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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

AVENUE PRODUCTIONS/ATTC THEATRE

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," featuring Susan Arnold as "Patsy" singing 20 of Cline's most memorable songs with a five-piece band, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through January; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Feb. 5-7 and 12-14, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Group rates available. \$22 Thursdays and Sundays, \$27 Fridays and Saturdays. Colangelo's Sunday brunch package \$33; Back Abroad dinner packages \$35 and \$39. (248) 335-8101.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"Peter Pan," starring Cathy Rigby, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 (\$19.50-\$39.50), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 21-22 (\$26.50-\$48.50), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 (\$29-\$49). Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Fences," Friday, Jan. 16-Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodward, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15, (313) 889-1347.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE/PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"Thunder Knocking on the Door," about a young blind woman trying to win back her sight in a blues guitar-duel with an unearthy musician, and features songs by Grammy Award-winning blues artist Keb' Mo' played by a live onstage blues band, through Sunday, Feb. 1, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$26.50), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), with discounts for students, seniors, groups. No 6:30 p.m. performance Sunday, Feb. 1. (248) 577-3300.

WALK AND SQUAWK

Variety of events leading up to the six-week South Africa Residency, participants in an international program designed to create cross-cultural exchange through performance and arts education, of "Inland Ishele Amani—As Fish Out of Water," free community sing-alongs, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren (at Birkhead), Detroit, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave. (at Forest), Detroit. Performances of traditional South African music, 9-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. "Inland Ishele Amani—As Fish Out of Water," a multilingual tapestry of diverse South African traditions, images, observations and personal stories, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 29-31, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Performance Network, Ann Arbor, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 7, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Wayne State University's Center for Lectures Building, corner of Anthony Wayne Drive and Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$12 and \$15. (734) 668-0407.

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERY
"Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16-Saturday, Jan. 17, and Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972.

WSU STUDIO THEATRE
"Three One Acts," by Bertolt Brecht, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater below the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS
"Blat M" for Murder" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Theater on Tienken Road (1.4 miles east of Rochester Road) Rochester Hills. Ticket prices: \$15-\$25. (248) 858-9077.

AVON CIVIC THEATRE
"You Can't Take It With You," by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the theater, 21730 Medbury, Troy. Tickets: \$10-\$18. (313) 577-2972.

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King of the Blues: B.B. King with special guest Bobby Bland, performs 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$27.50 and \$35, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

\$10 students and seniors, includes coffee and sandwich afterward. (248) 988-7049.

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE OF CRANBROOK

"Sylvia," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24, and 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, West Milford, N.J. Tickets: \$12-\$40. Seniors and students. (248) 644-0527.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Rehearsal for Murder," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 16-17, 23-24, and Thursday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18 and 25 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10, \$12, \$10. (248) 644-2075.

DINNER THEATRE

GENITIVITY'S HOLE IN THE WALL

"No Refunds. No Exchanges." through the end of January, at the restaurant, 105 E. Main St., Northville. Price includes seven-course meal of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Italian steak, vegetables and dessert. (248) 349-0522.

JACKSONSON PRODUCTIONS DINNER THEATRE

"The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturday through March 7, Florell's Restaurant, 20125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (734) 782-1431.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web," a musical production based on the classic children's novel, with music by the composer of "Annie," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 1221 University Ave., West Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$8, \$7 children. (519) 253-8065 or capitol@msn.net or http://www.msn.net/~capitol

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 17, 24, and Sunday, Jan. 18, 25 at the theater, 435 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BROWN BAG SERIES

Robert Gaylor, curator of rare books at Oakland University, discusses the history of book making, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium. Gaylor will assess rare and valuable audience members' books. (810) 858-0415.

CLARKSON TONY SHOW

Featuring more than 70 tables of vintage toys, dolls, trains, advertising, cap guns, Star Wars figures, mechanical banks and American tin pieces, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5680 Maybes Road, Clarkston. \$3, free for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 394-0925.

ETHEL V. CURRY DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN MICROSCOPY

"Talk by ethnomicroscopist and anthropologist Dr. Anthony Degeer, 'The World's Greatest Record Company: 50 Years of Pathways Records,' features

selected examples from the label and its future, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, West Conference Room (fourth floor), Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0594.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 18 (no admittance after 9 a.m.), and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 (no admittance after 6 p.m.), Cobo Center, Detroit. Special access for persons with a disability is one hour earlier than above hours. \$8, \$4 seniors ages 65 and older, free for children ages 12 and younger when accompanied by a parent. (248) 645-6666.

"ORIGINAL MONSTER ANN ARBOR RECORD AND CD SHOW"

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Elks Lodge, 325 W. Eisenhower Parkway (just off exit 175 of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$3, free for children ages 10 and younger. Patrons are allowed to carry in a small number of records to trade or sell. (734) 475-1006.

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SPECTACULAR

Featuring Detroit-area natives Ted Waker of Canton and Jim Bur Jr. of Eastpointe, the 1996 World Champions in Asahikawa, Japan, Farmer Jack children's Fantasyland displays "A Walk on the Wild Side" with displays of animals. Plymouth Outdoor Gingerbread house contest, the Blue Ice 24 Light Show, Ford Ice Carving Competitions, the Community Federal Credit Union Student Carving Competitions, Family Warming Center, refreshments by the Chocorua Community College Culinary Arts Department, Wednesday, Jan. 14-Monday, Jan. 19, Kologas Park and the Central Parking Structure, downtown Plymouth. Free, open 24 hours. (734) 459-6969 or http://oconline.com

PLYMOUTH TRAIN AND TOY SHOWS

Train show featuring dealers selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, both at the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$1 for children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2310.

PONTIAC SILVERDOME CAMPER, TRAVEL AND RV SHOW

3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 21-23, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, Pontiac Silverdome. \$8, \$3 children ages 6-14, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Discount coupons available at Marathon gas stations, and Elies Brothers restaurants. (248) 456-1600.

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/4 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527.

BENEFITS

STADIACRAFTERS FOURTH ANNUAL

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$50 includes \$35 tax-deductible donation, complimentary valet parking, a silent auction, a champagne reception, taste test featuring food from more

than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakers, door prizes, music by John Lauter on the restored 1926 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, souvenir programs, photographs and gift bags, and the final dress rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy "Company." (248) 541-6430.

FAMILY EVENTS

MADCAT RUTH AND LERON WILLIAMS

Blues harmonica player and storyteller perform a children's show, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 761-1454.

SESAME STREET LIVE'S "1-2-3 IMAGINE"

7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 27-29, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, and 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9-\$15, with a limited number of VIP seats. (248) 433-1515.

CLASSICAL

ERLING BLONDAL BENNTSON

"Denmark's acclaimed foremost living cellist" performs with South African pianist Anton Heil as part of two 11 a.m. faculty chamber music recitals, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18, Britton Recital hall of the E.V. Moore Building of the School of Music, 1100 Batis Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Järvi and trombonist Christian Lindberg performing Kabalevsky's "Overture to 'Colas Breugnot,'" "Trombone Concerto" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Motorbike Concerto" by Jan Sandström, and "Symphony No. 1" by Sibelius, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18; With conductor Neeme Järvi and violinist Mark Lubatov performing "Shogun Memory" by Wilson, "Violin Concerto" by Aronksy, "Phantasie for violin and orchestra" by Schumann/Kreisler, and "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op. 48" by Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$50. (313) 833-3700.

YOKO STRING QUARTET

Performs Mozart's "String Quartet in d minor, K. 421," Weber's "Five Movements for String Quartet, Op. 5," and Tchaikovsky's "String Quartet No. 3 in e-flat minor, Op. 30," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$22, \$30, \$36, \$46. All ages. (734) 764-0594.

YO-YO MA

With pianist Kathryn Stang performing "Rhapsody for Violin and Piano" by Brahms, Bernstein, Gershwin, and Piazzolla, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$75. (313) 833-3700.

POPS

BURT BACHARACH

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, Macomb Center for the Performing

Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (810) 286-2141.

WAYNE NEWTON
8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 and \$12.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100.

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

Internationally known baritone Dino Voile and Quinto Milito along with Dina Kessler and Sam Vitale perform excerpts from the musical, through Saturday, Jan. 17, Grand restaurant, 320 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free, reservations suggested. (734) 668-6062.

AUDITIONS

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP BALLET

Auditions for junior and senior high school ballet students who want to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Wayne State University, 3225 Old Main, Detroit; 12:30-2 p.m. for students up to age 13, and 2:30-4 p.m. for students ages 14 and older, Studio No. 1, University of Michigan School of Dance, 220 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (800) 221-3798.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Auditions for Equity and Non-Equity men and women of all ethnicities in their early to mid-30s for Broadway production and touring companies of the musical "Rent," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, rock 'n' roll, R & B and gospel singers needed, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway at Madison Avenue on Grand Circus Park, Detroit. Sheet music available at the stage door of the Detroit Opera House 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For performances beginning Aug. 8 at Fisher Theatre. (248) 541-6060.

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "To Kill a Mockingbird," 2-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road (one block off Jefferson Avenue between Cadieux and Moross roads), Grosse Pointe. Show dates March 10-22. Scripts available from Chris Kaiser (313) 581-0040.

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

Looking for girls ages 17-23 of Irish descent for Maid of Erin Pageant to be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League in Detroit. Maid of Erin wins a free trip to Ireland, and participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. (734) 464-8556/(313) 255-5677.

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for professional adult actors needed for "Charlotte's Web," 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the theater, 135 East Main Street, Northville. (248) 349-8110.

NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE

COMPANY Auditions youths ages 13-18 for the newly formed youth theater company, 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Millennium Centre, 15600 111 Hudson Dr. (between Greenfield Road and Northwestern Highway service drive, and Eight and Nine Mile roads), Southfield. Students should prepare an age-appropriate monologue and will be asked to sing a song selected by the director. Students should also have at least a 2.5 grade point average, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal, proof of health insurance, and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 20, for the Brementown Musicians' scheduled for every Saturday in March. (248) 552-1225.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams (at Woodward Avenue, just south of the Fox Theatre), Detroit. Children between the ages of 8 and 18 are welcome to audition regardless of experience. Auditions should be prepared to sing whatever they think they sing the best (an accompanist will be provided), and there will be readings from the script. The show will run weekends from February through April. (810) 662-8118.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and 27, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon). (734) 455-4080.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) by appointment, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 and 27, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon). (734) 455-4080.

CHOIRS

Auditions for experienced singers of all ages, with open auditions only, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE

Open auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 20-21, scripts available in Brother Ludwig should be reviewed before audition, in the Liberal Arts Building, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. Performances March 20-21, 27-28 and April 3-4. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270.

VANGUARD VOICES

The 65-voice mixed choir holds an open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Macomb Fine Arts Building, Room F-115, Henry Ford Community College, 6101 Evergreen Road, Detroit. Openings in all voice sections; individual auditions to be scheduled following the rehearsal. Upcoming performances include Faure's "Requiem" Feb. 12-14.

with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

HFCC President's College Concert
March 22, Wilberg's "Tres Cantus Laudandi" and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Vanguard Brass Ensemble, on May 17, (313) 317-6566.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, Hunter & Chestnut (2 blocks south of Maple). Great parts for children and adults. Come to audition, prepared to sing and dance. (248) 258-2812.

CHORAL

BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM

7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$26. (734) 764-0594.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOR

"Hearts and Voices for the Homeless" concert with members of Michigan Opera Theatre chorus and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, to benefit Dooptop Homeless Shelter, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Boulevard, Royal Oak. (313) 341-3466.

JAZZ

PAUL ASLER TRIO

7-11 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150.

MARCUS BELGRAVE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Oakland Grill, 32832 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free, complimentary sushi. All ages. (248) 549-7700.

BLUE DOG

With Magic Dragon, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (event jazz/rock) (313) 833-6873, gold_dollar@midwest.com