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A guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

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GALLERIES

- **THE ART GALLERY**
Al Ugelow is this month's featured artist in the local artists cooperative at Great Lake Mall, Walton and Livernois in Rochester Hills. Opening reception 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. Ugelow works in watercolors and mixed media. (810) 689-8544

- **BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION**
The winner pottery sale i LUMA students and faculty will take place 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 14-15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 16-17, at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, just north of 14 Mile in Birmingham. Eco wonderful works, moderately priced; perfect gift ideas for the last-minute shopper. (810) 644-0866

- **ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY**
All makers, models and sizes of toy trains will be on view during the third annual "Trains by the Lake" show 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Dombrowski Fieldhouse at St. Mary's Preparatory in Orchard Lake. Sponsored by the Morris and Dads Club, the event features operating trains, videos, prizes and refreshments. Several vendors will be on hand to buy, sell and/or trade toy trains. Admission is $2 per person or $4 per family. (810) 684-5453

- **BETHESDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
A show of automotive art by Danny Whitfield of Rochester Hills will open 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at 14000 Metropolitan Parkway at Schoenherr in Sterling Heights. The event, featuring guitarist David Sickelside, is a fund-raiser for the church. Tickets are $10. Call for information. (810) 264-2300, Ext. 102

- **SUSAN BAG LECTURE SERIES**
Susan Ruwart, a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau, will present "Women Artists of the DIA" noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium, Pontiac. Ruwart will examine and consider art work created by women in different time periods and cultures, and discuss women's historic lack of recognition in the artistic community. (810) 858-0415

- **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
Gina Alexander Grainger of the DIA Department of Education will conduct a tour of the Gothic chapel from the Chateau of Vincennes 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in Gallery W20-1-252 in 5200 Woodward. Author Anton Shammas will give a lecture, "Hanna Gibran: The Long Distance Operator of the Modern Arabic Novel," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in Lecture Hall. Shammas will speak on Gibran's impact on the emergence of the Arabic novel as a literary genre. (313) 833-7900

- **DETROIT ZOO**
Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer will open the doors to the Detroit Zoo's latest gem — the highly anticipated Wildlife Interpretive Gallery — 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Highlights of the WIG's six main attractions include a 2,000-gallon coral reef aquarium with underwater viewing cameras, a tropical butterfly and hummingbird garden, high-tech interactive exhibits, a 100-seat wildlife interpretive theater, a changing special exhibits hall and an art gallery featuring a permanent collection of wildlife art. The zoo is at Woodward and 10 Mile, off I-696, in Royal Oak. (810) 398-0900

- **TOUCH OF LIGHT STUDIO AND GALLERIES 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 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. (810) 543-1868

- **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**
"(Re)arranged to the Last: Moby Dick and American Art 1930-1990" continues to Dec. 24 at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor. Free, hourlong tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Call the Docent Office at (313) 747-2067 to arrange docent tours at other times. (313) 764-0395

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fluono, 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

- **THE ALLIGATORS**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

- **FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD BOX**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5. 18 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Gotham City Cafe, 22848 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages. (quirky alternative) (810) 544-3030/(810) 398-7430

- **DENNY BARON AND THE BLUESAHOLICS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 334-7411

- **BEASTIE BOYS VIDEO APPRECIATION NIGHT**
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (video) (810) 589-3344

- **GEORGE BREAKER AND THE KINGPINS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

- **BLUES ACTION COUNCIL**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Stan's Dugout, 2350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-6433

- **BOTTLY**
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Life's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 875-6555

- **BRANDON MANAGER**
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $6 in advance; All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT

- **BROTHERS GRIMM**
With The Cuffs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older; 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. $3. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 996-8555/(313) 485-5050

- **THE BUCKET**
With Knee Deep Shag, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555

- **BUGS BEDDOW BRIGADE**
9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Saturday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 22, Rhinoceros, 265 Riopelle, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2208

- **CHRIS CHALIS**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemens, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 873-RAFT

- **CARLENE ELISE**
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

- **"CANDLELIGHT JAM"**
With The Mutes, Caesium Bliss, Sister Seed, and Red I, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. $5. 18 and older. (acoustic) (810) 334-1999

- **CROWGAR HOTEL**
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (alternative) (810) 543-0917

- **ERNIE DOUGLAS**
With Bourbon Street, Innocent Sin and Kevin "The Uncanny Magician" perform a benefit for Children's Center, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (acoustic) (313) 875-6555

- **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

- **EMERGENCY BROADCAST NETWORK**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Roadrunner's Raft, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (multi-media alternative) (313) 961-MELT

- **EUREKA BLUE MOONS**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 334-7411

- **THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 22, Payne's Woodward Grill, 1881 Woodward Ave., Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 541-7881

- **FATHERS OF THE ID**
Party to benefit for Alvin's at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 832-2355

- **FLYSWATTER**
With Lost Minute, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 589-3344

- **STEWART FRANCKE**
With Tim Diaz and Don Roddy from Spank, Brian Vander Ark from The Verve Pipe, Chris Moore from Crossed Wires, and Sister Seed perform during the "Detward Pond Songwriters Circle," 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5. 18 and older; With the Civilians, Sparky, Waka Jawaka, Forbes Brothers, Robert Bradley and The Burns during the 11th annual "Marathon for Meals" benefit, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Magic Bag. $6. 18 and older. (singer/songwriter/variety) (810) 544-3030

- **FULLY LOADED**
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2748

- **"BLIND DOG" FULTON**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Stan's Dugout, 2350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 852-6433

- **JOHN HAMBRICK**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemens, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (313) 873-RAFT

- **HANK**
With Sal's Backland, Nineteen Wheels and Restroom Poets, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative/roots rock) (810) 544-3030

- **MIKE HARRIS AND THE SNAKES**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Crow Bar, 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 668-0111/(313) 581-3650

- **ELVIS HITLER**
With Immortal Wines of Soul, Masons of Detroit, and The Void, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Life's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

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

- **I.C.P.**
With Das EFX and Onyx, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, The Palladium, 17580 Trolley, Roseville. $15.50 in advance. All ages. (rap) (810) 778-6404

- **IMMORTAL WINOS OF SOUL**
With Masons Pies and Watermelon, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 589-3344

- **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) 642-9400

- **KEEPER**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Minglers, 22411 Plymouth, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 531-3335

- **BIG DADDY KINSEY AND THE KINSEY REPORT**
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (blues) (313) 996-8555

- **MARSHA KLAINE**
Featuring lead singer Jesse James Dupree of Jacky and members of Mother Finest, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, The Palladium, 17580 Trolley, Roseville. 18 and older. $8 in advance. (rock) (810) 778-6404

- **BILL MCGETTIGAN**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemens, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (313) 873-RAFT

- **MARY MCGLYNN**
Hosts an evening of acoustic music with Michael Evensole of Shotgun Willie, Uncle Jessie White and the 20th Street Blues Band, Stacks, and Phil Tresla, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Ale B's, 24550 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Backseat Saloon, 3004 Orchard Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic) (810) 349-7038/(810) 682-1119

- **MS. X**
With Digone Box and Down With Hatred play the "Zafrinbee Kwanzaizer the Kit Spotlight Night," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 544-3030

- **VUDU HIPPIES**
With Guts, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative) (313) 996-2747

- **DICK WAGNER**
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 543-0917

- **JAMES WARJN**
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Crow Bar, 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8-11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, Muddock's, 2080 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(313) 668-0111/(810) 852-6050

- **WILD SHEEP RIDERS**
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Muse Menu, 511 Monroe, in Detroit's Greektown area. Cover charge. All ages. (country rock) (313) 964-6368

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

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

- **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Holiday Pops 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14; 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Tickets $16 to $37. (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

- **SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Symphony performs Handel's "Messiah" with the Jackson Chorale 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester. Tickets $12 at the door. Can call to reserve. (810) 651-4181

- **"CHRISTMAS ALWAYS"**
Music and dance jubilee 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, The Millennium Theatre Center, I-L, Hudson Drive, South of Nine Mile, west of Greenfield, Southfield. Tickets $14. (810) 552-7000

- **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS**
Celebrate the Season, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, (between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Tickets $5, students and senior citizens $3, available at the Farmington Hills Dept. of Special Services, 31500 11 Mile Road. (810) 471-4518

- **BRIGHTMOOR TABERNACLE**
"A Time for Christmas" a musical drama 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 17, 26555 Franklin Road, Southfield (behind the Holiday Inn) (810) 352-6200

- **CANTATA ACADEMY**
Songs of the Season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets $15. (810) 545-0420

- **SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
"An Afternoon in Vienna" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Southfield Pavilion. Guest soloists DSO cellist, Debra Fanaritan; soprano, Jennifer Robertus; and the Women's Chorus of the Japanese Society of Detroit. (810) 424-9022

- **BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Holiday Pops, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-2276

- **"MESSIAH"**
Features guest vocalists and First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir members 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, First Presbyterian Church, Pontiac.

- **POLONAISE CHORALE**
Christmas Concert of Polish and English carols 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh, (north of Six Mile), Livonia. Free admission. (313) 563-6209 or (313) 464-7990

- **LIVONIA CIVIC CHOIR**
"Down the Chimney," concert of seasonal music featuring familiar holiday tunes, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Clarenceville High School, 20185 Middlebelt, Livonia. No admission charge.

- **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHORALE**
Southfield based chorale presents a holiday concert "Light One Candle" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral (10405 New Mid Road) Southfield. Tickets $12 adults, $6 children 16 and under. (810) 545-4456 or (313) 274-1228

- **MUSICA DA CAMERA**
Holiday Songfest 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets $15 per person, available at the door. (810) 968-4100 or (313) 561-8828

- **MUSICNEE PLEASURE**
Eight-member vocal ensemble sings Christmas tunes and mid-winter carols 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 6625 E. Jefferson at the corner of Burns in the Indian Village area of Detroit. Tickets $10; seniors and students $8, children under 12, free. (313) 822-3456

- **SYMPHONIA CHORALE**
A Choral Christmas Tapestry, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, 343 S. Main (Van Dyke), Romeo. Tickets $10. (810) 752-7206

- **DULCIMER CONCERT**
Featuring Mike Best, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, The Birmingham Community House, to benefit the Bloomfield-Troy Unity Church. There will be a $5 suggested donation at the door. Scrooge Goes to Broadway

- **FEATURES SEASONAL MUSIC ON KEYBOARDS AND A MODERN STORY OF SCROOGE FEATURING YOUNG AT HEART, A SENIOR ADULT CHOIR, 7 P.M. TUESDAY, DEC. 19, SENTLEY CENTER, LIVONIA. DONATION $2.**
(313) 523-9290 or (313) 523-9361

DINNER THEATER

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

- **RINGSLEY INN DINNER THEATRE**
RID 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 $25.95 per person. (810) 642-0100

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

- **CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**
Season of Lights, outdoor 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 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-3200.

- **LIGHTFEST**
Nightly through Jan. 1 (closed on Christmas) from 7-10 p.m., $3 per car, (including vans and recreational vehicles), $20 for limousines and small buses and $50 for full-size buses. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Merriman in Westland, proceeds east, one way, and exits at Warren, just east of Telegraph. Refreshments, a gift shop and picture with Santa available at the Warrendale picnic area. (313) 261-1990.

- **WILD LIGHTS**
Detroit Zoo, 8:30-8 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 30. Closed all day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Admission is $3 adults and $1.50 for children. Parking is free. The zoo is at Woodward and 10 Mile, near I-696, in Royal Oak.

- **DOMINO'S FARMS**
The show is open 6-10 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. There is a minimum donation of $5 per vehicle with the proceeds going to charities around the state. After driving through the display, visitors can enter Lobby B of Domino's corporate headquarters to view more than 40 decorated holiday trees and a display of creche scenes from around the world. Refreshments, including pizza, are available. Domino's Farms is on Earhart Road off Plymouth Road, about a half-mile west of U.S. 23. (313) 668-1800

Scrooge: *The Spirit of Christmas Past (Amyrence Lynch, left) visits Ebenezer Scrooge in the Wayne State University Bonstelle Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 17. Call (313) 577-2960 for tickets. Local cast members include Kelly Ann Komlen, Jerri Doll, Tara Stoltz (Livonia); Sarah Ann Percy (Redford); Sarah J. Balderson (Southfield), Jennifer Hoemke and Catherine Werth (Farmington) and Parker And Lauracindy May Plague of Canton.*

HANUKKAH PARTY

- **SISRAEL HANUKKAH PARTY**
Features Sam Barnett and his Orchestra 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 in the Schfman Hall of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Maple/Drake Building. There is no charge for JCC members, non-members pay $3. Call for reservations. (810) 661-7649

- **GALA CELEBRATION**
Secular Family Hanukkah Celebration sponsored by the Jewish Parents Institute 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Jewish Community Center, Shiffman Hall, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Children's activities, entertainment, crafts, treats and more. No charge. (810) 661-7637 College Theater

CLASSICAL

- **GUITARIST**
Classical Guitarist, Andrej Mentschikoff will perform the Vivaldi Guitar Concerto in D. Major with the Livonia Franklin High School Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Tickets will be available at the door. The school is at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. (313) 523-5300

THEATER

- **JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATER**
"The Diary of Anne Frank" to Dec. 17 in the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 788-2900 or (810) 645-6666

- **MEADOW BROOK**
"A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 27. (810) 377-3300 or (810) 645-6666

- **THE GEM**
Comedy whodunit "Shear Madness," set in a unisex hair salon with local Detroit references, through Dec. 31. (313) 963-9800

- **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

- **THE FISHER THEATRE**
Eight-member percussion group "Stomp" through Dec. 17. Call (313) 872-1000 Ext. 0 for show times. (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) 875-5284

YOUTH THEATER

- **GREENFIELD VILLAGE THEATRE COMPANY**
"Rumpelstilskin," 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-30, Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Children are invited to meet the actors after each performance. Tickets $5.75, reserved (313) 271-1020, Extension 383

- **MARQUIS THEATRE**
Musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz" through Jan. 14, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets $8.50. Children under 3½ will not be admitted. (810) 349-8110

- **AVON PLAYERS**
"Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical retelling of a tall tale, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, ¼ mile east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Tickets $6 adults, $3.50 students. (810) 375-1390

- **YOUTHEATRE**
"Jack Frost Follies" for families with children ages three and older. Jack Frost plays host to a larger-than-life puppet revue which includes special appearances by Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit. Tickets $7 in advance, $8 at the door. (313) 963-2366

COMEDY

- **THE COMEDY SHOW**
Downtown Tony Brown and Friends at the Plaza Hotel, Southfield on J.L. Hudson Drive, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Dec. 26. Admission $15. (810) 746-9257

- **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**
Jack Mapley Dec. 13-17; Brent Cushman, Dec. 20-23, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. New Year's Eve two shows 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. headlining Fred Greenlee, featuring Elliott Branch, with M.C. Jennie McNulty. Call for details. (810) 542-9900

- **MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**
Margaret Smith, Dec. 14-15, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets $12, shows 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. Friday. (313) 996-9050

JAZZ

- **BOTSFORD INN**
Jazzy Christmas concert featuring Jack Bokenkha Quartet 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Admission $10, includes $5 toward two drink minimum. (810) 474-4800

Ballet: *Ballet Electric presents its third annual winter concert featuring the second act of the "Nutcracker" and "Cakewalk," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Pictured left to right are Andrea Haupt, Jan Sarah-McDonald, Karen Eck and Tom Mount. Featured guests include Miss Farmington Audrie Chernaukas. Call (810) 477-3830 for information.*

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES

- **ARTISTRY IN MOTION DANCE SCHOOL**
Presents "Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser, Southfield. Tickets $8 children, $10 adults. (810) 414-7170

- **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Performances at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 14-15; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 19-21; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22-23. Tickets range from $17 to $27.50, matinee half price for children under 12 and seniors 60 and over. (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666

- **OAKLAND FESTIVAL BALLET**
Presents "The Nutcracker" with guest artists Lawrence Hernandez of the Cincinnati Ballet and Joseph Walker, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Tickets $16 adults, $14 seniors and children under 12. Patrons attending the 4 p.m. Sunday performance are invited to the Company's 10th anniversary reception on stage, following the show. (810) 546-7610

- **BALLET ELECTRIC**
Winter concert which includes the second act of "The Nutcracker" and original numbers by the Ballet Electric Company 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Tickets $7 in advance for adults, $6 for students and seniors. Tickets $8 adults, and $7 students and seniors at the door. (810) 477-3830

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- **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 Alund, Opalski, traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner with program and dinner 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, American Polish Cultural Center. Cost $15 adults, $6 children under 12. (810) 689-3636

FAMILY FUN

- **LOOK AT THE PAST**
"Traditions 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 tours, decorations. (313) 271-1976

- **HENRY FORD ESTATE**
"The Spirit of Christmas" through Dec. 31, campus of University of Michigan-Dearborn, (northwest corner of Michigan Ave. and Evergreen). Schedule of events include: Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasure, 1 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13 and 20 ($10 per person); Luncheon Concerts 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 12 and 14 ($19 per person); Santa's Workshop, visit Santa, receive cup of hot soup, 5-8 p.m. Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 16, ($5 per person); Candles and Carols Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 ($38 per person). Candlelight tours, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26-29 ($7 per person). Call for more information, reservations. (313) 593-5590

Santa's workshop: *Children can follow the lighted path to Santa's workshop where they visit Santa, receive a special gift, and sample a cut of hot oyster soup 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 16 at historical Ford Estate, home of Clara and Henry Ford, on the campus of the University of Michigan, Dearborn (northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Evergreen). Admission is $5 per person. Call (313) 593-5590 for information.*