

# 8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

## THEATER

### GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m., at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50), (313) 963-9800

### 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. Sunday, Sept. 20 and 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, 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

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"Broadway Bored: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, features many great scores from musicals performed with in their intimate barn setting, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 18-19 and 15-16, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32352 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 520, (248) 553-2955

#### ROSELAND COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Benefit performances of "Seance at the Uptage," an audience participation murder mystery with a comedic twist by Eileen Moushey, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Uptage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Detroit, 520, (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### "DYING THE NATURAL WAY"

"Take part in the process of dyeing cloth with natural materials such as walnuts, pokeberries and goldenrod flowers, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, meet at the Pony Barn at the University of Michigan-DeAnn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 593-5358

### MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the championship on Thursday, 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

## 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 Empowerment Relationship Organization, an organization that Anderson co-founded, (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### PANCAKE DINNER AND CONCERT

Fundraiser dinner for Noelle Rowlett Medical Fund, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$5, \$3 seniors/children), followed by concert by Johnny Rowlett, at Belleville High School Auditorium, 555 W. Columbia, \$5, \$3 seniors/children, (734) 455-8838

## FAMILY EVENTS

### CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS

3-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, musical open house for the young and young at heart, Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Walled Lake and Crooks, and Coalgate, Troy, (248) 649-4418

### CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Robot Zoo featuring eight giant robot creatures (housefly, squid, etc.) which demonstrate how muscles, hearts and blood vessels work, through Monday, Sept. 7, at the institute, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$4 seniors/children 3-17, (248) 645-3200

### DETROIT ZOO

Two of a kind perform "Animal Memories," a family puppet concert, 1:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11; storyteller LaDon Williams 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., in the Wildlife Interpretive Facility at the zoo, Ten Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, Free with zoo admission of \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-9, (248) 399-0903

### HARPIBAT

10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester, (248) 650-7140

### MAYBURY STATE PARK

"Farm Stories" program continues with "Hog Wild" a series of stories about pigs, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, farm demonstration building; Horsedrawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beach



**Featured performer: Diane Schuur** offers a more traditional approach to jazz. She has been hailed by critics for sustaining the legacy of the great female jazz singers - Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington. She will perform 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on the Ford/Air Touch Cellular stage with the Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Paul Ellington, the great composer's band leader's grandson.

### Ford Motorx Detroit Jazz Festival

Hart Plaza, Detroit  
For more information: Call (313) 963-7622, or visit the web site at [www.fordmotorx.com](http://www.fordmotorx.com)

6 p.m. Picnic On the Plaza w/The Sun Messengers and Dione Shaur  
Friday, Sept. 4

### Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Calvin Brooks & Audrey Northington

3 p.m. Malvin McCrey and the Jazz Vanguard

4:45 p.m. Alto Reed & The Edge

6:30 p.m. Regina Carter & Lyman Woodard

9 p.m. "The Motor City All Star Celebration" with various artists.

### DTE Energy Stage

Noon Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars

2 p.m. Taslimah Bey Trio

3:30 p.m. Ray Kamalay and the Red Hot Peppers

5 p.m. Franz Jackson w/Hugh Lee's Motown Classic Jazz Band

6:30 p.m. Pam Wise Latin Jazz All Stars w/Alejo Delia

8 p.m. Francisco Mora

9:45 p.m. Ray Barretto and the New World Split

### Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Rossville High School Jazz Ensemble

1:15 p.m. Chesaning Union High School

2:45 p.m. Chesaning Middle School at Parkside

4 p.m. Divine Child High School Jazz Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Aquinas College Afternoon Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m. Kathy Kosins & Trio

9:45 p.m. Shawn "Thunder" Wallace Sextet

### Pepal Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Paul Keller

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

4 p.m. Jazz clinic with Wendell Harrison

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Edgor Leony Orquesta Tradition Latina

### Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

6 and 7:30 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Combo

9 and 10:30 p.m. Pistol Allen Quartet

### Saturday, Sept. 5

### Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Central Michigan University Percussion Ensemble

1:30 p.m. United States Air Force Night Flight Jazz Ensemble

3 p.m. Regina Carter Electric Quartet

### Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

4:45 p.m. White/Margitza Quintet

6:15 p.m. Dennis Rowland & New Breed Bebop Society w/Teddy Harris

8 p.m. Rodney Whitaker Sextet

### w/Chicago Pete

9:30 p.m. Ruth Brown

### DTE Energy Stage

Noon Boogie Woogie Bash w/ Bob Seely, Mr. B and Philippe LaPointe

2:15 p.m. Thonetta Davis & Oo Papa Da

4 p.m. Magnificent Seven w/Garfield

5:45 p.m. Astral Project

7:45 p.m. Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents

9:30 p.m. Eric Person & Meta-Four

### Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Michigan All State Jazz Combo

1:15 p.m. IAJE Reading Band

2:45 p.m. Michigan All State Big Band

4 p.m. Sterling Heights High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Monroe High School Jazz Band

8 p.m. Dai Lewis & Friends w/ David Liebman and Rick Margitza

### Pepal Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Rick Roy

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Dennis Rowland

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Bart Polot

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Roger Tucker and 3/4 Step

### Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

1:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

5:15 and 7 p.m. Wayne State University Sextet

9 and 10:30 p.m. Tom Brown Quartet

### Sunday, Sept. 6

### Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon James Tatum Trio Plus

2 p.m. The Brad Melhidou Trio

4 p.m. David Liebman, Michael Brecker & the University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble

5:45 p.m. Straight Ahead

6:45 p.m. George Benson Quartet

9:30 p.m. Louis Hayes Quintet w/Curtis Fuller

### DTE Energy Stage

12:15 p.m. Myron Wahls Trio

1:45 p.m. Northwoods Improvisers

3:15 p.m. Creative Arts Collective Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Scott Cutshall Quartet w/David Liebman

7 p.m. Ernest Dawkins New Horizons Ensemble

### Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Cass Jazz

1:15 p.m. IAJE's Sisters in Jazz

2:45 p.m. Hastings High School Jazz Band

4 p.m. East Kentwood High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. Henry Ford Big Band

6:45 p.m. Heritage High School Jazz

### One

8 p.m. Besa Bonner Quartet

9:45 p.m. Schurr/Starr/Dryden

Pepal Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Ellen Rowe

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Louis Hayes & Curtis Fuller

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Andrew Spiegel

6:30 p.m. Student Jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Sugarfoot

### Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

1:15 and 2:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

4:45 and 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Jazz Septet

8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Vincent York Quartet

### Monday, Sept. 7

### Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Wayne State Jazz Band

1:30 p.m. Chris Collins Quartet

3:15 p.m. Ralph Armstrong's International Detroiters w/Vernon Reid

5 p.m. A la Carte Brass and Percussion

7 p.m. Diane Schuur & the Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington

9:30 p.m. Regina Carter Quartet w/John Blake

### DTE Energy Stage

12:15 p.m. Paul Abler Quartet

2 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

3:30 p.m. George Goldsmith & Endangered Species Live

5 p.m. Henry Cook Band

7 p.m. The David McMurry Show

9 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

### Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Dearborn Edsel Ford Jazz Band

1:15 p.m. Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band

2:45 p.m. Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I

4 p.m. Ann Arbor Community High School Jazz Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Dee Dee McNeil

6:45 p.m. Harold/Gordon Small Band

8:15 p.m. Kenny Cox Sextet

9:45 p.m. Liquid Soul

### Pepal Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Vincent York

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Paul Ellington

5:15 p.m. Student Jam session

7:45 and 9 p.m. Imperial Swing Orchestra

### Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

1:30 and 3 p.m. Cass Tech Jazz Combo

4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The WCC Jazz Combo

8:15 and 10:30 p.m. Dwight Adams Quartet

park, 3500 Wilcom Road, Milford. Meet at annex parking lot. Free, state motor vehicle permit required for entry, (248) 685-1187

### CORINNE STAVISH

The well-known story teller entertains with enlightening stories pertaining to the High Holidays, 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free, (248) 967-4030

## CLASSICAL

### RALPH VOTAPEK

Piano recital of Moussorgsky and Gershwin presented by Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 dessert 12:15 p.m., at Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 57 non-members, (248) 851-4307/(248) 585-0146

## POPS/SWING

### BLUE MOON BOYS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5. Second city, 2321 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 965-9500 (swingably)  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$32.50 lawn. All ages. Persons holding tickets for Newton's Jan. 16 Falsetto concert should call (248) 377-8601, (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetnet.com>

## AUDITIONS

### AVON PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Foreigner," a modern farce set in a fishing lodge in rural Georgia, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 14-15, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 and Nov. 5-8 and 12-14. Scripts available (not for check-out) at the Rochester Public Library, (248) 608-9077

### DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers for "The Nutcracker," minimum two years serious dance training, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, formerly St. Barbara's School, 13500 Clinton, off Schaefer Road between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For performances with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra Nov. 28-29, (313) 563-2488/(313) 945-3095

### 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. 1-3, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9, (313) 576-5164

### GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "Filles," 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, Performances Nov. 5-21, (313) 885-0686/(810) 790-7038/(313) 886-0944

### MADISON CHORALE

Auditioning men and women singers Tuesday, Sept. 8, by appointment only, (248) 545-6240

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritone, some openings for alto and soprano, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, 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) 482-3897/(313) 647-1773

### RIDGEFALL PLAYERS

Auditions for 15 men and women of varying ages for "Twelve Angry Jurors," a mixed cast version of "Twelve Angry Men," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, actors must give one-minute monologue on any issue they feel strongly about, either original or scripted, for performances Nov. 6-22, (734) 420-2752; open house for children and adults interested in the story, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy, (248) 988-7049

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 and 22, for sections including "Vivaldi's Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, on Hegerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, (248) 349-8175/(734) 492-4435

### VANGUARD VOICES