

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

FISHER THEATRE
"Chicago - The Musical," through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in the Fisher Building, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. \$35-\$62. (313) 871-1132/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$21.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-5800

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$36, \$27 seniors and students. (810) 286-2222

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk," through Sunday, Sept. 27, at the theater, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. (\$24.50, \$29.50, \$39.50), 8 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday (\$22.50, \$27.50, \$37.50). (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Shakespeare's comic romp set in Elizabethan England moves to Windsor, N.M., in 1899, through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS THEATRE TROUPE

"Office Politics," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Trumbull Theatre, 4210 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 in advance or A Woman's Prerogative in Ferndale, Chosen Books in Royal Oak, Common Language in Ann Arbor and Just Us in Ferndale. (248) 541-8316/(810) 308-5777

AVON PLAYERS

"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, at the playhouse, 1185 Trumbull Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$20. Senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 605-0707

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"Broadway Banned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, 3232 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, proceeds to benefit the building fund. (248) 553-2955

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"The Fantasticks," one of the longest running Broadway musicals of all time, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 2, 3, 9-10, and 11 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATER GUILD

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor," at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 27. (313) 531-0554

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"The Dining Room," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-9715

RIDGEGLADE PLAYERS

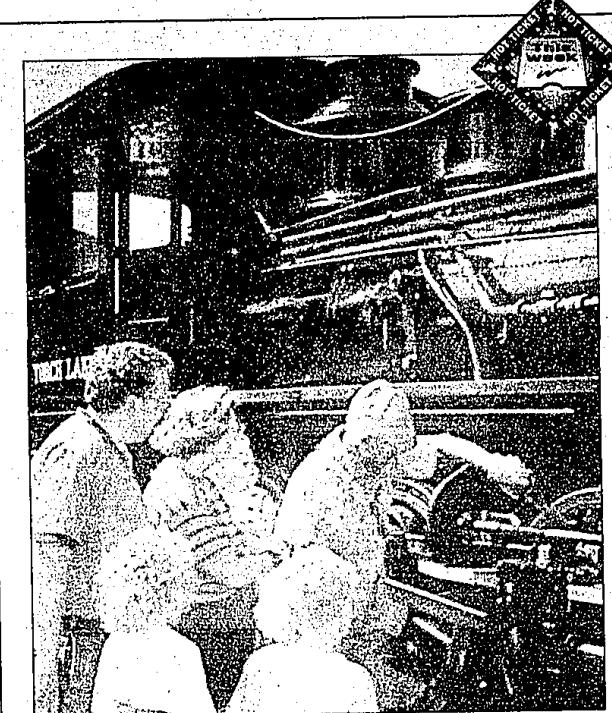
"Fascinating 'Gone," features music from shows such as "Porgy and Bess" and "Gill Cray," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, to raise funds for the Players, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$20. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Once Upon A Mattress," through Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, with an additional show 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

DINNER THEATER

DAVE AND BUSTER'S
"An Act of Murder," a mystery dinner theater, 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 4 p.m. at Dave and Buster's, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95 per person plus tax and gratuity, includes dinner of Caesar



All Aboard: Learn what life was like working and traveling on the railroad during Railroad Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Visitors will see train demonstrations and vintage steam, diesel and electric trains in action. Learn about railroad safety through Conrail's "Operation Lifesaver." This video and motion simulator put the viewer in the driver's seat from the engineer's point of view. Kids can make their own conductor's hat, and color pictures of trains found in the village. Admission \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors 62 and over, \$7.50 ages 5-12, call (313) 271-1620.

selected, choice of lemon-herb chicken with tarragon-lemon cream sauce or prime rib. Not recommended for children ages 18 and younger. (810) 930-1515

GENTRIS
"Pasta to Pizzazz," 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
"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at the theater, 133 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20, with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m. Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m., at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

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SPECIAL EVENTS

FESTA DEL VINO
Wine tasting and traditional family-style dinner presented by Italian American Club Cultural Committee, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, between Haggerty and Newburgh, Livonia. \$25 members, \$30 non-members, \$10-\$12.50 ages 10-15. (734) 420-3168

GREENFIELD VILLAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Street performers, artists and live entertainment, includes a "Stamping of the Grapes" charity fund raiser for Giopolis-Karmenos Pediatric Cancer Research Endowment at Children's Hospital, and "International Tasting" featuring wines from around the world and food samplings from Greektown's restaurants (tasting passes \$25 advance, \$10 day of event), 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, on Monroe Street in Detroit's Greektown. Call toll free (877) 473-3588

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER

MUSIC CONFERENCE

Featuring concerts, research paper presentations and "many of the world's vanguard electronic multi-media installations." Thursday-Tuesday, Oct. 1-6, at Rockham Auditorium and the Power Center at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-4276

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

"Motown Revue," a live stage production of the Motown era featuring the sounds of The Temptations, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, and a tribute to Sam Cooke, directed by WLB's Dwyane (In the Mix) Bradley, 9 p.m.

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BENEFITS

STEWART FRANCKE LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION

Fundraising concert featuring unplugged sets by Mitch Ryder, Jill Jack and Francke, who was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in June and will have a stem cell transplant in October, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the lobby of the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (734) 288-2865

JAZZ MACOMB THEATRE

"Jazz for Literacy" concert Marcus Belgrave, Teddy Harris, Jr., Shahid Nurullah, Straight Ahead, The Motif, Beyond Blue, Bob St. Thomas with So Much Fun, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Motif, 108 E. Main St., Mount Clemens. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (810) 913-1921

MARLBORO COUNTRY NIGHTS DANCE SHOWDOWN

Club Championships featuring David Kazmierowski of Detroit and Julianne Duket of Livonia, John and Deb Koshkovich of Milford, and Tim Johnson and Becky Larson of Troy, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Diamonds and Spurs, 25 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Winners advance to the Regional Championships, Oct. 23 in Fort Mitchell, Ky. (248) 334-4409

FALL REMODELING SHOW

Featuring products and services for the interior and exterior of the home and garden, presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Novi Expo Center, 1969 N. Novi Rd., Novi. \$4 seniors, \$3 children ages 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children at Farmer Jack, \$9. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

OKTOBERFEST

Featuring German beer, food and entertainment, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and noon Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at the Novi Expo Center, 1969 N. Novi Rd., Novi. \$6, \$4 seniors, \$3 children ages 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children at Farmer Jack, \$9. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

HONEY AND APPLES FESTIVAL

Assist in extracting honey, bring your own apples and use an old-fashioned apple press to make cider, 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1222 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3200

MATBURY STATE PARK

Horseshow律动, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Matbury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390

SPIRITED VICTORY INTERFAIR CONVENTION

Sponsored by Sisters Collaborative and the Circle of Advisors of Women in Ministry and Spirituality, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Michigan Inn, Southfield. \$55, \$30 advance. (248) 344-1936

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER

Featuring international computer software, hardware and services, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Michigan Inn, Southfield. \$55, \$30 advance. (248) 344-1936

FESTIVAL

Runs weekends through September, at the grounds, one mile north of Mount Holly on Dixie Highway in Holly. \$13.95, \$5.95 children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (248) 634-5552 or <http://www.members.east.com/Rentestm@Aol.com>

PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

"Fall Color Hike," 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26, at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. Free, state motor vehicle permit required for entry, (248) 685-2187

SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL

Sheep shearing, spinning, working

border collies, fiber workshops, visit

ing flocks of alpacas, llamas,

angora rabbits, and angora goats,

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday,

Sept. 26-27, at Mount Bruce

Station, 6440 Borden Road, six

miles north of Romeo on Van Dyke. (M-53), \$5, children under age 5 free. (810) 798-2568/(910) 798-2600

WWF "RAW IS WAR"

7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Joe

Lou Arnone, 600 Civic Center Dr.,

Detroit. \$12-\$30. (248) 645-6668

HALLOWEEN

HAUNTED THEATRE

Run Friday, Oct. 2 through Oct. 31,

7:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays-Thursday,

7:30-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, in the

Historic Wayne Theatre, 35164 W.

Michigan Ave., east of I-275, west

of Wayne Road. \$15, \$10, \$5, children under age 12, proceeds go

toward the restoration of the the-

ater originally built in 1927 and for

the opening of a performing arts

center for Western Wayne County.

(734) 728-7190

SILLO X

Opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25,

and runs Thursdays-Sundays

through Oct. 31. C.J. Brymrook's

on M-9 (Hall Road), Clinton

Township. Now this year is 50 foot

sound vault, famous crashed heli-

copter, green fog, and 1,200 foot

maze that twists and turns through

a missile base of alien atrocities

\$12. (248) 647-1926

CLASSICAL

DEARING CONCERT DUO

Classical flute and guitar duo per-

form the music of Spain, Italy,

France, and the Americas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Plymouth

Community Arts Council, 774 N.

Shelton at Junction, Plymouth. \$10,

\$8 seniors/students. (734) 416-

2780/(734) 254-0681

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Featuring pianist Emanuel Ax, pro-

gram includes Strauss' "Bulleske

for Piano and Orchestra," Mozart's

"Piano Concerto No. 9" and

Hindemith's "10 Little Lullabies."

Friday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 26, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27,

at the Detroit Opera House, 305 S.

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 to \$48,

\$6 to \$3. (810) 376-5111

ARTHUR GREENE

The University of Michigan School of

Music faculty member performs in

recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the

Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N.

Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25,

\$15. (734) 769-2999 or

469-9646

STAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

With conductor and piano Michael

Nease, Shostakovich, 8 p.m. Monday,

Sept. 28, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State

St., Ann Arbor. Free! All ages.

(734) 784-8390

POPS/ SWING

STEVE LAWRENCE AND EVDIE GORME

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26,

and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27,

at the Macomb Center for the Performing

Arts, 44525 Garfield Road, Clinton

Township. \$38, \$22 students and

seniors, \$45 gold circle. (810) 286-

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A PARISIAN SOIREE

Instrumental works of French com-

posers performed by pianists

William Doppman and Michele

Cooker, accordionist Peter Scové and

a group of U-M students from the stu-

dio of Donald Sinta, cabaret sjow

featuring singers Julia Brothman and

Deanna Reyley, Porter, Kern,

Sondheim, Brel, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept.

25, at the Kerrytown Concert