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GROSSE POINTE MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOR: Perform Handel's "Messiah" with the Detroit Chamber Winds, Strings and Brass 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free will offering. (313) 882-5330

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860

U-M CHAMBER CHOIR: With James Kibbie at the organ 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Pontiac. \$10. \$8 seniors/students. (248) 334-4571

JAZZ/BLUES

BLUES JAM WITH BAREFOOT MARY: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29 and April 5, and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

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

SHEILA LANDIS WITH FRIENDS: Perform as part of the Creative Arts Center's 8-week event titled "Improvisation: A Journey Into Jazz" 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the center, Pontiac. \$10. (248) 333-7849

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

KELLY JOE PHELPS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

WILL DANFORTH: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690

EDDIE FROM OHIO: 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ANNIE GALLUP: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

JOHN HAMMOND: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

SARA HICKMAN: 8 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

NOEL PAUL STOOKEY: Of Peter, Paul and Mary fame 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS

MATT WATROBA/DAVID BARRETT: 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

AFRICAN DRUM ENSEMBLE: Performs traditional music of Uganda, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus. Concert also features the college's new steel drum band playing the music of Trinidad. \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

KELLY'S HEROES SHOWBAND: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at the Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, 24242 Grand River, west of Telegraph. \$10. (313) 535-4110

PAT MCCUNN BAND: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690 (Irish)

LINEN-ACREID: Saturday, March 31, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, Detroit. No charge. (734) 455-1122

THE LASH: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE: The Merry Widow, Thursday-Sunday, March 29-April 1, Detroit Opera House. (313) 237-SING. (248) 645-6666. www.michiganopera.org

RONALD K. BROWN'S EVIDENCE: Makes its University Musical Society debut with a trio of recent works 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$32, \$30, \$22, \$16. (734) 764-2538

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Celebrates its 10th anniversary with Encore: A Decade of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Meccombe Center for the Performing Arts. \$22 adults, \$18 students/seniors, (810) 286-2222

M OON-DOUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Kevin McPeak, Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 955-9060

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John Joseph Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at Palano's, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

JACKIE MASON: Continues to April 1, at Second City, Detroit. \$35, \$45, (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Lowell Sanders Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

THE QUEENS OF COMEDY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$75, \$46, \$38. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The 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 INSTITUTE OF ARTS: T.G.I.F., an evening of art, music and fun 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 30, view "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur" at the museum. Advance \$20, \$15 members; \$25 at door. (313) 833-7900

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: March is Family Fun Month, at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "Tables to Treasure: a look at place settings from the past, continues to March 31, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663 or on the Web at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

CHARLES WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: "Spirit Awakening," a one woman show by LA based actress Akuyee Graham 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the museum. (313) 494-5820

LIVE MUSIC

ACCD: Stiff Upper Lip Tour, with Slesh's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

ARAB STRAP: Saturday, April 14, The Shelter, Detroit. Details to come.

A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)

BABY AMBASSADOR: With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 313 Loc, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067

BADLY DRAWN BOY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666

BARBARA BARRETT: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695

JOANNE BAKER AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Fridays, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

THE BLACK CROWES AND OASIS: "Tour of Brotherly Love", with Superhog, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

BLUES HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800



See Studiotone: 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak. Call (248) 543-4300.

BON JOVI: "One Wild Night Tour 2001" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre (Formerly Pine Knob), Independence Township. \$26-\$56. \$3 parking. (248) 645-6666

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

JONATHAN BROOKER: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$20. (248) 645-6666

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

BS 2000: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

LTJ BUEK: Friday, April 27, Motor Detroit, details to come.

AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

ERIC CLAPTON: With Doyle Bramhall & Smokestack, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$75. (248) 645-6666

MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. www.beatdownsounds.com (house)

OLU DAR: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030

DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS: Featuring performances by D-12, The Brothers Groove, The Atomic Numbers, Thoretta Davis, Lisa Hunter and much more, 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$25 or \$100 for tables for four. (248) 486-3424

DISCO BEJELTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

DISMEMBERMENT PLAN: With The Climax Divine, Judah Johnson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Lucid Jones, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

DOO WOP REUNION TOUR: Buck Ram's Platters, Speedo and the Cadillac, The Tokens, The Drifters featuring Charlie Thomas, The Penguins and The Shirelles, 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 689-8397 (jam band)

FASTBALL: With The Atomic Numbers, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

GODSMACK: With Staind, Cold & Systematic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666

DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. Details to come. (singer-songwriter)

DI MATT HANCOX: Alternative from 1980s and 90s on "Love Factory" Fridays, and alternative dance Saturdays at The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344.

AL HILL: Solo, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Thursday-Saturday March 29-31, Tuesday-Thursday, April 3-5 and Saturday April 7, Zydeco Louisiana Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600

ERIC HINCHMAN & JOHN ARNOLD: Techno and house, Wednesdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

HIS NAME IS ALIVE: With Year of the Robot, Magda, Clark Warner, Liz Copeland, 10 p.m. Friday, March 30, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067

BRIAN HODGE: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Duke Humphries, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100

IDLEWILD AND BRASSY: 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

JIMMIE JACKSON: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 11-12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BOB JAMES: With Kellie Matsui, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666

LEMON JAMES: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

JOURNEY: With Peter Frampton, John Waite, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

K-CI & JO-JO: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (238) 433-1515

MARK KNOPFNER: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$60. (248) 645-6666

MARK KOZELEK: Formerly of the Red House Painters, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

ROBBY KRIEGER: Formerly of The Doors, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030

DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room beginning this month, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

LEFTOVER SALMON: With Terry Farmer, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, The Majestic, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25-\$50. (248) 645-6666

LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$30. (248) 544-3030

DJ M&P: Dr. Funk and Hip Hop, Thursdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Macy Gray, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 3-4, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets \$49.50 on sale, March 10. (248) 645-6666

LARRY MAXWELL: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100

SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

TEENA MARIE: With Jeffrey Osborne, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$75. (248) 645-6666

SARAH MASEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. Tickets \$10 or \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

PAT MCCUNN BAND: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Duke Humphries, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100

METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

KEN MURPHY: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, April 4-5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

A NIGHT IN OZ: Riot In Progress, Black Magic Crossing, Hush, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, The Emerald Theatre, Mt. Clemens. All ages. "N SYNC: 2001 Pop Odyssey Tour, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$49.50. (248) 645-6666

Punk ethic: Shane MacGowan is one of the most elegant and overlooked songwriters of the last century. MacGowan's tales of barroom brawls, race horses and tipsy heart-stopping love should be revered in the same hallowed halls as Dylan, Cohen, Waits and Cave. His real life persona as a rowdy, drunken reveler constantly knocking on death's door has interfered with this recognition but has created one of the most endearing entertainers in music.

With his first band, The Pogues, MacGowan and company embodied everything that was right with traditional Irish music and the Punk climate of their day. MacGowan was ousted from the Pogues, allegedly for his drinking excesses ... sort of ironic considering the nature of their musical heritage. He has since continued his whiskey soaked tales with a new band (The Popes - haha) recording two wonderful, if sloppy, solo records.

Expect long delays and oxygen tanks, but once the notorious MacGowan is propped up on stage he will treat the crowd to an evening of old and new tales of whiskey and women. It's well worth stopping by to satisfy not only your inner punk but also your inner Mick.

— BY RICHARD S. HANSEN
SPECIAL WRITER



ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues variety)

DONNY OSMOND: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37-\$52. (313) 471-3099

OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar, upstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 544-3030

OVER THE RHINE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Magic Bag, Ferndale. 18 and older. \$12 advance. (248) 544-3030

MACEO PARKER: Saturday, April 28, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT PENN: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 5, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE PROMISE RING: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700

PSYCHEDELIC FUNS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$17. (248) 645-6666

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues duo)

ROXY MUSIC REUNION: 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$27.50 lawn/\$52.50-\$72.50 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

DUNCAN SHEIK: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

DJ SHORTROUND: Spins house music along with hosts El George and Kegger from Motor Detroit, for Sunday Night Rehab, 10 p.m. Sundays, Town Pump Tavern, Detroit. (313) 961-1929

THE SOFT BOYS: Featuring Robyn Hitchcock, with John Wesley Harding opening, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$17. (248) 645-6666

SPOON: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$7. (248) 645-6666

STING: With Jill Scott, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$89.50. (248) 645-6666

STUDIOTONE: 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICK TAYLOR: Former Rolling Stone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030

TICKLEPENNY CORNER: With Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Xhodos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 399-3946

U2: With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: CD release party, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Xhodos Cafe, Ferndale. All ages.

VINYL: 9 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Motor Lounge, Hamtramck. 18 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666

VOLUNTEER JAM FEATURING THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With 38 Special, The Dickey Betts Band and Trent Summer & The New Row Mob, 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18 lawn/\$30.50 pavilion. (248) 645-6666

CLAY WALKER: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$19-\$29. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT WALTERS 20TH CONGRESS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

THE WHITE STRIPES: With the Von Bondies, Drum Buddy Badass, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

THE WILDBUNCH: With Stun Gun and Mhz, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for the later members. (734) 464-6302