

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATRE

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "Valley Song," through Sunday, March 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE: "Escapade in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24-50. \$34-50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons" continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the Mucklenzie Fine Arts Center Atrium Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. \$15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

UD THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More" continues to Feb. 27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. \$10, \$2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

COMMUNITY THEATRE

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12. (248) 503-2955

PLANET ANT: "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4, March 10-11 and March 17-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays March 2, 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, at the theater, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948

FLOWERS THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play" continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Historic Development Center. \$15-\$18. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 students. (248) 349-7110

ROSELAND COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Agathe Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

STAGECRAFTERS: "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, March 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 and March 5, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: "Godspell" opens Friday, Feb. 18 and continues through Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8062

DINNER THEATRE

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays \$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays, and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8688/(248) 648-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy, runs Saturday nights only, 8 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opened Thursday, evening



Graham Tribute: *Christina Dakin is one of the featured dancers in the American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$30-40, available at the box office, (313) 963-2368 or Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666.*

Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS KONCERT: "Desperado," one of Michigan's best contemporary Black cowboys, takes kids on a journey through the Old West 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 963-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARET EVENING: Features Grosse Pointe Memorial Church soloists singing music from Broadway and movie scores 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. \$35. Includes dinner. Must be purchased by Sunday, Feb. 20. (313) 882-8330

"COLLAGE" CONCERT: Henry Ford Community College concert spotlights more than 250 musicians in HFCC's music program Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15. (313) 485-6470

DETROIT CAMPER & RV SHOW: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Novi Expo Center. \$6.50, 4.50 seniors on Wednesday, Feb. 16 only. (517) 349-8881 or www.marvac.org

FORD FREEDOM AWARD: Installation 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, dinner at 6 p.m.; Scholar's Lecture 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: "Put a Little Jazz in Your Life," 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, dance the night away to the sounds of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars Band and enjoy delicious New Orleans cuisine, vocal choir Scool Jazz will also perform. In the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft Campus, Livonia. \$30. If purchased before Friday, \$35 afterwards. (734) 482-4417/(734) 482-4435

ONE WOMAN SHOW: Eva Black performs "The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman" 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Truth Bookstore, Southfield. (248) 557-4824

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FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX MUSEUM: Join the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, musical group for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument, puppet zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE: A dance concert featuring established repertory works and a recent premiere 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 995-4242

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Mendelssohn Meets Ellington" 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$22. (313) 576-5111

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty performs a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. \$5, and supports the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siera, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

OPERA

CANTON PROJECT ARTS: Presents the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, a special presentation of the history of opera in America precedes the concert at 2:30 p.m., an artists reception follows the concert, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. \$15. (734) 397-6450

POPS/SWING

JIM PAPAVERA & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for "Sweeney Todd" 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 19-20, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances April 28-30, May 5-7, 12-13 and 18-20. (810) 781-9270

DESTINATION EARTH LLC: An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for 5 male parts for "Miss Kate" 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the barn, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-2955

NOVI THEATRES CHILDREN'S ANNEX (AGES 10-13): "Charlotte's Web," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 & 24, Novi Civic Center. Production dates May 19-21; actors must pay \$125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Auditions for the world premiere of Jeffrey Chastang's "Full Circle" Monday, Feb. 21, 6-8 p.m. (equity) and 8-10 p.m. non-equity, at the Holistic Development Center, Detroit. (313) 872-0279

ROSELAND COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

SOLD CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Balamians Club (also known as the Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CouLinks@aol.com

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "The King & I" noon Sunday, Feb. 27 (registration at 11 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances May 12-14, 18-21, 25-28, and May 31-June 4. (248) 541-4832

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: Is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for "Forever Plaid," requires 4 strong male vocalists, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 5 and 7, at the theater. For performances May 12-27. (248) 640-6950

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Song and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warrenton. (734) 459-8895

VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

CHORAL

BRAZEAU DENKARD CHORALE: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50. (313) 578-5111

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9688

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets \$13 for Friday's performance, and \$15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082

ST. THOMAS CHOIR: Of Men and Boys from Thomas Church in New York City performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. \$12 general admission, \$6 students seniors at the door or call (248) 626-2515

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-5580

ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti. (734) 381-1314

DAVID WARNER: Presents "Music For Meditation" part 3, the organ music of Felix Mendelssohn, noon Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18, at St. Paul's Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

JAZZ

WJAZZ VESPERS: Features Janet Tenej and the Sven Anderson Trio 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free.

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Ella's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

GEN JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sunny Wilkinson 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 782-7756

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

JANET TENAI TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at O'Malley's Tavern, Auburn Hills. (248) 373-4500

TRIANGLE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$14. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY TRIVOLI: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$24. \$19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins room on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY: American Graham Tour 2000, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$30-40. (313) 963-2368/(248) 645-6666

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STARDUST BALLROOM: Dance parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. \$8. (248) 355-5078

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers, Erica Wilson-Perkins, and King/Chavez/Parks. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Bill Hildebrandt with Kevin Zeoli and Dee Profit 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, at the club, Commerce two. (248) 624-1050

FOX THEATRE: "Comic View All-Star Comedy Jam," with Sommore, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce, Shucky Ducky and Lester Barrio, 8 p.m. Sat. Feb. 19. Tickets \$27.50-\$35. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Norm Stulz Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, also the Real John Kind and Bill Bushard; Brad Lowrey Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 23-26, also Randy Eply and Rich Higginbottom, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 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: Jackson Pardu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Wilson and Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington Hills. \$25. (248) 553-2955

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air: Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, 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) 833-8805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at the center, 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 \$4.45. (313) 577-8400

DETROIT ZOO: Mosaic Youth Theatre performs works about amphibians 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 25 in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater; the exhibit, "Inside/Outside: The Art of Caring" continues through Jan. 2, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Royal Oak. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students. \$4.50 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

DOSSIN ORIENT JAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing