

Upcoming things to do

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Oct. 3-4: 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$4 students. Reservations are recommended, call 644-2075.

COMEDY CROSSING

Josh appears at 8:30 and 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through September at the Comedy Crossing in the lower level of the Red Cedars restaurant, northwest corner of Telegraph and Nine Mile, Southfield. There is a \$5 cover Fridays, \$6, Saturdays. New talent showcases of eight comedians begins at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Cover charge, \$4. Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius continue their review of favorite show tunes at 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and midnight Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through Sept. 13, at the Red Cedars. Josh White Jr. is featured at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. through Sept. 11, at the Comedy Crossing. Cover charge is \$6.

CARIBBEAN PARTY

Season finale of the Outdoor Courtyard Summer Nights parties at the Troy Hilton will accent entertainment by Hugh Borek's Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band on Friday, Sept. 12. Calypso music, poolside dancing, cocktails and limbo contests are featured at the evening co-sponsored by WNCN AM-FM Radio. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and there is no cover charge.

OPEN HOUSES

WHLQ-Way Apprentice Theatre will hold open houses for fall class registration, from 2-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 13-14. The theater, in its 39th year, is at 2253 Cole, one block north of Lincoln and east of S. Flon in Birmingham. Classes for children, teens and adults begin Sat-

urday, Sept. 20, and end Saturday, Oct. 23.

DREAMGIRLS

The international touring company of the Tony Award winning musical, "Dreamgirls," opens Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Masonic Temple Theatre. For tickets to the show during its four-week engagement, call the Masonic Temple box office, 423-6666. Tickets also available at TicketWorld outlets.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for "Escape to Freedom" by Ossie Davis, based on the early life of Frederick Douglass, will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Detroit Center for the Performing Arts, 8041 Harper. There are roles for four-seven black actors and actresses and four to six white actors and actresses. The show

will tour schools so actors must be available during the day. For more information, call 925-7138.

GRIFFS GRILL

The Chorboys deliver rock and roll Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. On Tuesdays, the grill hosts an open blues jam session. Wednesday's sessions are devoted to jazz. Thursdays are college nights.

SMIRNOFF FRIENDSHIP CONCERT

Patil Austin, Philip Bailey and George Duke appear in the Smirnoff Friendship Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, in the Masonic Temple, Detroit. The performance benefits the Lula Belle Stewart Center, which helps provide such programs as

parenting skills courses, group therapy, child care, remedial education, foster care for teenaged mothers and other services. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$16 and are available at Masonic Temple's box office and all TicketWorld locations and Hudson's. To charge by phone, call 423-6666.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Detroit Artists Market opens its fall season with the sixth annual "Party in the Park - A Undersea Voyage" 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 in Harmonic Park. The Hysterical Narcotics and Zombie Surfers provide thematic music. Keith Vreeland and Marvin Kahn play synthesizer in the gallery. Gourmet food. Admission: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Reservations: 962-0337.

Art of the game show typified by 'Squares'

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THE PROGRAM is filmed at NBC Studios in Burbank, on the same corridor as the "Tonight Show." Celebrities love to do "Hollywood Squares." Five shows are taped in a single night and, "They can get in five plugs. We guarantee when that show will air."

For their services, stars are paid scale of almost \$500 a show (the same as for the "Tonight Show"), making a total of \$2,500 for the week.

Davidson learned to play the game on the old "Hollywood Squares," where he appeared 100 times. "I was

a good guest. I made up dumb answers. I played the game well. It was a career move for me in the 1970s to do 'Hollywood Squares.' "At the same time, I was doing the 'Tonight Show.' I used to host for Carson two weeks a year."

Davidson now lives in Los Angeles. His wife Rhonda, gave birth to their first baby, a daughter Ashley Marie, Aug. 14. He also has a son, 16, and daughter, 13.

"I think being a father in my 40s will be a different experience," he said. "I want to change more diapers. Be a more active father."

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