

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATRE

ALLEY THEATRE
Detroit premier of "Sylvia" comedy written by A.R. Gurney, continues through Sunday, July 27. Trappers Alley Third Level, 508 Monroe St., Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays. \$12-\$20. (313) 963-9339/(248) 645-6666.

MACOMB CENTER
"The Best of the Show Stoppers," a lavish musical extravaganza showcasing 85 local seniors, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday July 16-Friday July 18, and 1 p.m. Thursday July 17. Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$9. (248) 286-2222

POWER CENTER
"Vanities" starring Heather Tom ("The Young and the Restless") and Bridget Finnerly ("Sabrina, the Teenage Witch" and "Sweet Valley High"). 8 p.m. Friday, July 11. Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$21. All ages. (313) 763-3333

PURPLE ROSE
"Off the Map." Joan Ackerman's new play about the quirky lifestyle of the Groden family who survive on recycled goods and less than \$5,000 a year, continues to Aug. 10. 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, matinees 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Purple Rose Theatre Company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$15-\$20. Reservations recommended. (313) 475-7902

YOUTH

NOVI CIVIC CENTER STAGE
"Raggy Ann and Andy." 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11-Saturday, July 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at the theater, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8. \$7 seniors and children younger than 12. Tickets purchased in advance are \$1 off. (248) 347-0400

SPECIAL EVENTS

CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL
2:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19 and 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 20, entertainment, dance groups. Sokol Detroit, Gymnasium, parade of costumes, Czech and Slovak food, pastries. Imported beers, photographic display. Yack Arena, 3131 Third at Eureka, four miles east of I-75, Wyandotte. \$5 adults, children 14 and under accompanied by adult, free.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
1 p.m. Thursday, July 3, Rabbi Norman Roman, from Temple Kol Ami, plays the guitar and entertains with Israeli songs. Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Nominal charge for non-members. (248) 967-4030

FAMILY EVENTS

RIK'S PUPPET THEATRE
Recreates the story "The Reluctant Dragon" and turns it into a modern-day comedy, during four shows between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday, July 4, Willow Metropark. Entry fee required. All ages, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, July 5, Lake Erie Metropark. Entry fee required. All ages; 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, Bloomer Park, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (810) 566-0888

"U PICK NICK"
Interactive live family show where audience members are chosen to take part in stunts from Nickelodeon shows such as "Family Double Dare."

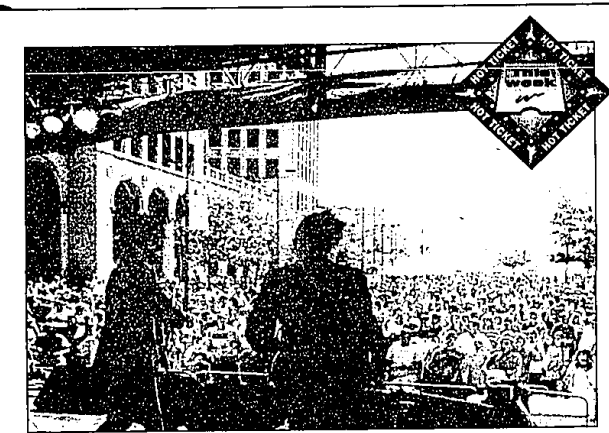
Friday, July 3 - "Legends of the Hidden Temple," and "What Would You Do," 2 p.m. Sunday, July 6, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$15 pavilion, \$10 lawn. (248) 377-0100

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Salute to America" concerts, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 3-Saturday, July 5, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$17 adults, \$8 child, free for children ages 4 and younger. Free parking. (313) 271-1620.

FELIX FRIEDRICH
German guest organist performs "Music of Bach and Kreisler," 4 p.m. Sunday, July 6, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$7. All ages. (313) 647-2278

POPPING



Dancing in the Streets: Michigan TasteFest organizers are serving up heaping portions of food and free live entertainment including jazz, blues, a sprinkle of Zydeco, a pinch of Motown, a dash of rock and roll, and kids shows through July 6 in Detroit's New Center Area.

Celebrate summer at TasteFest

There's lots to do this weekend at The Michigan TasteFest. The festival in Detroit's New Center Area offers entertainment and fun for people of all ages. The mix of eating at Detroit's most popular restaurants will be selling "tastes" of their favorite fare. Here are the details:

The Michigan TasteFest

When: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 3-Saturday, July 5, and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

Where: Detroit's New Center Area, a business and residential district about four miles north of the Detroit River. Most of the events take place outdoors on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway (M-10).

Cost: There is no admission fee, but there is a cost for food and beverages, as well as some of the children's activities.

Taste Tickets can be purchased and exchanged for food and beverages at the TasteFest booths, which do not accept cash. Visitors to the festival can purchase nine Taste Tickets for \$5 at ticket booths throughout the festival.

Parking: Free parking is offered after 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and all day and evening Friday through Sunday. A \$2 preferred parking lot is available on the same schedule in the Fisher Building parking deck. Cars enter from Lothrop, between Second and Third streets. Proceeds benefit the New Center Foundation.

Information: call (313) 927-1000 or visit the TasteFest web site at <http://comnet.org/tastefest>.

■ Schedule of events:
Best Buy Stage, West Grand Boulevard in front of the General Motors Building:

Thursday, July 3 - David Myles and the Mylestones 6 p.m., the Spinners 7:30 p.m.
Friday, July 4 - "1994 The Tribute" 3:30 p.m., and Trace Adams 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 5 - Nathan and the Zydeco Cha-Chas 3:30 p.m., and jazz composer/keyboardsist Keiko Matsu 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 - Mudpuppy 2 p.m., and John Hiatt and the Nashville Queens 4:30 p.m.

The Wellness Plan Jazz Stage, West Grand Boulevard at Third Avenue:

Thursday, July 3 - Kid Brother noons 1 p.m., Janet Stans and Sven Anderson Quartet 4:30 p.m., and The Edge 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 4 - Cass Technical High School Jazz Combo noons, Althea Rene 2 p.m., Sandra Bogan and Marcus Bolgrave 4:30 p.m., and Randy Scott and Friends 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5 - "Magic" by the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts noons, Amigo Latin Jazz All Stars 2 p.m., Kathy Kosins 4:30 p.m., and Kimmie Horne 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 - Darron McKinney 1 p.m., Gwen and Charles Scales 3:30 p.m., and Straight Ahead 6 p.m.

■ Select Area Cool Bluestage in New Center Park:

Thursday, July 3 - Ben Moore and the Blues Express noons, Jo Serrapero 3 p.m., Jim McCarty and Mystery Train 5:30 p.m., Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones 8 p.m.

Friday, July 4 - Eddie Burns and the Garfield Blues Band noons and 1:15 p.m., Bonnie Temps Roule 3 p.m., Bluecut Blues Band 6:30 p.m., and Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 5 - Motor City Josh and the Big Three noons and 1:15 p.m., Lazy Lester and the Blue Suit Blues Band 3 p.m., The Alligators 5:30 p.m., and Zeon with the Impact Blues Band 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 - Alberta Adams and Willie D. Warren 12:30 p.m., Nikki James and the Flamethrowers 3 p.m., and Robert Noll 5:30 p.m.

■ Target KidShows, presented by Garden City's Radio Aahs, in the Fisher Theatre lobby:

Thursday, July 3 - Mr. Wizard's Science in the Home 1 p.m., Gemini 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and African-American dance troupe Sabuano 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 5 - Storyteller Jerry Williams 1 p.m., Dinner Dogs 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and illusionist Chris Linn 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 6 - Children's Theatre of Michigan 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Storyteller Ivory

Williams 2 p.m., and "Eugene Clark is Tuxedo Magic" 4 p.m.

■ Henry Ford Health System's KidZine, at the corner of Second Avenue and West Grand Boulevard, features strolling clowns and musicals, "Make-a-Take Crafts," and the following events:

WCAR Radio AAHS free activities - Kids Karaoke 1:30-3:30 p.m. and the TasteFest Macarena 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 3; Toss for Tiger tickets 1:30-2 p.m. Friday, July 4; Beanie Baby Look-Alike Contest 1:30-2 p.m. Saturday, July 5; Aahs the Cat autograph session, 2-3:30 p.m. and improvisational theater with Brainstormers 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

Touch and Learn Zoo - Barnyard Express farm animal exhibit from noon-5 p.m.

Thursday, July 3-Sunday, July 6: "Bugs on Wheels" insect exhibit noon-4 p.m. Thursday, July 3; "Science Alive" featuring exotic live animals from around the world: noon-5 p.m. Friday, July 4-Sunday, July 6; and "Marine Safari" noon-5 p.m. Friday, July 4-Saturday, July 5.

The Detroit Science Center - Magic Schoolbus hands-on exhibit noon-6 p.m. Sunday, July 6.

■ Motown Museum Shuttle Bus Tour:

TasteFest goes can visit the restored Hitsville U.S.A. site at the Motown Historical Museum and experience the birthplace of the Motown sound. Free round-trip bus tours run from noon-6 p.m. on each day of the TasteFest. Riders can board the shuttle bus at West Grand Boulevard and Third Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at the Motown Museum tent for \$3.50 for adults, and \$1.50 for children younger than 12.

Summer Stroll for Epilepsy at the TasteFest: 5K walk takes place Saturday, July 5, in the New Center Area. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the stroll at 11 a.m.

Detroit Upbeat, Inc., is offering walking tours of the General Motors and Fisher buildings, at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday and meets at the main floor of the Fisher Building just outside the Fisher Theatre.

■ Glenn Miller Orchestra 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$3-\$22. All ages. (313) 763-3333

■ Irvy Orchestra 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, as part of the "Top of the Park Concerts," atop the Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 763-3333

■ Carillon 8 p.m. Monday, July 7, Leonard's in the lower level of The Pierpont Commons of the University of

Michigan, 2101 Bonisteel Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 764-7544

■ Jean-Luc Ponty With Dava Kot, 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

■ Preservation Hall Jazz 8 p.m. Saturday, July 5, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$11-\$20. All ages. (313) 763-3333

■ The Rivermen 9 p.m. Friday, July 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acid jazz/funk) (313) 485-5050

■ The Sessions With Hansolo and Acufuncture, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 6, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acid jazz) (313) 996-2747

■ Steve Wood Trio 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

■ Alexander Zonig 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 4, in Dieppe Park in Windsor, as part of the International Freedom Festival. Free. All ages; 5 p.m. Thursday, July 10, as part of P.Jazz at the Hotel Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 964-5050

University of California Berkeley performer, 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, Burton Memorial Tower, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 647-2278

AUDITIONS WORKSHOPS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Auditions dancers skilled in modern dance technique and improvisation and have training in ballet, 10 a.m.-noon Friday, July 11, Wayne State University, old main building's dance studio on the third floor, Cass Avenue and Warren Street, Detroit. Dancers planning to audition should bring a resume and letter of recommendation. 18th season runs Aug. 25, 1997-May 1998; "Summerdance," classes, workshops, and performance, Monday, July 14-Saturday, July 19, at "Top of the Op," studio space at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

PERFORMING ARTS CAMPS

And visual art camps for young people will be offered in July and August in Rochester Hills. The camps are offered by Jingle BELL, Inc. The performing arts camps include summer stock camp for youngsters ages 7 through 12 from 11:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 21-24 and/or 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 4-7. Summer stock for youngsters ages 11 through 15 will be 11:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. July 28-31. A short circuit mini-camp will be offered three times for youngsters ages 3-7: 8:30-11 a.m. July 21-24, 8:30-11 a.m. July 28-31 and 12:15-2:45 p.m. Aug. 4-7. A Colorama art camp will be offered for youngsters ages 6-12 from 3:40 p.m. July 21, 28 and Aug. 4. A similar art camp will be offered for youngsters 3-6 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the same days: July 21, 28 and Aug. 4. Music and art lessons, taught by Beate E. Ludecke, will be offered in piano/keyboard, voice and visual art for group, semi-private or private instruction. The camps will be offered at 1551 E. Auburn, Rochester Hills, between Dequindre and John R. For information, call (248) 375-9027. For registration, call (248) 656-8308.

WORLD MUSIC

■ Black Market 9 p.m. Thursday, July 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

■ The Drivers 7 p.m. Sunday, July 6, as part of the "Top of the Park Concerts," atop the Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (Irish) (313) 763-3333

■ Immigrant Sings 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (Eastern European) (313) 996-8555

■ Immunity 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, July 4, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, July 11, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-2222/(248) 360-7450

■ Reggae Ambassadors 9 p.m. Friday, July 11, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-2747

■ Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-8555

■ Folk 9 p.m. Friday, July 11-Saturday, July 12, O'Mara's Restaurant, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

■ Ian Krist 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 11-Saturday, July 12, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400

■ Jimmy LaFave With Chris Buhals, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-8555

■ Gordon Lightfoot 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$27.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$25. All ages. (313) 763-3333/(810) 377-0100

■ Rollee Tussing III and The Resophonics With Fugate State, 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, as part of the "Top of the Park Concerts," atop the Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 763-3333

■ Comedy 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, July 4, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$21. All ages. (313) 763-3333

■ Tommy Davidson 8 p.m. Friday, July 4, Chene Park Riverside Entertainment Center, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$10-\$35. All ages. (313) 393-0292

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