

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Century Theatre: Late Nite Catechism 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) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Fisher Theatre: South Pacific, continues 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 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

Jewish Ensemble Theatre: Present the Michigan premiere of the play about the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay college student, *The Laramie Project*, continues to Sunday, March 24. Curtain 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, no evening performance March 13, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6500 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$16-\$28 with discounts available for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

Benefit performance: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. Tickets \$40, includes an afterglow with cast. Proceeds go to the Triangle Foundation.

Meadow Brook Theatre: Bee-luther-hatchee, Michigan premiere of the mystery by Thomas Gibbons, continues through March 10, Oakland University campus, Rochester, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday-Sunday, \$28, 8 p.m. Friday, \$34; 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, \$38. Preview 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 13-15 (\$17 and \$26), (248) 377-3300

Music Hall Center: Morgot Kidder stars in Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* through Feb. 24, Curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, \$23-\$45.50, (248) 645-6666, (313) 963-2366

Performance Network: Elizabeth Rex continues to March 3, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$25, Friday-Saturday, \$20 Thursday and Sunday, (734) 663-0681

Purple Rose Theatre: The romantic comedy *Months on End* 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, and 3 p.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

COMMUNITY THEATER

Bloomfield Players: The Sound of Music, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 8-9, March 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10 and 17, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$12, (248) 443-0885

Farmington Players: Present N. Richard Nash's play about life and love in the drought-stricken Midwest during the late 1930s, *The Rainmaker* continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23 and March 1-2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the theater inside Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield. \$13, (248) 219-0800

Plymouth Theatre Guild: Bringing to life the Wizard of Oz, L. Frank Baum's classic tale about a young girl whose only wish is to go home to Kansas 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23 and March 1-2, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. \$14, \$10 youth age 18 and under, (248) 349-7110

Ridgedale Players: Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 1 and continues weekends to March 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, 205 West Long Lake, between Livonia and Crooks, Troy. \$12, \$11 students/seniors on Sundays only, (248) 988-7049

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Hilbert Theatre: The importance of Being Earnest plays in rotating repertory through April 4; William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* continues in rotating repertory to Thursday, March 28, 4:43 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$12-\$20, (313) 577-2972

College Theatre: Hilbert Theatre: The importance of Being Earnest plays in rotating repertory through April 4; William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* continues in rotating repertory to Thursday, March 28, 4:43 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$12-\$20, (313) 577-2972

Dinner



Drama: Courtney Malo of Ypsilanti and Eric Malo, Livonia, join the rest of the SRO Productions cast in presenting "Picnic," William Inge's drama about a young vagabond and the females he encounters in a Midwestern town in the 1950s. The show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and continues weekends to Sunday, March 10, in The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10, \$8 seniors/children and available by calling (248) 827-0701.

SRO Productions: *Picnic*, William Inge's drama 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, March 1-2 and 8-9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, March 3 and 10, in the Historic Church on the corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$10, \$8 seniors/students, (248) 827-0710

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 15-16 and 22-23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in the theater at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors, (248) 644-0527. Special dinner/theater package for March 15 includes dinner at the Ocean Grille and a ticket to the production for \$50, (248) 593-3093

Trinity House Theatre: *The Queen of Bingo*, presented by Flanders Theatre Company and Trinity House Theatre, opens Feb. 21 and continues to March 17, 8 p.m. Thursday (preview) Feb. 21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, March 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the theater, 38840 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$12, \$10 seniors/students, (313) 538-5739

Stagecrafters: *The Sisters* Rosenzweig by Wendy Wasserstein, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-23, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 4:15 p.m. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

Mt. Zion Theatre Company: Three act drama, *Refuge of Lies*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, March 1-2, March 8-9. \$8 advance, \$7 students/seniors, \$10 at the door, Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Road, Waterford. (248) 391-6166

Youth Productions: *Defiant Puppet Theatre:* Oh, Ansel, a West African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Tickets \$7, \$5 children, (313) 961-7771

Youth Theatre: *Sheng's Africa* 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. \$10, \$8 in advance, (248) 557-7529

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THEATER

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

Jack's Waterfront Restaurant: Always Ratsy Cline, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through March 8. \$17 show only, come early for dinner, 24212 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. (810) 445-8080

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cirque: A themed costume play

present by the DIA's Founders Junior Council and the Scarab Club 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 23, guests may bring their own festive mask or make one, masks may also be purchased at the door for \$10, music by the Billy Rose Trio, strolling supper, flame-eaters, dancers and jugglers will also entertain, at the club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$75, (313) 833-0247

Performance Network: Birthday Bash featuring strolling buffet, live jazz and entertainment. Silent auction, 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Courthouse Square Ballroom, upstairs from Performance Network, 120 East Huron, Ann Arbor. \$50, sponsorship packages available. (734) 663-0696

Schoolcraft College: Seventh annual Winterfest Beer Tasting. 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Patrons must be 21 or older. Tickets \$35 include fine cuisine, up to 50 tastings of assorted beer, door prizes, and complimentary testing class. Tickets available at Merchant Fine Wine locations or call (734) 462-4422. All tickets are pre-sale only.

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Disney on Ice: Toy Story 2 Feb. 27 to March 3, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$15-\$35, (248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

Denim and Diamonds: A fund-raiser for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, annual dinner and auction 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 2, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. \$75, \$85 for members, (734) 416-4278. All proceeds from the benefit support arts council programming.

Detroit Opera House: On Stage Jazz Performance by Marcus Belgrave and Friends and vocalist Ursula Walker with the Buddy Budson Band Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, performances 8:30-10:30 p.m., at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$75, (313) 237-3425

MASKRAIDE 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

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Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson and 8 p.m. Friday, March 8, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$22, \$18 students, seniors, (248) 559-2095

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Featuring pianist Peter Serkin, Osma Vanska conducting Mozart, Schoenberg and Nielsen, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$54, (313) 576-5111

Emerald Sinfonietta: In honor of Black History Month the program features spirituals with guest African-American soprano Christina Clark 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in Birmingham Unitarian Church on Woodward, north of Lone Pine. \$20, \$15 seniors/students, includes reception after the concert. For reservations, call (313) 438-0780

Fine Arts Concert Series: Opens 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., College style concert features Detroit Symphony Orchestra harpist Patty Masri-Fletcher, flutist Holly Clemans, violinist Melody Wooten, string bassist Gregg Emerson Powell, drummer Pete Siers, organist Michael Eisenberg. Additional choral music. \$12 adults, \$10 students 18 and under, \$10 seniors, 65 and older, \$15 at the door. (248) 349-0911

Alexander Kerr: Concertmaster of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam, with Lisa Leonard, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, Kerrytown Concerthouse, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concouthouse

Madonna University: Presents a faculty music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, in Kresge Hall on the campus at 1-96 and Levan, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, \$5 students. Proceeds go to the music scholarship fund. Call (734) 432-5709

Pontiac-Grosse Pointe-Woodward Symphony: Features guest organist James Wells, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 West Pike, Pontiac. Tickets \$15, \$10 students/children, and available at the door one hour before concert.

Rochester Symphony: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Sidney Creek High School Auditorium, Rochester. Volodymyr Shesliuk conducts an all-Russian program. \$15, \$13 students, (248) 651-4181

Wayne State University: Bass-baritone Ivan Griffin performs 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the Schaver Music Recital Hall at 4841 Cass in the Old Main Building on campus, Detroit. No charge. (313) 577-1795

Winter Concert Series: Features harpist Christa Grix 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Genelli's Little Theatre, Northville. \$7, (248) 349-0203

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

Great Lakes Lyric Opera: And the Southfield Centre for the Arts are looking for high school students to compete March 17. Applicants must be a junior or senior in high school and a resident of Michigan or Ontario, Canada. Auditions will take place at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Prizes will be awarded. For information, call (248) 547-2027 or send e-mail to GLO@MediaOne.net

Michigan Shakespeare Festival: Auditions for the July 18 to Aug. 4 festival will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 and 28 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, for a variety of roles for adults of all ages, for major roles a prepared monologue from any Shakespeare play is required and should not exceed two minutes, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 West Michigan Ave., Jackson. To schedule an interview, call (866) 705-2630 or (517) 769-5032

Paper Bag Productions: Auditions for ages 8-18 for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, be

prepared to sing, accompanist provided, readings from script, at 19586 Farmington Road, three blocks north of Seven Mile, Livonia. (810) 344-7774

Rosedale Players: *Bus Stop*, 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 25-26, 21728 Grand River, 1/4 block east of Lahser, Detroit. Show dates April 19-20, April 26-28, May 3-4, Ralph (248) 647-0078, (313) 532-4010

SRO Productions: Auditions for *How the Other Half Loves* 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Historic Burgh Church, Berg Road and Civic Center Drive, Southfield. (248) 827-0710

Village Players of Birmingham: Auditions for 7 men, 2 women, a large mixed chorus, and 6 children ages 8-15 for *Annie Get Your Gun* 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25, prepare short upbeat song, at the playhouse, 34650 Woodward, Birmingham. For performances weekends May 17 to June 1. (248) 554-1312

Volunteer & Commercial Workshops: For children in grades 6-12 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Digiscore Studio, Pontiac. \$50, (248) 253-8843

Wayne State University: The music department holds auditions for prospective students Feb. 25 to March 1 in the Old Main Building, Cass and Warren avenues, Detroit. All interested high school or graduate students should contact the department at (313) 577-1795. Wayne State's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts offers 16-degree concentrations including bachelor's of music in performance, music education, composition, theory, music management, music technology, jazz studies and church music, and master's of music in performance, compositions, theory, choral conducting, and music education.

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

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

Cool Jazz at Club Cove: Shabazz and the Mike Brush Jazz Quartet 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Covent Center, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. \$10, (248) 623-9389

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