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Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ENTRIES

B'HAM YOUTH PLAYERS
7:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 11, 11, auditions for "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney. Production dates: Feb. 18, 20-22, 25-28 & March 1. Cast: Three men, three women. Village Players, 752 Chestnut, corner of Woodward and Chestnut, downtown Birmingham; (248) 644-2075.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS MICHIGAN
Call for Art by people with disabilities for a juried exhibition. Deadline: Jan. 15. Contact: VSMH office, 21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075; (248) 423-1080.

MISS MICHIGAN / MISS NICHTEEN
Now accepting applications to state preliminaries of "Miss USA & Miss Teen USA." Miss Michigan requirements: single, state resident between ages of 18-26; Miss Michigan Teen requirements: single, state resident between ages of 14-18. Competition categories: swim, evening wear, interview. (248) 334-7700.

MUSIC COMPETITION
The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concert Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape of 18-22, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russell Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

DOCUMENTA USA
Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Suite 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inker Road), Livonia; (248) 349-8175 or (313) 462-4435.

HARBOR BELLS
English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must be music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept.-June. (848) 681-6453.

NAT'L JURIED EXHIBIT AT PCCA
Paint Grief Center for the Arts seeks entries for national juried art media exhibition, March 27-April 24, 1998. Deadline for slide entries: Jan. 15, 1998. For prospectus send a SASE to: PCCA/Exhibitions, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307; (248) 651-4110.

17TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association seeks entries for its statewide art media competition, March 8-27. For information and a prospectus, call (248) 644-0866.

BENEFITS
FRIENDS OF POLISH ART
6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the annual Christmas Wigit celebration, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve meal. Proceeds benefit the fine arts fund, Polish Center Club, 518 E. Outer Drive, Detroit; (313) 455-6207.

MS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD
A calendar of 12 images selected from the 87-piece international exhibit, and holiday cards and note cards. Write/contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017; (800) FIGHT MS.

CHOIR/CHORUS

NOVI CHORALISTS
Novi's Community Chorus presents music for Christmas celebration - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Donation: \$.50, purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation office, or at the door. (248) 347-0400.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOR
"Alleluia, Rejoice!" featuring Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham. Dates: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church Street, Plymouth; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia; (313) 462-4435.

A CAPPELLA
8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, "The Gruyons," perform extensive repertoire including seasonal music. Sponsored by the Fair Lane Music Guild, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, c/o El Dorado, Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road; (313) 593-5330.

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF PONTIAC
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, "Annual Christmas Concert," Central United Methodist Church, Waterford; (248) 673-6568.

CANTATA ACADEMY
"Holiday Favorites" - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Grassroots Performance. Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grassroots Performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opake Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 544-0420.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, featuring nine choirs of the church along with brass and percussion. Proceeds benefit Farmington Families in Action. Nardin Park Methodist Church, 25887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8860.

VANGUARD VOICES
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, "Christmas Concert," featuring Reginald's sequence of carols. "Lead to the Nativity of the Lord." St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 8275 Kensington, south of Ford Road, Dearborn; (313) 317-6658.

HOLIDAYS REVISITED
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, the

Farmington Community Chorus presents its 18th annual winter concert. Traditional holiday favorites and contemporary seasonal selections performed by 80-voice choir. Farmington High School, 32000 Silverstone, west of Orchard Lake Road. Tickets: \$8, adults; \$5, seniors/students; (248) 788-5322.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

PCCA WINTER CLASSES
Registration open for classes from 4 years old and up. Classes run, Jan. 10-March 4, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. To register, (248) 651-4110.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 5 - 10 a.m. 12:15 p.m., "Survey of World Art." Holiday Rhythms: Thursday, Jan. 20, Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 4 p.m., "Drawing for Adults." Studio and Galleries: 10 a.m. noon Saturdays Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, "Hollering Stories." Installation Art: Holiday Room: 10 a.m. noon Saturdays Feb. 21, 28 March 7, "From the African Loom to the African Mask." Fees vary. Classes and workshops require pre-registration. To register call (313) 833-4249.

CLASSICAL

DSO'S BAROQUE HOLIDAY CONCERT
8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring conductor/violinist Jaime Laredo. Tickets: \$17-\$60. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-3700.

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"Handel's Messiah" - 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Mary Catholic Church, 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets: \$25 preferred, \$18 general; \$10 students. (248) 650-2055.

UMS CHORAL UNION
"Handel's Messiah" - 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, featuring the Living Christmas Card Vocal Quartet. Tickets: \$30. At the home of Dr. William Kupak of Grassroots Performance, for details, call (248) 357-1111.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, "Annual Christmas Concert," featuring Mercy High School vocal ensembles, the Mercy Orchestra and the Mercy Band. 29300 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 476-8002.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
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Hot steps: Omayra Amaya and "Flamenco Without Limits" display the passion of Spanish flamenco at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Detroit Institute of Arts Theatre. The concert is presented by Musica Viva International; (313) 833-2923.

Warren, 85 at the door, (248) 641-9003/546-7484; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 presented by Valley of Detroit. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, 730 S. Lafayette St. Cathedral Auditorium at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$5 at the door. (248) 641-9003.

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MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE
The company (under Cornelia Sampson) 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 guest artists Michele Wiles, 1996 Gold Medal winner of the International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria, and currently with American Ballet Theatre II, Sergio Blindus, a Romanian dancer who ferreted and trains at the prestigious Kirov Academy in Washington, Sean Stewart of the American Ballet Theatre, and Casey Reed, American Ballet Theatre II, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall Road (M-59) and Garfield, Clinton Township. \$22, \$18 for groups of 20 or more for main floor seating. \$17 for balcony. Call (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666.

PLYMOUTH CANTON BALLET COMPANY
"The Nutcracker," under the direction of Dawn Greene, featuring principal dancers David Ogry and Mark 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 Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road (at Canton Center Road), Canton. \$15 adults and senior citizens, \$8 for children K-12. A Super Fun Fair, where children will have a tea party with the Super Fun Fair and other performers, will be held after the Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, concerts. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (313) 421-2112.

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Numerous performances through December. Dec. 27, For Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. This week's performances: 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; and 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. (313) 983-0611/(248) 645-6666.

EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)
MACOMB CENTER
Through Dec. 8 - "Macomb Arts Council Prestige Art Show," 44575 Grand Road, Clinton Twp. (248) 286-2141.

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HILL GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - 6:30-8 p.m., "Carl Teltz: Recent Works," 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham; (248) 540-9288.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 19 - "Fiber, Clay, Metal," alumni invitational exhibition, Ford Gallery Art Dept., 114 Ford Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through Dec. 19 - "Functional Things: Objects by Lisa Norton," associate professor of metals at the School of Art Institute in Chicago, 1719 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

GATTMAN COLLECTION
Through Dec. 19 - Exhibition of four masterpieces from metro Detroit: Wendell Heers, Thomas Madden, Hiroko Placowicz, Karen Miller, Thomas 132 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 645-6212.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 20 - "Watercolors of Rain," 32762 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Dec. 19 - "From Nature's Mould," featuring eight artists from Michigan's Thumb area. G. N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

ROOM WITH A VIEW
Through Dec. 20 - "Photography of Russ Marshall," 803 N. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 548-1446.

MATRIX GALLERY
Through Dec. 21 - "Near and Far: Recent Landscape Paintings by Lauren Kinsley," thru Dec. 21, 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (313) 667-7775.

U OF M - DEARBORN
Through Dec. 24 - "People Figures: Puppets, Robots, Transformers and Dolls," an assortment of vintage and contemporary toys and sculptures from several regional private collections. The Art Museum Project, UM Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, 1165 AD, Dearborn; (313) 593-5058.

SUSANNE HILBERY GALLERY
Through Dec. 24 - "Holiday Exhibition," featuring metal art, Darcy Miles, Show now concurrent with "Downs, Philan, Morley: Recent Paintings," 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 27 - "Earth in Search of Water: Paintings by Sky Miklik," 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3655.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec