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POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop).

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "That's Amore" 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.detrotysymphony.com

JIM PARAVANTIS & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

CHORAL

CALVIN COLLEGE ALUMNI CHORUS: Presents a spring concert, An American Sampler, 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. No charge. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Southeast Michigan Calvin Alumni Chapter scholarship fund. (616) 957-6800

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY: In collaboration with the Detroit Institute of Arts present Handel's opera *Acis and Galatea*, a timeless tale of endless love, sung in English. It's ideal for the first time opera goer. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 25-27, in Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$28. (248) 606-2655

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY

CHORUS: "Tune That Name" includes performances by the chorus, The Perfect Blend, and Kelly Carter Nista (Miss Michigan 1998) on the country fiddle 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, at Farmington High School, Shiloh, west of Orchard Lake Road. \$10. \$8 seniors/students, pick up door and Web site \$12. (248) 788-5322 or www.farmingtongcomm.org

FORD CHORUS: The Ford Motor Company chorus sings pops, 7:30 p.m. May 19 and 3 p.m., May 20, at Stone Middle School, 18500 Oakwood, Livonia. Tickets, \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students. (313) 323-8173

ITALIAN SONGS AND ARIAS VOCAL COMPETITION: Features 10 finalists from Michigan high schools 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center, Warren. \$7. \$5 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Perform a musical concert, "Dial M for Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at Clarenceville High School, Livonia. \$10. \$8 seniors/students. (248) 542-2946

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LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Perform a spring concert 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. No charge. (734) 425-1749

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

UMS CHORAL UNION: Joins with the Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra to perform the Berlioz "Requiem" 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$22. (734) 764-2538

JAZZ/BLUES

DIXIELAND: The New Windsor Jazz Club presents the Chuck Moss Paint Creek Jazz Society, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. Call (248) 475-2674.

MR. B'S BLUES & BOOGIE PIANO ORGY: 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-7175

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310; with special guest 9:30 p.m. (first of 3 sets) Friday-Saturday, April 20-21. \$10

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

TOMMY GARRETT: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, at the Century Club in the Gem Theatre, Detroit. (313) 965-5800

DALE GRIBEAU TRIO: 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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. Special guest Chris Collins, saxophone & clarinet, April 25. (734) 762-7756

DAVID "FATHADE" NEWMAN: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310 or at the Web site at www.birdofparadise.com

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays beginning April 30, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

DUANE PARHAM: The saxophonist performs 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Club Upscale in the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$20. (313) 862-1400/(248) 645-6666

ROBERT PERNI: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TOSHIE REAGON/NEDRA JOHNSON: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 763-7175 (blues)

SAFFIRE/THE UPITY BLUES WOMEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-7175

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6934

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

CHUCHO VALDES: The Afro-Cuban pianist performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 662-8310

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Renee King-Jackson and the Front Street Jazz Quintet, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, First Baptist Church, Willits & Bates, downtown Birmingham. Free-will offering. (248) 844-0550

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

RON CODEN: Dinner Theater featuring the Ron Coden Show Tuesday, April 24, at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, Wayne. \$18, includes dinner, show. (734) 721-7460

STEVE GILLETTE/CINDY MANGSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-7175

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25-\$50. (248) 433-1515

JOHN MCCUTCHEON: The hammer dulcimer player performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. \$15. \$12 seniors/students, \$45 family. (248) 541-4100

LEON REDBONE: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-7175

THE BURNS SISTERS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-7175

WEAVERMANIA: 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-7175

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. \$8 members. (734) 464-6302

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 influence)

RADIO IRELAND: Will record a free concert hosted by the Detroit-Windsor Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Association of Irish Musicians) 7 p.m. Monday, April 23 at the White Heather Club, Ferndale. The concert will be broadcast in Ireland and can be heard on the Internet at www.tele.ie/radio/eradio1.htm. The event is being held in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil which takes place Saturday April 28 at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. Music competitions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and group competitions start at 7 p.m. \$5 for either competition or \$9 for the entire day. (734) 420-0962 or (519) 948-9149

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

AREOSMITH: With Fuel, Friday, July 13, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

FATBOY SLIM: With Darren Emerson, DJ Scanty Sandwich, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$23. (313) 961-MELT

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 665-8883

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, (slow 3-4 p.m., open band practice 4-6 p.m. free) (734) 769-4220, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8883/(734) 426-0241

DANCEFIRE: A dance and rhythm jam 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, a multimedia event with Bone Rhythm, an ensemble of percussionists, followed by Nightfire, a nouveau gypsy performance troupe blending dance, poetry, music, masks, costuming, and improvisational ceremony in a tribal, dreamlike fusion, ends with a simple group dance in which audience is invited to participate, at the AACI Studio, Ann Arbor. \$7. \$5 seniors/students. (313) 996-1772/(734) 677-1826

MARY MORRIS DANCE GROUP: With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$38. (734) 764-2538

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

BLANCHE: With Deanne Vargona of Lambchop, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 20, 28, Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

BLOWTOP: Saturday, April 28, New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870

BLUE RODEO: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (313) 961-MELT

BRIAN HODGE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 610-1100

BLUES TRAVELER: 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$25. (248) 645-6666

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

POLKA BOOSTERS: Sunday April 22 dance, music by Fred Zwisch and International Sound Machine. Doors open 8:30 p.m., dancing 3-5 p.m. Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights. \$12. (313) 937-1316, (313) 928-1822

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

BILL BRUFORD'S EARTHWORKS: 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

LTD BUKEM: Friday, April 27, Motor Detroit, details to come.

ERIC CLAPTON: With Doyle Bramhall & Smokestack, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$75. (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY: Reviews for "OB 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

THE CLARKS: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030

COLDPLAY: With Grandaddy, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$21.75. (248) 645-6666

NATALIE COLE: 8 p.m. Friday, June 15, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25.65. (248) 645-6666

DICK DALE: With the Twisting' Tarantulas, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$15. (248) 544-3030

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

LIL BOW WOW: 8 p.m. Friday, May 11, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25-\$30. (248) 645-6666

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

JOHN MAYALL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030

JIM McCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. Details to come.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Macy Gray, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 4-5, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets \$4.50-\$49.00 on sale, March 10. (248) 645-6666

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

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

EDDIE MONEY: With Burning Candles, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 27, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$20.50. (248) 645-6666

JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

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

AREOSMITH: With Fuel, Friday, July 13, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515

TERRY FARMER: 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tearoom, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

FATBALL: With Darren Emerson, DJ Scanty Sandwich, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$23. (313) 961-MELT

'N SYNC: 2001 Pop Odyssey Tour, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$49.50. (248) 645-6666

THE SWINGIN' NECKBREAKERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Gold Dollar, Detroit. 21 and older. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

JAMES TAYLOR: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 23, DTE Energy Theatre, Independence Township. \$27.50-\$72.75. (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

STYX AND BAD COMPANY: With Billy Squier and Joe Stark, 6 p.m. Friday, July 6, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Detroit. \$20-\$35.00. Price includes donation to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum. (248) 645-6666

THE SWINGIN' NECKBREAKERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Gold Dollar, Detroit. 21 and older. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

JAMES TAYLOR: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 23, DTE Energy Theatre, Independence Township. \$27.50-\$72.75. (248) 645-6666

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

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

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 Special, The Dickey Betts Band and Trent Summar & The New Row Mob, 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18 low/\$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

WAX POETIC: 9 p.m. Friday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 961-MELT

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

KELLER WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BITE: With INKS, Midnight Oil and guests, Men At Work, 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-\$38. (248) 645-6666

DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold out. **GUIDED BY VOICES:** With Creep Lagoon, 8 p.m. Friday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$18 and older. \$14. (248) 645-6666

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DONNY OSMUND: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37. \$52. (313) 471-3039

OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar, upstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 543-1964 (techno)

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DONNY OSMUND: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37. \$52. (313) 471-3039

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

LUCKY PETERSON: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

ROD PIAZZA & THE MIGHTY FLYERS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

POISON'S GLAM METAL SLAM: With Warren, Quiet Riot, Enuff Z'Neill, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$27.50 lawn. \$52.50-\$72.50 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666

LEON RUSSELL: 8 p.m. Friday, June 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030

DJ SHORTROUND: Spins house for Sunday Night Rehab, 10 p.m. Sundays, Town Pump Tavern, Detroit. (313) 961-1929

SMALL CRAFT SIGHTING: With Radio Holiday, Mock Herdles,