterward. Score. (11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre; also 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday; \$10-\$12; 407-228-1220; [www.theplazatheatre.com](http://www.theplazatheatre.com))

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