

Capital Cities coming to the capital city

The artists behind the hit single *Safe and Sound* are coming to Upstate Concert Hall on Oct. 29.

Ryan Merchant and Sebu Simonian, or the duo known as Capital Cities, are taking their North American tour to the Capital Region.

ASP: How did you guys get started?

Ryan Merchant: Well Sebu and I (my partner) have known each other for five years. In 2010 we started with *Safe and Sound*, we put it on the internet. It spread organically, and we got signed. In 2008 I answered Sebu who had

posted on craigslist looking for someone to do music production. We were writing music for TV commercials and were based out of L.A. I've lived in LA since I was 18, after I went to school in Paris for two years in high school. It feels really good, it's been such a long path to get to where it is- we released in back in 2011. We had doubts it was going to be the hit that it could be.

ASP: What's the best part about what you do?

R.M.: I think performing is really fun because it's one of those rare moments where you are completely in the moment, where you're completely present. It's really fun to see your song climb the charts and how much demand there is for live shows, and going to crazy places like Australia, Tokyo, and Japan.

ASP: What's up next for you guys?

R.M.: After this US tour, we'll probably do some more performing, we're going to Asia. Sebu actually has a baby due in February, so we'll probably take February and March off. It's extremely chaotic, but we'll probably do another big tour, and hopefully another album in around 2015. There are times when it's difficult. I'm tall, so planes aren't always comfortable, but besides that I really like traveling.



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Dining services gets a worldly visit



This past week found Global Chef Maira Eduardo prepared authentic Brazilian fare at both lunch and dinner in many of the dining halls.

She made her first appearance in the Campus Center for Whimsical Wednesday, a weekly sampling event, and finished with dinner at Alumni Quad Friday evening.

The Global Chef Program brings authentic international cuisine to campus through Soxedo. Look out for more worldly visitors this semester.

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The truth will set you free ... but not on Scandal

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Spoiler Alert: Do not continue reading if you've yet to watched last week's episode of Scandal

This week of Scandal was an episode of flashbacks. Every time we get an answer to a one question; thousands more come up, some of them shocking then the last.

What do we know? President Fitz and Olivia are still in love. Cyrus is still Cyrus. Mellie is that itch you cannot scratch and Olivia Pope & Associates are still indeed gladiators!

The episode begins Olivia when goes on television and announces that she will be representing Jeanine Locke. Man, is she going out for blood.

President Fitz sports a lovely smirk, like a proud father watching his daughter going to the prom, as he, Cyrus and a few other White House personnel watch the announcement.

Rowan makes a friendly call to Cyrus reminding him that the White House must confirm the affair ... or else. First lady Mellie joins him in telling the President he must admit it, she will second the confession, and put everything behind them.

President Fitz has no intention in doing so. Unsatisfied with her

husband's decision, Mellie provides Cyrus with security files that detail the dates she was out of the White House.

He is to match them and claim those were the dates Jeannine and the President rubbed elbows once upon a time. Oops- somehow those files were leaked to the press.

The flashbacks throughout the episode give us a lot of background information we have been craving for. We learn about the dysfunctional father and daughter relationship the Pope clan has.

The deal was Olivia attends dinner every Sunday with her father and he would pay her law school loans. Olivia takes the metro to Union Station to have dinner with her father, in where she would pass by a certain homeless man.

Every Sunday, she would have a doggie bag for homeless Huck.

After being saved from a mugging by Huck, Olivia asked him where did he learn how to go Jason Bourne on someone. Reluctant at first, Huck gave in and spilled the beans.

He was a part of B613 run by a man called Command. The alias of this secret group was A.C.M.E. Limited, a very fake printing company.

"I can kill a man with very little effort and a lot of joy, but I try not to," Huck tells Olivia.

She asks her father to look up Huck and B613. He never flinched and kept his gaze on her as she told him Huck's story. He agrees to ask his FBI friend to look Huck in the system and see what he can find.

The next Sunday, homeless Huck is gone. Rowan claims there is no such thing as the "CIA on US oil," or B613, and that the homeless man is a paranoid schizophrenic who was recently arrested.

Not convinced, Olivia questions it further, but Rowan cuts off and demands her to let it go. Like an obedient daughter she agrees. This is not over, far from it my dear Gladiators.

Quinn channels her "inner Liv" and hacks Olivia's email, in where she reads the emails exchanged with Rowan. She tells Huck her findings; the corresponding ended soon after a homeless man at Union Station saved Olivia. And so the truth comes out. Huck confronts Olivia at the parking lot, slamming her against the car. "Is your father Command," he asks her. A very scared Olivia says yes.

On her way to dinner with her father one night, Olivia stopped by A.C.M.E. Limited, whose logo matched a pen her father gave to write with. The fingerprints came back clean, homeless Huck was never

arrested for anything. Connect the dots people, and Welcome to Wonderland.

President Fitz demands Cyrus to make B613 release Jake Ballard by giving him two options; tell the truth or lie and say he indeed slept with Jeannine Locke.

How presidential are his balls now Cy? The President chose the latter and tells the world of the ashamed husband he is for having an affair with the young Communications Aide.

Glass of wine in hand, Olivia received a phone call as she sat on her couch. These late night calls are always interesting. No it is not Romeo, it is more like Darth Vader.

"Open your front door," Rowan says on the phone.

"Olivia you are expected Sunday at his house by 7 p.m., and if I were you I would not be late after the gift he left at your doorstep."

The type of gift that will make you stop visiting the coroner's office every time they call when a new dark, 6-foot-something male comes in to be identified.

Welcome back Jake Ballard.



Pope talking with a homeless Huck at the metro station.

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Olivia Pope conducting a press conference in front of the White House