

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS

"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Theresa Szymanski, 8 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. Tickets \$6 advance, \$8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Fallettos," through Sunday, Oct. 5, at the JET, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

1515 BROADWAY

Detroit premiere "Making Porn," a new play about the gay pornography industry written and directed by Ronnie Larsen, features members of the New York cast, through Sept. 7, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$20 Tuesday-Thursday, \$25 Friday-Saturday, (248) 645-6666 or (313) 965-1515.

COMMUNITY THEATER

NOVI CIVIC CENTER STAGE

"The Senior Gals," a musical production by the Novi Senior Citizens program 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, \$8 Includes luncheon at noon and show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, \$6, 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248) 347-0400

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Open House for adults and children interested in theater, 1:5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, demonstrations, theater tours, refreshments at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy, Free. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"On the 8th Day He Saw a Play (and He Saw It Was Good)" a Performance of One Acts' benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

"Vacation: Impossible," an interactive comedy, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, and 6 p.m. Saturday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 8, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$99 for four persons, includes seven course Italian style family dinner and show. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN

"Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. No children under age 3 1/2. (248) 349-8110.

CHORAL

THE INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

20th annual concert of the Inspirational Choir of Greater Christ Temple Church under the direction of Detroit radio personality Carl B. Phillips, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 210 Hilton Street, one block east of Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 414-3700

CLASSICAL

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Sunday, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 9-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh Road), Livonia. Besides concert of light, classical and popular tunes, benefit includes 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741.

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL CONCERTS

Presents "The Russian Virtuosi," Virtuoso bayanist Slava Semyonov and his wife Natalya with Robert Sattler, bayan, and special guest artists The Ortego - Soave Quartet, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. (248) 851-6867, (248) 625-4625 or (313) 563-3376.

MUSICAL THEATER ENSEMBLE OF ARMENIA



HERNIM FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Rev up the past: America's automotive past comes cruising to the present for Greenfield Village visitors during Old Car Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7. The festival showcases nearly 300 vintage vehicles built before 1933. Related family-oriented activities include a narrated pass-in-review parade, and demonstration of how to crank start a vehicle, light headlamps, and other automotive chores. Greenfield Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and older; youth ages 5-12, \$6.25; children under 5 and members free. Greenfield Village is at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, (just west of the Southfield Freeway). Call (313) 271-1976 for information.

A magical evening of song and solidarity (directed by composer Artur Grigorian) in celebration of the 6th anniversary of Armenia's independence, presented by Armenia Fund U.S.A., 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Southfield Center for the Performing Arts, 24350 Southfield Road south of 10 Mile, Southfield. Tickets \$20 adults, \$5 children 14 and under. (248) 552-8975/642-7950.

CARILLON

JENNY KING

Presents a program of folk and popular songs, noon Sunday, Sept. 7, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-3456

POPS / SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

BIG RUDE JAKE

With Atomic Fireballs, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

SWINGIN' DEMONS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

AUDITIONS

ANN ARBOR BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 15 and older of high intermediate to advanced talent for "The Nutcracker," noon-3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 548 Church St. (at University), Ann Arbor. Women must bring pointe shoes. Performances scheduled Dec. 19-21. (313) 668-1001

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for percussion opening Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6; third flute/piccolo, principal clarinet, section percussion, principal trumpet, Sept. 4-6, (313) 994-4801

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Sept. 21-22 at the Avon Playhouse on Tienken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 651-9518

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Auditions for "The Nutcracker," 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium (formerly St. Barbara's School), 13500 Colson (off Schaefer Road, between

Michigan Avenue and Ford Road). East Dearborn. All dancers must have a minimum of two years serious dance training. Audition schedule: 1 p.m. children's parts (party scene); 2:30 p.m. acrobats (clowns, Arabian dancers); 3 p.m. advanced dancers (point shoes are required for female dancers); and 4 p.m. adults for non-dance roles. Performance dates are Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29, at Edsel Ford High School. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT-WINDSOR DANCE ACADEMY

Open enrollment. Registration held daily through Sunday, Sept. 21, at the academy, 1529 Broadway, third floor, Detroit. (313) 963-0050

FIRST THEATER GUILD

Auditions for ages 6 to 18 for "Hansel and Gretel," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple and Cranbrook, Birmingham. Performance dates (you must be available for all performances): Oct. 31 (with a special Halloween party following), Nov. 1-2 and 7-9. (248) 644-0356/646-6033/932-1149

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

Auditions for "Cabaret," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Huron Civic Theatre, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. Lead roles are available for five men and four women, with additional supporting roles and chorus. Those auditioning should prepare a song from the show (or one of similar style) and dress ready to learn movement. Production dates are Nov. 2-4, and 9-11. (313) 782-5380

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenor and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading is not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for the following shows at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Children ages 10-18 for "Halloween Madness," 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Recite a poem no longer than two minutes. For children ages 8-15 for "Aladdin," 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, recite a poem, sing a song in your vocal range. Adult auditions for "Aladdin," 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. Reading from script, sing a song. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE - A MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Holds auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, room 109, Alexander Music Building, Eastern Michigan University,

Ypsilanti. First tenors, second tenors and basses are particularly needed. (313) 487-0280

NOVI CONCERT BAND

Band has opportunities for adults who play any instrument to join it for its 1997-1998 concert season. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. There are no auditions. (248) 932-9244

OCC SYMPHONY BAND

Auditioning clarinet, French horn, trombone and percussion players by appointment at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes student center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Members are OCC students and other musicians from other communities. (248) 360-6218

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Entering 25th season and calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritone, some openings for altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (313) 455-4080.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditioning for four men and four women for "Lend Me a Tenor," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 8-9 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 532-4010

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Auditions those who play stringed instruments, the oboe, trombone, and percussion, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, room 315, Royal Oak. There will be a sight-reading exercise and auditions must bring one prepared piece. (248) 988-6991

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Auditions males and females for 15 roles in Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge," 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, Wednesday, Sept. 3. Liberal Arts Theater on the campus, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5270. The college's community choir holds auditions for all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, (west of Inkster), Livonia. (313) 462-4435/(248) 349-8175

STAGECRAFTERS

For "Beyond Therapy," Stagecrafters 2nd Stage production, 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Come prepared to joke or humorous story, no longer than two minutes, and bring a nonreturnable photo. Show dates Oct. 24-31, Nov. 1-2. Call (248) 541-4832.

VANGUARD VOICES

Vanguard Voices and the Vanguard Grand Chorus are hold-

ing auditions for all voice parts. Informational rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 7, room F-113 MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Auditions for Vanguard Grand Chorus are immediately after each rehearsal. Auditions for Vanguard Voices are also after the rehearsals but by appointment only. (313) 845-6474

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for the musical "Babes In Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 60 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers, all ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: \$100 PAC members, \$125 nonmembers. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-18. (313) 416-4ART

BENEFITS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Beanie Baby Sale and Trade to benefit Junior actors/ Ridgedale Building Fun, additional items include books and handmade purses, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free. (248) 853-3990

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS

"Fallettos," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre Inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$25 with proceeds to benefit Detroit Together Men's Chorus, Michigan's oldest and largest gay men's chorus. (313) 893-3631 or (248) 588-4743

CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

JINGLE BEL INC.

Classes for children (ages 3-16) in chorus, theater, instrumental music, and visual art begin Sept. 16 at Precinct Five, 1551 East Auburn Road at Emmons, Rochester Hills. Information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA

RECORD is hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through ninth grade for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Dale, Redford. The cost is \$45. Call (313) 531-0554 for information.

SWEET ADELPHINE CHORUS

Four week workshop offered by Spirit of Detroit Chorus Chapter (1997 Regional Champions) to improve vocal skills, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile Road west of Inkster, Livonia. \$6 for four session or bring a friend for 2 for \$5 price. Registration: (313) 427-5649 or (248) 661-8134

SPECIAL EVENTS

FARMER JACK MOTOR CITY PRASEFEST

The event, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7 at Fair Plaza in Detroit is a celebration of gospel music. Appearing are national artists including Beverly Crawford who will perform 6:50-7:35 p.m. Sunday; Vickie Winans, The Conton Spirituals, and The Clark Sisters featuring Twinkle Clark Terrell, along with the Detroit area's finest gospel performers. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30-11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 19 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 459-6969 or visit the web site, <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit organization, presents its 30th anniversary event with donations to benefit Paws With A Cause, Hyatt Regency-Dearborn. (313) 464-3887.

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 gala evening of dinner, entertainment (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons), fashion show (latest designs in women's and canine's fashions), art auction (work created by students for Creative Studies Center) to benefit the Michigan Humane Society and celebrate the nonprofit organization's 120th anniversary. Patron (\$175) and Benefactor (\$300) ticketholders will join Master of Ceremonies Ed McMahon for

cocktails at 6 p.m., Norman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets \$75 each for Supporters. (313) 872-3400

FAMILY EVENTS

ANN ARBOR AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, featuring vintage Ford Tri-Motor plane, also aeronautical exhibitions, demonstrations, helicopter and plane rides, south of I-94 near the corner of State and E. Elsworth Roads, Ann Arbor. Free. 1-800-888-9487

WYANDOTTE

HERITAGE DAYS

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, living history encampments, antique auto show, arts and crafts, concerts, Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show featuring log rolling and log rolling dogs at Bishop Park on the waterfront, Wyandotte. Free. (313) 246-4520

PLYMOUTH TRAIN & TOY SHOW

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. \$4, adults; \$1 ages 4-12, (313) 455-2110

SOUTHFIELDS AUTUMFEST

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rural festival of food, entertainment, produce vendors, petting farm, kid's fun tent, crafts, hay rides at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, south of Southfield Civic Center. Free. (248) 354-0603

ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 5, noon to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 6, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rides, fun, entertainment, games at Lafayette and Lincoln (between 10 and 11 Mile. Free. (248) 547-1818

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

B SHARP JAZZ QUINTET

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$7, 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

LINDA BLANCHE TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

TERRY CALLIER

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance, 18 and older, (acid jazz) (248) 544-3030

KURT ELLING AND LAURENCE HOB-GOOD

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15, 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

HANSOLO

With Acufunctura perform as part of "The Sessions," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (313) 996-2747

FAREED HAQUE

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matto, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, Bistro Thirteen, 313 Waterford Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. With her trio, 8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

LARVAL

With Mental Landscape and Cadillac Voodoo Choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (event jazz/alternative rock) (248) 544-3030

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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