

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE
"Odd Couple." Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, at the theater, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, 48544 (Condon) (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.msn.net/~capitol>
PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Marcus is Walking: Scenes from the Road." Joan Ackerman's new comedy takes a look at the great American pastime of automobile travel, through Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea, 48205. (734) 475-7902

OPERA

"CARMEN"
The Friends of the Opera of Michigan celebrate their 10th anniversary with Bizet's romantic opera, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 seniors/students, (313) 582-0997 or (313) 943-2330

COLLEGE

FOREHEAD PRODUCTIONS
"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" along with "Bathroom Privileges" and "Life Wisdom from Big-Time Wrestling." 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, Varner Studio Theatre in Varner Hall, Oakland University, \$5 students and \$7 general, remaining run. Benefits Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. (248) 370-3021

COMMUNITY THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS
"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 and Oct. 2-3, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27, and Thursday, Oct. 4, special matinee performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077
OUR TIME PRODUCTIONS
"P.S. Your Cat Is Dead," risqué adult gay comedy with some nudity, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Aug. 29, outside courtyard at the Backpocket Bar, 8832 Greenfield Road, north of Joy Road, Dearborn, \$12.50. (313) 582-6260

DINNER THEATRE

FIORILELLI'S
"Divas Do the Movies," a musical review, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays to Aug. 29, at the restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock, \$30 advance, \$35 at door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. (313) 782-1431
GENITIVIS
"Posta to Pizich," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN
"Raggedy Ann and Andy." 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29, Sept. 19, 20 and 27, at the theater, 335 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
"Underbox Tales." 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Livonia. \$5. (313) 535-8962

SPECIAL EVENTS

"OLIVES HARMONICA BLOW-OFF"
Featuring Kim Wilson of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Curtis Salgado, Steve Baker, and host Larry "The Iceman" Eisenberg, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Crown Point Plaza Hotel-Metro Airport, 8000 Meridian Road, Farmington Hills, 48334, featuring the performers begins with Peter "Modcat" Ruth, 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 27-28 (\$15 per day), and a "How to Play Olives Harmonica in One Afternoon" Workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 (\$15), at the hotel. All events part of (The Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica's International Harmonica Convention, (313) 734-4330
CAFE EUROPA DETROIT
A program for Holocaust survivors, families and friends, features Sander Sternovitz from the group "Gamin", 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, donations accepted; Yiddish and Hebrew



Planofest: WPFT-FM is hosting its annual Planofest at noon Sunday, Aug. 30, at Pine Knob. Tickets are \$26.96 pavilion, \$19.96 lawn and available at The Palace and Pine Knob box offices as well as all Ticketmaster outlets. Net proceeds will benefit charities in metro Detroit "helping to save the planet." This year's line-up is: Ednaswap from 1-1:30 p.m., Sixpence None the Richer from 2-2:30 p.m., Agents of Good Roots from 3-3:45 p.m., Patty Griffin from 4:15-5 p.m., The Why Store from 5:30-6:15 p.m., Grant Lee Buffalo (pictured above) from 6:45-7:45 p.m., Duncan Sheik from 8:15-9:15 p.m., and The Wallflowers from 9:45-10:45 p.m. Sheik, who scored a hit with "Barely Breathing," will release a new as-yet-untitled album Tuesday, Oct. 6. "Bite Your Tongue" will be the first single. Call (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> for information.

music and favorite Broadway tunes presented by Cantor Sidney Resnick and pianist Nathalie Conrad 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, for the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park, (248) 967-4030
"FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC"
Featuring a concert of sacred hymns, secular music and African-American spirituals performed by the Cantata Academy, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 971-2826, ext. 426
TONY LEE
Hypnotist/magician appears 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Magic Bag, 22520 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>
MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP
Applications are being accepted for the championship on Saturday, Sept. 12, during the Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth. The winner of the 20th annual event goes to the 1998 World Championship Chili Cook-Off in Nevada. (734) 455-8838
"RIVER RAMBLER"
Visit along the River Trail with a naturalist to learn features of the Huron River and its environs, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wilcox Road, Milford. Meet at the Annex parking lot at Proud Lake Recreation Area. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187
RICK SMITH
Demonstrates "How to Find Your Perfect Golf Swing" and signs his book of the same name. Smith is golf director at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at Borders Books, Music & Cafe, 1122 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558

BENEFITS

LOUIS ANDERSON
Comedian and star of Showtime and HBO specials and "Life with Louie," performs 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$75 reserved seats (\$50 tax deductible), \$25 general admission, benefits HERO - Homeless Employment Relationship Organization, an organization that Anderson co-founded. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
FLORAL BOTANICA
6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, art exhibit to raise funds for the Detroit Botanical Society and Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle, show continues to Oct. 10, at the Fisher Building (lobby floor), 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$10. (313) 526-3799/(313) 852-4064

"THE PARTNERS BALL"

Featuring performances by Sister Hazel and the Atomic Fireballs, and a strolling supper by Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp., 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile Road, Warren. \$50 afterglow, \$125 friend, \$250 benefactor, benefits The Barbara Ann Karmann Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS, ext. 6708
SINGLES COALITION BENEFIT DANCE
8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, to benefit the children of Oakland Family Services, all singles welcome, dressy attire, at the Novi Hilton Hotel (Main Ballroom), 21111 Haggerty Road, 1275 and Eight Mile. \$15 in advance, \$20. (248) 851-9909

FAMILY EVENTS

"ELVIS ... MEMORIES OF A LEGEND"
7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, on the stage near Crowley's at Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road (at Middlebelt Road), Livonia. (248) 476-1160
MAYBURY STATE PARK
"Michigan Birds of Prey" program featuring Karen Young, a licensed bird rehabilitator from Bird Rescue of Huron Valley, speaking about the habits and habitats of birds, 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Maybury State Park's Farm Demonstration Building, 20145 Beck Road (off Eight Mile Road), Northville Township. State Park motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 349-8390
MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Festival runs through weekends through September and Labor Day. "Joy, at the grounds, one mile N. of Mount Holly on Dixie Highway, Holly. Festival runs through weekends through September and Labor Day Monday. \$13.95, \$5.95 children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (248) 634-5552 or <http://www.members.aol.com/Renfest> or Renfest@aol.com
THE ARTICLES
6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. After 6 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12. (Jamaican Jax) (313) 271-1620

CARILLON

JENNY KING
11:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave. (at Burns in Indian Village), Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-3456

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POPS/SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$10 in advance. All ages. (swing) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.981mott.com>
WAYNE NEWTON
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Persons holding tickets for Newton's Jan. 16 Palace concert should call (248) 377-8601. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

AUDITIONS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP
Auditions for young men who read music and like to perform light classical, showtunes and seasonal favorites, by appointment only through Aug. 30 in Southfield. (248) 557-3734/(248) 642-3216
DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE
Auditions for male and female dancers for "The Nutcracker," minimum two years serious dance training, 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, formerly St. Barbara's School, 13500 Colson, off Schofer Road between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For performance with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra Nov. 28-29. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095
DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 578-5164
FIRST THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, First Presbyterian Church's Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road (between Southfield and Cranbrook roads), Birmingham. Performances are Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and Nov. 6-8. (248) 644-0356/(248) 548-2871
NATIONAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD
Holding auditions for male voice parts and second soprano Tuesday, Sept. 1, Southfield-Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road (at Evergreen Road), Southfield. Audition time by appointment only. (810) 352-9527
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
Auditions for children and dogs for

"The Miracle Worker," 1-8 p.m. (children) and 6:30 p.m. (dogs) Sunday, Aug. 30 by appointment only, dog must be nice, quiet and calm, and behave well with children, at the theater on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. For performances Oct. 21 to Nov. 15. (248) 374-3210

THE NOW THEATRES

Auditions actors for the Ensemble Theatre Company's production of "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the theater, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. ETC participants must pay \$125 participation fee. "You Can't Take It With You" performances Nov. 13-15. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritone, some openings for alto and sopranos, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Shaker, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for concertmaster, second oboe, second clarinet, second French horn, section strings, others may audition for substitute positions, Monday, Sept. 14. (734) 482-3697/(313) 640-1773

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Sisters Rosensweig," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, Upstage, 21728 Grand River Ave., 1/2 block east of Lahser in Old Redford area of Detroit. (248) 255-3668

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Auditions for "Night Watch," a suspense drama, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 1-2, in the college's liberal arts theater, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Auditions are open to anyone in the community and scripts are available in the Bradner Library. For performances Oct. 23-24, Nov. 6-7 and 13-14. (734) 462-4409

STAGECRAFTERS SECOND STAGE

Auditions for "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak. Performances are Oct. 23-Nov. 1. (248) 541-4832

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for singers high school to 22 years old 6-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, auditions for singers grades 1-3 for show choir, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, Saturday rehearsals; musical theater workshop for December production of "Babes in Toyland," auditions for singers, actors, dancers (experience not necessary) ages 5-25, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, with possible call back Sept. 3, classes for grades 1-8 will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, rehearsals at 1 p.m., tuition/participation fee, at the Cathedral Theatre, 501 Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8982

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Open rehearsals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, Kahn Jewish Community Center, 6800 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDFUDD AND HAYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Freehouse on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050
TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET
6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-9000
GARY BLUMER TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
RON BROOKS TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
RANDY CRAWFORD
With Walter Beasley, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Chone Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$15-\$35. All ages. (313) 393-0292
JACK DRYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug.

28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
EXPLOSION CEREBRAL
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310
WENDELL HARRISON QUARTET
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 851-3333
GARY HAVERKATE TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Char, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays at Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 355-3780; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (be bop/swing)
LORI LEFEVRE AND JIMMY LEE TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest vocalist Prati Richards, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, and with pianist Dennis Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 29, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 27-28, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

ROBERT PHIPPS DUO

8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

With Spy Reddy, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 969-8555

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kotton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONIC

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 645-0731

WORLD MUSIC

GREATER GRACE TEMPLE CHOR
With Dottie Peoples and Marvin Sob, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 393-0292

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-2222; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Library Pub, 35220 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (reggae)

PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Benedetto's Ristorante Italiano, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (610) 789-1010; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Sept. 2-4, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 265-6540, (Italian and Spanish)

TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET

6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-9000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Norm Stulz and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29, Randy Lubas, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 3-5, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m.

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