

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Fully Committed* continues 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8:30 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

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *Missizy and the Angel Tree* continues to Dec. 30, 8:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 3 and 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

OEM THEATRE: *Dinner with Friends* continues 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

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Talley's Folly* continues to Dec. 30, Dec. 6-9, 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, Dec. 19. No evening performance Dec. 19. \$16-\$28. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* continues to Sunday, Dec. 23, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$28-\$40. O' Ebenezer Scrooge asks audiences to learn from his lessons and bring non-perishable food donations to the theater during the run of *A Christmas Carol*. (248) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: *The 1940s Radio Hour*, a nostalgic musical by Walton Jones, Dec. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-22, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$13. (248) 608-9077

FAMILY THEATRE OF NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY: Present the musical drama *Ebenezer*, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, at Northville Christian, 41355 Six Mile, one mile west of I-275. \$5, children under age 6 free. (248) 948-9030

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: The British force *Habes Corpus* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8, West Bloomfield Civic Theater inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile. Note: Due to sexual innuendo not recommended for children under age 12. \$13. (248) 219-0800

DINNER THEATER

ANGEL FOOD CAFE: *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License* 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the restaurant, 6 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti. \$39.95 and include a gourmet 3-course dinner. Advance ticket purchase and meal selection required. (734) 483-0135

COLLEGE THEATER

EMU THEATRE: *The Glass Menagerie* Dec. 6-8, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8, in Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Sunday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HILBERRY THEATRE: The comedy *Season's Greetings* continues in rotating repertory to Feb. 2: *A Doll's House* continues in rotating repertory through Dec. 15, at the theater, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972

WSU THEATRE COMPANY: *The Sly of the Blind Pig* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8, at the theater downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE: *Cinderella*, a marionette ballet version of the popular story, 2 p.m. Saturdays in December, at the theater, Detroit. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7771

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Charlotte's Web* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, 15-16 and 29-30, and Jan. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110



Spirit of the season: *The Nutcracker* is as much a part of holiday tradition as visiting Santa Claus. In a local performance of the classic show, Megan DeShong (left) portrays Clara for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Dearborn Ballet Theatre production. DeShong previously danced the role for three years with the Rockettes at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

MICHIGAN THEATRE: *Goodnight, Opus* brings the whimsical penguin to the stage, performed by The Marmalade Theatre Company of Nova Scotia 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-7KTS or (734) 668-8397, ext. 30

NOVI THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9, at the Novi Middle School Theatre, 11 mile and Wixom Road. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *Stuart Little* Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, Saturdays lunch at noon, show at 1 p.m.; Sundays lunch at 1 p.m., show at 2 p.m., at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$8.50 Includes lunch. (810) 344-7774

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE WIND ENSEMBLE: Presents its winter concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, program includes a selection by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and American Alfred Reed's *Russian Christmas Music*, in the community room of the Radcliff Center, 17512 Radcliff Road, Garden City. No charge. (734) 462-4417

SPECIAL EVENTS

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND: Perform holiday and classic band music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Harrison High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills. Free will offering to support the band. (734) 261-2202 or visit the Web site at www.fcmbmusic.org

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: Theatrical presentation of an old-time radio broadcast, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, 15-16, Second City Theatre, Detroit. \$8-\$12. (248) 645-6666

MADRIGAL CELEBRATION: Schoolcraft College holds its annual Madrigal Dinners 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, the evening ends with performances by the Schoolcraft College Madrigal Singers, directed by Jerry Custer, and the court jester. Good Neighbors All provides music on period instruments, in the Westernman Center on campus. 18500 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$42 and include a dinner of mulled cider, aged and seasoned prime rib, Yorkshire pudding, and royal plum and cranberry pudding with brandied hard sauce prepared by students in the college's culinary arts department. Seating is limited. (734) 462-4670

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: Starring the Rockettes, times vary, continues through Saturday, Dec. 29. Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$57.50. (313) 471-6611

REDFORD THEATRE: Organist Jeloni Edgington and pianist David Harris perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 (10); *Miracle on 34th Street* Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15 with guest organist Lance Luce and Detroit 300 film slides, 8 p.m. Friday, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the theater 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Redford. \$3. (313) 534-1954

DETROIT CHAMBER MUSIC AND STRINGS: Holiday Brass concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Costick Center, 28600 West 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. (248) 473-1857

BENEFITS

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents its annual Sing-along with Santa benefit 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 children, \$25 families, \$50 patrons. (734) 994-4801

Fantasyland: WSU's Bonstelle Theatre presents Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, opening 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Tickets \$8-\$10, call (313) 577-2960.



DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE: The French manor home continues on display through Dec. 9 in Bloomfield Hills, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Nov. 22. Last tour of the day starts at 3 p.m. \$20 at door. \$18 advance. (313) 576-5154 or (313) 576-5155

CLASSICAL

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Presents pianist Daniel Barenboim 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$27-\$76, \$15 students. (248) 737-9980

KIROV ORCHESTRA OF THE MARIINSKY THEATRE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$50. (734) 764-2538

LES ARTS FLORISSANTS: Present Christmas Music of Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. \$35-\$40. (734) 764-2358

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: Opens its season with a holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, program includes Christmas carols and patriotic songs such as *Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*. In Our Lady of Loretto Church on Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. No charge. (313) 538-1652

OPERA

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS: Present Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Saint Presbyteria Church, 1717 West 13 Mile, Royal Oak (tickets \$8 at door); 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 West Pike, Pontiac (\$10 at door), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge.

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: "Musique de Noel" concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, Troy; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$10. (810) 632-4067

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Morriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations accepted. (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: Looking for new musicians for the 65-member adult band, all instruments welcome especially low brass and percussion, rehearsals on Wednesday in Groves High School bandroom. (248) 474-4997, (248) 647-7586 or visit the Web site at birminghamconcertband.com

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: If you are a musician in grades 1-12 with at least one year of experience and interested in playing with a youth orchestra, the Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions for its winter semester beginning Jan. 5, openings available in most sections. (734) 591-7649 or online at www.LYPM.org

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

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

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Holiday Magic with the DSO Pops" 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$62. (313) 576-5111

JAZZ/BLUES

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

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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 422-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3-8 p.m. every other Saturday, at S.K. Brewer's Food and Spirits, Southfield. \$6 cover. Food available during show and dinner hour. (248) 476-2674

FOLK/ ACOUSTIC

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, at Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 West 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road. (248) 647-7747

WORLD MUSIC

PAT MCDUNN: 8:11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

DANCE

BALLET INTERNATIONAL: With the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* Dec. 7-9 and 13-16, at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit. (313) 237-SING or visit the Web site at www.MichiganOpera.org

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE: With Livonia Symphony Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$18, \$10 students/children. (734) 425-4855

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 967-1428

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY: With Plymouth Symphony Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$18, \$10 children. (734) 451-2112

ROSE MARIE FLOYD CONTEMPORARY BALLET COMPANY: *The Nutcracker* with guest dancer from New York Joffrey Ballet Ensemble 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple at Cass. \$5. (248) 641-9063 or (313) 831-7072

RHYTHM 'N' SHOES: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the club, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0299

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

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Elliott Branch Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

FOX THEATRE: Rick Smiley headlines the Def Comedy Jam, with Mike Epps, Ricky Harris, Honest John and DJ Showtime, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$42.50. Tickets for Sept. 15 performance will be honored. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Tim Jones Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 6-9, at the club, 5070 Schofer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Todd Glass Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8; Jeremy Hotz Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 13-15, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900