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CHUCK MITCHELL AND JOHN DAVID MARION
Perform the works of Stephen Foster and Mark Twain as part of "Mr. Foster and Mr. Twain," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, The Ark, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DUSTY RHODES
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, at the Bataford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

PLYMOUTH POETS
Hosts readings by Michael Barney and L.A. Beech, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; Donna DeMeyer and Heather Bortoff, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Pennington at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7315

POETRY AT THE OPERA HOUSE
With North Oakland poet Margo LaDattula, Royal Oak poet Patti Triana, H.P. series co-founder Woodliff Montgomery and singer Clewett Frayco, 9 p.m. Monday, July 20, Detroit Opera House's Modison Avenue Lounge, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 274-7290/(313) 287-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

DIARHATA KALA DANCE FESTIVAL
"Gita Govinda," a spectacular dance drama after 12th century poet Jayadeva's depiction of the sublime love of Lord Krishna and Radha, choreography by Ropoo Shyamdasuram with artists from India and students of Nityalaya orchestra from India, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, in Varnet Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$25, \$15, \$10, and \$5 donors. (248) 650-5203

THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
With Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8663/(734) 426-0241

COMEDY

CHATTERS
Tim Lilly, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 19, and Wednesday, July 22, Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 422-3737

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Bliffy Roy Bauer, Michael Jr. and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, and Vinna Maci, at the club above Nicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Fridays (\$10), 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10); unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Kevin McPeck, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, 5070 McPeck, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 (48) 5070 Scheffer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Kirkland Temple, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Chris Zito and Manny Shields, Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, Joel Zimmer, at the club, 2426 W. Grand, Wednesday-Saturday, July 22-26, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

The Second City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, presents its 13th annual live-comedy event, "Vigra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational comedy set, free of charge, after every performance. (Fridays and Saturdays only after the late shows). Tickets \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; \$17.50 Fridays; and \$19.50 Saturdays. To purchase tickets, call (313) 965-2222 at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALMIGHTY GROOVE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

B-2'S

With the Pretenders and Royal Crown Revue, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1765 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (retro/swing) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.pineknob.com>

BACKSTREET JIMMY

With S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$28.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com>

BARNES HOUSE GROOVE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4404

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Max and Ernie's, 250 Merrill St., Birmingham. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 258-1188

BIDDLE LOVE MONKEY

9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLACK BEAUTY

9 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

BLIND BOY SHOWCASE NIGHT

With Jupiter, Antigonish and Jermelo, 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, O'Grady's, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free, 21 and older. 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, 1700, 16350 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 524-4770/(313) 881-7625/(313) 875-8555

BLUES LIFE

9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNIE TEMPS ROULE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 644-4500/(248) 652-1600

ROBERT BUGAR

Whose vocals have appeared in "Kena: The Warrior Princess" television show, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

CHUMBY FISH

With Away, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Griffin's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (9248) 334-9227

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 348-4404

COLD AS LIFE

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-3300

PAULA COLE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (pop) (248) 646-7810

RAY CONDO AND HIS RICHCOSETS

8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (rockability) (734) 996-8555

DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. (acoustic blues) (248) 505-5080

TOMMY D BAND

8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (blues/rock) (248) 332-9100 or <http://www.bistro313.com>

DELUXE ROCKETS

With Red Letter, Stretch and Tragic Method, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

DETROIT COBRAS

8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6, 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DRUGSTORE

With Adam Cohen, son of Leonard Cohen, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DUNGEONERS

8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. \$7. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 683-458

GEN EDDIE

8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ESPS

With Buttercake Blues Band, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-3300

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (blues) (248) 324-1000

LUCKY LUCKY

With Blazing, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (rockability) (734) 996-8555

THE NEXT CHIMEN

With Mr. Tidy, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 313 JAC above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., in Detroit's Bricktown area. \$5, 21 and older. (grass/rock) (313) 885-7500 or <http://www.detroitmusic.com/etico>

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, with special guests The Ludlites and Michelle Penn, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5, 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hoporch>

H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL

With Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

MICRO MUSIC

With Valiente, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Macaroni Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (blues) (810) 405-5154

HOWLING DIABLOS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (grass/rock) (734) 996-8555

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Max and Ernie's, 250 E. Merrill, Birmingham. Free. All ages. 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Loner Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. As host of an open mic, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Gargyle's coffee house, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 258-1188/(248) 542-2233/(734) 668-9190

JANET JACKSON

With Usher, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$22.50 and \$7.50. All ages. (R&B/dance) (313) 596-3200

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Korkis Grill, 45600 Mount Road, Ulster. Free, 21 and older. 10 p.m. Friday, July 24, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free, 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 371-5001/(248) 334-5241

JOHNNY "YARD DOG" JONES

9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$3, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

EDDIE KING AND THE SWAMPBEEES

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Fifth Avenue, 215 E. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

KNOW DEEP SHAD

With Domestic Problems, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

REDEFINERS

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

REFORMERS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

SARNA

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Griffin's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

SHERRY

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. (rock) (248) 505-5080

RED RIVERS

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SEAN LENNON

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS

With Box Set, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, originally scheduled for Pine Knob Music Theatre, has been moved to Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.95 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Refunds and exchanges for a location at Meadow Brook will be available at the point of purchase. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com>

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

THE LOOK

10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free, 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRAPLANES

8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MIDLIFE CRISIS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Centage House Brewery, 4200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

MIDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free, 21 and older. 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 650-5080

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080/(248) 349-9111

MIKE NOLAN

10:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Local Colors, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-2600

TRICKY

With Ozy Osbourne, Tool, Megadeth, Limp Bizkit, Souly, Coal Chamber and Sevendust on the main stage, and Motorhead, The Melvins, Inque, Snot, Uppercut, Kilgore, System of a Down, Monster Voodoo Machine and Life of Agony, on the second stage, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1765 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$45 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (metal/rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetent.com>

ROBERT PENN

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 642-9400

TRICKSTER

With Doppelk Murphy's, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (funk) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

PLUM LOCO

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with Baked Potato, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (funk/rock) (734) 996-8555

GARY RASMUSSEN AND JODY RASPEL

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. (rock) (248) 505-5080

RED RIVERS

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

REFORMERS

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster, 18 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

SARNA

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Griffin's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

JO SERRAPER
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free, 18 and older. (blues) (248) 505-5080

SISTER SLED

8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

SISTER SOLEIL

6 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

66 SECOND CRUSH

9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

SPACE NELSON

With Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Griffin's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (prog rock) (313) 567-6020 or <http://www.spacenelson.com>