Get 'lost' in brilliant new Second City revue

'In honor of The Second City-Chicago's 40th Anniversary, Detroit's Second City presents critically lauded "Paradigm critically lauded "Paradigm Lost" in an open run, 8 p.m. Wednesday Sunday and 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. All shows on Wednesday. Thursday and Sunday are followed by a free improvisation set. Tickets are \$10 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday and \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-9500.

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The subconscious mind can be a frighteningly funny place to explore. Or so it would seem, judging by the latest main stage revue at The Second City in Detroit.

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"Paradigm Lost" is a two-hour romp into the mind of a man—pivtrayed swiftly by Marc Evan Fackson—who, after a quick hird lively introductory number, Sills into a coma. What follows is a virtually seamless collection of comedic aketches, one melting into another, contered around the ideas and feelings bubbling

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The first of these sketches begins with a typical water cooler discussion where employees of a copier equipment company anxiously discuss a possible corporate takever. They son learn the firm is about to 'go Country and Western.' That's right, neckties and power suits are soon to be replaced by belt buckles, big hats and a heavy Southern twang. This prompts one nervous employee to declare 'I'm not so sure if my favorite Daniels are Charlie and Jack!'

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dant energy and diversity when she acts the part of the ultra-subordinate wife to a Middle-East leader, and later a nun who can't keep her mouth shut.

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The revue also transports its
audisnee into a YMCA, where a
old man and friendly employee
discuss their dreams, then
allows a look into a man's apartment where he's hired a stripper
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teacher and classmates.

Kindergarten is where anyone could end up it he or she dares speak out of turn in fourth grade homeroom and the state of turning turning the state of turning tur

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Nyima Anise Woods shifts from that role into a vory convincing, very professional National Public Radio reporter and a hysterical wife who agrees to give blood to her hueband, shricking in anticipation of the pain.

"Paradigm Lost" knews no boundaries. In this is the faspaced world of aketch comedy, nothing is sacred. The minimate set design and in-your-face lighting, provided by Allison Abraham and Shatha Faraj leaves the focus on the plot-like development and complements the cast's ability to respond to non another. Musical director and mewomer John Edwartows this things the show to life by setting the musical tone in any circumstance. While the performances, directed by Joo James,

Goin' Country: Lose yourself in laughter at Second City's latest revue, "Paradigm Lost." Here cast members (left to right) Marc Warzecha, Marc Evan Jackson, Kce-gan-Michael Key, Antoine McKay, Nyima Anise Woods and Maribeth Monroe act out a country-style business

will make you laugh out loud, they also reflect some side of life that's easy to relate to —a col-league who speaks circles around himself, agreeing with

any argument, a parent who loudly embarrasses her teenage daughter in public. It's a carnival mirror for daily life. And it's just strange enough to be plausible.

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whistle at age 6. He spent hours feaching himself to play just so be could 'join in' on jam ses fisme, which were the major form of entertainment in the country-side. He still uses the tin whistle to write munic. Moloney's sound-frack for a film with Angelica Rouston, titled 'Agnes Browne,' comes out in March.

"My grandmother's house in the midlands of Ireland, to me it was a kingdom," Moloney said. "It was a small farm house. The locals would come in and sit around and tell tall stories, and then the melodeen would come

off the dresser and my grandfa-ther would play the flute and there would be tapping of the fect on the floorboards.

A few years would pass before Moloney picked up the uillean pipes that embody the sounds of his heritage.

"It's elbow pipes or uillean in Irish," said Moloney. "Unlike the bag pipes, they're an indoor instrument with a much more mellow tone. They were invented by Irish in the 17th century and played sitting down

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at the turn-of-the-century. We III 'H's actually the use very traditional instrumen-tation, but the concept is a little more modern."

Maribeth Monroe shows abun-

the audience's imagination. Meet Antoine McKay who uses subtle-ty to his advantage when talking about fatherhood — even though

ty to his advantage when talking about fatherhood — even though he hopes to share his drinking and gambling habits with the youngster. Say hello to his son Jaime, played by Detroit native Keegan-Michael Key, who makes a most convincing part-gargoyle kindergartner. Emitting squeaks and aqueals, he terrorizes his teacher and cleasmates.

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History

Founded in 1996, the Motor
City Brass Band rehearsed at
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Plymouth for two years before
moving to the Southfield Centre
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McAteer of Orchard Lake, who is
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diversity that attracts the members. We play classical and light classical - from pop, jazz and blues to serious classical.

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classical and light classical from pop, jazz and blues to scrious classical. What makes us unusual is that we're all volunteers. One of the enabling threads is that everyone attends rehearsals and helps out with whatever needs to be done for the love of it.

This year the band hopes to share its music with a wider audience. The Motor City Brass Band also performs throughout the metro area at summer parks

scries and for events as varied as Southfield's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, but members would still like to find other venues to spread the sound of British brass bands.

Brass band music is not as well known as weld like it to be; that's one of the missions for the new year," said McAteer, who was the principal trumpet in his high school band in New Hampsire. McAteer also played with the Oakland University Concert Band before joining the Motor City Brass Band. 'Over the next year, we hope to develop an audience base and eventually want to put out a CD.

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nome and has produced a variety of music ranging from heavy metal to classical. "We also hope to institute an outreach program to the schools over the next two years," said McAteer.

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The Tarantulas are heading out on a cross-country tour and will surely head up some premier nights at the venue.

Grab a paczki and pop in "Mardi Gras Essentials," a who's who in New Orleans music. Check out "Little Liza Jann" by The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, "Hey Mardi Gras" by Chuck Carbo and "Jock-A-Mo" by Sugar Boy. The time has come for a little indulgence. for a little indulgence.

for a little indulgence, the word is Romeo's own Kid Rock will host this year's Dotroit Music Awards and scheduled performers include fellow hippop sensations Emilnem and Paradime. We'll keep you needsted updated.

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