

## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Fall into The Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth which begins this evening, 4:30-10 p.m. The Plymouth, Fife and Drum Corps will kick off the free weekend event.

### SATURDAY



If you "Believe" in Cher, catch her rescheduled performance, along with special guests Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are still available for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666.

### SUNDAY



Delicious food, entertainment, a petting farm, cake walks and hayrides are just a few reasons to visit the 12th annual Autumnfest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 26630 Evergreen Road, south of the Southfield Municipal Complex. Admission is free and parking is available at the Southfield Civic Center Library lot. Bring along the youngsters for face-painting, crafts, a Native American Jewelry Exhibition and more. Call (248) 354-9603.



**Hot Tix:** Car lovers won't want to miss the 49th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12. Watch for the Grand Parade of vehicles at 10:30 a.m. each day. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

## KOKO TO REVISIT BLUES ROOTS

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As a headliner for this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Sept. 17-19, Koko Taylor can't wait to return to a city she connects with the early days of her career as the "Queen of Blues."

"I am very much looking forward to coming to Ann Arbor to do that show," said Taylor. "It's one of the first places I worked years ago. There was a little, tiny club called the Blind Pig. Surprised to hear that the club is not only still standing, and remains a hot spot for live music in Ann Arbor, Taylor reflected back on her blues roots.

"I worked in the Blind Pig, wow. I can't count the times. It was one of the clubs (I worked at) before I started traveling all over the world: Europe, Canada, New Zealand. I'm looking forward to it."

The Blind Pig is not one of the three venues hosting this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, but the Michigan Theater, Bird of Paradise jazz club, and Gallup Park are.

This time around, Taylor will be performing for a much larger crowd at the Michigan Theater.

In her signature slow, silky tone, Taylor, interviewed by phone from her home in Chicago, spoke about working with long-time friend Buddy Guy.

"He's one of my favorite guys, a good friend of mine," she said during the conversation on Sept. 1. "Buddy Guy played on my 'Wang Dang Doodle.'"

Though Taylor visits Detroit and Lansing at least once a year to perform, she hasn't been to the Ann Arbor area for quite some time. "I've been all over Michigan, I just

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## ANN ARBOR



## FESTIVAL

### 1999 CONCERT SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Sept. 17 MICHIGAN THEATER

Buddy Guy and Koko Taylor perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75, \$40, \$25 in advance.

#### Saturday, Sept. 18 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Uncle Jesse White
- 1:15 p.m. Thornton Davis
- 2:30 p.m. Jimmy Dillon
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Turre Quartet
- 5 p.m. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band
- 6:30 p.m. Pharoah Sanders

#### BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show, for each performance.

#### Sunday, Sept. 19 GALLUP PARK

Tickets \$20 at the gate, students \$15. Advance tickets \$17, students \$12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Modcat and Kane
- 1:15 p.m. Amigo Latin All-Stars with Eileen Orr and Francisco Mora
- 2:30 p.m. Bird of Paradise Orchestra
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Lucky and the Rumba Bums
- 5 p.m. Big Bill Morganfield and The Bob Morganfield Blues Band
- 6:30 p.m. Keb' Mo' Band

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**WHAT:** The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival  
**WHERE:** Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19, see concert times below  
**WHERE:** The Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, call (734) 668-8397; Gallup Park, US-23 to Geddes Road, exit and go west on Geddes until crossing Huron Parkway, the park is on the left and parking is provided at Huron High School on the right; Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St. in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 662-8310.  
**GETTING AROUND TOWN:** A free shuttle bus will transport visitors from Huron High School parking lot to the event. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority has buses running to and from Gallup Park, call (734) 996-0400 for route information. Parking structures are located near both the Michigan Theater and Bird of Paradise club.  
**COST:** Children 12 and under admitted to Gallup Park for free

If accompanied by an adult. Ticket prices vary, see schedule. Tickets may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Michigan Union Ticket Office, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS to charge by phone or try the Web at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for Gallup Park are also available at stores around downtown Ann Arbor including S&R Blues and Jazz, Espresso Royale Cakes, P.J. Records and Borders Book Store. Groups of 20 or more may call (734) 747-9955 for discount information.  
**RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION:** Check out Art in the Park in Gallup Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19. Storytellers, face-painting and the annual Kid's Parade are highlights.  
No alcohol cans, glass containers, coolers, pets, bicycles or inline skates will be allowed in the park.



### DANCE

## New set enhances the allure of 'Riverdance'

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"Riverdance - The Show" has a new set, and the "show's a lot more theatrical," said Felicity O'Brien, stage manager of the Lee Company, which is coming to Detroit, Sept. 16-19. The band used to play on the side of the stage. Now they play at the back of the stage and your eyes are more focused on them.

Music plays an important

role in "Riverdance," which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, its similarities and influences on other cultures. "Music drives the energy of the show," explained O'Brien in a telephone interview from her hotel room in Cincinnati where the show was playing on Aug. 17. "They're the cream of Irish musicians."

O'Brien has been touring

#### "Riverdance - The Show"

**WHEN:** Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**WHERE:** Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit.

**TICKETS:** \$35 to \$83, available at the Masonic Temple and Fisher Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

Web site: www.riverdance.com



Phenomenon: "Riverdance - The Show" is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance.