

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area.

THEATER

MENDELSSOHN THEATRE: AlleyCat Productions presents *Madame X*, a musical drama continuing to Aug. 5, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587 or www.seemadameX.com

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: World premiere of *...continued* warm, by Jeffery Chastang continues to Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20, \$15 seniors/students, \$15 matinee. (313) 872-0279

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE: World premiere of Annie Martin's *Completing Dahlia* continues to Sept. 1, at the theater, Chelsea. \$22.50-\$32.50. (734) 433-7673

COMMUNITY THEATER

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: Shakespeare Festival 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the playhouse, Troy. \$11 Includes an outdoor festival featuring entertainment, contests and fun. (248) 988-7049

SRO PRODUCTIONS: *Taming of the Shrew* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4 and 10-11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 and 12, at Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. \$10, \$8 seniors/children. (248) 927-0710

VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Back to the Blanket*, a comedy by Robert Caemore 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, at the playhouse, Birmingham. \$14, (248) 644-2075

WOODY GUTHRIE: Bruce Liles presents his one man show featuring the music and words of Woody Guthrie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1950 Trumbull, Detroit, across from the old Tiger Stadium. Refreshments served (weather permitting) 6:30 p.m. on the church lawn. No charge, pass the hat, proceeds benefit the *Twit* in people who are seeking to preserve their culture by opposing oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (313) 849-1049

DINNER THEATER

ANGEL FOOD CAFE: *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License* returns 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, loosely based on a real heist, that's still unraveled. Ample amounts of historical license allow for a creative blend of history, comedy and music, at the cafe, 6 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti. \$39.95 per person. Includes choice of three entrees. Advance ticket purchase and meal selection is required. (734) 483-0135

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL: *Baptizing Junior*, an interactive comedy with the audience as guests at a baptism continues at the restaurant, Northville. \$45, includes 7-course family style Italian meal. (248) 349-0522 or visit the Web site for a coupon www.genittis.com

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Pooh Visits Storyland Live on Stage* 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 7-10, 14-17 and 21-24, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 18 and 25 and Sept. 8 and 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 16, no children under age three. (248) 349-8110

SUMMER CONCERTS

CANTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF THE PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, Kellogg Park on Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Pennington, Plymouth; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Heritage Park off Canton Center Road behind the Canton Administration Building, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 451-2112

CANTON SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2; Air Margaritaville, a tribute to the sounds of Jimmy Buffet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Township Administration Building. (734) 397-5460

GAZZERO CONCERT SERIES: Paul King and the Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (424) 424-9022



Pipers: The 152nd annual Highland Games presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road (at 8 Mile Road) Livonia features a variety of activities including piping and drumming contests, Highland dance and heavy athletics competition, parade of clans, three stages of entertainers, children's activities, genealogy tent, and vendors selling Scottish related items. Admission \$10 at the gate. No charge for children age 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Call (248) 593-5064, or visit www.hIGHLANDGAMES.COM for details. Limited parking available on site for \$5, enter from Newburgh Road at the south entrance. Off site parking at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road, between 6 and 7 Mile roads, no charge, free shuttle to the games. Join the celebration of Scottish music at a Ceilidh 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, on the Greenmead grounds. Advance tickets, \$10, available until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at the Greenmead office, or \$15 at the tent. Includes Scottish dinner and soft drink, desserts extra.

MUSIC AT THE ZOO: James Coffey's Animal Groove (children) 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8; Henry Ford Community College Big Band 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, on the front lawn of the Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak. \$8, \$6 seniors. Children ages 2-19. Zoo remains open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays so visitors can enjoy the animals as well as the music. (248) 398-0900

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Lat of Gemini noon Wednesday, Aug. 8, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Pennington, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: Celestial Harp & Flute 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at Wilson Barn, Livonia; Pk 'N' Stix 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at Wilson Barn, Livonia; Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 featuring vocalist Robert Walker, at Civic Center Park, Five Mile Road at Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2536

STARS IN THE PARK: Immunity 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2; Farmington Community Chorus 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9; Novi Community Band 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Heritage Park on Farmington Road, south of Eleven Mile Road. (248) 478-1856

SPECIAL EVENTS

LANDIS AND COMPANY'S WORLD OF MAGIQ: Family show starts at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$12.50 pavilion, \$8 lawn. (248) 645-6666

REDFORD THEATRE: *Camelot* starring Richard Harris 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, organ overtures 30 minutes prior to film showing, at the theater, Detroit. \$5, \$3 age 16 and under. (313) 537-2618

X-TRAXX COM: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road between Seven and Eight Miles, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

NOVI ART FESTIVAL: At the Novi Town Center, 1-275 and I-96, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5. More than 200 artists, international food fest, musical performances. (248) 347-3830.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT MEADOW BROOK: Family Fun Aug. 3, Best of Baroque and Aug. 10 Tchaikovsky Spectacular; Sensational Summer Series Aug. 4 Mozart in the Meadows and Aug. 11 Tchaikovsky Spectacular II with fireworks (special single tickets including dinner available for \$45), at Meadow Brook Music Festival. (313) 576-5111

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Along with the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and Canton Project Arts, kick off the Passport to the Arts & Culture program with two free family concerts 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 in Kellogg Park, Plymouth and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 in Heritage Park, Canton. The program features a chamber orchestra performing summertime music including ragtime, waltz, a little Gershwin, Alan Menken's *Colors of the Wind*, and the all American march - John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. (734) 451-2112

OPERA HOUSE

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: *Learning of the Opera House* continues with lectures, lecture/workshops, performances and demonstrations for children, young adults, adults, seniors and special programs for the entire family Monday-Saturday at Aug. 26, at the opera house. (313) 961-3500

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Auditions for *Winnie-the-Pooh* 9-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the school juniors through adult age actors, in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, Dearborn. For 13 performances running Nov. 23 to Dec. 2. (313) 845-9817

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Searching for a director. Rehearsals are held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays September through May at Frost Middle School in Livonia. The chorus, composed of approximately 60 singers, presents two concerts a year at Christmastime and in the spring. (734) 427-6397

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 9-13) residing in Livonia and surrounding communities 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile west of Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 425-1749

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

METRO DANCE JUNIOR COMPANY: Call for dancers ages 7-10 years old with two years ballet and one year jazz training for performances, conventions and master classes through 2001-2002 season, company class and rehearsals Saturdays beginning mid-September, no audition required. (734) 207-8970

JEFF HAAS TRIO: With Friends including Marcus Belgrave perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, includes premier of Haas' new jazz suite *Meltdown Music*, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. Free but reservations required. (313) 494-5800. Also a free clinic for elementary and middle school students 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the museum. For reservations, call (313) 494-5820

ICOGNITO: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$47.50. (248) 433-1515

JAZZ ON THE RIVER: Joe Sample, Chuck Mangione, the Yellowjackets, Alexander Zonjic & Friends, Ken Navarro, Gerald Veasley, Tim Bowman, Brothers Groove, Detroit Jazz Fantasy, Spencer Barefield Detroit Jazz Fantasy, and Gordon Camp 1-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Elizabeth Park, Trenton. Free. (734) 261-1990

PAUL KELLER: And the 17 piece Bird of Paradise Orchestra play Benny Goodman's music, features Jim Wyse as Benny. 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Livonia. (248) 476-2674/(248) 855-1342

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. Special guest Paul Vornhagen, saxophone, flute & vocals, Wednesday, Aug. 8. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 cover without dinner. (734) 762-7755

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

STONE TERRACE PATIO PARTY: 7-11 p.m. Tuesday (Gratitude Steel Band) and Wednesday (The Warren Commission) through the summer, at the Big Rock Chop & Brew House, Birmingham. (248) 647-7774

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUSHON: 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Aug. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 at Cafe House, Detroit. (313) 898-3781; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Saturday, Aug. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, at Columbine's Champagne Celler at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

ARK BENEFIT CONCERT: Featuring Owen McBride, Tril Fure, Kelly Willis & Bruce Robinson, Stephen Feuring, and Danny Britt and Penn Harris 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS

MUSTARD'S RETREAT: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

RAMBLIN' JACK ELIOT: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

COUNTRY MUSIC

TRISHA YEARWOOD: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$34.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. (248) 645-6666

WORLD MUSIC

MARY BLACK: And the Black Family 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$30. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

PAT MCDUNN: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. (248) 603-1100 (Irish)

THE JAR: Saturday, Aug. 4, at Dick O'Day's Irish Pub, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

DANCE

BLACKBERRY CREEK DANCERS: Country western dancing 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. (313) 526-9432

COUNTERGROOVE DANCE COMPANY: New works in concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, in the Old Main Building at Wayne State University, Detroit. \$15, \$10 seniors/students with ID, children age 12 and under. (810) 945-0330

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 769-1052

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, swing, fox trot and more, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center. \$5. (248) 967-1428

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY: Show starts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 17 and 18 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$35 and \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 645-6666

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

WATERFORD-DAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY @ THE OPERA HOUSE: Timothy Jeffrey, Ellen Hildreth, Lynn Cohn Schreiber and Jere Stormer 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Opera House. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338/(313) 237-3270

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Joel Zimmer Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4; Cascade of Comedy for Chissey Burns (benefit) 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, features eight comedians (donation of \$10 or more if you like), Burns, a regular Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase performer, is battling inoperable brain cancer, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Frank G. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

THE AMAZING JONATHAN: Comedy at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. (248) 645-6666

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Dennis Ross Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 2-4; Kevin McPeck Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 9-11, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Three Guys Names Joe: Improvised musical concert by touring company member Topher Owen, and Jenna Buschmiller & Bailey's sketch comedy show, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, Jammie! Wednesdays featuring *The Best of Second City: Mayor Go Round* previews Saturday-Sunday through Aug. 15, officially opens Aug. 16, at Second City-Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Tours continue to Oct. 25, walk-in-Detroit tours at 3 p.m. for \$10, and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursday for \$10, \$15 for lunch (reservations needed), at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147. Tours also available of Saarinen House, call (877) 482-7262

DETROIT ZOO: Dinosauria II exhibit continues through Sept. 3, at the zoo. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students and ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: *Frontier Metropolis*, an exhibit looking at the city of Detroit as it was recorded in pencil sketches, watercolors, and oil paintings before the invention of the camera, continues to Sept. 4, at the museum on Delta Isle. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: *America's Hometown* Celebration continues to Sunday, Aug. 19 with dramatizations in the streets and buildings; The exhibit "Kids Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood" continues to Sept. 16. *Imax movies "N Sync"* and "Super Speedway" continue at the museum, Dearborn. Celebration of Emancipation, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5. Dramatic and musical presentations explore Michigan's connection to the Harlem Renaissance and life on a plantation before Emancipation. (313) 271-1620

LIVING SCIENCE LIVE ANIMALS CAMPS: Meet friends with an animal from the rainforest, Africa and many other places in the world in camps in Canton, Grosse Pointe, Oak Park, West Bloomfield, Wixom, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Northville and Redford townships through Aug. 24. (734) 207-8291

SCARAB CLUB: Architectural lectures and tours with Michael Farrell as part of Detroit 300 Partnership Program, World's Fairs and the Beaux Arts 9 a.m. (lecture) and 11 a.m. (tour) Saturday, Aug. 4, at the club behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10 each for lecture and tour. (313) 831-1250