

# 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-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 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, 6 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 Dinnettes 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

**MICHIGAN THEATRE:** University Musical Society opens its 2001-2002 season with Shockheaded 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 theater, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30. (734) 764-2538

**POWER CENTER:** The Vagina Monologues Thursday, Sept. 6 to Friday, Sept. 12, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$40. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

**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

**UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY:** Opens its 2001-2002 season with Shockheaded 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

**AVON PLAYERS:** Carousell Sept. 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$15.

**STUDENT/SENIOR/GRUP** rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

**CLARKSTON 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 *Candles in the Window*, a dramatic play on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and resistance worker executed by the Gestapo, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at the arts center, Waterford. Advanced reserved seats \$8, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 391-6166

**RIDGE DALE PLAYERS:** Open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, refreshments and theater tours featured. All adults and children interested in theater are welcome, at the playhouse, Troy. (248) 988-7049 or www.ridgedaleplayers.com

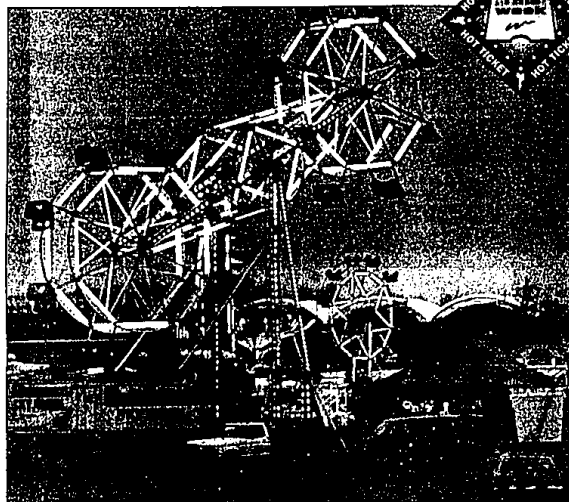
**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK:** Open house includes tours of one of the country's oldest operating outdoor Greek theaters and a behind the scenes look at costumes, props, scenery workshop and Green Room 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the facility, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. If you're interested 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. 30 and continues to Sept. 30, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$16 Friday-Sunday (\$14 Thursday/Saturday 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

**MT. ZION THEATRE COMPANY:** The *Fourposter*, a three-act romantic comedy, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts in Waterford.

Performances 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7-8, Sept. 14-15, Sept. 21-22, 58, \$7 students & seniors in advance, \$10 at the door, (248) 391-6166



Tradition rides on: The 2001 Michigan State Fair runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 3. Midway with rides and games is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. week nights, until midnight weekends. Catch all the action at the State Fairgrounds, 1120 W. State Fair Ave., on the corner of Eight Mile and Woodward, in Detroit. Admission is \$9 adults, \$2 children 2-11, and free for children younger than 2. Parking \$5, call (313) 369-8250.

## DINNER THEATER

**ANGEL FOOD CAFE:** Presents *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License*, an interactive dinner theater, 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at the cafe, Ypsilanti. \$39.95, includes a gourmet, three-course dinner. Advance ticket purchase and meal selection required. Call (734) 483-0135

## COLLEGE THEATRE

**THE THEATRE COMPANY:** *Tell All* Ages, a compilation of readings and music from the Holocaust, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in the McAuley Theater on the Outer Drive campus of the University of Detroit Mercy. \$10. \$5 students, additional contributions in excess of \$100 will be eligible to receive a tax deductible receipt. (313) 993-6461

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE:** *Oh, Anansi*, based on a west African folk tale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 963-7771

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

www.genitilis.com

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** *Pooh Visits Storyland Live on Stage* 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 16, no children under age three. (248) 349-6110

**SCHOOL DISTRICT/COMMUNITY MUSICAL:** *Bye Bye Birdie* 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 6-8, at North Farmington High School. \$10, \$8 seniors/students, all seats reserved. (248) 426-4740

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**AUTUMNFEST:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, the country fair includes food, entertainment, produce vendors, a petting farms, cake walks, hay rides, a vintage baseball game and a lumberjack show, at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, Southfield. No admission. Parking is available at the Southfield Public Library with a free shuttle bus to the farm site. (248) 354-9603

**CHRYSLER ARTS BEATS & EATS:** Features 185 artists, 40 restaurateurs, and five 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.artsbestseats.com

**SUMMER ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Troy Holiday Inn. \$5. (248) 528-2610

**UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL:** 3-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, a celebration of cultural diversity with music and performances including folkloric and traditional dances, kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month, in Clark Park in southwest Detroit. (313) 843-9598

**X-TRA VAC CON:** Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059 or www.motorcityconventions.com

## BENEFITS

**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

**MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL:** 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, mayors of Detroit, Southfield and Pontiac host gala with \$50,000 in scholarships going to area students, includes dinner, dancing and a performance by The Manhattan featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Levell, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. (313) 873-1500

**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL/SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS:** Holds a fundraising art auction (presented by Marlin art) to benefit the chorus 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, Plymouth. \$5 donation includes complimentary win and hors d'oeuvres. (248) 681-2578

## 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 Elia Lipytsky at 7 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$26, \$32. (734) 994-4801

**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 MUSICAL DAYTIME SERIES:** Presents the Ann Arbor Symphony String Quartet Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Jewish community Center, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 769-5911 or

(734) 994-4801

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**HIT AND RUN THEATRE:** A newly formed improvisational comedy troupe will hold audition Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 10-11 at the Theater Guild of Redford, Beech Daly Rd. 1 block south of 5 Mile Rd. Performers with a history of improvisation or standup comedy, or anyone that thinks they can be funny under pressure are encouraged. No prepared material is needed, but please wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to perform an improvisational exercises.

Rehearsals are weekly with one evening performance per month. Call (313) 531-0554 or Steve Morgan (evenings only) at 313-541-1140.

**AVON PLAYERS:** Open auditions for six females (ages 25 to 50) and six males (ages 20 to 60) for *A Streetcar Named Desire* 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 (registration begins 30 minutes earlier), at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 24 and 9-10. (810) 803-0308

**CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS:** Auditions for the Tom Dulack comedy *Breaking Legs* 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstontownship.org

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS:** Auditions singers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11, at the Costick Activities Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 471-4516

**FLINT FESTIVAL CHORUS:** Under the direction of Bradley Bloom, holds auditions 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Flint Institute of Music, 2015 E. Mearnsley Street. (810) 237-3125

**HURON VALLEY HARMONIZERS:** The Harmonizers are presenting a variety show Nov. 10 at Washtenaw Community College and are still looking for a few great acts to add to their vocal presentation. (734) 728-2453 evenings. (734) 260-5445 days

**LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS:** Searching for a director. Rehearsals are held 7:30-9:30 p.m. (734) 427-5397

**LIVONIA YOUTH CHOR:** Auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 9-13) residing in Livonia and surrounding communities 8:30-10:30 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.

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** Auditions for ages 8-16 for *Halloween Hocus-*

*Pocus* 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, performers must prepare a song in their vocal range and bring sheet music, an accompanist will be provided, at the theater, Northville.

**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

**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 Gelger ballet scholarship audition class), at the Gelger Classic Ballet Academy, Bloomfield Hills. For performances Dec. 1-2 at Mercy Auditorium. \$15. (248) 334-6964

**ABS NOVA:** A semi-professional 22-voice choir 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. Thursday, Aug. 30 (performances Oct. 26-28); 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 Hedeon for Park Players of N. Rosedale Park. Cast of adults and children. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 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.

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** For principal viola, fourth horn, tuba and section string musicians. Substitute musicians are needed for wind, brass, percussion. Audition selections will be taken from standard orchestra repertoire. Auditions by appointment only from 4-8 p.m., at EVOLA Music Center, 7170 Hoggerly, Canton Township. Orchestra rehearsals begin Oct. 1. (313) 640-1773 or plymouthsymphony@aol.com

**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 Warner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. (248) 370-2030

**PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS:** Auditions for a musical version of *Stuart Little* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, auditioners should be prepared to sing whatever they sing best, at 19586 Farmington Road at Ceri, three blocks north of Seven Mile, Livonia. (810) 344-7774

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Auditions for musicians for its 56th concert season 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, posted positions include principal viola, fourth horn, tuba and section string. Substitute musicians are needed for wind, brass and percussion section positions, and other openings may be posted as necessary. Audition selections will be taken from standard orchestra selections. Non-standard selections will be supplied. Auditions are by appointment only. Full orchestra rehearsals begin Monday, Oct. 1, at Evola Music Center, Canton. For more information or to schedule an audition, call personnel manager William Huiskes at (313) 640-1773 or send e-mail to plymouthsymphony@aol.com

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** Auditions for 18 females and five males for *Little Women* 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 4-5, Water Tower Theatre, Northville.

(248) 437-8545/(248) 349-7110

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR:** Auditions for new members Tuesday, Sept. 5 and 11, in room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, Livonia. Fall semester choir rehearsals begin Sept. 11. All voice parts welcome. The choir meets 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays and includes students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area. Call Gerald Custer at (734) 481-3453 to schedule an audition. For information, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435 or visit the Web site at http://members.tripod.com/schoolcraftchoir

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE:** 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) 462-4598

**STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE:** Auditions for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* for ages 8-18 Saturday, Sept. 8 (registration 9-10:30 a.m., auditions beginning at 10 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances Nov. 1-3. (248) 541-8027

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** Auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and for its 2001-2002 season including the *Tinderbox Show Choir* 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 nilfo@aol.com

**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 16-80+). 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

**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, pop)

**SINATRA THROUGH THE YEARS:** Performed by Jim Paravantes & Company 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Aug. 31-Sept. 1, at Excalibur Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

**JAZZ/BLUES**

**DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Columbine's Champagne Cellar at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

**MARK ARSHAK:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**SPENCER BAREFIELD:** 10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 1-2, at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922/(313) 891-2514

**RON BROOKS TRIO:** Three sets beginning 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1 (\$10); 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

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

**DALE GRISA TRIO:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7490

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

**JAZZ ON THE LAKE:** Featuring pianist Keiko Matsui, and Alexander Zonjic & Friends featuring Angela Boffi 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, also features food and wine tastings from more than 24 restaurants and merchants, and silent and live auctions, on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools. \$75. (248) 683-1750 or