

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

Century Theatre: Late Nite Catechism opens Thursday, Feb. 7; 2 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$24.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

Detroit Repertory Theatre: Jar the Floor continues to March 17; 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$15. (313) 968-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Flaher Theatre: South Pacific, Tuesday, Feb. 19 to March 10, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$35-\$70. (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000

Gem Theatre: Guys on Ice opens Feb. 7, 2 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. \$24.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

Meadow Brook Theatre: The Mystery of Irma Vep through Sunday, Feb. 3, Oakland University campus, Rochester, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday-Sunday, \$26; 8 p.m. Friday, \$34; 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, \$38. (248) 377-3300

Performance Network: Elizabeth Rex opens Feb. 1 and continues to March 3, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$25. Friday-Saturday, 200 Thursday and Sunday. (734) 663-0681

Purple Rose Theatre: The romantic comedy Months on End 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, and 3 a.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, through March 16, at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$22.50 to \$32.50. (734) 433-7673

UMS Serles: Presents a solo evening with Laurie Anderson, UMS co-commissioned work, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$40. (734) 764-2538

COMMUNITY THEATRE

Rosedale Community Players: Wait Until Dark Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2, Feb. 8-9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. \$11. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

Village Players of Birmingham: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, east of Woodward Avenue, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Andover Theatrics: One Acts Festival with selections from Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, William Inge's *The Social Event* and Sam Shepard's *Foot for Love* 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 645-4679

Detroit Puppet Theatre: PuppetArt presents *On Anasel*, a West African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 tickets \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7774

Sesame Street: Sesame Street's Elmo and Zoe find the more friends the merrier when they start an exclusive club. In *Let's Be Friends*, which continues to Sunday, Feb. 3, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$14, \$18, limited VIP seats. Call (248) 433-1515

Now! Theatres: Children's Annex: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Friday-Sunday, Feb. 1-3, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400

COLLEGE THEATRE

Bonstelle Theatre: For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf continues to Feb. 3, at the theater, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2950

Wilberry Theatre: The comedy Season's Greeting in rotating repertory to Saturday, Feb. 2; The Importance of Being Earnest opens Feb. 8 and plays in rotating repertory through April 4;

William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* continues in rotating repertory to Thursday, March 28, 4743 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972

U-M Theatre: George M. Cohan's The Tavern, a burlesque mystery for the entire family, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 7-9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15, \$7 students. (734) 764-2538

DINNER THEATRE

Theatre Arts Productions: Present: Murder Madness, a mystery 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. \$50 until Jan. 31, \$60 Feb. 1 and after. Includes dinner. (248) 477-8404

SPECIAL EVENT

Barbie Doll Fashion Show: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Plymouth V.F.W. Hall, 1426 Mill, \$5, children under age 10 free. (734) 455-2110

X-trava Can: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

Tahmingbo Blues: Elmore Leonard signs his latest book 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward, downtown Birmingham. (248) 203-0005

VALENTINE'S DAY

Dinner Dance: Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 8, Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads, Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, dancing to the Farmington Community Dance Band. \$42 per person, (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412

Romantic Dinner: Begins with a champagne reception and tour of Meadow Brook Hall, 110-room Tudor-revival style historic estate begins at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 14-15, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$75. (248) 370-3140

Singing Valentine: The Renaissance Chorus barbershop quartet will serenade your sweetheart at home, work or anywhere else in Wayne, Westland, Garden City or the Livonia area 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 or Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16-17. In addition to the serenade, your sweetheart will receive a red rose and personalized Valentine's Day card. The quartet will even deliver your special gift. \$40. To reserve a time, call (734) 522-4258. Leave your name, phone number, location, directions, and time (within a 4-hour window) when you'd like your sweetheart serenaded. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, Feb. 13.

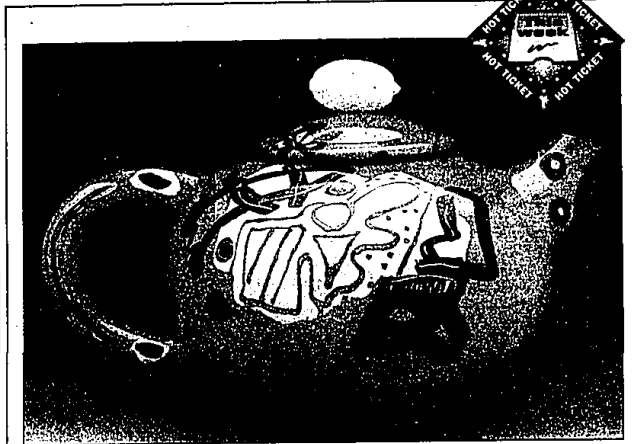
Smokey Robinson: In concert 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. \$25-\$100, a limited amount of tickets available for Valentine's Evening Afterglow. (313) 963-2366

Valentine Concert: Rita Kirsch and Candy Cow present an interactive program with singing, creative movement and puppetry for ages 2-7 and parents 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$4. (248) 644-5832 to register.

Wild at Heart: Spend Valentine's evening with the butterflies in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, complimentary hors d'oeuvres until 9:30 p.m., at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25 members, 30 non-members in advance, \$75 VIP tickets. Includes champagne and desserts. Proceeds go to the zoo's conservation expedition program. (248) 541-5717

BENEFITS

Benefit Concert: For the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan, 8 p.m.



International Infusion: Sybaris Gallery presents its annual teapot exhibition through March 2, at 202 East Third Street, Royal Oak. Pictured is a vibrant red work by Anna Silver, one of 20 artists from the U.S. and abroad. For more information, call (248) 544-3388.

Saturday, Feb. 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church. Performers include pianist Pauline Martin, Brazilian soprano Mirna Rubim, folk artist Jan Krist, jazz guitarist Bob Tye, bagpiper Kenton Smith, local songwriter/musician Stewart Francke, Michigan composer Mark Gottlieb will perform a number of works including *Un Encuentro* and a new piece, *I'll Never Forget*, accompanied by a string quartet. Members of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra also will be featured. A donation of \$15 is suggested at the door. Proceeds are earmarked for educational materials that will be sent to refugee camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan serving women and girls. For tickets/information call (248) 542-9426 or e-mail mark.gottlieb@gottliusk.com for more information about RAW visit www.raws.org

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony: Pianist David Syme performs during a Red, White & Blue Salute concert honoring area firemen, evening begins with a benefit dinner 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, followed by concert at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills. \$50 for dinner/concert, \$25, concert only, for students. (248) 645-8850

Denim and Diamonds: A fund-raiser for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, annual dinner dance and auction Saturday, March 2, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. \$75, \$65 for members. (734) 416-4278. All proceeds from the benefit support arts council programming.

First Step Fundraisers: Twelfth annual charity dance with Steve King and the Ditties 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. \$30, \$27 in advance. (248) 645-6666; Healing the Hearts of Children presents a gala featuring Alexander Zenjic & Friends and an amateur show 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. \$50. Includes concert only and dessert. (313) 567-1640

Mardi Gras: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra celebrates Mardi Gras with a sit-down dinner, silent auction and performances by brass and string quartets, and orchestra Friday, Feb. 8, festivities begin at 6 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., silent auction closes 9:30 p.m., at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$50 Includes dinner/concert and silent auction. \$20, concert and silent auction. (734) 425-4855

MASKORADE for COTS: A gala benefit featuring mask auction, dinner and dancing, 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 9, Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle. \$125. Proceeds help feed and house the homeless at COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter). (313) 576-0219

CLASSICAL

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. concert preview with James Walters, cellist soloist Irina Tikhonova, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts center, Dearborn. (313) 565-2424

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Mendelssohn's Italian concert with pianist Alexander Markovich 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$54. (313) 576-5111

DSO Musicians Lecture: DSO music director Neeme Jarvi talk about Musical Life During the Time of the Soviets, joining him are DSO librarian Eikhonon Yoffe and principal viola Alexander Mishnevsky 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Friends Auditorium at Detroit Public Library Main Branch. (313) 576-5120 or visit the Web site at www.detroit-symphony.com

Sphinx Finals Concert: Showcases the top young black and Latino string players in the country, also features the premiere of *Symphony of the Sphinx* by poet Nikki Giovanni and composer Coltrane Taylor Perkinson, special guest artist Brandon Marsalis 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10. (313) 576-5111

WSU Symphony Orchestra: Under guest conductor Luis Gorkle 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, Kyros Markou, director of WSU Symphony Orchestra and the music department's string division will share the stage, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus, Palmer and Cass, Detroit. No charge. (313) 577-1795 or visit the Web site at www.music.wayne.edu

BRASS

Today's Brass Quintet: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. No charge. (313) 822-3456

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Birmingham Concert Band: Looking for new musicians, 65-member adult band, all instruments welcome especially low brass and percussion. Rehearse Wednesday evening in the Groves High School band room, (248) 474-4997, (248) 647-7586 or visit www.birminghamconcertband.com

Michigan Shakespeare Festival: Auditions for the July 16 to Aug. 4 festival will be held 7:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, for a variety of roles for adults of all ages, for major roles a prepared monologue is required and should not exceed two minutes, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 West Michigan Ave., Jackson. To schedule an interview, call (866) 705-2636 or (517) 788-5032

Orchard Ridge Theater Company: Auditions for Agatha Christie's The Mouse Trap 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Smith Theater at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For performances April 11-13. (248) 522-3595

Performance Network: Seeks proposals from individuals and groups for 2002 Treetown Festival (May 29-Aug. 25), categories include theater, performance art, dance, new work and avant garde, each place will be staged for one or two weekends with access to the Network's technical and marketing resources. Deadline for application is Feb. 14. (734) 663-0666 or send e-mail to network@bizserve.com for proposal packet. For application form visit the Web site at www.performance-network.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)

JAZZ/BLUES

Mark Arahak: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Fun Brooks Trio: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

Thornetta Davis: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Los Galos: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

Woody Harman Orchestra: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$18-\$49, (313) 576-5111

Paul Keller: And ensemble provide the music for a Pre-Mardi Gras Party 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. There will be room for dancing so call early to reserve tickets which are \$12. (248) 476-2674

Brett Lucas Band: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Wade Lynn: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, at Harlequin "Jazz" Cafe, Indian Village, Detroit. No cover. (313) 331-0922

Matt Michaels Trio: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, vocalist Julie Cochill; Feb. 13 Ed Gooch (trombone); Feb. 20 trumpeter Johnny Trudell; Feb. 27 vocalist Barbara Ware; Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road, (734) 762-7758

Larry Nozaro Jazz Quintet: Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch House's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozaro.com

Tony Pope's N'Orleans Six: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, opened Jan. 26,

and continues every other weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6. (248) 476-2674

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

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

Pierce Pettis: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302.

WORLD MUSIC

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

CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective: Collage, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by Ann Nguyen and Kay Rediera, and works by artists directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger and guest artist Linda Cleveland Simmons 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16-17, on the third floor of the Old Main Building on the Wayne State University campus, Cass and Warren, Detroit. \$12, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544

University of Michigan Dance Company: Evening of modern dance flavored by traditional performance in *Ancient Steps, Forward Glances*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15 reserved seating, students with ID \$7. (734) 764-2538

SOCIAL DANCING

Moon-Dancers: Ballroom dancing to live bands: featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 987-1428

Rhythm 'N' Shoes: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, 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

Waterford-Oak Ballroom Dancing: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Tim Cavanaugh Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

Comedy Club Nights: Jeff Brannen 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Smoke Bar & Grill, 543 North Main, Rochester. \$5 cover. (248) 650-8170

Joey's Comedy Club at Palsano's: Shelia Kay Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the club, 5070 Schoeller Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

Mark Ridley's Comedy Club: John Pinette Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, \$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-G-Round showtimes on Thursday-Sunday at Second City-Detroit. Ticket prices and show times vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Cranbrook Institute of Science: 39221 Woodward Avenue, 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. 1-877-482-7282 or www.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum: African American Family Day 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, entertainment, African mask

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