

ART BEAT

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CONCERT TODAY
The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra presents a family concert featuring selections from *Camelot*, along with dances, waltzes and marches, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at Thurston High School in Redford.
Guests artists are the Thurston High School Chorus, under the direction of Ray Schmidt, singing selections from Handel, Haydn and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

No charge. Call (313) 538-1652 or (248) 681-8623 for information.

The orchestra season continues 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25 with concerts at Hilbert Junior High School, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at Thurston High School, and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 in Capitol Park. All concerts are in Redford.

YOUTH CONCERT
The Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's youth ensemble, featuring junior and senior high school students under the direction of Canton resident Charles Burke, will perform works by Grieg, Strauss and Sibelius 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 576-5111.

TRI STATE HANDELL CONCERT
The Tri State Bronze Invitational concert, an annual event featuring five advanced handbell choirs performing in mass, is 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser, Southfield.

This is the invitational's first appearance in Michigan after nine years in Indiana and Ohio. This year's event is hosted by Classical Bells of Metropolitan Detroit, under the direction of Darlene Ebersole. Classical Bells is based in Livonia. The ensemble has participated in the concert since they were invited to audition four years ago.

Also on stage will be the Kalamazoo Ringers, Carillon Choir of Midland, and the Kettering Advent Ringers and Renaissance Ringers of Ohio. The audience

will hear a variety of music from patriotic to spirituals and two compositions by Margaret Tucker of Houston, Texas who will be directing the invitational choir.

There is a \$5 donation for admission. For more information, call (734) 425-7861.

STUDENT ART WORKSHOPS
D & M Studios will offer student paint workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 and Thursday, Feb. 22 for children ages 6 and older. Monday's theme is Ancient Egypt. The cost is \$24.

Ceramic workshops will be offered 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. The cost is \$12.

Register now for the summer art camp, which focuses on the Australian outback. A 10 percent discount is offered for tuition paid by May 31.

For more information, call (734) 463-3710. D & M Studios is at 8691 N. Lilley, south of Joy, Canton.

FREE CONCERT
The Borsarello String Trio will perform a program of music ranging from Bach to Roussel noon Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4403.

Composed of three brothers, the trio was born in France and educated at the Paris Conservatoire. They met extensively but never in Paris. Their third CD, *Six Preludes and Fugues by Bach*, arranged for string trio by Mozart, has just been released.

MADONNA MUSIC RECITAL
Madonna University will hold a faculty music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 in Kroege Hall on campus, 36800 Schoolcraft Road at Levan in Livonia.

Admission is \$5 and benefits the music scholarship fund. For more information, call (734) 432-5769.

The recital includes solo and ensemble pieces for flute, clarinet, guitar and piano by Beethoven, Chopin and other composers, and vocal Broadway and operatic selections. Participating faculty are Donna Kallie, Helmo Rottenber, Will Herz with Barbara Wiltzie, and Linette Popoff-Parks. Guest

artists are Cathy and Irving Feldman.

CALL FOR DANCERS

Auditions for an intensive summer program, directed by Jillana, former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance on Newburgh Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Registration is 30 minutes before audition. \$15 audition fee and photo in first rehearsal required. Call (734) 464-7440.

The workshop, held in New Mexico, is designed for pre-professional dancers ages 11-17. Guest teachers include former prima ballerina Maria Tallchief and New York City Ballet principal dancer Kyra Nichols.

The Bunny Sanford school will also offer a six-week session of ballet classes with Jacob Lascau for intermediate and advanced dancers 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday beginning March 7. Teachers are welcome.

ONGOING EXHIBIT

Quicksilver Gallery's debut exhibition of photography continues through March 16 inside Quicksilver Photo, 1160 W. Ann Arbor Road, on the north side between Main and Sheldon, Plymouth.

For information, call (734) 465-3688 or visit the Web site at www.QuicksilverPhoto.com.

Quicksilver Photo owner Jack Kenny and staffers show a variety of color and black and white images. Subjects range from Kenny's photographs of Cuba to Julie Wallace's deer and sunsets.

MASKORAIDE FOR COTS

The Maniscalesco Gallery presents a reception, showcasing masks that will be auctioned off to benefit COTS, 7:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the gallery, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. For information or directions, call (313) 886-2993.

COTS third annual MASKORAIDE auction will be 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 10 at the Detroit Yacht Club. This is COTS' (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) major fund-raiser. For more information, call Beth McKeown at (313) 576-0219.

The masks have been painted by local artists and celebrities such as hockey player Wayne Gretzky.



Ongoing exhibit: Jack Kenny took this photograph in Cuba. It is one of the images on display at Quicksilver Gallery, inside Quicksilver Photo, in Plymouth, through Thursday, March 15.

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Jazz orchestra honors Thad Jones

The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, formerly known as the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra, returns to Detroit's Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 for a concert celebrating Detroit's 300th birthday.

Saxophonist, and former Detroit Charles McPherson, will be featured in his first ever collaboration with the Vanguard Orchestra.

Tickets are \$17-\$47, available at the box office, call (313) 576-5111, or www.detroitjazz.org. In paying homage to Thad Jones, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra will play several tunes from their latest album, *Thad Jones Legacy*. The program also includes Jim McNeely's *Thad* (featured on their album *Lickety Split*), Jones' *Suite for Pops*,

which was his tribute to Louis Armstrong, and Jones' most famous work, *A Child is Born*.

McPherson will perform with the Vanguard Orchestra's rhythm section as well as in feature roles with the big band.

The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra takes its name from the famous Manhattan jazz mecca, the Village Vanguard, where the band has played nearly every Monday night for the last 34 years. The band got its start when trumpeter/cornetist Thad Jones, brother of jazz giants Hank and Elvin Jones of Pontiac, organized a big band with Mel Lewis in 1955.

Also on stage at Orchestra Hall this week is the Detroit Symphony Orchestra led by guest conductor, Jerzy Semkow, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 10:45

a.m. Friday, Feb. 23 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

The program will include Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*, and DSO soloists in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn. Tickets are \$15 to \$52.

On Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m., three African-American and Latino string finalists, will perform with the Sphinx Symphony. The national competition, now in its fourth year, promotes the development of young African-American and Latino string musicians. The concert will feature three finalists performing with the Sphinx Symphony, an African-American and Latino orchestra comprised of professional musicians from orchestras around the country. Tickets are \$10, general admission.

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