

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATRE

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," featuring Mark Hammet of Lathrup Village as Frodo, the priest, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Huron High School auditorium, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$12, \$10 students and seniors. (734) 782-5380

MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE
"Ginny Cray," classic 1930 musical comedy set on a dude ranch, musicals of George and Ira Gershwin, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$15, \$13 seniors/students, \$11 groups of 10 or more. (810) 280-2222

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY
New plays by African American writers. "Full Circle" by Jeffrey Chastang, a drama about a family dealing with the suicide of its youngest child, Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 2870 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 17-18 and 24-25, and 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19 and 26. \$8 per play. (313) 872-0270

WEST END PRODUCTIONS
"Sweet, Sassy & Daring," short plays by Christopher Durang with Sweet and Sassy, an evening of comedy relief, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18, 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12, (248) 641-1763

THE GAMUT THEATRE GROUP
"And the Winner Is..." a musical history lesson through the last 50 years of Tony Award-winning musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17-19; July 24-26, Theatre Guild of Livonia-Reardon, 15138 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile Road. Tickets \$10, cash (734) 274-6493, voice mail option 2. Tickets also available at the door.

YOUTH

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
"Winnie the Pooh," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5, (248) 541-0430

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS
More than 1,100 artists take to the streets of Ann Arbor to display their wares in three separate fairs, free children's art activities, continuous entertainment on stages throughout the fair site, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, and until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in downtown Ann Arbor. 1-800-888-0487 or visit the web site at www.annarborartfairs.com

SAM BARNETT
Yiddish tunes, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, 15110 West 40 Mile, Oak Park. Free tickets issued at front desk. (248) 967-4030

"CRAZY CAROL REVUE"
Italian American Civil of Livonia event includes the Savatini Trio, entertainment and dinner of roasted chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with meat sauce, pasta alla aglio, eggplant, grape, salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and Italian lemon ice, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at the club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$20, mail check along with names of guests, address, city, zip and phone to: Steve Meyner, 16030 Meadowbrook, Redford, Mich., 48239-3942. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"
Starring Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr., 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Marshall Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 per car, \$15 per person walk-ins. (248) 735-2550

RENT PARTY
For the opening of "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past," an interactive exhibit that looks into the past of this urban, rich African American neighborhood, and "Juke Joint," a colorful exhibit that recreates a southern country nightclub in 1960s North Carolina, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$35, \$20 advance, \$25 members. (313) 494-5800

SARAH MASEN
The singer/songwriter performs 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile at I-75, Livonia. \$15, \$12 students with ID, \$10 groups of eight or more. (734) 464-8302

BENEFIT

JESSE PYLE ANNUAL BENEFIT
Arts Extended Gallery presents a celebration, exhibition and reception with proceeds to benefit a scholarship program to support young artists, entertainment by Harpatis, Pat Terry Ross and the Emilio Rogers Trio, 7:15 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farmworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$50, includes signed lithograph commemorating the organization's 40th history. (313) 951-5030

FAMILY EVENTS

"CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL"
With the cultures' music, folk, artifacts, garnet jewelry, Bohemian crystal and pottery items, pastries and refreshments, 2:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Yack Arena, 3131 Third St. (at Eureka), four miles east of I-75. Free. \$20. Free for children ages 14 and older accompanied by an adult. (313) 410-0370

KEVIN DEVINE
7:30-9 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the Ortonville 150th anniversary celebration, on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. Free. All ages. (248) 627-3760



Featured performer: Gordie Johnson and his band, Big Sugar, perform Thursday during the second annual Bluesfest International.

Bluesfest International July 16-19

Both sides of the Detroit River play host to the second annual Bluesfest International, July 16-19. Call (888) 603-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information.

Aside from blues music, The Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), will host an "International Rib 'n' Chicken Cook Off," the Budweiser Beer School, where retailers and consumers can learn through education and sampling, and Sony World of Music.

The first 1,000 people through the door in Novi and Windsor on Thursday will receive a free Bluesfest International commemorative tuxedo jacket, compliments of President Tuxedo. Windsor performances are scheduled for the 200 block of Victoria Street.

Novi Expo Center

Schedule: On Thursday, July 16 doors open 5 p.m. and the \$5 admission goes to the Children's Leukemia Foundation. Performers include Mudpuppy, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater, Shirley King (daughter of B.B. King), Detroit All-Stars featuring Dave Abbot, Chris Campbell of the Silver Bullet Band, and Dallas Hodge. The rockabilly band and 1997 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Band of the Year the Twisted Tarantulas perform on the second stage.

"British Invasion Night" is the theme for Friday, July 17. Doors open 6 p.m. and the admission is \$15. Canadian favorites Big Sugar featuring Gordie Johnson (pictured) will perform along with the Twisted Tarantulas, Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton, and Mudpuppy. Robert Jones and Jo Serrano perform the second stage.

On Friday, July 17, doors open 6 p.m. and the admission is \$10. Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield, and the Muddy Waters. The second stage hosts Crossfire.

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On Sunday, July 19, doors open 6 p.m. and the admission is \$10. Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield, and the Muddy Waters. The second stage hosts Crossfire.

July 17. Doors open 6 p.m. and the admission is \$15. Performers include Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Savoy Brown, Spencer Davis, and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Eric Burdon. Bugs Beddow performs on the second stage from 6-11 p.m.

The Great Lakes Music Conference kicks off the events of Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the performances and admission is \$15.

Performers include: Wallin' Inc., Chisel Brothers with Thornetta Davis, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, and Grammy Award-winner James Cotton. Rock Doctor plays on the second stage.

The events wrap in Novi on Sunday, July 19, with the Motor Cities Blues Awards. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Joe Lynn B. Downchild Blues Band, Cleveland Fats, Yard Dog, and Big Bill Morganfield are slated to hit the stage. Buster Blues will play the second stage. The winning band at the MCB Awards will be the right to open up for Buddy Guy in January at Buddy Guy's Legends. Last year, Mudpuppy earned the honor.

Windsor schedule: The Windsor line up features many of the same performers as the Novi Expo Center festival.

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On Friday, July 17, doors open 6 p.m. and the admission charge is \$20. Performers include Kim Lembo, Shirley King, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater and James Cotton. The second stage hosts J.D. Project.

"Kidstart" takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. A \$2 donation to the Westside Breakfast Club admits the entire family.

Rock Doctor, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, and The Hitmen perform from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The Davy Dog, Spencer Davis, Savoy Brown and Eric Burdon perform after 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. The second stage hosts Crossfire.

On Sunday, July 19, doors open at 2 p.m. and admission is \$10. Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield, and the Muddy Waters.

The festival comes to a close with a free wind-up party at Crocitals, next to Bluesfest International.

Sunday, July 19, Stottmeyer Park on Dancy Boulevard, Westland. Free. All ages. (rock/blues) (734) 326-0123

TOKEN
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, the gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (rock) (248) 473-7283

U.S. ARMY BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall, (train location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7782

STEVE WOOD
"Bop and Beyond," 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 20, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813

CLASSICAL

SUMMER SYMPHONY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Works by Haydn, Wagner and Martinu, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 416-4ART

POPS/SWING

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
With Big Ben Combo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (twi) (734) 996-8555/(248) 333-2369

RED CARTER BAND
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dialand) (248) 473-7283

II V ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 17 and 24, Bacci Abracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (twi) (248) 253-1300

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Musical Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars," Greenmead Village, 20501 Newhall Road (near Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

BARDIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN
The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
The DDC offers "Learning at the Opera House," a series of classes at the Detroit Opera House in July. Modern dance technique and improvisation for teens and adults (intermediate level), 8-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23 (\$38); followed by performance/sharing by workshop participants, Friday, July 24, all at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
Hosts a workshop for Alain DuBrel of the Birmingham Royal Ballet in London and John Anzalone, assistant choreographer for the current Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde," classes for advanced, intermediate and youth level dancers ages 8 and older include ballet, pointe, jazz and modern, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 24-26 at Miss Jean's Theatre, 15518 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 427-9103

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Magicians needed for Aug. 15-18 for Merlin's Magic Fest, auditions 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Illusions, 320 West Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 601-4848

STAGECRAFTERS
Audition for "Once Upon a Mattress," 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances are Sept. 18-20 and 24-27, and Oct. 24 and 31. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL
Schoolcraft College is offering the opportunity for late elementary and high school musicians to perform as soloists and with a live orchestra July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14; \$250 for each two-week term. (734) 452-4040, ext. 8218

NOVI COMMUNITY BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-0570

ONE FLIGHT UP
7 p.m. Friday, July 17, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. Free. All ages. (twi) (248) 625-8055

RED CARTER BAND
7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dialand) (248) 473-7283; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the Troy Civic Center. Free.

SASSY
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, on Grand River Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Free. All ages. (country) (734) 397-5110

DRAD FELT TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (tuba/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

HEDI HEPLER & MICHELLE RAMO
6:10 p.m. Mondays, at Top Chef, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7:10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 N. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-9033/(248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD
9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 542-0922

RON KUSCHUK QUINTET
Featuring vocalist Susan Taylor, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Plaza at the intersection of Kearschaw and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping district. (313) 665-7474

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS
8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matla, 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22. Duet, 3665 Woodward Ave. (at Mack Avenue), Detroit. Free. All ages; With Rick Matla, as part of the Birmingham Jazzfest, 8:11 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241/(313) 831-3838/(248) 646-6022

LOBA AKOU
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MASCHINA
With Circus McDirkins, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Gross Pointe Station, 514 W. Gross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (acid jazz/rock) (734) 485-5050

JEFF MICHAEL BAND
6:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, in the Coyote Cantina at the Crownes Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. (313) 965-0200

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With vibist Jack Brokenshire, 8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; with saxophone player George Benson, 8:11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Rotunda Inn 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m.; \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4830

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL
Features 20 groups, 4 big bands, 178 musicians performing on four stages, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Bradford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 474-2720

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Sandoz Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

FRANK MORRAN QUINTET
9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SCHUNK, STARR, DRYDEN
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor, Trail on Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 465-1354

PAUL VORHAGEN
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 18, Agape Cafe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY EDDISON
With Dan Kotton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday and Friday at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONIC
9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Thai-Chi, 630 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (313) 963-8424/(248) 645-0731

WORLD MUSIC

BAABA MAAL
Featuring Daouda Leno, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, The Ark, 310 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (world beat) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.azark.org>

MARSHALL BLUESGRASS FESTIVAL
With Mr. Ralph Stanley, David Blackman, Jimmy Martin, The Larry Stephenson Band, David Davis, Metro Grass and The Grass, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 16, noon to 10:45 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Quality Camping, Inc., Milan. \$15 Thursday, \$20 Friday and \$30 Saturday; \$40 three-day pass. (248) 435-2828/(810) 248-1141

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