

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. \$27-32.50-\$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

QEM 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. 20-23 and 26-30, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$16-\$28. (248) 788-2000

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* continues to Sunday, Dec. 23, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$28-\$40. Or 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

STAGECRAFTERS: *Annie* continues to Dec. 23, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: Presents the holiday family musical *Babes in Toyland* through Saturday, Dec. 29, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-29, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly in Redford. \$5. (313) 531-0554

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: The comedy *Season's Greeting* continues in rotating repertory to Feb. 2, at the theater, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (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

MARQUETTE THEATRE: *Charlotte's Web* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BIRD OF PARADISE: Ramona Collins, Monday, Dec. 31, (\$50, \$75 a couple), at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Tim Walkee 8 p.m. (\$25.50) and 10:30 p.m. (\$29.50) Monday, Dec. 31, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Fred Greenlee, also Mark Sweetman Monday, Dec. 31, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

CLASSICAL

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: The Mystic Trumpeter concert 8:30 p.m. (8 p.m. reception) Friday, Dec. 21, at Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham. \$19, \$10 students age 12 and under. (248) 559-2095

CHORAL

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Present their 37th annual holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, in Churchill High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. (734) 427-5397 or send e-mail to gross2groes@aol.com

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 CIVIC CHORUS: Looking for singers. The chorus begins rehearsals for a spring concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Frost Junior High in Livonia. All voice parts are needed. (734) 427-5397 or send e-mail to gross2groes@aol.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/ABARET

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: The Colors of Christmas, Pablo Bryson, Sheena Easton, Michael McDonalds and Oleta Adams join the orchestra for performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$62. (313) 576-5111

JAZZ/BLUES

MARK ARSHAK: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

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

RAMONA COLLINS: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22 (\$10, \$7 students); Monday, Dec. 31, (\$50, \$75 a couple), at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With guest vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 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 & Spills, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

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

RJ'S RHYTHM ROCKERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Edison's,

Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

SUNNY WILKINSON: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 26-29, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 students. (734) 662-8310

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

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

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: Monica Carter, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 20-22; Devin McPeak, Thursday-Saturday,

Dec. 27-29; Tim Walkee, Monday, Dec. 31, 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: Jim Hamm, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 20-23, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Mike Green, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 20-22; Fred Greenlee, also Mark Sweetman Monday, Dec. 31, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: New on Tuesdays, *Law & Disorder* and *Standing on Ceremony*; Jammin' Wednesdays features *The Best of Second City*; Mayor-Go-Round showtimes on Thursday-Sunday at Second City-Detroit. Ticket prices and showtimes vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Mostly Music, a hands-on, interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and dissonance, tone and pitch, and rhythm and synthesizers, continues to Jan. 6, at the museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 adults; \$4 children ages

4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older; free for children ages 3 and younger. 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Polish Presence in Detroit exhibit continues, at the museum. Free with regular museum admission. (313) 833-1419

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Continues its Friday night programming 8-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the museum. (313) 833-7900

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Enjoy walking through the village at night during the Twelve Nights of Christmas, lit by glowing lanterns the walking tour features eight historic buildings where traditional holiday cooking is ongoing. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Dec. 22 \$12, \$8 for children under age 12), IMAX movies 'Nsync and Super Speedway continue at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours continue through June 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, toas 3:43:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required), at the hall in Rochester. Reservations required. (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

LIVE MUSIC

AL HILL TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500

ALICIA KEYS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, State Theatre, Detroit. \$35.75-\$43.25. (248) 645-6666

BARENAKED LADIES: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

BARRY MANILOW: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$17.50-\$67.50. (248) 645-6666

B.B. KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$37.50. (248) 433-1515

BLACKJACK: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at The Rookie Sports Cafe, Wayne.

BLUESAIRMEN: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at The Overtone Sports Tavern, Inkster.

BRIAN MCKNIGHT: With Tyrese, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. (248) 433-1515

CHARLATANS UK: With Starseller, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666

THE CLIMAX DIVINE: With Nice Device, Ateleya, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$7. (313) 833-9700

CRED: *The Weathered Tour*, With Puddle of Mud, Monday, Feb. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$36.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

CROSSBY, STILLS, NASH & YOUNG: *Tour of America*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$43-\$88.50. (248) 645-6666

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$18-\$19. All ages. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT COBRAS: With Dirt Bombs, Ko & The Knockouts, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$37.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-7KTS

GREAT BIG SEA: Saturday, March 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666

GREG ALLMAN AND FRIENDS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$28. (248) 645-6666

HATEBREED: With Martyr A.D., Poison the Well, Sworn Enemy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12. (248) 645-6666

HELLTOWN TOUR: With Project Born, Sol, Hell's Kitchen, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, Emerald Theatre, Mt. Clemens. \$13-\$15. (586) 913-1920

HIP HOP SMACKDOWN: Featuring Je Rule, Jeddakiss, Juvenile, Patey Pablo, Trick Daddy, Master Cheeks, Eclipse and Ma. To, 7 p.m.

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Traditions of the Season: Greenfield Village comes to life with the sights and sounds of Christmas past. Learn about holiday traditions over the last 150 years while picking out a tree or balsam wreath at the Greens Market. The 12 Nights of Christmas continues 6:30-9:30 p.m. with lantern-lit tours of eight historic buildings where Christmas cooking fills the air. Or take the Holiday Express as Henry Ford Museum focuses on travel with a locomotive theme 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Admission prices vary. Call (313) 271-1620.