

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

Dance Theatre of Harlem: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 1-2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. (313) 237-SING or www.MichiganOpera.org

Opening Night Gala 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, includes a reception, performance and supper at the Detroit Athletic Club. \$150. Call (313) 237-3425

MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company: Dinner Dance Party 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, Sangria Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$40 per person. Dance as Art and Entertainment, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 9, Southfield Centre for the Arts.

Contemporary Creations, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Maggie Altesee Studio Theatre, Wayne State University, Old Main, Cass at Warren, third floor. (248) 689-4084.

SOCIAL DANCING

Moon-Dusters: 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

Country Western Dancers: 7 p.m., lesson 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 dancing to live duets, couples, flow and line dancing. \$10. Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr., south of 12 Mile Road east of Hoover, Warren.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Peter Berman Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-23, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

Joe's Comedy Club at Palsano's: Steve Bitts Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-24, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

Mark Ridley's Comedy Club: John Haffron, also Tommy James Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-23, at the club 269 East Fourth, Royal Oak. \$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 show times vary. \$5-20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Automotive Hall of Fame: Photography exhibit by Roland Hardy continues to Feb. 28, at 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 240-4000

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. 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Lawrence St. Gallery: Accepting entries for its sixth annual Exposures: Photography '02 Show. Interested photographers may call the gallery. (248) 334-6716 for a prospectus. Fee for entering up to two pieces is \$20 (nonrefundable). Bring entries to the gallery, 5 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, noon to 5 p.m. through Saturday, Feb. 23. Exhibit opens March 1. Best of show wins



Comedy: Barbara Young and Laura Gumina play the lead roles of "The Queen of Bingo" opening 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Produced by Flanders Theater Company, the play chronicles the lives of two middle-aged sisters as they move from one bingo hall to the next. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, March 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, March 3, 10 and 17. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors/students. Call (313) 638-5739 or (734) 464-6302.

\$100.

Franklin Village Band: Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 mile roads. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

Livonia Arts Commission: Is looking for artists and crafters for its 26th annual Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. For an application, call the community resources department at (734) 466-2540. Exhibitors are also wanted for the display cases in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Artists or collectors should contact Donna Eno at (734) 261-5870.

Poetry Lounge: Join the Open Mic poetry series at Affirmations Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 195 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Bring original and/or published poems to read or just come and listen. Poetry Lounge every third Wednesday through April in the Pittman-Puckett Art Gallery within the community center. (248) 398-7105

Scholarship Funds: The family of recently deceased artist Ricki Berlin have established a fund to honor her memory at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Current and future artists seeking scholarships for classes at the Art Center are invited to submit requests to Deborah Callahan, education coordinator, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, MI, 48009

Singer Auditions: The Cantans Academy chorale periodically accepts experienced singers in all vocal ranges to join the chorale. Call (248) 358-9868 to schedule an audition. Singers should prepare a classical piece and be ready for sight reading. Auditions last approximately 15 minutes

VSA arts of Michigan: Looking for professional artists who are interested in sharing their creative processes in dance, drama, literature, music, poetry and the visual arts with students with disabilities. Artists must be interested in learning how to accommodate students with a variety of disabilities. Qualified artists will be trained to work with students at an Artist-in-Residence Training Institute to take place at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center at Higgins Lake in Roscommon June 15-18. Following training VSA arts of Michigan will provide work for artists in artist-in-residence programs in K-12 schools throughout the state. Interested artists should send resumes to Artist-in-Residence Initiative, VSA arts of Michigan, 51 West Hancock, Detroit, MI 48201. For more information, call (313) 832-3303

or send e-mail to vsami@ic.net.

ART CLASSES /WORKSHOPS

Ann Arbor Art Center: Adult and youth courses including ceramics, jewelry making, figure sculpting and drawing. Renaissance painting, linemaking, mosaics, glass blowing, pottery, puppetry, clay on the wheel and more. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

Art Gallery/Studio: Maggie Cooney and Kay Rowe teach watercolor in March and April in the Sheridan Shopping Center, Garden City. (734) 261-0379

Art of Living studies: Drawing, scarf-dyeing and awakening your artistic vision classes, book cover and poetry nights. 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Includes A Class for Parents, Art Starts at Home, Capitals of Culture: Rome, Florence and New York. Drawing at the Museum, Urban Forging Basket Workshop, Grades 1-3 Designing Cars, and Automotive Sculpting Workshop for grade 9 through adult. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866

Creative Arts Center: Classes for children, teens and adults in art, music, drama and dance. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849. Scholarships available for students with financial need.

Outside the Lines Studio: Decorative painting classes, learn faux finishes with glazes, animals prints, paper mosaics, glass painting, floorcloths, furniture painting and more. Berkley. (248) 399-9304

Plymouth Reed and Cane: Basket weaving classes, workshops and chair caning and seat replacement classes. Beginning Decorative Painting Class, fabric painting and other classes, 1200 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-2150

Touch of Light: The Studio and Gallerie of Handblown Glass offers classes in glass blowing. No experience necessary. Classes meet Wednesday-Friday evenings and Saturday-Sunday afternoons. 23426 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 543-1868

Visual Art Association of Livonia: Classes in various arts forms including oil, watercolor, pastel and drawing at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Mary Ann Adams. (734) 455-9517

ings at 132 Varner Hall, Oakland University Rochester campus. (248) 652-3003

Deborah Chase School of Dance: Accepting new students for a comprehensive program in dance, art and musical theater. 29820 Joy, Livonia. (734) 513-2004 or (734) 421-4212

Detroit Ballet: Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174

Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance: Taking registrations for enrollment. 16312 Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 524-0104

ART LECTURES

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Art-Rago-Us: The Art and Outrage of Breast Cancer. Marjane Block will present a pictorial review and commentary on the exhibit of art by women have faced breast cancer. 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 1 (6:30 a.m. reception). Seating is limited. To register, call (248) 644-0866. Donations will be accepted at the door. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: "Artist to Artist" lecture by Al Larson, owner of Frameworks in Plymouth. Larson talks about reproducing your work 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278

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Music and poetry: In and Out the Edge brings its music and spoken word performance to Xhedos Cafe in Ferndale at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23. Band members are vocalist Ann Holdreith (from left), Jim Bradlin, on bass, Jamie Townsend, with beats and loops and Faruq Z. Bey, on clarinet and sax. Xhedos is located at 240 West Nine Mile. (248) 399-3946.

for reservations. Donations welcome.

Southfield Public Library: A member of the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau will discuss the work and life of African-American artist Jacob Lawrence 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. Call (248) 948-0470 for information. The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence will be exhibited Feb. 24 to May 19 at the DIA. For more than 60 years, Lawrence depicted African-American life in the 20th century with stark images and bold colors.

University of Michigan: Installation artist Sataru Takahashi lectures 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Art + Architecture Bldg. on North Campus, 2000 Bonisteel, Ann Arbor. No charge. (734) 936-2082

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Michigan Fine Arts Competition opens with a reception and awards presentation 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 8, lecture/performance by Juro Nick Cave 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, continues to Friday, March 29, 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866

College for Creative Studies: and Exhibit A present an exhibit of jewelry and metalwork by faculty and select students of Bowling Green State University, CWS, Eastern Michigan University, University of Toledo, Wayne State University, Cranbrook Academy of Art, and University of Michigan continues to March 22, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Walter B. Ford II Building Atrium, 201 East Kirby, Detroit. (313) 664-7446

Design Haus: Photography by Ken Marzocchi opens with a reception Friday, Feb. 22, continues to March 29, 411 West 2nd Street, Rochester.

Independence Village: Naturalist painter Susan Falcone 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road. (734) 453-2600

Livonia Civic Center Library: Fine Arts Gallery: Paintings by Kay Rowe. March 22, opening reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 466-2490

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Brickman opens an art exhibit with reception and book signing 4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, continues to March 15, 536 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040

Washington Street Gallery: Leslie Masters "Southern Sun", landscapes from Italy and France Feb. 28 to March 30, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 1, gallery talk 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, 215 East Washington Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287

Woods Gallery: Meet artist Sherry Adams Foster 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, lower level Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scott, Huntington Woods, south of 11 Mile Road. Exhibit runs through March 25. (248) 543-9720.

LIVE MUSIC

Atomic 80's: The Ultimate Retro Party, for age 21 and over, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

Chris Duarte: 8 p.m. Monday, March 4, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

Commander Cody: 8 p.m. Sunday, March 10, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

Enrique Iglesias: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, The Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32, \$50, \$60. (248) 433-1515

Gordon Lightfoot: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$37.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-7875

Quest Big Sea: Saturday, March 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666

In and Out the Edge: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 582-7765

Jason Harrod: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302

Jonathan Richman: Featuring Tommy Larkins with The Dirty Shame, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10 in advance. (248) 544-3030

Larry Maxwell: 8:11 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100

Mike Roe: 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302

North Mississippi Allstars: 8 p.m., Saturday, March 9, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

Pat Metheny Group: 8 p.m., Thursday, March 7, Detroit Opera House. \$45-\$75. (248) 645-6666

Peter, Paul and Mary: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666

Project Object: Featuring Ike Willis, 8 p.m., Thursday, March 21, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 (248) 544-3030

Richard Thompson: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$25. (248) 544-3030

Rani Arbo and Brooks Williams: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, The Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10; \$8 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302

Saw Doctors: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

Snoco Ice Ice Ball: Featuring Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Blackalicious, Nikke Costa and Saul Williams, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, State Theatre, Detroit. \$21.25. (248) 645-6666

Twiztid: 9 p.m., Friday, March 15, The Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 advance, \$17 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CLUBS

Beach Party: Jimmy Buffet Parrothead Beach Party, Thursday, Feb. 21, JD's Key Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.