

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: Rob Becker's *Defending the Covenants* continues to April 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* continues to April 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

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Horowitz and Mrs. Washington* by Henry Danker, previews May 9-13; opens 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 13, whose May 16-20, May 23-27, May 30-June 3, June 6-10; 7:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; 8 p.m., Saturday, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level Jewish Community Center, corner of Maple & Drake, West Bloomfield. \$16-\$26. (248) 788-2900 or jetplay@aol.com

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: *The Phantom of the Opera* continues through Saturday, May 26, at the theater, Detroit. \$16-\$68. (248) 645-6666

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

LYDIA MENDELSSOHN THEATRE: *Ping Pong and Benjamin Bagby's Edda: Viking Tales of Revenge, Lust and Family* 8 p.m., Thursday, April 26, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40, (734) 764-2538

MUSICAL HALL: *The Flying Karamazov Brothers L'Universe* Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$20-\$35. (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666

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

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* April 26 through May 27, at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20. (313) 872-0279

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE: Presents Dennis E. North's *Orphan Train: An American Melodrama*, through June 16, at the theater in Chelsea. Showtimes vary. Tickets \$22.50-\$32.50. Call (734) 433-ROSE

DINNER THEATRE

ANGEL FOOD CAFE: Cherubim Players present *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License*, an interactive comedic dinner theater 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., Friday, May 4, continues on the first Friday of the month through summer, at the cafe, Ypsilanti. \$44.50, \$88 per couple, includes choice of three entrees: Prime Rib au Jus, Basil Crusted White Fish or Grilled Chicken with Boursin and Shitake. Advance ticket purchase and online selection required. (734) 483-0135

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-\$85. (313) 951-5211/(248) 645-6666

MURDER MYSTERY THEATRE: *Genitil's Hole-In-The Wall* of Northville presents *Play Dead...Family Style*, at the theater through May 21. Tickets include dinner, show, tax and tip for \$45 per person. Call for showtimes. (248) 349-0522

PORTAC THEATRE IV: *Greeter* Tune with Steve Cunningham and Tom Logan. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., dessert, 7:30 p.m., show, 8 p.m., April 27 and 28, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 West Pike, in Pontiac. Dinner, dessert and show tickets, \$30. Dessert only and show, \$15. (248) 624-3187 or (248) 324-4574 for reservations.

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

COMMUNITY THEATRE



Silly science: *The worlds of science, juggling, music and comedy collide in "L'Universe," featuring The Flying Karamazov Brothers through Sunday, April 29, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 27-28; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29. Tickets \$20-\$35, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.*

AVON PLAYERS: *Fiddler on the Roof* 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday April 27-28, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 10 and 17, and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 29 and May 6, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE SCARAB CLUB: *Ghosts of a Paris Past*, an original melodrama by Randy Svendsen, presented by Chamber Music at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, 7 p.m., Sunday, April 29, \$15, (248) 474-8930

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Ten Nights in a Barroom* 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 (\$11), and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 10 and 17 (\$9), at the Depot Theatre, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Present *Swing 17*, the World War II drama about a German POW camp 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, through May 19 at Barnes & Noble, West Bloomfield. \$12. (248) 553-2955

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 to May 19; and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 6, May 13, at the theater, Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: *Vaudeville: A Play with Music* 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, and 6 p.m., Sunday, May 13, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital. \$10, \$7 ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: *Run for Your Wife* 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6 and 20. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sundays, at the theater, Troy. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Present *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick, 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, Uptage Theatre, Detroit. \$10. Cabaret seating. (313) 532-4010.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* opens April 27 and continues to May 20, at the theater, Livonia. \$10. (734) 484-6302

COLLEGE THEATRE

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *The Boy Friend* Friday-Sunday April 27-29, at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$10-13, (313) 577-2960

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Presented by students from Andover High School 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, Andover Little Theatre, Long Lake and Andover roads. \$5, part of the proceeds to benefit March of Dimes. (248) 645-4679

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *The Wizard of Oz* continues to Saturday-Sunday through April 29, at Al Matta Hall, Dearborn. \$8.50. (810) 344-7774/(248) 474-8635

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

MICHIGAN THEATRE: *Superfudge*, the musical adaptation of Judy Blume's best-selling book, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

MOBIAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 2001 *Hastings Street* May 3-6, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. (313) 963-2366

PUPPETART: 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 premier of new show *Oh, Anansi* based on West African folk tales, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. Show \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

YOUTH THEATRE: "Footprints on the Moon," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28; 2 p.m., Sunday, April 29, Millennium Theatre Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$9 (advance), \$10 (door), for children age 5 and older. (248) 557-PLAY or www.youthatre.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART AUCTION: Live auction preview noon Sunday, April 28, silent auction closes 2:45 p.m., live auction conducted by DuMouchelle Galleries 3-7 p.m., at the Scarab Club, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

DOLL AND HALLMARK ORNAMENT SHOW: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. \$3, children free. (734) 464-8493

GREAT LAKES DEPRESSION GLASS SHOW & SALE: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 28 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Building, Madison Heights, 44, (810) 739-4290

Sunday, April 29, hundreds of precision made models of steam, gas and hot air engines, at Yack Arena, Wyandotte. \$5. (734) 464-6217

REDFORD THEATRE: *Spring Swing* featuring swing music of the Big Band era by Paul King and the Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra 8 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 531-4407

SCARAB CLUB: Chamber Music at the Scarab Club presents the melodrama *Ghosts of a Paris Past*, 7 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at the club, Detroit. Tickets \$15. (248) 474-8930

BENEFITS

BIRMINGHAM OPTIMIST CLUB: Hosts silent and live auctions to raise funds for Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County 7:30-30 p.m., Friday, May 4, at the Marriott at Centerpoint, Pontiac. \$50. (248) 332-7173

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SALVATION ARMY CONCERT: The Dearborn Heights Citadel presents brass band and choral music to benefit the work of the Salvation Army overseas 8 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at 28700 W. Warren between Beech Day and Inkster roads. Free will offering. (313) 563-4457

CLASSICAL

RECTAL: A piano-fourhand recital with Lisa Olson and Linda Wotring Cuneo, 3 p.m., Sunday, April 29, Schoolcraft College, Forum Building, Room 530, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia; and 4 p.m., Sunday, May 6, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Featuring music by Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Gerwin, Brahms and Dvorak. Complimentary admission, refreshments will be served.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 7 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at Temple Beth El. (248) 645-8850

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Peter Soave plays the bandoneon music of Astor Piazzolla with the orchestra 8 p.m., Friday, May 4, at Edsel Ford High School, 20601 Rotunda, Dearborn. \$18, \$2 children. (313) 565-2424

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: From Russia with Fun featuring conductor Gennady

Rozhdstvensky and his violinist son Alexander 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, April 26-27, and 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 28, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$52. (313) 576-5111; Overtures program for singles ages 25-45 includes a buffet dinner at the Magic Stick in the Majestic Center 6 p.m., Friday, April 27 followed by 8 p.m. concert (\$45).

TUESDAY MUSICAL: Presents pianist Peter Serkin 4 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$30, \$10 students. (248) 477-1487

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*, 8 p.m., April 27-28 and 2 p.m., April 29, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. \$18-\$95, call box office at (313) 237-7565 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

COMMUNITY BAND

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND: *Step Back In Time* concert 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6, William Costick Center, 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or www.fcbmusic.org

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

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. (773) 262-2412 or e-mail Info@SeeMadameX.com

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Auditions for a little helper for Blue, a walk-on role for ages 4-7, noon Wednesday, May 2, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

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

HFCC THEATRE: Auditions for *Peer Gynt* 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 8 and 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, in Adray Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on the Henry Ford Community College campus. Rehearsals begin June 25 for performances Aug. 16-26. (313) 845-9817

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 THEATRE 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.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Holds open auditions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at Evolve Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. Posted positions include Principal Oboe, Second and Third Trumpet, Second French Horn, Third/Utility Clarinet, Principal and Assistant Principal Viola, and String Section players. Substitute musicians are needed for all instruments and other openings may be posted as necessary. Auditions are by appointment only. To arrange audition, call personnel William Hulsaker at (313) 640-1773 or send e-mail to wfh@home.com

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

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: 10 a.m., Saturday, May 5, on the festival site, in Holly, jugglers, sword fighters, musicians and actors needed. Participants don't need to prepare anything but should be ready to play and stay most of the day. The festival runs on weekends, from Aug. 18-Sept. 30. It's located off I-75, exit 106, on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. (800) 601-4848

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Female keyboardist/singer needed for understudy role in the interactive theater show in Detroit's Harmonie Theatre. 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

VSA ARTS OF MICHIGAN: is looking for entities for its "Art with a View II," a bi-annual exhibit for professional artists with disabilities. Artists must reside in Michigan, be 18 years of age or older, and have a disability which falls within the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Deadline for entry is Monday, April 30. Call (313) 832-3303 or send e-mail to vsa@mich.net. "Art with a View II" will tour throughout Michigan for two years. The first opening is targeted for June 2001. The first exhibit toured to 10 professional and nonprofit galleries, and museums. Artists will be encouraged to attend opening receptions and give demonstrations or informative talks in their communities.

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

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday through June, at Exciteur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

POPS/SWING

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 goers. 8 p.m., Thursday-Friday, April 26-27, in Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$28. (248) 650-2655

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: "Dial M 4 Music" is your ticket to fun when the chorus present the musical comedy 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Clarenceville High School, Livonia. \$10, \$8 seniors/students and available at the door. (248) 543-2946

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: "Tune That Name" Includes performances by the chorus, The Perfect Blend, and Kelly Garver Nieto (Miss Michigan 1986) on the country fiddle 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 11-12, at Farmington High School, Livonia. \$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 comedy, "Dial M 4 Music," 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at Clarenceville High School, Livonia. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (248) 542-2946

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