

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

To get your announcements in the upcoming entertainment calendar send theater, classical music, jazz, country and pop music items to be considered for publication to: **Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.**

PINE KNOB

Upcoming concerts at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Auburn Hills include Paula Abdul at 7:30 p.m. tonight; Hank Williams, Jr., the Kentucky Headhunters and Doug Stone, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14; An Evening with Anne Murray at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; and the Peking Circus at 1 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

Concerts next weekend are Joe Cocker and the Neville Brothers, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20; Too Legit to Quit Tour featuring Hammer, Boys II Men and TLC at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21; Ozzy Osbourne, Slaughter and Ugly Kid Joe, at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; and Ronnie Milsap, Don Williams and Tammy Wynette at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

The Hubert Velton Vocal Ensemble, a 12-member ensemble from Regensburg, Germany will appear in concert at the Congregational Church of Birmingham at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. The concert is open to the public and there is no charge. The church is located at 1000 Cranbrook Rd., at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

The ensemble is made up of alumni of the choir of the Regensburg Cathedral. The choir is a boy's choir called the dampfzonen, or singing sparrows, and is part of a 1,000 year old tradition in Germany. Its recordings are carried by many classical music stores.

AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers Sunday, Aug. 16 at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-90, in Plymouth. Children 9 through 12 will audition at 1 p.m.; those 13 and older will audition from 2:30-4 p.m. There is a \$5 audition fee. The company also needs male dancers for its Dec. 11-13 performances of The Nutcracker. For more information, call 397-8828.

BALLET

Michigan Ballet Theatre will be holding open auditions for male and female dancers for its apprentice and major companies and for the Nutcracker Ballet on several upcoming weekends. Auditions Friday, Aug. 28 will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. for ages 8 to 12; and 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 13 and over. Auditions will be held Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., ages 13 and over; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12; and 1-2 p.m., adult actors in Act 1 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Auditions Sunday, August 30 will take place noon to 1:15 p.m., ages 8 to 12; and 3-4:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Auditions Saturday, Sept. 12 will be held 11-12:30 p.m., ages 13 and up; and 1-2:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12 at Botsford Hospital. Auditions Sunday, Sept. 13 will take place 12-1 p.m., adult actors in Act 1; 1:15 to 2:45 p.m., children 8 to 12; and 3-4:30 p.m., ages 13 and up at Lawrence Technological University. Company auditions for ages 10 and up will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. at Lawrence Technological University. Call 486-1514 or 788-1185 for information.

SRO PRODUCTIONS

SRO Productions, sponsored by the City of Southfield and the Senior Arts League, will be presenting

"The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22; 2 p.m. Sundays Aug. 9, 16 and 23 at the City of Southfield's Historic Park, "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Tickets \$5 and \$6. For information, call 354-9362.

MEADOW BROOK

Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michael Franks and the Yellowjackets, Saturday, Aug. 22 and Alabama, Sunday, Aug. 23. New show added 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, a "Night of Oldies" concert followed by fireworks. All shows start 8 p.m. Tickets on sale now at the Meadow Brook Box Office open noon to 5 p.m. daily, and 6 p.m. through the start of shows, Fox Theatre Box Office, Joe Louis & Cobo Arena box offices. To charge by phone, call (313) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 667-6000.

THE DRIFTERS

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, along with Ameritech Mobile Communications at WLTI-FM will present the Drifters in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. The free concert will take place at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield. The concert area provides only for lawn seating. Concert goers are advised to come early and bring blankets or lawn chairs. For more information, call 334-5660.

JAPANESE MUSIC

Summer Concerts on the Green at the Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver Road, in Troy Civic Center Complex presents the Detroit Chinese Music Ensemble, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26.

TENAI TRIO

The Janet Tenai Trio plays jazz, 7-11 p.m. Fridays beginning Aug. 7 at

Punchinello, 184 Pierce in downtown Birmingham. No cover. For information, call 644-5277.

ORATORIO SOCIETY

The Detroit Oratorio Society is holding vocal auditions beginning Aug. 24. The 30-voice choral organization presents five concerts a year, and releases Monday evenings at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. Call 573-9779 for audition information.

CARIBBEAN MUSIC

Universal X-pression performs calypso, reggae, soca, salsa, and rhythm and blues, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9 in the Presidential Sun Bowl, outside the 3800 Town Center Building in Southfield. Admission is free. For information, call 354-4717.

BIG BAND

The Merry Motor Men take the stage 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Southfield "Gazelle" concert series at the historic Burgh Site at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. A children's concert held at the same time, will feature myths and legends.

JAZZ

Schuck, Starr and Dryden, play jazz, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17 in Whisper's Lounge at the Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road. Serious Moonlight Dance Party 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays at the Outdoor Poolside Cafe. Bring a can of food or article of clothing to donate to COPS to help the needy. Live entertainment 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday at Whispers' Lounge.

NORTH COUNTRY OPERA

Three Guys Productions presents "North Country Opera," a musical by Jay Sileider, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe on Woodward, between 9 and 10 Mile in Ferndale. Tickets \$10, call 544-3030.

COOKING CALENDAR

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The 144th annual Michigan State Fair, the oldest fair in the nation, will run from Aug. 28 through Sept. 7, with something for everyone. This year's lineup includes many new events, including a Tae Kwon Do competition and a Demolition Derby. Old favorites, such as the Alligator Wrestling and the Thorn Apple Valley racing pigs, will be back.

For the first time, the fair will present a folk festival featuring a variety of folk entertainers, square dancing and folk craft exhibitions. It will take place at Woodward Ave-

nue Park, west of the Community Arts Building. Krieger's Lumberjack Spectacular will include logging, tree climbing, ax throwing and wood chopping exhibitions. The Children's Theatre will perform Hansel and Gretel daily in the Community Arts Building. Headline entertainment appearing nightly in the Music Shell will

include the Oak Ridge Boys, Bobby Vinton and Sawyer Brown. Local favorites such as Alexander Zengle and Norma Jean Bell will be featured in the Coliseum Grove. Agriculture and livestock will take center stage in the fair's exhibition areas. On display will be champion beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, along

with vegetables and produce, maple products and wine.

Admission to the fair is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-11; children under 5 are free. Parking for the day is \$4.

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