

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Ad Altaro Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 668-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

FISHER THEATRE
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26.50-\$49. (248) 645-6668 or (313) 871-1132

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, 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

JET
"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, through Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Theater, 6500 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comet.org/jet

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," continues to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scopin'" in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4747 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBACCI 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. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. Special New Year's Eve performances, 6 p.m. (\$75) and 10 p.m. (\$100). Later show includes full-course dinner, party favors, and dancing. (248) 745-6668 or (248) 645-6666

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," through Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$9.65 for children, \$11.95 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

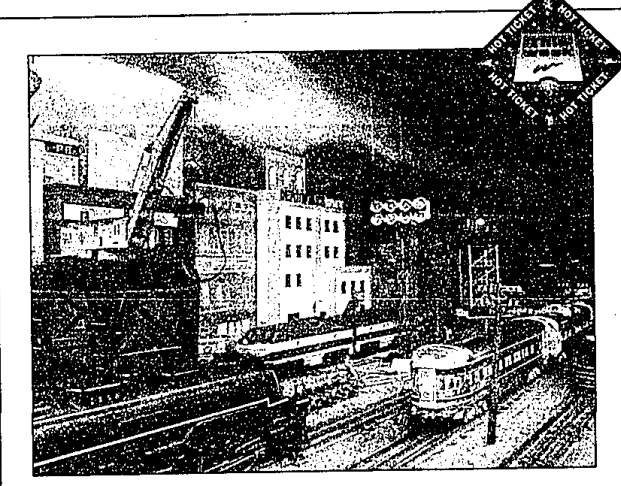
YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Cinderella," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 9 and 16, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 10 and 17, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursdays, Dec. 28-31, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART
"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 28-29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Cinderella," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, east of Hunter, Birmingham. \$8 Wednesday and Saturday, free Thursday to anyone with a \$7 First Night Birmingham button. (248) 644-2075

WILD SWAN THEATRE
"The Cricket In Times Square," through Saturday, Jan. 2, Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford



Toys and Trains: The Wonderful World of Toy Trains, the world's largest mobile model railroad display, will be featured at the Toy & Hobby Expo '98, Dec. 26-27 at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 & Novi Road (Exit 162). In addition to model trains, you'll find collectible toys, models, bears, and dolls, including Barbies and Beanie Babies. Paul Adams, who is known for his automobile and train art, and the recently completed Holiday Memoirs J.L. Hudson's Christmas, 1951, will be showing and selling his works. Show hours are 9-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Admission is adults \$6, children ages 4-12, \$3. Parking \$4. Call (248) 348-5600 for information.

Museum, Dearborn. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

HELLFIRE WRESTLING
Professional wrestling from Psychopathic Productions, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700

BENEFIT

CONCEPT: CURE FASHION JAM
Featuring cars designed by fashion designers such as a Chevrolet Cavalier Convertible by BCBG's Max Azria, an Oldsmobile Alero by Vivienne Tam, a Chevy Venture by Nicholas Graham for Joe Boxer, a GMC Sierra by Joseph Abboud, and a Pontiac Grand Am by Dana Buchanan, music performances and visual displays to showcase the unveiling of five one-of-a-kind vehicles from GM. Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. Benefits the Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. \$125; a limited number of 12-seat boxes are \$1,500. (248) 443-5800 before Dec. 29, or (313) 961-3500 afterward.

FAMILY EVENTS

KWANZAA CELEBRATION
Featuring daily rituals and performances, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 to Friday, Jan. 1, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren St., Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 494-5800

POOL FUN
Jewish Community Center is hosting a pool party at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (free), and concert by Ron Coden at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (\$3), at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, First United Methodist Church, 4520 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353

TERRY CALLIER
With Straight Ahead, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, in the main auditorium at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. \$25, \$20, \$15. (313) 833-4005

JUDIE COCHILL QUARTET
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. at Mack Avenue, Detroit. (313) 831-3838

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3750; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE
5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, The Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

ROBERT PIPHO
8 p.m. Mondays in December, Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-3838

TAMMY RAFFERTY
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 682-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSDON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

WALLACE RONEY QUINTET
8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 1-2, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 682-8310

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Dec. 29, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSO members. (810) 573-4993

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Hector Rezzano, Frank Turner, Alyce Faye and Joely Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 281-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Derek Richards, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package) during which he will record "Twas the Night Before Christmas" CD, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 (\$6); Norm Stultz, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schoefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK JOHNSON'S COMEDY CASTLE
Stunt Johnson Theatre and David Clever, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 24-27, Dan Wilson and Kevin McPeck, Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 30-Jan. 3, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$8), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$8). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Damlara are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY IN MOTION
Featuring Detroit Black Writers' Guild and their senior poetry editor Karen Williams, 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 37316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
English Country dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday,

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Frontiers to Festivals, "Detectors at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Slave Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-3400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

Christmas hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 26-30; "Annual Ford Fleet Festival," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, at the museum, 100 Strand Dr., on Belle Isle. \$2 adults, \$1 seniors and students; free for children ages 12 and younger. (313) 852-4051 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

HENRY FORD ESTATE

The National Historic Landmark features a role-play of Clara Ford, wife of Henry Ford for 59 years, on the hour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Thursdays, Dec. 26, 28-31, and hourly 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Pool Restaurant open for lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, at Fair Lane, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$7, \$6 seniors/students, children under age five free. (313) 593-5590

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 children aged 17 and younger, free for members and children younger than 5. (313) 494-5800

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Traditions of the Season continues through Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Village and Museum, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue. Museum & Village open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day. Admission, adults \$12.50; senior citizens \$2 and older \$11.50; children 9-12 years old \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

POPULAR MUSIC

"ANTI-FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL"

With Larry McCray, Johnnie Bessett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis and Black Beauty, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics and Robert Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, and Johnnie Johnson, Jim McCarty and Willie D. Warren with Mystery Train, The Butler Twins with Jeff Grand, The Reformer and Randy Volin and the Sonic Blues, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 each night, \$25 for two-day pass. Benefits Detroit Blues Society, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)

GORDON BENNETT

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 26, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Bridget McCarty, Harbingers Mile, The Zoom and Big Budget Flisco, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

BLUE SUIT FEATURING ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLUES LIFE

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

DAVE BOUTETTE

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (singer/songwriter)

BRANDED

10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)

CONNIPTION

With Bowlscraper, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"EVOLUTION DANCE"

With Kevin Samsonson, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$25 in advance, \$35. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (techno)

AL HILL

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELVIS HITLER

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 876-5555 or http://www.lilss2.com (rock)

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Lonestar Coffee, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233 (acoustic rock)

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

MIDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (R&B/blues)

MURDER CITY WRECKS

With Easy Action and the Gora Gora Girls, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-POL (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Bud Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

KEANU REEVES BAND

With P.S. I Love You, formerly known as Muscles, and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (pop)

THE SIGHTS AND THE PORTERS

9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

TELEGRAPH

With Fletcher Pratt, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

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