

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: 7 for 2 continues to Sunday, May 20, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. No performances Easter Sunday. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: *Ragtime*, the musical continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45); *Annie!* May 1-6 (\$29-\$52), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: The gospel stage play *Listen To Your Woman*, April 24-29, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$25-\$37.50. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: *The Tropical Pickle* continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800

MUSICAL HALL T.J. Hemphill's Easter Music Spectacular, *Perilous Times*, through Sunday, April 15, \$21.50-\$30. The Flying Karamazov Brothers L'Universe Tuesday-Sunday, April 24-29, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$20-\$35. (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666

PLANET ANT: *The Adding Machine* by Elmer L. Rice Thursday-Sunday, April 12-29; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948

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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Little Shop of Horrors* April 25-May 20, at the theater, Rochester. Showtimes vary. (248) 377-3300

DINNER THEATER

HARMONIE CLUB: *Tony 'n' Tina's* Wedding, the off-Broadway interactive theater production continues through April, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$55-\$65. (313) 963-5211/(248) 645-6666

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: *Always Patsy Cline*, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 20-May 20, Como's Restaurant, Ferndale, \$35. Includes dinner and show, (248) 541-1763

COMMUNITY THEATER

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, Shows 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, April 28 and May 19; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, May 13, at the theater, Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *The Boy Friend* Friday-Sunday April 20-22 and 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$13.13. (313) 577-2960

HILBERY THEATRE: *The Rover* opens April 13 and continues to May 19; *Picnic* continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10. (313) 577-2972

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: Musical Slide Show, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Power Center for Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$15. (734) 764-0450.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *The Wizard of Oz* continues to Saturday-Sunday through April 29, at Al Matta Hall, Dearborn. \$8.50. Includes lunch. (810) 344-7774/(248) 476-8635

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Wizard of Oz* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22 and 28-29, and Monday-Friday, April 16-20. Northville. \$7.50. Children under age 3 not admitted. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m. Will the Real Audrey Duck Stand Up? and 3:30 p.m. seminar on puppet therapy, guest Susan Linn, nationally known puppet therapist, ventriloquist and performer from Boston, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. Show \$7, \$5 children; seminar \$10, \$7 students. (313) 961-7777



Bunnies, koalas and more: A nonperishable food item is your ticket to Bunnycville on Saturday, April 14, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include entertainment, costumed characters, the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, face painting and children's activities. Money will benefit the Gleaners Community Foodbank of Greater Detroit. Photos with the Easter Bunny cost \$5. Admission to the Zoo after 2 p.m. April 14 is \$7.50 for adults; \$5.50 for senior citizens and students and \$5.50 for children, ages 2-12. Call (248) 398-0900 for more details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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) 983-6606

EASTER EGG HUNT: Hunt for more than 13,000 eggs begins at 11 a.m. (gates open at 9:30 a.m.) Saturday, April 14, at the Pavilion and Events Center near the Petting Farm at Domino's Farms, Ann Arbor. \$4. Includes admission to the Petting Farm. Proceeds go to Paws With a Cause, a nonprofit organization that trains dogs to assist challenged children and adults. (734) 930-4450

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

REDFORD THEATRE: *Disney Magic* concert by Rob Richards 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the theater. \$10. (313) 531-4407

BENEFITS

BUILDING ON A DREAM AUCTION: Birdhouses, bird feeders and other yard art by artists like Gerome Kamrowski, Herb Bobcock and Catherine McClung will be on the auction block 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor. \$60. (734) 677-1550 to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Visit the Web site to view art www.hrh.org

MADD BENEFIT CONCERT: Black Infusion performs 4-9 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at McKenny Union on the Eastern Michigan University campus. Tickets. Donations at door. (734) 721-6181/(734) 487-1222

WINEFEST: WineMaker Dinner 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Washtenaw Community College, and WineFest Community College, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti. To benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101

FLAVIO VARANI:

Piano concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Oakland University, Varner Recital Hall to benefit the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in raising the necessary money to purchase a new Steinway grand piano. \$50, \$25, \$10. (248) 370-2032.

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring Hindemith's "Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes" by Carl Maria von Weber and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5 in E minor" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$17-\$30. (734) 994-4801

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS: Features the winners of their scholarships in concert 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, The Community House, Birmingham. Donations greatly appreciated. (248) 641-1705/JOHN RILEY: The bass-baritone performs as part of the University Musical Society Song Recital series 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, works by Schumann, Schubert, Ibert and Tchaikovsky, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$45, \$35. (734) 764-2538

WSU ORCHESTRA: Music of the 10th century 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the Community Arts Auditorium, on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

WSU WIND SYMPHONY & CONCERT BAND: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in the Community Arts Auditorium, on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

OPERA

CANTATA ACADEMY: Great Opera Scenes performed with the Pontiac-Oakland symphony 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Performing Arts Center at Lake Orion High School. \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

WSU OPERA WORKSHOP: Puccini's "Sister Angelica" and Moore's "Gallantry" 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, in the Community Arts Auditorium on campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

CHAMBER MUSIC: *Ghosts of a Paris Past*, blend of music and drama, presented by Chamber Music at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29. \$15. (248) 474-8930.

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AUDITIONS

ALLEYCAT PRODUCTIONS: Michigan Developmental Production of Paul Bruce's original musical drama *Madame X*. Auditions Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29. Rehearsals and performances Tuesday, June 26 and Sunday, Aug. 5. Seeking strong actor/singers who move well. Casting a large range of ages and voice types, including a young boy age 8-12. These are paid roles. More information, including character descriptions, crew positions and audition requirements at www.SeeMadameX.com. Audition appointments recommended, and requests will be accepted as of 10 a.m. Thursday, April 12 call. (773) 262-2412, or e-mail info@SeeMadameX.com

ALL-MALE CHORUS: Looking for singers with the ability to carry a tune for Wayne Chapter of SPFB-SQSA, rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, ability to read music not required, at Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. (734) 722-2186

COOKIES AND MILK: Auditions for volunteers to perform 10-minute musical or puppet segments for children ages 0-4 and their parent or caregiver 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at Cookies and Milk Drop-In Play Center, Canton. (734) 207-1655

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

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Auditions for boys and girls (ages 9-13) with unchanged voices for the 2001-2002 school year, must reside in Livonia and surrounding communities, a civic and tuition based organization, 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3 and 6:30-8 p.m. June 4, at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. Rehearsals begin in September and run weekly. (734) 425-1749

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only, ages 16 and older. Call (248) 552-5001 for audition time.

\$25 non-refundable registration fee.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS: An exciting music scholarship opportunity, designed and conducted by two mid-Michigan music educators, awaits 40 young male singers on May 18-20 on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. "A Cappella Blast" will offer young men, ages 14-18, the chance to sing a cappella music using the Barbershop style an ensemble setting. Clinics will help young singers to broaden their skills and musical experience. The Young Men in Harmony program of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) has received generous grants from the Harmony Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, making the event possible for a cost of only \$25 per participant. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 18. For a form or more information, call Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652 or visit the Web site www.harmonize.com/pioneer/plo.htm. There are limited places in the chorus.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ: Auditions for low bass singer, needed for established close harmony ensemble performing in Detroit/Ann Arbor area, requires strong music reading skills and excellent "ear," vocal jazz background a plus. (248) 682-6562

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: "That's a Sin" 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, April 20-21 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroit-symphony.com

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

CABARET

UTE LEMPER: Sings the music of Kurt Weill, cabaret standards and selections from her new recording, "Punishing Kiss," 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$38. (734) 764-2538

CHORAL

WSU CHORAL SHOWCASE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, April 17, in the Schaver Music Recital Hall on campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS: 8 p.m., Friday, April 20, in Varner Recital Hall on the university campus, Squirrel at Walton Boulevard, Rochester Hills. (248) 370-2030

JAZZ/BLUES

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

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JAZZ LEGACY SERIES: A tribute to Louis Armstrong with Claude "Fiddler" Williams and Marcus Belgrave and Charles Gabriel Ensemble with vocalist Naima Shambourger 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$25. (313) 494-5870/(313) 494-5808

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

TIM FLANNERY 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

AL HILL: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11-30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. Special guest Larry Nozeto, saxophone & flute, April 18, Chris Collins, saxophone & clarinet, April 25. (734) 762-7758

CLIFF MONEAR TRIO: With Stephenie 9:30 p.m. (first of 3 sets) Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

PIECES OF A DREAM: 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, at the Gem Theater, Detroit. \$27.50-\$60. (313) 963-9800

WSU JAZZ: Lab Band I & II 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, Jazz Trombone Ensemble and Combos 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Schaver Music Recital Hall on campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

B'JAZZ VESPER: Renee King-Jackson and the Front Street Jazz Quintet, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22. First Baptist Church, Willis & Bates, downtown Birmingham. Free-will offering. (248) 644-0550.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

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

STEVE GILLETTE/CINDY MANGSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

PAPERBOYS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, Doug MacLean 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

LIVINGSTON TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

MATAPAT: Perform 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12. \$10 seniors/students. (248) 424-9022 (French Canadian with Celtic influences)

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

ACCORDION ARTISTS SERIES: Art Van Damme with Bosko Petrovic and Frederic Schlick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. \$20, students/seniors \$16. (248) 888-7983.

DANCE

M OON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 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

BATTLE OF WORLD CHAMPIONS: Presented by Michigan Dance Challenge and the Global Spectrum Network, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Hyatt Regency Dearborn. \$25. (248) 399-4651

POLKA BOOSTER: Sunday April 22 dance, music by Fred Zwich and International Sound Machine. Doors open 1:30 p.m., dancing 3-7 p.m. Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. \$12. (313) 937-1316, (313) 928-1822.

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Margaret Smith, Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Willie Tyler & Lester Thursday-Saturday, April 19-21, at Paisano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Wilson, Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Preview for "eBay of Pigs" continue to official opening 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the club, Detroit. \$15 Thursday and Sunday, \$20 Friday-Saturday. (313) 965-2222

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