

# 8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** *Mind Games* continues through July 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 983-9800

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:** *Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth* continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**DETROIT OPERA HOUSE:** *Fame*, Tuesday-Sunday, March 13-18. \$55, \$35, \$25 and \$15. (248) 645-6666

**FISHER THEATRE:** *Ragtime*, the musical opens March 27 and continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's *Defending the Coven* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45).

**FOX THEATRE:** *Smookey Joe's Cafe*, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 993-6611

**GEM THEATRE:** *The Tropical Pickle* continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 983-9800

**MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE:** *The Civil War* starring Larry Gatlin Thursday-Sunday, March 8-11 (\$19-\$95); *The Phantom of the Opera* opens Wednesday, April 25 for 5 weeks (\$18-\$66), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** *Killing Time* continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary. \$21-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666; discussions: "From the Theater to the Death Bed: The Issues in *Reverend*," a panel discussion, noon Thursday, March 8 on the Meadow Brook Theatre stage. Free.

**PERFORMANCE NETWORK:** *Struggling Truths* opens March 16 and continues to April 8, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

**ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY:** Perform a cycle of Shakespeare's history plays *Henry VI, Parts I, II and III* and *Richard III* Saturday-Sunday March 10-11 and 17-18 and Tuesday-Thursday, March 13-15, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$30 to \$80 (stage seats), 4 play cycle seats \$108 to \$250 (stage seats). (734) 764-2538

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**NOVI THEATERS:** *The Music Man* 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 and 11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$15. (248) 347-0400

**PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN:** Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 and 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11 and all seats are reserved. (313) 561-TKTS

**RIDGEPALE PLAYERS:** *Carousel* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 980-7049

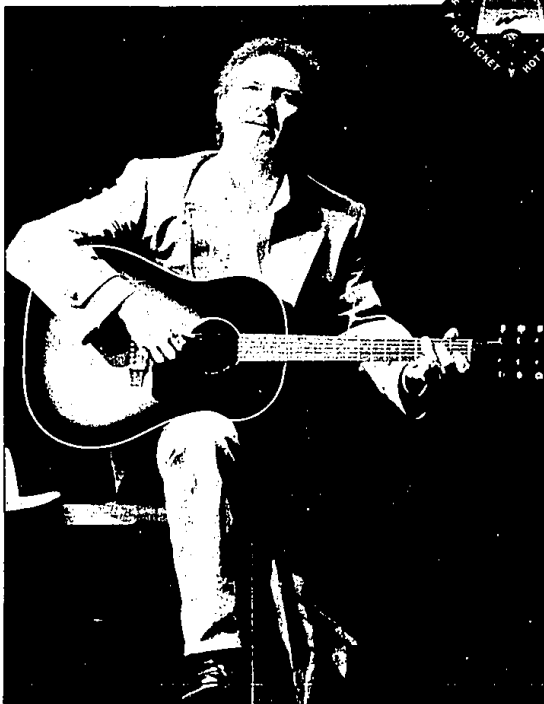
**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK:** *Crimes of the Heart* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24 and Thursday, March 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527. Benefit performance to assist Lighthouse of Oakland County 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (7 p.m., refreshments). \$50

**VILLAGE PLAYERS-BIRMINGHAM:** Agatha Christie's suspense masterpiece *Witness for the Prosecution* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 and Thursday, March 15, at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the playhouse, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075 for ticket information.

## COLLEGE THEATER

**BONSTELLE THEATRE:** *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* March 9-14, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

**HILSBERRY THEATRE:** *Picnic* opens Friday, March 9 and continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10; Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* through April 5; *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972



"New musical: Larry Gatlin stars in 'The Civil War,' a sweeping new American musical playing through Sunday, March 11 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Written by Frank Wildhorn, Gregory Boyd and Jack Murphy, 'The Civil War' played on Broadway in the spring of 1999 and received two Tony Award-nominations. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$19-\$50 Thursday and Sunday evening; \$27-\$55 Friday-Saturday evening, and Saturday-Sunday matinees, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 832-2332.

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** *Wizard of Oz* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 and 31 and April 1, 7-8, 21-22 and 28-29, and Monday-Friday, April 16-20, at the theater, Northville. \$7-\$50. Children under age 3 not admitted. (248) 349-3110

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE:** Presents the comedy, *Sliding*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17, and Sunday, March 11, at the Berwyn Center, Dearborn Heights. \$8 adults, \$6 students 18 and under/senior citizens. Reserved seating, call (313) 277-7900

**PONTIAC THEATRE IV:** *Up the Down Staircase*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24, Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, students/seniors, \$6. (248) 656-7730

**PUPPETART:** *Purim Shtetl* a rod puppet musical based on the Biblical Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 965-7777

**SEPTEMBER PRODUCTIONS:** The Reluctant Dragon, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, March 8-9, Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$5 (\$4 for groups of 20). (248) 815-0414

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**CELEBRATE THE ARTS:** The Livonia Mall is celebrating the arts with a variety of concerts and art forms through March 14. The *Ladywood* High School choir kicks off the celebration Monday, March 5 followed by Danny Williams playing jazz and a range of music. Jim Buckingham will play folk on March 7. The music continues with the Schoolcraft Jazz Combo March 12, and the Redford Medial Choir, March 13. The celebration is a great way to experience art, some in a visual way, some hands-on. Call (248) 478-1160

**DAVID COPPERFIELD:** Performs March 23-25, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. (313) 983-8611

**CHAMPIONS ON ICE:** Featuring Michelle Kwan, Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko, Nicole Bobek, Rudy Galindo and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25-\$55. (313) 983-6608

**FAMILY SKATE PARTY:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, the Southfield Sports Arena. \$5 residents, \$7 non-residents. Pre-register by calling (248) 354-0603

**MARCEL MARCEAU:** To perform briefly during the Ford Honors Program paying tribute to him 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows. (734) 764-2538

**PEWABIC POTTERY FAIR:** Winter Antique & Contemporary Art Tile Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 South Woodward, north of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (313) 822-0954. Free antique tile appraisal services and tile installation demonstrations are scheduled

**POLISH WEDDING GALA:** Marysie and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralaki Tradition. Song and Dance is Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are followed by the wedding, an authentic Polish feast and entertainment by Muzamix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations due Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings).

**REDFORD THEATRE:** *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

## BENEFITS

**ANGELS' PLACE CONCERT:** Features Manfred Drellsch, and Mark Tisdell and Barbara Oza performing a variety of music 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. A free will offering benefits Angels' Place, a nonprofit providing Christian homes and services for adults with developmental disabilities. (248) 350-2203

**MASKERAIDE FOR COTTS:** A gala evening, including a mask auction, buffet dinner, live music and dancing, to benefit homeless people in metro Detroit 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle. \$125, \$200 patron. Call (313) 576-0219

**ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE:** The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold the annual dinner/auction fundraiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60, (734) 416-4278

The evening features a musician Matt Watroba as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction, sumptuous meal and the auction will be followed by dancing. A preview of items will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

**LIGHTHOUSE OF OAKLAND COUNTY:** St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: Presents a benefit performance of *Crimes of the Heart* 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (7 p.m. refreshments), at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$50, proceeds to help low-income families, seniors and individuals in Oakland County. (248) 644-0527

**RESTRING 2000:** Live band extravaganza and silent auction presented by the Musicians Relief Fund 2-10 p.m. Sunday, March 11, featuring bands such as 2XL, Vizitor, Austin, the Forbes Brothers, Jello Shots and Immunity, local comedians and more. At the Boothouse Tavern & Grill (formerly Bogey's), Waived Lake (248) 689-1441. \$15. Proceeds will go to pay medical expenses for local musician Pat Murphy who severely injured his leg in a construction accident. Call (248) 970-9378

## SHAMROCKS AND SHENANIANS:

A 5 K charity run 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, also a children's run, Irish music, dancers and food will be provided, at 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Proceeds support Mott's "Save-a-Heart" at the University of Michigan Hospital. (734) 665-2968

**WAYNE RESA:** Taste, Toast, and Teach, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the Detroit Opera House. Jazz artist Alexander Zorjic is honorary chairperson, \$50. Benefits Wayne RESA Future Teachers Scholarship Program. (734) 334-1524

## CLASSICAL

**ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, a playful look at poets, pianists and other animals in music by Saint-Saens, Brahms and Haydn, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$17-\$30, discounts for seniors/children under age 12 and students. Family concert. 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, also at the Michigan Theater. \$10, \$5 children through grade 12. (734) 994-4801

**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS:** Voices and Strings, featuring the Musical's Choral Ensemble and String Ensemble, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Birmingham Community House. (248) 641-7075

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT:** Trio Fontenay, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Seligman Performing Arts Center, campus Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills. \$18 to \$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

**OU COMPOSERS FORUM:** Features members of the Contemporary Music Ensemble and music showcasing undergraduate and graduate compositions 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-2032

## ADDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Young Artist Competition for middle and high school instrumental and piano students March 12-14, cash prizes. For an application, call (248) 645-2276 or visit the Web site at www.bsocompetition.org

**MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE:** Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only ages 16 and older. Call (248) 5520501 for audition time. \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

**NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN ANNEX:** Raggedy Ann & Andy auditions, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 25, (ages 10-14) The Novi Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Performances Friday-Sunday, May 18-20. Actors must pay \$125 participation once cast. (248) 347-0400

**VSA ARTS OF MICHIGAN:** The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15. Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities. For more information or applications, call (248) 646-3347. The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan is also looking for applicants for a scholarship (up to \$500) to assist a person with a disability to further their creative talent in the areas of visual, performing or literary arts. To be eligible, artists must be 18-years-old and up (includes senior citizens) and must reside in the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County. Deadline for application is Tuesday, March 20. An application must be prepared by the artist or someone assisting them. To apply, call Cindy Babcock at (248) 643-9168 or send e-mail to cindybab@aol.com.

## THEATRE QUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD:

is looking for playwrights to feature in its One Act Extravaganza. Scripts accepted until Thursday, March 15. Mail scripts for consideration to: The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. (313) 531-0554

**TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING:** Female keyboardist/singer needed for understudy role in the interactive theater show in Detroit's Harmonie Theater. Need to read sheet music and chord charts for pop/jazz/wedding music. Acting ability a plus. Equipment provided. Compensated performance. Call for audition (248) 388-2700

## POPS/SWING

**BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA:** 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Presents its Pop Series with Debbie Reynolds 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111 or via the Web site at www.detroit-symphony.com

**HFCG BIG BAND:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 945-6470

**JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:** 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April, at Excelsior, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

## COMMUNITY BAND

**BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND:** A Little Bit of Irish cabaret concert, featuring the Straw Hat Band with Doree Fahay, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Birmingham Groves High School cafeteria. 13 Mile Road at Evergreen, Bever Hills. Refreshments served, no charge, but donations to the band's Interlochen scholarship fund, welcomed and appreciated.

## CHORAL

**RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR:** Presents David Fanshawe's *African Sanctus* 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Fanshawe will give a pre-concert lecture, at Bethel AHE Church, Warren and St. Antoine, Detroit. \$12 advance, \$15 at door. (313) 341-3466

**VOICE OF THE SPIRITUAL:** 11 a.m. Sunday, March 11, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, Southfield. (248) 569-2972

## JAZZ

**SPENCER BAREFIELD TRIO:** Plus 8 piece strings 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

**BUS BEDDOW BAND:** 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, at Kansas City Grill, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900

**RON BROOKS TRIO:** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

**PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION:** 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

**TIM FLAHERTY TRIO:** 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, at Rosie O'Grady's, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

**DALE GRISA TRIO:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

**LOS GATOS:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

**MIKE KAROUS'S DIXIE SYNCOPTORS:** 9 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Fishbones, St. Claire Shores. (810) 498-3000

**SHEILA LANDIS/TRICK MANTLE:** 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9 (free), at Borders, Dearborn. (313) 271-4442; 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Wood-Ruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Lily's Seaford Brunch, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With trumpeter Louis Smith 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 2937 Warren Road (east of Midlabel), Garden City. (734) 762-7756