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Have an idea for a movie but don't know what to do next? Join screenwriter Stephen Martin Siegel at Cinema Arts Centre in **Huntington** for "The Story Structure of Motion Pictures," a **screenwriting workshop** designed for beginners. It meets for two-hour sessions at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday for eight weeks, starting this weekend. The series is \$195, 800-838-3006, [cinemaartscentre.org](http://cinemaartscentre.org)



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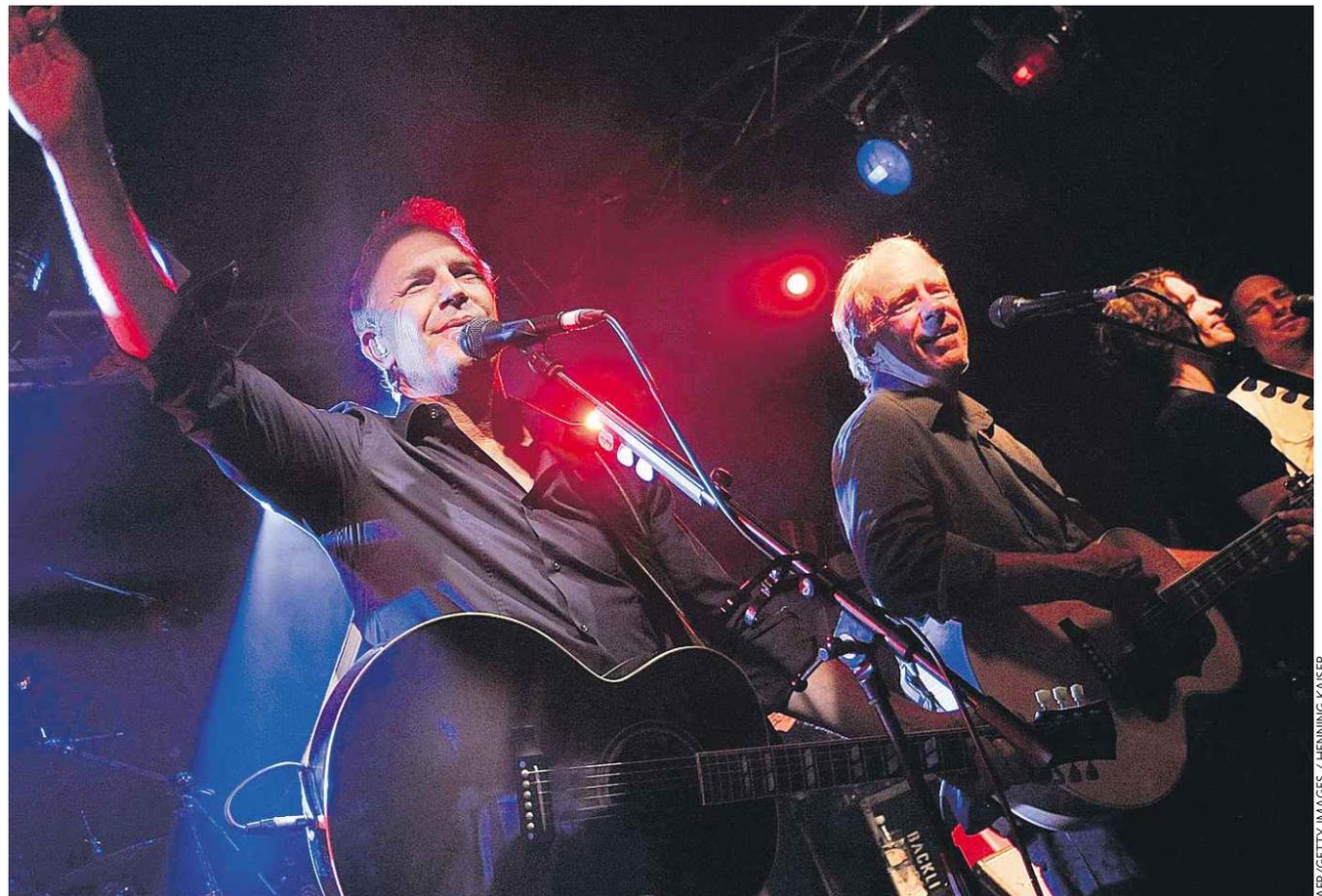
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Costner performs with his band, Modern West, which he brings to the Paramount in Huntington on Sunday.

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# the music men

Actors Kevin Costner and Steve Martin play leading roles . . . in their bands

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**K**evin Costner and Steve Martin have been Hollywood legends of the silver screen for decades . . . so why are these two A-listers playing music gigs on Long Island this month?

"I wanted to play live," says Costner, who will hit the Paramount in Huntington on Sunday with his Americana rock band Modern West. "Performing your own material in front of an audience is a big challenge."

Martin, meanwhile, paused his film career for several years to explore his musical side. He will be joined by singer Edie Brickell and bluegrass band the Steep Canyon Rangers at the NYCB Theatre at Westbury on April 18.

## DANCES WITH KEVIN

Playing music, Costner says, makes him happy. He stopped recording and performing in the early '90s, when he was busy collecting awards for his Oscar-winning film, "Dances With Wolves."

His wife, Christine, urged him to pick up his guitar and get back behind the mic.

"Christine said to me, 'People want to know who you are. If they watch you for a couple of hours on-stage, they will get a better idea of how you live your life more than watching you in a movie,'" says Costner, 59, who sings and plays guitar in the band.

For the past nine years,

## Kevin Costner & Modern West

**WHEN | WHERE** 8 p.m. Sunday, the Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington  
**INFO** 631-673-7300, [paramountny.com](http://paramountny.com)  
**ADMISSION** \$39.50-\$125

Costner and Modern West have toured steadily, averaging 30 to 40 shows a year, and have released four albums. But instead of staying in five-star hotels like a movie star, Costner is living on the road with his band.

"We've done it the old-fashioned way — on a bus. It's not very glamor-

ous," Costner says. "We're a humble little band, but we put out a big wall of music."

And then there are the doubters.

"There will always be the guys with their arms crossed in the crowd saying, 'OK, show me,' because his wife or girlfriend dragged him to the show," Costner says. "My hope is that I surprise them in a pleasant way."

Costner enjoys seesawing his career between film and music — his latest film, "Draft Day," hits theaters Friday, a mere two days before he'll take the stage at the Paramount.

"One gives me relief from the pressure of the other," he says. "Somehow they each create a balance."