

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

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 Denker, 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 DeJoy 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, \$16-\$68. (248) 645-6666

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

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

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

ZEITGEIST PERFORMANCE VENUE: *The Bald Soprano* opens 8 p.m. Friday, May 25 and continues Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 16, and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the performance venue, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATRE

HARMONIE CLUB: *Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding*, the off-Broadway interactive theater production continues through May 26, 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) 961-5211/(248) 645-6666

MURDER MYSTERY THEATRE: *Genitt's Hole-In-The-Wall* of Northville presents *Playing 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

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

COLLEGE THEATRE

HILBERRY THEATRE: *The Rover*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19, Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY: Adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories* 10 a.m. May 22-25, May 29-31, June 1, June 4-8, 7 p.m. June 1-2, June 8-9, Varner Studio Theatre. Matinee tickets \$5, evening \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students.

COMMUNITY THEATRE

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Ten Nights In A Barroom* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 18-19 (\$11), and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17 (\$9), at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. (248) 625-9811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Present *Stag 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) 563-2955

STAGECRAFTERS: Children of Eden, a musical continues to June 3 at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$14-\$16, (248) 541-6430

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

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



Into the groove: The Brothers Groove (above) are just one of 12 acts who will perform at this weekend's Greektown Arts Festival, a showcase for visual and performing arts held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 19, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 20 on Monroe and St. Antoine streets in Greektown, Detroit. There is no admission charge.

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

SRO PRODUCTIONS: *The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild* May 18-20 and 25-27, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (248) 827-0701

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: *Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew* continues to May 20, at the theater, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302

PONTIAC THEATRE IV: *Inherit the Wind*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 31 to June 2, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051

Arlene. \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 681-6215

ST. DUNSTON THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: *La Cage aux Folles* 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2 and 8-9 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

BLUES CLUES LIVE! Thursday, May 17-Sunday, May 20, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$18.50, \$23.50, \$29.50. (248) 433-1515

YOUTH THEATRE: *Amelia Bedelia and the Baby*, and other stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Millennium Center, Southfield. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 557-PLAY or www.youththeatre.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

COMIC CONVENTION: 1-8 p.m. Friday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Novi Expo Center. \$15 per day, \$10 children per day with paid adult. (248) 428-8059

NATIVE PLANT AND WILDFLOWER SALE: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in Inglenook Park, Southfield. To benefit Oakland Land Conservancy. (248) 601-2816

PAINTING IN THE STREETS: The creative celebration of the city will allow spectators to view the artistic process up close each Saturday in May. More than 30 local artist will take to the streets to document their vision of Detroit's architecture and street scenes. These works will then be curated and presented in an exhibition and sale at the Scarab Club June 29 to July 29. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 29 at the club on Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. "Painting" in the Streets" sessions 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Greektown and Eastern Market. For more information, call project director Jillian Omand, (248) 399-0633

REDFORD THEATRE: *Rear Window* starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 18-19 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, organ overtures 30 minutes prior to film showing, at the theater, Detroit. \$3. (313) 537-2560

THE STREETS OF CORKTOWN: A slide presentation by the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, Detroit. No charge. (313) 884-0039

BENEFITS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Musical Toast to announce the 27th season, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 20, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham. Gourmet dinner with live music, auction to benefit the symphony. Tickets \$125 per person. (248) 645-8850

BRAVOBRAVO! Featuring culinary treats from some of Detroit's most exciting restaurants, pubs and nightclubs 6:30-11 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Detroit Opera House. \$40 advance, \$50 at the door. (313) 237-7464

COMEDY FOR CHISSY: Comedians Mike Green, Bill Hildebrandt, Sal Demilio, Connie Ettinger, Steve Sabo, Manny

Shields, Leslie Thompson, D'Anne Wilkewski and Kevin Zeoli yuck it up at 7:30 p.m., May 20, at Mark Ripley's Comedy Castle, 269

Fourth, Royal Oak, to raise money for Chissy Burns, a fellow comedian with cancer. Admission is \$14. 21 and over. (248) 542-9900 for reservations.

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, June 3, and until 8 p.m. Thursdays, closed Mondays not Memorial Day, at the Vaughan-Vernor estate, Bloomfield Hills. \$17, \$13 for groups of 20 or more. (800) 585-3737, group reservations (313) 833-7935

GOODWILL GOLF CLASSIC: Monday, June 4, at Western Golf and Country Club, Redford. \$195. (248) 349-8407

IGNATION INVITATIONAL: Annual golf outing July 30, at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course, Clarkston. \$1400 foursome, \$350 individual. \$150 reception and dinner only, benefits Jesuit education at home and in the missions. (800) 445-1621

RAINBOW CONNECTION: A Tribute to Skating. Onyx Ice Arena's spring show, features five-time national champion Todd Eldredge and guest skaters, Stacey Ponseng and Craig Joeright and Larissa Spoelberg. It will benefit Rainbow Connection. Shows are at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 and noon and 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the arena, located at Dequindre and Parkdale in Rochester. Tickets, \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call (248) 601-6699

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Features soprano Deborah Voight performing Samuel Barber's *Andromache's Farewell* and the final scene from Richard Strauss' *Saloome* 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

DSO IN A CHORD RECITAL: Music ensembles of students from junior and senior high schools in Detroit, Grosse Pointe, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham will perform in a marathon concert as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "In a Chord" program 7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, May 21-22, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Free.

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Present a Cabaret Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at Thurston High School, Redford. Free. (313) 538-1652

Spring dance: Livonia Public School's Creative and Performing Arts Department presents its annual spring concert of dance 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For information, call (734) 623-8841.



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U-M LIFE SCIENCES ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 936-ARTS or www.umich.edu/~lsorch

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Present *Falstaff* continues to Sunday, May 20, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-\$98. (313) 237-7464

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BOY CHOIR OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions open to all boys age 8-13. (734) 663-5377

CAMP BROADWAY: Performing summer arts summer program for ages 10-17 July 23-27 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$350, space is limited to 41 students. (313) 962-4304

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

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA: Holds auditions through June 13 for three of its programs for young musicians. Auditions will be held at Orchestra Hall for the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra and the Civic Sinfonia, and the DSO Summer Institute (July 15-29) at Meadow Brook in Rochester. To request applications for the orchestras or the institute, call (313) 576-5164 or go on-line to www.detroitcitysymphony.com. All programs allow students to improve their orchestral skills. While the orchestras are divided between advanced (Civic) and emerging (Sinfonia) musicians, the two-week Summer Institute music camp is open to students of all levels from the ages of 12 to 25. This year the institute will include jazz. Students will be given basic instruction in improvisational techniques, jazz history, theory and performance. Trumpeter and conductor of the DSO's Civic Jazz Orchestra Marcus Belgrave will be involved in developing this aspect of the program.

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

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN: Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 or visit the Web site at www.lypm.org for information about the philharmonic and auditions for the 2001-2002 season.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ: Auditions for low bass singer, needed for establishing 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

SRO PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for *Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew*, 7 p.m., May 22 in the city of Southfield's historic church at the Burgh, at Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Performances in July and August. (827) 0710

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 seniors, children age 12 and under free. (248) 545-8743/(248) 548-6652

PRIME: The Langford Men's Chorus and Prime vocal jazz team up for the first time for a spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Free, donations accepted. (248) 682-6562 or visit the Web site at www.Prime-vocaljazz.com

RENAISSANCE CHORUS: Wayne Chapter, led by music director Scott Casey, presents "A May Chabrot" a concert featuring Broadway, patriotic and gospel songs along with traditional love songs in the barbershop style, also appearing will be guest quartets WIBC and Fortune Smiles, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, Knights of Columbus Hall Monaghan, between 7 and 8 mile roads at 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. Tickets \$12 adults and \$10 seniors/students. (734) 421-1425

JAZZ/BLUES

CLAUDIA ACUNE: 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 18-19, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance on Web site www.thebirdofparadise.com or call (734) 662-8310

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Features the Mark Moultrup Group 6 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free-will offering taken for the musicians. (248) 444-0550

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

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

CHRISTA GRUX: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Temple Emanuel-EI, Oak Park. \$25 reservation includes hors d'oeuvres, music and after-glow desserts. All proceeds benefit the music programs at Temple Emanuel-EI. (248) 967-4020

JAZZ FEST 2001: Larry Nozera Trumpeter and other professional, college, high school and middle school jazz bands perform from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., at Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest, Ferndale. All-day admission, \$5 adults and \$3, senior citizens and students. (248) 586-8750

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

JEFF HAAS TRIO: With Israeli jazz violinist Miki Ben-Ari 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

MIKE KAROUB'S DIXIE SYNCHOPATORS: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Fishbones, St. Clair Shores. (810) 498-3000; 8:10 p.m. Friday, May 25, at Borders, Rochester Hills. (248) 625-7932

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Borders, Dearborn. (313) 271-4441; 8-11 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Lily's Seafood and Brewery, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: Ed Gooch, piano and vocal trio 8:15-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

THE COUNT MEETS THE DUKE: Count Basie Orchestra and Duke Ellington Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, Detroit. \$25-\$50. (313) 963-2356

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

MARGIE ADAM: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$16. (734) 763-TKTS

ELECTRIC BONSAI BAND: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

JOHN MCVEY AND SONIA: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-TKTS

UTAH PHILLIPS: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

DANCE

CAPA DANCE CONCERT: Livonia Public School's Creative and Performing Arts Department presents a spring concert 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. \$5. (734) 529-8841

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

CHORAL

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS: Present "Let There Be Music" 3 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Finnish Cultural Center, Farmington Hills. \$7 and include a sandwich and desserts. (248) 478-6939/(248) 589-8829

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