

# Days a week

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U-Club, first floor of the Michigan Union, 630 S. State St., Ann Arbor, \$7.55 for students and seniors with ID, \$3 kids & 12. Free for children ages 8 and younger, (313) 763-3202

## DANCE

**CONTINUITY CIVIC BALLET**  
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Rose Marie Floyd, with New York dancer Alexander Schlegel, and Samantha Shelton, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 at Warren Woods Middle School auditorium, East 12 Mile, west of Schooner, Warren, \$8 at the door, (248) 641-9003/540-7454, 2:30 p.m. and 14 (presented by Valley of Detroit-Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium at Masonic Temple, Detroit, \$5 at the door, (248) 641-9003.

**CONTRA DANCES**  
First Friday Square and Contra Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of 194), Ann Arbor, 8 adults, \$3 children, (313) 665-8405 or jalefame@punch.net. Open Jam sponsored by the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of 194), Ann Arbor, Free. All string band members invited, all levels welcome, (313) 662-3371, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of 194), Ann Arbor, \$4, (313) 768-1052; Lovett Hall Holiday contra dance, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Lovett Hall ballroom, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, \$7, (313) 982-6100, ext. 2262; English Country Dancing, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3550 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor, \$4, (313) 663-0744/(313) 662-5158.

**DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE**  
Under the direction of Lori Lane, with the National Ballet of Canada's Rebecca Cusack, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Dearborn, \$12.50, (313) 421-1111/(248) 450-8900.

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
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**ERIC JOHNSON'S DETROIT BALLET**  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the State Theatre on Wayne Road in Detroit. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$3 children and available by calling the theater at (313) 721-7400; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills, \$8 adults, \$5 children, (248) 479-9570, the 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and Friday, Dec. 19 productions are set to the music of the Detroit Ballet Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Kern.

**FARMINGTON FESTIVAL OF DANCE**  
With the Detroit Dance Collective, and members of the WSU Dance Company, Michigan Classic Ballet Company, Bardonia Ballet Dance Studio, Amette, and Company, Main Street Dance Company, Barbara Hatch School of Dance, Michelle Mittman, Eric Johnson's Detroit Opera House, and the O'Dell School of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Farmington High School auditorium, 32000 Shawnee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington, \$5, \$2 seniors and children, (248) 473-9570.

**THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER**  
Donald Byrd's jazz version of the holiday tale featuring a live jazz orchestra, religion and gospel choir and children's cast, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10-Friday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, Sunday, Dec. 14, Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$16-\$34, (800) 221-1229.

**HURON CIVIC THEATRE**  
"The Nutcracker," with the Taylor Ballet Americana and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston, \$14, \$10 children ages 10 and younger, (313) 782-5380.

**LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET**  
"The Nutcracker" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at West Bloomfield High School auditorium on Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, \$10, \$8.50, special rates available for community organizations purchasing 16 tickets or more, (248) 666-1971.

**LYONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
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King, Elizabeth Riga of the University of Michigan is the Snow Queen. The Churchill High School Choir provides the background score to make this traditional holiday ballet a truly enchanting program, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh north of Joy, Livonia. All tickets \$12.50, (313) 421-1111/(248) 645-6666.

**MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE**  
The company (under Cornelia Ranspenn) joins the Warren Symphony for "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, with winner of the International Ballet competition in Varna, Bulgaria, and current winner of the International Ballet Competition in Washington, Susan Clancy, and American Ballet Theatre II, Sergio Brindusa, a Romanian dancer who free-lances and trains at the prestigious Kirov Academy in Washington, Susan Clancy, the American Ballet Theatre, and Casey Herd, American Ballet Theatre II, at the Masonic Center for the Performing Arts, Hall Road (M-59) and Oxford, Clinton Township, \$22, \$20 seniors and children over age 12, \$18 for groups of 20 or more for main floor seating, \$17 for balcony, (313) 662-3371, (248) 645-6666.

**PLYMOUTH CANTERBURY BALLET COMPANY**  
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Dawn Greene, featuring principal dancers Dawn Greene, Michael Nash of the Cincinnati Ballet, and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12-Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth of Salem High School Auditorium, 40181 Joy Road (at Canton Center), Canton, \$10 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12, \$4 Sugar Plum Fairy, where children will have a tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy and other performers, will be held after the Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, concerts, \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, (313) 451-2112.

**THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**  
Numerous performances throughout Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue (north of Joy Road), Livonia, \$12.50, (313) 421-1111/(248) 450-8900.

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## Noel Night celebrates holidays

For an evening this weekend, the urban streets will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

Seasonal songs of carolers will echo throughout downtown Detroit's University Cultural Center. There'll be carriage rides, a symbolic lighting of a Christmas tree and enough holiday festivities to conjure the Yuletide spirit in the crankiest Scrooge.

This Saturday's "Noel Night" commemorates the 26th annual gathering of choirs, artists and communities in an international, multicultural celebration of the holidays.

The celebration begins with a concert by the Oakland Singers and Boychoir of Ann Arbor in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. From there, a diverse range of concerts, exhibits, interactive demonstrations and theatrical performances will take place in 30 locations within the University Cultural Center.

Locations include Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Detroit Association of Women's Clubs, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Public Library, Science Center, International Institute, Museum of African American History, Scarab Club, Wayne State University Community Arts Gallery and Bonstelle Theatre.

The multi-evening celebration offers plenty of entertainment and a chance to do some arduous holiday shopping. Weather forecasts predict plenty of gloe and good tidings.

What: "Noel Night," a 26th Annual Holiday Celebration. Concurrent activities in 20 locations within the University Cultural Center, Detroit.

Where: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Wayne State University Cultural Center, 301 Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward. Call for tickets, (313) 871-1667.

8 p.m. - Two lighting ceremony featuring MSU Discords, Henry Ford High School Concert Band, Community Singing along with the Salvation Army Band, (248) 731-0700.

9 p.m. - "Pre-Noel Night Entertainment, the Young People's concert, "How Music Saved the Holidays," with conductor David Alan Miller, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue.

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8:30 p.m. - Horse-drawn carriage and sleigh ride depart over 10 minutes. Adults: \$5, children, \$2. Park Sholton (Lobby), 15 E. Kirby at Woodward.

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