

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: Fully Committed opens Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

GEM THEATRE: Dinner with Friends opens Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: Pump Boys and Dinettes opens its 2001-2002 season Wednesday, Sept. 12 and continues to Sunday, Oct. 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Subscriptions for the six-play season begin at \$99. (248) 377-3300

POWER CENTER: The Virginia Monologues Thursday, Sept. 6 to Friday, Sept. 12, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$40. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6060

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE: World premiere of Annie Martin's *Completing Daffia* continues to Sept. 1, at the theater, Chelsea. \$22.50-\$32.50. (734) 433-7073

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY: Opens its 2001-2002 season with *Shoekheaded Peter*, a dark comedy about the fate of naughty children 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 12-14; 7 p.m. and midnight Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30. (734) 764-2538

COMMUNITY THEATRE

CLARKSON VILLAGE PLAYERS: The Subject Was Roses Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 6-9 and 13-16; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

MT. ZION CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS: Presents Gospel Art Studio performers in *Candle in the Window*, a dramatic play in the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and resistance worker executed by the Gestapo. 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the arts center, Waterford. Advanced reserved seats \$8, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 391-6160

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF GRANBROOK: Open house includes tours of one of the country's oldest operating outdoor Greek theaters and a behind the scenes look at costumes, props, scenery workshop and Green Room 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the facility, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. If you're interested in acting, directing, building sets, publicity, singing, selling tickets, stop by to learn more about becoming a part of the community theater family. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS: *Damn Yankees* opens Sept. 7 and continues to Sept. 30, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$16 Friday-Sunday (\$14 seniors/students on Sunday). \$14 Thursday. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS: Season opens with *Father of the Bride*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 23. (248) 644-2075 or www.villageplayers.com

COLLEGE THEATRE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Peer Gynt Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 23-26, in Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building on campus, Dearborn. (313) 845-9900

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S LUNCH THEATRE: "Saturday with the Johnsons" 11:30 a.m. Sept. 8 and 22, and Oct. 6, 20, at Gentili's, Northville. (248) 349-0522 or visit the Web site for a coupon www.gentilis.com

LIVONIA YOUTH THEATRE: Extends its performances of *The Sound of Music* 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 23-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$5, \$3 ages 17 and younger. (810) 344-7774

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Pooh Visits Storyland Live on Stage* 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 and Sept. 8 and 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 16, no children under age three. (248) 349-8110



Just jousting: There's lots to do and see at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly, weekends through Sept. 30, including Labor Day. Take I-75 to Exit 106. Go south on Dixie Highway. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., rain or shine. Admission adults, \$14.95; students with identification and senior citizens, age 60 and over, \$12.95; children, age 5-12, \$5.00; no charge for children 4 and under. Call (800) 601-4848 or www.michrenfest.com for details. This week's theme is a Highland Fling.

PARK PLAYERS: Present Scott McPherson's dark comedy *Marvin's Room* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 24-25 in the Logan Auditorium at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center. Tickets are \$3 and available beginning one hour before performances.

SUMMER CONCERTS

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: The Classics bring yesterday's music to you today 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Civic Center Park, Five Mile Road at Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2536

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Sessions begin at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 23-26, reservations not necessary, all levels of players, at the Finnish Center, Farmington Hills. (734) 480-9055

CHRYSLER ARTS BEATS & EATS: Features 185 artists, food from more than 40 meat restaurants, and five music stages 4-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, in downtown Pontiac. (248) 334-4600 or www.artsbeatsand eats.com

DETROIT DRUM SCHOOL: Drum Ensemble concert 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Southfield Center for the Arts. \$10, \$7 ages 5-12, \$5 seniors. (248) 424-9022

REDFORD THEATRE: A Shot in the Dark starring Peter Sellers and Elko Sommer 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 24-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26. Organ overtures 30 minutes prior to film showing, at the theater, Detroit. \$3. (313) 537-2560

METROPOLITAN FILMMAKERS COLLECTIVE: Money and More Services for Artists' features speakers Barbara Kratchman of Artserve Michigan and Bill Givens of the Public Benefit Association, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, Detroit FilmMakers Coalition, 1250 Library, Detroit. Call (313) 492-3800 or filmcollective@aol.com

WALLFEST: A Beaverl Summer Festival including folk dance, song, children's program noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Austrian Park, Macomb Township, \$40, children under age 16 free. (810) 786-9058

ARTS DU JOUR: A preview Arts, Beats & Eats, featuring cuisine, silent auction, fashion show, music by Alexander Zonjic & Friends, Karen Newman, the M-80s, 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, Somerset Collection North, Troy. \$100. (248) 334-4600 or www.artsdujour.org

ART WORKS FOR LIFE: Live and silent auctions featuring more than 150 original art works and jewelry 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$65 advance, reservations by Sept. 14. To benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. (248) 545-1435, ext. 13

CAJALITE YATES: Fancub Foundation for the Arts presents its annual latin dance fundraiser for arts education 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 (doors open at 6 p.m., dance lessons begin at 6:30 p.m.), 30 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$40-\$50. (248) 584-4150

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Opens its season with Stravinsky's *Petroushka* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4* 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, pre-concert lecture with conductor Arla Lipsky at 7 p.m., Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$32. (734) 994-4801

Country: *Livonia native and Franklin High School graduate Donna Lee Holman returns to her roots this week with a performance at the Michigan State Fair. Holman, a Nashville recording artist, will open for Travis Tritt 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at the band shell, State Fairgrounds, Detroit. Described as acoustic easy listening, she will be accompanied by Ron Harkrader and Dave Humphreys. Call (313) 369-8260 for details on the event.*



BRUNCH WITH BACH: Features the Woodland Trio 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 (seating begin 20 minutes earlier), at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22, \$11 children, \$5 stairs. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Opens its 2001-2002 season with Brahms *Symphony No. 1* with soprano Heidi Grant Murphy 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

MATINEE MUSICALE DAYTIME SERIES: Presents the Ann Arbor Symphony String Quartet Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Jeanie Community Center, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 769-5911/(734) 954-4801

OPERA

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: *Learning* at 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 to Aug. 26, at the opera house. (313) 961-3500

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for a variety of positions Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 4-7. (734) 994-4801

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP: Looking for women of all voices to perform repertoire of light classical, show tunes, light opera, seasonal and ethnic favorites through the metro Detroit area. (313) 640-0123

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE: Auditions for *The King and I* 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 28-29, at Lahser High School, Bloomfield Hills. For performances Nov. 9-11 and 16-18. (248) 433-0885

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY: Auditions dancers for its 2001-2002 season Sunday, Aug. 26, auditions begin at 1 p.m. for dancers ages 8-10, followed by ages 11-14 at 2 p.m. and ages 14 and up at 3:30 p.m. All dancers must have a minimum of three years of ballet instruction. There is a non refundable fee of \$8. For those unable to attend the Aug. 26 auditions, there will be auditions 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, Livonia. The company will perform *The Nutcracker* in December. (734) 427-9103

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) 427-5397

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.lypm.org for information about the philharmonic and auditions for the 2001-2002 season.

MADRIGAL CHORALE: Auditions for male voice parts and altos 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Southfield-Lathrup High School. (248) 352-9527

METRO DANCE JUNIOR COMPANY: Call for an on-site 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

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY: Auditions for *The Nutcracker* Sunday, Sept. 9 (1 p.m. ages 6-9, 2 p.m. ages 10-12 and 3 p.m. ages 13 and up) and 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 (ages 10 and up, also serves as the Gaiety ballet scholarship audition class), at the Gaiety Classic Ballet Academy, Bloomfield Hills. For performances Dec. 1-2 at Mercy Auditorium. \$15. (248) 334-6964

ARS NOVA: A semi-professional 22-voice choral ensemble based in Royal Oak that rehearses weekly, and performs regularly throughout metro Detroit. Is seeking new members, particularly tenors. Auditions will be held in late August and early September. Potential members should be prepared to sing a short selection of their choice (accompanist will be provided), sight-read a short section of music and vocalize to demonstrate their range. To schedule an audition, or for more information, call Dr. Craig Scott Symons (248) 414-7242 or e-mail at csymons@home.com. The 2001-2002 concert season is comprised of four concerts, and includes compact disc recording project.

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for ages 13 through college for Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 30 (performances Oct. 26-28) and for the little people players production of *The Weveteen Rabbit* (ages 7-11) 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 and Wednesday, Aug. 29 (performances Nov. 9-11), at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$125 participation fee once cast. (248) 347-0400

PARK PLAYERS OF N. ROSEDALE PARK: For Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mocking Bird*, play by Christopher Sergel, directed by Sarah Hedeen for Park Players of N. Rosedale Park. Cast of adults and children, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the N. Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. For more information call, (734) 425-5942. Show dates Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS: Begins rehearsals of their annual holiday concert Tuesday, Sept. 11, registrations will be taken beginning at 7:30 p.m., there is a nominal fee for membership, new singers welcome. In Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. (248) 370-2030

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY: Holds open auditions for dancers Sunday, Aug. 26, audition times are noon to 1 p.m. for ages 7-9, 1-2 p.m. ages 10-12, and 2:30-4 p.m. for ages 13 and older. There will be a \$5 fee. Males dancers are needed (scholarships available), at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-150, Plymouth. The ballet company, along with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will present three performances of *The Nutcracker* Dec. 8-9. It will also perform *Coppelia* in spring. (734) 692-8540

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for 18 females (ages 6-50) and five males (ages 18-50) for *Little Women* 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 4-5, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. For performances Nov. 9-10, 16-18 and 23-24. (248) 437-8545/(248) 349-7110

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Auditions for the comedy *The Man Who Came to Dinner* 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 4-5, female and male actors of various ages needed for the 30 to 35 member cast. In the Liberal Arts Building theater on campus, Livonia. For performances Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2-3 and 9-10. (734) 462-4596

SRO PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for *Visiting Mr. Green* 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, in the historic church on the corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield, For Friday-Saturday performances Oct. 12-28. (248) 827-0710

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: Auditions for male and female roles for an old fashion melodrama *No No a Million Time No* (*She's Only the Farmer's Daughter*) 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, certain roles require some singing, at the theater, Redford. (313) 531-0554

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and for its 2002-2003 season including the *Tinderbox Showchairs* 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 (ages 13 to adult), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 (ages 5-12), and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 (ages 13 to adult), bring sheet music in your key and be prepared to dance. (313) 535-8962 or send e-mail to nlio@aol.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: Auditions for *A Night of One Acts* 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 27-28, the three one act comedies are *Babette's in Arms*, *Time Flies* and *The Picketers*, reading for the auditions will be from the scripts, the plays call for seven men and three women, parts available for age 18 and up, no acting experience necessary, at the theater, Livonia. (734) 464-6302

VOCAL JAZZ: Schoolcraft College is looking for experienced singers for its vocal jazz program. Applicants must have an interest in singing jazz in groups and as a soloist. The two groups, which meet 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday or 7-9:50 p.m. Thursday, sing in the close harmonic style of Manhattan Transfer and Singers Unlimited. All members will develop a solo singing repertoire during the semester. The vocal jazz program can be taken for college credit. All jazz performers are welcome (ages 18-80+). Rehearsals begin Aug. 28 and 30 at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call conductor Jack Pierson at (734) 420-8984 or send e-mail to jackpierson@hotmail.com

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Auditions for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 or Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 11255 due at first rehearsal Sunday, Sept. 23. For performances Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and local school tour Dec. 3-20. (734) 416-4278

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOR: Auditions for singing roles in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* Thursday, Aug. 23. To be staged Saturday, Dec. 8, directed by Maestro Gian Carlo Menotti, composer of the holiday opera. Soprano Mary Callaghan Lynch will perform the leading role of the Mother. Auditions for the roles of Amahl, a boy soprano with unchanged voice, ages 10-13, 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23. Auditions by appointment only. Call Cheryl Krul between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Friday, (248) 738-9827.