

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) 963-9800

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

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: *Fame*, Thursday-Sunday, March 15-18. \$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 Caveman* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45).

FOX THEATRE: *Smoochy Joe's Cafe*, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: *The Tropical Pickle* continues through Aug. 28, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: *The Phantom of the Opera* opens Wednesday, April 25 for 5 weeks (\$16-\$68), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* opens March 21 and continues to April 15, at the theater, Rochester. \$24.50-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300

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

PILOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: *Sisters* continues to April 8, at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20, \$15 matinee/seniors/students. (313) 872-0279

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Perform a cycle of Shakespeare's history plays *Henry VI, Parts I, II and III* and *Richard III* Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18 and Thursday, March 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 THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS: The hilarious comedy *Noises Off* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24 and Thursday, March 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$13, student/senior/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Peter Colley's thriller/murder mystery *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17 and 23-24, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15 and 22, at the Clarkston Theater, Clarkston. \$11. \$9 Thursday. (248) 625-8811

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

RIDGEBALE PLAYERS: *Carousel* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17 and 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 and 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: *Crimes of the Heart* 9 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

STAGECRAFTERS: *Noises Off* opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 16 at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 25 and April 1. \$12-\$14, reserved. (248) 541-6430

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

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE: *Skidding*, the original Andy Hardy play, a comedy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17. Beverly Center, 26155 Richardson at Warren, south of Warren, west of Beech Day, Dearborn Heights. \$8, \$6 seniors/students. (313) 277-7900.



Fantastic films: "Stanley," by London filmmaker Suzie Templeton, is just one of the more than 100 independent and experimental 16mm films featured in the Ann Arbor Film Festival continuing through Sunday, March 18 at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. Shows 7, 9:30 & 11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 5, 7 & 9 p.m. Sunday. Individual tickets, \$7, visit www.aafilmfest.org for details.

COLLEGE THEATRE

HFCC THEATER ARTS: Black Box Productions presents *The Miss Firecracker Contest* Thursday-Sunday, March 15-18 and 22-25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on Henry Ford Community College's main campus, Dearborn. 5, seating limited. (313) 845-6478

HILBERRY THEATRE: *Pleasant* 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

THE THEATRE COMPANY: *Between Daylight and Boonville* opens Friday, March 23 and continues to April 8, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, in McAuley Auditorium at University of Detroit Mercy. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130 or www.udmercy.edu

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Wizard of Oz* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 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) 349-8140

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: *Putim Shpiel* a rod puppet musical based on the Biblical Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 24 and 31, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

A CELTIC JOURNEY: Of enlightenment through Celtic prayer, music and ritual 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 16, First Baptist Church, Birmingham. \$25. (248) 644-0550

MIKE DEASY: Guitarist presents a free concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 29520 Munger, Livonia. (734) 525-6019

AIR FORCE LANDS IN FARMINGTON: Musicians from the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, including a clarinet ensemble, woodwind quintet, brass quintet, and jazz band, will present a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Farmington High School, 32000 Shawnee Road, (west of Orchard Lake Road). There is no charge, the public is welcome.

AND THE WINNER IS: The Skating Club of Novi presents its annual ice show 7 p.m. Friday, March 30 and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Novi Ice Arena. \$5. (248) 347-1010

BUNNY HOP 'N' FUN: A Bunny Breakfast of pancakes and sausage, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., kicks off the fun for families on Saturday, April 4, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Includes a one photo with the Easter Bunny per family. Face painting, egg decorating, games, crafts and petting farm, for elementary school children and younger. 10 a.m. to noon. Breakfast is \$5 per Southfield resident. Activities are \$5 per resident. Non-residents may buy tickets for \$7 if someone in their immediate family lives in Southfield or attends Southfield schools. (248) 354-9033

CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY: Includes Town Hall meeting Thursday, March 22, at the Southfield Pavilion (\$175), call (248) 355-3700; a youth symposium on diversity Friday, March 23 (free), at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. (248) 351-1320; and a benefit concert by Harry Belafonte 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Detroit Opera House. \$20 and up. (248) 645-6666

DAVID COPPERFIELD: Performs March 23-25, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. (313) 983-6611

CHAMPIONS ON ICE: Featuring Michelle Petrenko, Nicole Bobek, Rudy Galindo and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25-\$55. (313) 983-6606

FAMILY CONCERT AND SING-ALONG: Features Metropolitan Singers of Southfield and the Choristers of St. Genevieve Children's Choir singing more than 20 favorite Disney songs 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Free but donations will be accepted. (248) 424-9022

FIDDLING POET: Ken Waldman, author of *Nome Poems*, talks about life in Alaska, performs his poetry and plays old-time fiddle music, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$10 general admission; \$8 for senior citizens and students. (248) 424-9022

INDOOR SUPERFAIR: The Indoor carnival, with rides, games, exhibits and food, runs through March 25 at the Silverdome in Pontiac. Admission, which includes unlimited access to all rides, is \$10. Monday through Thursday and 12, Friday through Sunday. Non-resident parents are admitted free when accompanied by a child with a ticket. Parking is free. (248) 456-1600.

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

OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA PARTY: Features a movie-themed dinner and live auction 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at The Roostertail, Detroit. \$135, benefits the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. (313) 833-7969

OSCAR NIGHT AT EXALIBUR: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the restaurant, Southfield. \$85, includes 5-course dinner. (248) 358-3355

POLISH WEDDING GALA: Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Gorgonzola Tradition, Song and Dance takes place Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Puleski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by the wedding, a full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by Marysia and Janek at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or send e-mail to BuslatAttic@aol.com. More information is available at <http://info@buslatattic.com>

REDFOOT THEATRE: *Red Day* at Black Rock starring Spencer Tracey and Walter Brennan 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SWIECONKO: Polish Easter lunch and performance by the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble 12-2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the Sittl Post No. 232, Dearborn Heights. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. Deadline for reservation is March 31. (734) 427-6640

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL: Opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, continues through Sunday, March 25, Wells Hall on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing. Screenings 7-11 p.m. Friday, March 23; 1:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24; 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25. \$5 general, \$3 students. (517) 332-6076 or www.eiff.com

BENEFITS

DETROIT WALDORF SCHOOL: Award-winning Irish musicians and dancers, including Grupa Ceol, featuring Sean Gavin of Redford, National Scottish Fiddle champion Jeremy Kittel and All Ireland Uilleann Pipes Champion Tyler Duncan, 7 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 822-0300

ANGELS' PLACE CONCERT: Features Manfred Drellech, and Mark Tisdall and Barbara Ogar performing a variety of music 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. No charge but a free will offering will benefit Angels' Place, a nonprofit organization providing Christian homes and services for adults with developmental disabilities. (248) 350-2203

CELEBRATING LIFE: Michigan Jewish Aids Coalition present a musical revue featuring the cast of *Ragtime: The Musical* 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. \$36 open seating, \$72 reserved, sponsorships from \$100 to \$1,000. (248) 594-6522

ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60. (734) 416-4278 The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with musician Matt Watrous as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction will tempt revelers with a huge array of art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, and travel giveaways. Following a sumptuous meal and the live auction, guests can dance the night away to the music of the Courtiers. In addition, a putting tournament has been included with a specialty putter as the prize. A preview of auction items will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

SONGS OF TRIUMPH/SONGS OF JOY: The Legacy of Roland Hayes features Indra Thomas, Florence Quivar, Vinson Cole and Mark Rucker in a recital 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Detroit Opera House. \$15-\$75. (248) 645-6666. Proceeds will support processing the Roland Hayes Manuscript Collection housed at the Detroit Public Library.

WAYNE RESA: Taste, Toast, and Teach: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the Detroit Opera House. Jazz artist Alexander Zonjic is honorary chairperson. \$50. Benefits Wayne RESA Future Teachers Scholarship Program. (734) 334-1624

CLASSICAL

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Presents sisters Ani (violin) and Ida (viola) Kovafian and Anton Nel, piano 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$25, \$15 students. (810) 751-2435

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Violinist Hilary Hahn plays Barber 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 16 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 in the "Introduction to the Classics" series, at Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$52, box seats \$45-\$71. (313) 576-5111 or via the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com

LES VIOLONS DU ROY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church, Ann Arbor. \$40. (734) 764-2538

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Series at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, features flutist Alexander Zonjic and Detroit Symphony Orchestra harpist Patricia Masri-Fletcher, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Shrine Chapel. \$15 adults, \$10 students, \$30 or \$20 respectively for concert/afterglow. (248) 706-5355

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: Cabaret concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free. (313) 538-1652

SONNET QUARTET: DSO musicians in residence perform 8 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Verner Kerk Hall, Oakland University campus. \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013, (248) 645-6666

OPERA

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN: Canton Project Arts presents "Viva Verdi," a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Summit on the Park, Canton. A lecture on opera begins at 3:15 p.m. \$16. (734) 394-5193

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ACTING WORKSHOP: Gordon Michaels, personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give a workshop covering a variety of topics including cold reading and on-camera techniques, how to get an agent, improvisation, New York versus LA markets, scene study, the actors resume, career consultation, and monologue coaching Friday-Sunday, March 30 to April 1 in Northville. \$250. (734) 261-5364 or (317) 727-2383. Michaels has been in the entertainment industry for more than 20 years. He's appeared on Broadway, in films and on television. Film credits include "The Lost World," "Ali Force One," "Leaving Las Vegas," and the soon to be released "Texas Rangers."

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: Registration for Summer Camp of the Arts now being accepted, ages 7-11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-July 6, at the Huntington Woods Recreation Center. (313) 965-3544

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only, ages 16 and older, Call (248) 55205001 for audition time. \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN ANNET: Raggedy Ann & Andy auditions, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 15, (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 is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-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. 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 13-