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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, 1528 Broadway, Detroit, \$42-50 p.m., (248) 645-6666.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martial, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$15, (313) 868-1347.

JET

"Dear Esther," Esther Terner Roach occupied with 300 others from Solibor, a Nazi death camp, as a result of the book and film "Escape from Solibor." Esther received hundreds of letters and poems and letters from children everywhere, the play shows the impact of the correspondence, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Aaron Defay Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield, \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students, "Anne Frank & Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$15, general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, \$10, \$5 students, at the Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield, (248) 768-2900 or visit the web site at <http://connet.com/jet>.

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Annie" featuring Sally Struthers, Britney Kinsinger as Annie, and Conrad John Shuck as Daddy Warbucks, Wednesday, March 17 to Sunday, March 21, at the theater, Detroit, \$10-\$19.50, (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232.

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE

"35 Miles from Detroit," a one-man drama about one black man's life in the latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-1221.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 2:27 (19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23 (18), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 462-4596.

COMMUNITY

THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 12-14 and 18-20, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$13, (248) 609-0077.

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Center, Birmingham, \$14, (248) 644-2075.

GLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at the Anderson High School theater, Anderson and Long Lake Roads, west of Telegraph, \$10, 8th under age 12, (248) 433-0885.

FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12, 19-20 and 2 p.m. Sunday March 13 and Sundays, March 14 and 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook roads, \$7, \$5 seniors/students, seniors free March 13, (248) 644-2075, ext. 151.

NOVI THEATRE

"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

PARK PLAYERS

"Quilters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, \$10-20, (313) 531-0431.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, northeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn, \$11, (313) 561-7175/(313) 277-5164.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Dear Jess," at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, March 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14 and 21, \$11-\$10 students/seniors on Sundays, (248) 998-7049.

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Dear Departed," a comedy about a group of Southerners brought together by the death of a family patriarch, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills,



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Swing Into Spring: March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with hands-on activities for children, musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

\$12, \$10 seniors/students, (249) 644-0527.

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield, \$8, \$7 seniors/child, (248) 827-0707.

STAGECRAFTERS

"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Friday-Sundays, March 12-28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, \$10-12, (248) 513-6430. Special dinner/theater package available from Illustrations Bar and Grill in Royal Oak, (248) 580-1313.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-FARMINGTON

Lillian Hellman's "Little Foxes" March 12-14, 18-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford, (313) 531-0554.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, (313) 535-8062.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Grace and Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 14, 21 and 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia, \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more, (734) 464-6302.

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the venetian era, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12 to April 3, March 13 and 27, sold-out benefit performance, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above AOE Hardware, Royal Oak, \$12, (248) 541-1763.

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, \$50 Wednesday-Saturday and Sunday, \$55 Friday and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac, (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE'S JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

A futuristic version of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-19, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 2275 Pitt Road, Ann Arbor, \$6 adults, \$5 children, (734) 971-2228.

SHRINE CIRCUS

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"The Frog Prince"

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with museum admission of \$12.50.

\$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and younger, (313) 271-1620.

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Veeteeen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7, (248) 349-8110.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturday-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit, \$7.50, includes lunch and show, (616) 602-9118.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DETROIT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOWS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Cobo Conference Center, Detroit, \$25 family ticket, includes two adults and three children; individual tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children ages 12 and younger, and senior citizens. (248) 771-5121 (352-7469).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Detroit Women's Coffeehouse celebrates the day with a variety of programming including speakers on music and poetry, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Unitarian Universal Church, 4605 Cass at Forest, near Wayne State University, Detroit, \$7, evening performance sliding scale \$7-\$12 (more if you can, less if you can't), (313) 622-5888.

PENIN AND TUESDAY

Several shows, Tuesday-Sunday, March 16-21, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$22, \$25, \$27, \$32 and \$37. All ages, (248) 645-6666/(313) 471-3099/(313) 983-9611.

REINVENTING ROSIE FOR 21ST CENTURY

Women Mastering non-traditional Work (presented by Henry Ford Community College) features women writing in a wide range of non-traditional occupations and professions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center Building on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, Free, (313) 845-3757/(313) 645-8629.

THREE MEN AND A TENSOR

High energy comedy a capella group, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Church Hill School auditorium, 8200 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia, \$10, 58 students/seniors, (734) 523-9218.

"FAMILY EVENTS"

BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, \$5, \$2 ages 4-12, (734) 455-2110.

GEMINI

1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$8, all ages, (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.22ark.org>.

SHRINE CIRCUS

Family Night 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the State Fair Coliseum, Detroit, \$4,

at Farmer Jack Supermarkets.

BENEFITS

"CELEBRATING LIFE"

A Broadway-style musical presentation featuring Petula Clark and other cast members of "Sunset Boulevard," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, \$72, \$36, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, and Steppin' Out, (248) 594-5522.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holds its annual Dinner/Auction Pops Concert, guest conductor Gerard Yun leads the program ranging from a polka to music from Les Miserables and Titanic, 6 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, \$45, \$25 seniors, (734) 451-2112.

MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Children's Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members' hand-made curio cabinets, hatches, grandfather clocks and other items, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile, Free, (313) 331-3673.

VISITING NURSING ASSOCIATION

Hosts their annual theater event, "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway's longest running comedy, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Baci Abracchi Italian Chophouse, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, \$125, includes dinner, performance, wedding cake, and champagne toast. Proceeds benefit the VNA's community health program which provides free health care for the homeless. Reserve tickets by March 12, (248) 967-9600.

"IT'S THE TOPSI"

A recreation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Clear Store Indiana, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarrell, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Pitt Road, between Washnien and Packard roads, Ann Arbor, \$125. Includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy tickets for games, live cream and pop corn, (734) 947-2278 or <http://www.mlive.com/aast>.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

PARTY

8 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, March 17, D.J., corn beef and cabbage appetizers, at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft service drive, west of Inker Road, Livonia, 21 and over. Dressy attire, (734) 981-0900.

CAMPANY OF STRANGERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (Celtic rock).

MARY ANN MURPHY

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (248) 544-1141 (Celtic folk).

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Performs during the St. Patrick's Day Parade atrium from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$5 donation, (248) 879-5779.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Conductor Hans Vonk and flutist Jean-Pierre Rampol, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 11-12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14; With Conductor Neeme Järvi and violinist Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60, (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>.

JAMES GALWAY

Flutist performs with pianist Philip Moll, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, \$20, \$35, \$55, (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>.

ABBEY LINCOLN

With pianist Marc Cory, bassist Michael Bowie and drummer Alvester Garnett, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, \$20, \$24, \$30 and \$32, (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>.

TAKACS QUARTET

Performs music of Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rockham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$18, \$22 and \$24, (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>.

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Concert by Chris Elliott, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senate Theatre, 6424 Michigan Ave., at Livernois, Detroit, \$12, (313) 894-0850.

POPS/SWING

COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Claireville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia, \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Claireville Foundation, (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454.

"FRESHETTA MIRROR BALL TOUR"

With New Mofy Show, Allen Fashion Show and Blue Plate Special, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$13 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>.

THE JOHNNY FAVOURITE SWING ORCHESTRA

With DJ Del, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 (swing).

MARILYN MCCOO AND BILLY DANIELS, JR.

Star with a cast of Broadway performers and jazz band in "Hit Me with a Hot Note-The Duke Ellington Songbook" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44-59 and Garfield, Clinton Twp., \$24, \$22 seniors/students, (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737.

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS

8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$12 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (swing).

RAISIN PICKERS BAND

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with museum admission of \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and younger, (313) 271-1620 (swing, bluegrass and folk).

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450 (swing).

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060; 1 p.m. Sunday, March 21, during the Detroit Pickers' game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit, tickets at Ticketmaster, All ages, (248) 645-6668; 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (248) 543-4300 (western swing).

IV-IV ORCHESTRA

9:15-10 p.m. Thursday, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 265-1374; 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 663-7758.

AUDITIONS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Now in its 26th year, the band is looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players of all ages, related to the band), 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Groves High School, Birmingham, (248) 474-4997.

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Auditions for professional resident cast and stage company, by appointment only Saturday, March 13, Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. Those wishing to audition for the academy must be high school seniors or

older. Renaissance Festival is Aug. 14-Sept. 26, (800) 601-4648.

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13-college for "Picnic at Hanging Rock" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 16 and 18, once cast all actors pay fee of \$125, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances May 14-16, (248) 347-0400.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

Auditions for "Blood Brothers" 7:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, March 15-16, at the theater, 21730 Madison, near Monroe and Outer Drive, for performances May 7-8, 14-16, 21-23, (313) 561-7175.

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT'S "WIZARD OF OZ"

Holds open auditions for Munchkins for Fox Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz," 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at