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GALLERIES

- **ARTIST'S SHOW AND SALE**
Artist Grant Englert will be showing and selling the etching and woodcut prints, drawings and sculpture he has on hand at his home-studio at 844 Vaselwood, Birmingham, 4-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 and 29, 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30.
(810) 645-6833

- **CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**
"Behold the Headless," scoffedlaw with LaRon Williams, will take place 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 27-29, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Join Williams, one of the best storytellers in Michigan, as he moves through the museum telling tales inspired by the art objects on exhibition. Williams has a warm and enthusiastic storytelling style suitable for the whole family. Using dialects, facial expressions and dramatic movement, he is able to bring to life tales that transcend boundaries of class and age. Storytelling is instructed with museum admission ($4 for adults, $2 for seniors — 55+ — and full-time students).
(810) 645-3312

- **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
"At Works: The Pierre Winkler Collection of Contemporary Masters," continues through Dec. 31 at 5200 Woodward. A sign-language interpreter accompanies the 11:30 a.m. tours of the exhibit Tuesday-Sunday, Dec. 26-31. Groups of 15 or more may make tour reservations, call (313) 833-7971. Drop-in workshops for all ages to engage in art projects related to "At Works" zone on 3 p.m. Wednesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27, in the Education Studio; call (313) 833-7960. Family workshops for ages 8 and older, with adult, noon and 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 28, in the Education Studio; explore movement, drama and the museum's collection of medieval armor. Family workshop for ages 6 and older, with adult, noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the Education Studio; engage in puppet making and performance. Puppet program, "Turtle Island Tales," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Lecture Hall, in which award-winning puppeteer Hobey Ford presents a family program blending traditional American Indian songs and stories with rich visual imagery.
(313) 833-7900

- **TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERIE OF HANDBLOWN GLASS**
A holiday glass show continues through Dec. 23 in the gallery on Woodward, one-half mile south of I-696 in Ferndale. Glass blowing demonstration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23.
(810) 543-1868

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fusco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. To ensure publication, the venues' addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

POPULAR MUSIC

- **FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD SOX**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Gotham City Cafe, 22548 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages; 19 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 18+, 2030 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (punky alternapop)
(313) 366-7430/(313) 875-6555

- **BARENAKED LADIES**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $25 in advance. All ages. (quirky alternapop)
(313) 983-6611

- **BEALE STREET**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues)
(313) 259-1374

- **GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS**
Featuring Commander Cody guitarist Bill Kirchen, jam session for the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $10 in advance. 19 and older. (blues)
(313) 996-8555

- **"BLACK CAT CHRISTMAS PARTY"**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Black Cat, 404 Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 18 and younger.
(810) 543-3873

- **BLACK MARKET**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae)
(810) 543-0917

- **BOOGIE BOB**
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B)
(810) 543-0917

- **BOTFLY**
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (rock)
(313) 875-5555

- **BROTHERS GRIMM**
10:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. $3. 18 and older. 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rocka rock)
(313) 483-5050/(313) 996-2748

- **BUSS BISHOW BRIGADE**
9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22-Saturday, Dec. 23, Thirsteria, 205 Rosedale, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(313) 259-2206

- **CARTOON LIFE**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(810) 549-2929

- **C.L. CHERNER**
With the Hot Louisiana Band, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. Cajun-zydeco.
(313) 996-8555

- **CHARLIE SMITHSON WITH THORNETTA DAVIS**
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (R&B)
(313) 259-1374

- **"CHRISTMAS VIDEO APPRECIATION NIGHT"**
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older.
(810) 549-3344

- **CITY SHAT**
[illegible] Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternapop)
(313) 996-8555

- **COSMIC DALI**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Backseat Saloon, 3064 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(810) 682-1119

- **CROSSED WIRE**
With Whaling Road and the DT's, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $5. 18 and older.
(313) 961-MELT

- **CROWBAR HOTEL**
7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 332-HOWL

- **DALI D'ASNELLO**
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic)
(810) 332-HOWL

- **DEEP SPACE SIX**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Library Pub and Grille, 2100 Grand River, Novi. (Deadhead)
(810) 349-9110

- **DRIVIN' SIDEWAYS**
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-8555

- **THE EXCEPTIONS**
With The Keepers, Boogie Bang and the Gamble Crew, and Old Spice, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $5.50 in advance; $6 at the door. All ages. (ska)
(313) 833-9700

- **NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 642-3400

- **KEEPER**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Mingles, 22411 Plymouth, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock)
(313) 531-3535

- **KID ROCK**
With the Sporting Diablos and Shag, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $15 in advance. All ages. (rap/blues/funk)
(313) 961-5451

- **PATTI LABELLE**
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $32.50 in advance. All ages. (R&B)
(313) 983-6611

- **J.D. LAMB**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Mr. B's, Clarkston.
(810) 332-HOWL/(810) 625-4600

- **LIGHTNIN' CREOLE**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Library Pub and Grille, 42100 Grand River, Novi. (blues)
(810) 349-9110

- **LINDA AKOU**
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Borders Books and Music, 43900 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (world beat)
(810) 347-0610

- **REGGAE AMGABSADA**
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae)
(313) 996-2748

- **"SAVE OUR SOUND BENEFIT"**
For Alvin's, 26-year-old sound system, with performances by Brazilian Street, Sucka To Da Man, Unknown, Wakey, Fatbeats of the II, and Innocent Six, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 and 24, The Hawkeyes, The Provokers, Emile Douglas, Red September, and Jennifer Patterson, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Alvin's, 5758 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5; $4 with Detroit Musicians Alliance or student ID card. 18 and older. (variety)
(313) 832-2355

- **SEE DICK RUN**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, I-Rock, 18350 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock)
(313) 881-ROCK

- **SISTER SEED**
With Restroom Poets and Multiple Choice, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $7. 18 and older. (acoustic)
(810) 335-8100

- **SOCIAL FASHIO**
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. $3. 18 and older. (alternative rock)
(313) 485-5050

- **"SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS PARTY"**
Featuring Lightnin' Creole, Delta Bills, and Val Venito, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues)
(313) 259-1374

- **SOUTH NORMAL**
With Pixie, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-8555

- **STEWART FRANCKE**
With The Outlaws, Spank, Waka Jawaka, Forbes Brothers, Robert Bradley and the Burros pay the 11th annual "Marathon for Meals" holiday benefit, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (variety)
(810) 544-3030

- **SUGAR BLUE**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (blues)
(313) 996-2748

- **SUICIDE MACHINES**
With Reno Kinga and The Skolars, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $8. All ages. (ska)
(810) 544-3030

- **SUN MESSENGERS**
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Shark Creek Inn, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy. (rock/R&B)
(810) 543-0917/(810) 828-3500

- **JIM TATE BAND**
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-8555

- **TEA PARTY**
With Tyrone's Power Wheel perform during WRIF Christmas Party, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, The Palladium, 17360 Fraziho, Roseville. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (rock)
(810) 778-6404

- **THAT JIVE**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Nancy Whiskeys, 2544 Hamison, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk/blues/rock)
(313) 963-4247

- **THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Payne's Woodward Inn, 1681 Woodward Ave., Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. With his blues band, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Burn Steer, 106 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 332-HOWL/(810) 541-7881/(810) 437-4161

- **PETE FETTERS**
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 332-HOWL

- **"BLIND DOG" FULTON**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 852-6433

- **GROOVE MONKEY ATMOSPHERE**
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, The Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(810) 625-4600

- **MIMI HARRIS**
With her duo, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Norm's Etan Street Station, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham. With the Snakes, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22-23, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 647-7774/(313) 581-3650/(810) 852-6433

- **THE HAIRYTHEORS**
With The Provokers, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Alvin's, 5758 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. With Dead Light, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Gritz Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $5. 21 and older. (alternative rock)
(313) 832-2355/(810) 334-9292

- **ELVIS HITLER**
With Immortal Wines of Soul, Masons of Detroit and The Void, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older.
(313) 875-5555

- **HOWLING DIABLOS**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 543-0917

- **HYSTERIC NARCOTICS**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older.
(313) 875-6555

- **LILP**
With Das EFX and Onyx, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, The Palladium, 17360 Fraziho, Roseville. $15.50 in advance. All ages. (rap)
(810) 778-6404

- **MINIATURE**
With Monica and Usher, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $22.50 in advance. All ages. (rap)
(313) 396-7800

- **IMPERIAL WINGS OF SOUL**
With Sleep Flat and Wakeshed, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, P.O., 1815 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(313) 996-3344

- **STEVE LUCKY**
With flumbalums featuring former members of the Blue Front Persuaders, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-2748

- **BARRY MCGUIRE**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Backseat Saloon, 3064 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older.
(810) 682-1119

- **MONDO MOD**
With The Silencers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-8555

- **MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCGARRY**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 543-0917

- **STEVE NARDELLA**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 642-3400

- **THE NIXONS**
With The Walk, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, The Palladium, 17360 Fraziho, Roseville. $8 in advance. All ages. (rock)
(810) 778-6404

- **ORQUESTA TRADICION LATINA**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $10. 18 and older. (salsa)
(810) 335-8100

- **OVERTURE RECORDS SHOWCASE**
With Solid Frog, Oriental Seas and Mary Stuart, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock/adult alternative)
(313) 996-2747

- **PIT VIPERS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22-Saturday, Dec. 23, Speakeasy, 31410 Ford Road, Garden City. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(313) 425-7373

- **THE PLUMBROS**
With Backsnickel, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-8555

- **POUR MAN'S ORCHESTRA**
With Slum Village, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $5 in advance. All ages.
(313) 961-MELT

- **RAVE**
7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Black Cat, 404 Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 18 and younger.
(810) 543-3873

- **RED EYE**
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. $3. 18 and older. (alternative rock)
(313) 485-5050

- **RED MERCURY BLUES BAND**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 625-4600

- **BRUNO MATHIS AND THE GROOVE CO.**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22-Saturday, Dec. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 543-0917

- **"3-D CHRISTMAS BASH"**
With free tacky gifts, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10:30 p.m. 21 and older.
(810) 549-3344

- **TOP KAT**
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older.
(313) 996-2748

- **TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND**
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae)
(313) 996-2748

- **2XL**
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Library Pub and Grill, 42100 Grand River, Novi. (variety)
(810) 349-9110

- **VUDU HIPPIES**
With See Dick Run and Star 50, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock)
(810) 544-3030

- **JAMES WAILIN**
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Murdock's, 2088 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)
(810) 852-0550

HOLIDAY EVENTS

- **JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**
Fun and Games Day, 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 18110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Enjoy free popcorn and hot chocolate while playing a variety of board games. There is a charge.
(810) 967-4030

- **AN EVENING IN THE CARIBBEAN**
Jewish Community Center, Maple/Drake Building, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. For singles and couples 21 and over. Dancing to the music of reggae band, Joe Nah, Island food. Cost $20 per person in advance, $24 at the door.
(810) 661-7878

BENEFIT

- **TREMORS**
Livonia's largest Christmas Party, a benefit for Toys for Tots, 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, At Tremors 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Prime rib buffet, prizes from local sponsors. Admission free with an unwrapped toy.
(313) 462-2196

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- **FIRST NIGHT**
Alcohol-free New Year's Eve festival of the arts showcasing over 30 performers of all ages 5 p.m. holidays, Downtown Birmingham. Admission is $7 button. Headliners include jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, clarinet and "human juke box" David Syme, the Michigan Opera Theatre and jazz sensation Straight Ahead.
(810) 540-6668

- **NEW CENTER STAGE**
New Year's Eve Party featuring the original cast in a live performance of "Beetlemania," 39940 Ford Road (I-275 and Ford Road), Canton. Tickets $38 in advance, $43 VIP seating, includes hors d'oeuvres, dancing, champagne, party favors. Tickets on sale at T.C.'s Music Emporium, Rick Alan Music, and Dearborn Music.
(313) 726-4000

- **TYN HOUSE**
Jon Lucien — jazz standards, colorful renditions of Caribbean and Brazilian arrangements, originals, doors open 8 p.m. with dinner buffet prior to concert, On Up Republic opens show, ages 21 and older welcome. Tickets $57 single, $95 per couple, in the Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.
(810) 335-8100

- **AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER**
New Year's Eve Dinner dance 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. Cost $50 per person includes dinner, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Music by Alcord. Polish, traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner with program and dinner 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, American Polish Cultural Center. Cost $15 adults, $8 children under 12.
(810) 689-3838

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

- **MARQUIS THEATRE**
Musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz" through Jan. 14, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets $8.50. Children under 3th will not be admitted.
(810) 349-8110

- **PUPPET SHOW**
The Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac, presents Puppet Art performing "Cinderella" 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. Tickets $3.50 adults, $2.50 children ages 6-12. A reception with the artists will follow the performance.
(810) 333-7849

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

- **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Blood Sweat & Tears with the DSO, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Classic rock and holiday tunes. Tickets $32 to $10. "A Night in Old Vienna" 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Tickets $37 to $15.
(313) 833-3100 or (810) 645-6666

- **"NUTCRACKER"**
Performances at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22-23. Tickets range from $17 to $27.50, matinees half-price for children under 12 and seniors 60 and over.
(313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

- **"NUTCRACKER ON ICE"**
Starring Olympic Gold Medalist Peggy Fleming, Nicole Bobek of Troy, Todd Eldredge of Bloomfield Hills, with special guest two-time Olympic Silver Medalist Elise Orser, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $27.50 and $35, reserved. Children under 12 and seniors 65 and over receive $3 off each ticket. Discounts do not apply to Superfan seats.
(810) 645-6666

Rhythm & Blues: *Patti LaBelle plays the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. Call (313) 983-6611 for ticket information.*

Holiday gold: *"Greenfield Village Theatre Company presents the classic Grimm fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin" through Dec. 30. Children are invited to meet the actors after each performances. Call (313) 271-1620, Ext. 383 for show times and ticket information.*

- **SATURDAY FUN FOR KIDS**
Time contest seekers, children opens 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Meadow Brook Theatre with Norman Dorn, "The Great Dinosaur Mystery" puppet musical follows on March 23. Sculpture/comedian Al Simmons conclusies the series on April 27. Tickets $6 per show and $15 for the series. All seating reserved.
(810) 377-3300

THEATER

- **MEADOW BROOK**
"A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 27. Mark St. Germain's comedy, "Camping With Henry and Tom," Jan. 3-28.
(810) 377-3300 or (810) 645-6666

- **THE GEM**
Comedy whodunit "Sheer Madness," set in a unisex hair salon, with local Detroit references, through Dec. 31
(313) 963-9600

- **MASONIC TEMPLE**
Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," continues to Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple. For information, call (313) 832-2232.
(810) 645-6666

- **ATTIC THEATRE**
"A My Name is Still Alice," through Dec. 31 at the New Center Theatre, 7339 Third St., Detroit. Shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturdays; 6 p.m. Sundays; 4 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays.
(313) 875-8284

COMMUNITY THEATER

- **RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**
"Frostmonger" by Ken Ludwig Jan. 11-14 and 17-21, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets $5, $7 on Thursday, senior discounts on Sundays. Ticket price includes an afterglow of sandwiches, cookies and coffee, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy.
(810) 668-7049

DINNER THEATER

- **STARLIGHT DINNER TRAIN**
Nostalgic train ride, dinner, and mystery & cabaret evenings. "Murder Madness," Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings; "Who Shot the Sheriff?" Wednesday evenings; Dallas Cabaret Friday and Saturday evenings; "Hot-Time Clipper Cabaret" Sunday evenings. Call for reservations, show times.
(810) 960-9440

- **KINGSLEY INN DINNER THEATRE**
BJO Productions presents "Mass Appeal" by Bill C. Davis, Saturdays through Jan. 27, at the Inn 1475 Woodward (south of Long Lake) Bloomfield Hills. Dinner 7:30 p.m. followed by show. Cost $29.95 per person.
(810) 642-0100

JAZZ

- **BELLA FLECK AND THE FLECKTONES**
At Orchestra Hall, Detroit, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Tickets $11 to $34. A fusion of jazz and bluegrass.
(313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

- **NORMAN'S ETON STREET STATION**
Mel Rencher at piano Tuesdays, Twin Tower, Top 40, 50s 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; Mini Hartis, blues, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays. New Year's Eve favors and dinner, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham.
(810) 647-7774

- **PEABODY'S**
Paint Creek Jazz Society performs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, 154 S. Hunter, Birmingham.
(810) 644-5222

- **ENVOY CAFE**
Janet Tanel and Sven Anderson 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21; Alan Wasserman Trio 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22-23; Galen Brooks, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28; Tim Flaherty Trio featuring Nancy A. 9 p.m. to midnight Dec. 29-30 and later on New Year's Eve, 33210 West 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield.
(810) 855-6220

- **MURDOCK'S**
Norma Jean Ball & the Allstars Friday & Saturday, Dec. 22-23, 2088 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills
(810) 852-0550

- **MUSHROOM CELLAR JAZZ**
Buddy Columbus 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21; Scott Gwtowski Quartet, Dec. 28 and 29; Mainstream, Jan. 2 and 4, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road at Southfield Road, Southfield.
(810) 559-4230

- **MICHELE RAMO**
Every Wednesday at Le Metro, 29855 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.
(810) 353-2787

- **HEIDI SEPULVEDA AND MICHELE RAMO**
Every Friday and Saturday at Phoenicia, 668 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham.
(810) 644-3122

- **COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT**
William Peaglen's Jazz Trio featuring Sandra Bonner, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 30. No cover charge, 40050 Grand River, Novi.
(810) 344-7770

- **PHIL KAPUT AND MAINSTREAM JAZZ**
At the Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield Township, 8-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30.

- **MEADOW'S MUSIC CAFE**
Kimene Horn, vocalist, Dec. 22-23 and 29; Craig T. Cooper, guitarist, Dec. 30, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.
(313) 872-3760

- **LATIN SOCIETY**
7th House, Pontiac, in the Pontiac Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw St., 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 featuring Edgar Leon's 13-piece salsa orchestra. Cost $10.
(810) 335-3540

- **WILBERT PEASLER'S JAZZ TRIO**
Featuring Sandra Bonner 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dec. 22-23 & Dec. 29-30 at (810) 344-7770

FOLK

- **INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCE COFFEE HOUSE**
Holiday dance party 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Ancient Macedonian Band plays folk music from the Balkans. Admission $5 includes food buffet with cash bar. The coffeehouse is above Polonia Restaurant, 2824 Yemans, Hamtramck.
(313) 874-2237

- **ENCHANTED MINSTREL MUSIC**
With Mary McGuire Jan. 4, Eton St. Station, Birmingham.
(810) 647-7774

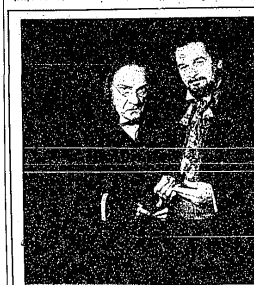
- (810) 349-7038
The Ark
Fiddlers of Fiddlers Green — British live pub songs, comedy and English music-hall sing with around the world. 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Jan. 5-6, 6371N S. Main, Ann Arbor. Tickets $12.50.

- (313) 761-1800

COMEDY

- **SECOND CITY**
New show "Whatewater Rafting," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
(313) 965-2222

- **THE COMEDY SHOW**
Dave Chappelle, Tom Green and Friends at the Plaza Hotel, from Def Comedy Jam, Southfield on I-J. Hudson Jeans, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Dec. 26. Admission $15.
(810) 746-6267



Scrooge: *Phillip Locker (left to right) and Richard A. Schrot perform in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol," through Dec. 27. Call (810) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666 for show times and tickets.*

- **7TH HOUSE**
Tony Hedges & Friends, Comedy Explosion, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29. Tickets $20.
(810) 335-8100

- **RUSSELL SIMMON'S ALL-STAR DEF COMEDY JAM**
Fox Theatre, Detroit 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29. Tickets $22.50.
(810) 433-1515

- **MAIN ICELEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**
Brett Dishman, Dec. 21-23, Fred Greetlee, Dec. 27-30; 2951 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. New Year's Eve two shows 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. headlining Fred Greetlee, featuring Elliott Blanch, with M.C. Jennie McNulty. Call for details.
(810) 542-9900

- **COMEDY JAM**
All-Star Def Comedy Jam, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Fox Theatre. Tickets $22.50
(810) 433-1515

- **CHAPLIN'S WEST COMEDY CLUB**
Allyn Ball with Dave Klein and Marla Menozzi, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21; 8 & 10:30 P.M. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 22-23, 16890 Telegraph, Detroit.
(313) 533-8886

- **MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**
Tim Cavanaugh, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21; 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Best Seasons 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 27-30; 10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 29-31; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets $12. Tickets 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 $20, 10:30 p.m. $25 (includes party favors and champagne).
(313) 996-9080

- **GEORGE CARLIN**
At the Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty Ann Arbor, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. Tickets $20 (reserved) Call (313) 668-8397 for information. Also performing with Dennis Blair 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $18.50 and $10 reserved.
(810) 645-6666

- **PAISANO'S JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**
John Pavlos 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6. Tickets $12 (Thursday) $15 (Friday and Saturday). Dinner show $23.95 (Thursday); $25.95 (Friday and Saturday), 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn.
(313) 584-8885

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

- **LOOK AT THE PAST**
"Tradition of the Season" a holiday filled with the sights and sounds of American history events at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Hands-on exhibits, Santa, holiday lights, concerts.
(313) 271-1976

- **HENRY FORD ESTATE**
"The Spirit of Christmas" through Dec. 31, campus of University of Michigan-Dearborn, (northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Evergreen). Schedule of events include: Candlelight tours, 5-8 p.m. Dec. 26-28 ($7 per person). Call for more information, reservations.
(313) 593-5590

- **CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**
"It's All In Your Head: An Exhibit about the Brain" opens at Cranbrook Institute of Science continues through Dec. 31. The Institute is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. "All Aboard" Dec. 26-30, noon to 4 p.m. Several metro area model railroad clubs will fill the institute's Anthropology Hall with model train layouts. Museum admission $5 adults, $4 children 3-17, senior citizens $5 and older. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
(810) 645-3200

- **DETROIT HISTORICAL CHURCHES**
Detroit Historic Churches Association is sponsoring three walking tours of many of Detroit's most beautiful houses of worship 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30. The tour will begin at Historic Trinity, 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit (between Russell and I-375 near Detroit's Eastern Market. Each tour will begin with lunch and a tour of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, followed by bus transportation to three different church tour locations. The cost is $20 per person.
(313) 607-3100

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

- **CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**
Season of Lights, holiday planetarium program presented Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 31 and weekdays Dec. 26-29 at 1:30 p.m. Cost $1 per person, plus museum admission. For ages five and up. The institute is at