

# Let's Go!

## Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

**Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre:**  
Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 22-23; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights, \$8, (313) 561-1275.

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**Junior Actors of Ridgedale:**  
Present an original show *Breaking News*, and meals with the Easter Bunny, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (snack show), Sunday, March 24, Tickets \$7 and include a meal, and visit with the Easter Bunny. Pictures with the Easter Bunny available for \$2. Reservations a must, call (248) 988-7049. The theater is at 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernols in Troy. *Breaking News* is the story of Cinderella and Snow White and members of their "Go Fish" card group rushing to the aid of the Easter Bunny who has broken his leg shortly before Easter. *Geni's Hole-In-the Wall: Shirley Holmes: Girl Detective*, 11:30 a.m., lunch with performance, Saturday, March 23, at the restaurant, 109 Main St., Northville, \$11.95 children, \$12.95 adults, (248) 349-0522  
**PuppetArt: Close the Window...** a puppet show based on Yiddish folklore 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23 and 30, at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 East Grand River, (313) 961-7777  
**Youtheatre: Ferdiand the Bull** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield, \$8 advance, \$10 at the door, (248) 557-7529  
**Rising Stars: Groovy**, a musical tribute to the 1960s, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22, noon Saturday, March 23, and noon Sunday, March 24, at the Oakland University campus, Bloomfield Hills, \$4, (248) 433-0885.

### COLLEGE THEATER

**Hilberry Theatre: The Importance of Being Earnest** plays in rotating repertory through Thursday, 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  
**Oakland University: Lucky Stiff**, musical comedy with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 and 30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Warner Studio Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester, (248) 370-3013, (248) 645-8668  
**Schoolcraft College Theatre:** Presents Noel Coward's comedy *Billie Smith* 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 22-23 and 29-30 (dinner theater), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6 (performance only), In the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18500  
**Haggerty, between Six and Seven** Mile roads, Livonia, \$21 for dinner theater, \$10 performance only, (734) 462-4400, ext. 5457  
**University of Michigan: School of Music Opera Theatre** presents *Gioacchino Rossini's comic opera La Cenerentola*, an adaptation of the *Cinderella* story, 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Mandelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$20 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 students, (734) 764-2538.

### DINNER THEATER

**Geni's: Wild Wild Western** Michigan, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23 and 30, 108 E. Main, Northville, \$45, (248) 349-0522.

### BENEFITS

**Fund-raising dinner/performance:** The Italian Study Group of Troy holds its annual dinner with performance by members of its Special Performing Arts Club 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Friday, March 22, also a live auction lead by Detroit comedian Francine Dent, the Special Performing Arts Club is composed of adults who are

developmentally disabled, at Club Venetian, 29310 John R. \$25 and \$50, (248) 585-5246  
**Oscar Night America:** Black tie Hollywood style event at the Roostertail in Detroit. Presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Sunday, March 24, Tickets \$135 per person, call (313) 833-7967

### CLASSICAL

**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Boonome String Quartet with clarinetist Richard Stotzman, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23, Selligman Performing Arts Center (Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile Road at Lahser Road, Beverly Hills), \$18-\$67, students \$15, (248) 855-6070.  
**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** With Braxton Dondard Choral, EMU Choir and Plymouth Oratorio Society 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6, box seats, \$10, (313) 576-5111  
**Livonia Symphony Orchestra:** Conductor Volodymyr Sheslur teams up with daughter/ pianist Anna Sorokhtel to perform Brahms Concerto No. 1 in D minor 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia, \$16, \$10 students over age 12, children free, (734) 425-4855  
**Rochester Symphony Orchestra:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Stoner Creek Auditorium, Tienken Road, just east of Rochester Road, in Rochester Hills, \$15, \$13 students, (248) 651-4181

### AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**Birmingham Musica:** Auditions for scholarships - Charlotte Ruppel Memorial Voice Music Award, Dorothy K. Roosevelt Piano Award and Jean Hohmeyer String Award, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at First Baptist Church, 1100 East 11th, Birmingham. Application must be postmarked no later than March 30. Call (248) 375-9534 for criteria and more information.

**Franklin Village Band:** Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band. 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) 535-4131

**Paint Creek Scholarship:** Looking for talented high school seniors to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship to be used to further art studies. Must reside in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb counties. Deadline is April 15. Applicants must submit 6-sides of their work, a brief description of work, and two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. Call (248) 651-4110

**Village Players of Birmingham:** Auditions for seven men, two women, a large mixed chorus, and six children ages 8-15 for *Annie Get Your Gun* 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, March 24 and 26. Prepare short upbeat song, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. For performance weekends May 17 to June 1, (248) 554-1312  
**Marjula Theatre:** Auditions, children ages 8-15, for *Hansel and Gretel*, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Prepare a song and bring sheet music. Also prepare a poem to read, no longer than two minutes, does not have to be memorized, (248) 249-8110.

### POPS/SWING/ CABARET

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra:** 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, boogie)  
**Detroit Symphony Pops:** Anything Goes! Music of Cole Porter 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 22-23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit \$15-\$51, (313) 576-5111  
**Farmington Community Band:** Spring Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Harrison High School



**Sultry southern night:** Meadow Brook Theatre presents Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" through April 14, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Pictured are Ryan Kitley (Brick) and Dana Green (Margaret). For tickets, call (248) 377-3300.

on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills, No charge, (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412, www.tcbmusic.org

### JAZZ/BLUES

**Ron Brooks Trio:** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor, \$5 cover, (734) 662-8310  
**Los Gatos:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor, \$5 cover, (734) 662-8310  
**Kris Lynn:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, at Harlequin "Jazz" Cafe, Indian Village, Detroit. No cover, (313) 331-0922  
**Hazz Michalea Trio:** 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 26937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road, (734) 762-7756  
**Larry Nozera Jazz Quintet:** Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housay's Food & Spirits, Livonia, (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozera.com  
**Terry Pope's N'Orleans Six:** 3:6 p.m. Saturday, began Jan. 26, and continues every other weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield, \$6, (248) 476-2674

### FOLK/ACOUSTIC

**Larry Arbourn:** 7:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, at Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road, (248) 647-7747  
**Ticklepenney Corner:** 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, \$10, (734) 464-6302

### WORLD MUSIC

**Blackthorn:** Performs 8 p.m. Friday, March 22 at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Admission \$10, (248) 942-3241  
**Pat McDunn:** 8:11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover, (248) 601-1100 (Irish)  
**Bernard Woma:** The African per-

fusionist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. Woma is head xylophonist and master drummer of the Ghana National Theatre, and founder of the Dagara Bewaa Culture Group. He will be performing the music of the Dagara people of West Africa. \$12, \$10 seniors, OU employees, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013

### CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

**American Ballet Theatre:** Perform *Le Corsaire* April 4-7, at the Detroit Opera House, \$17-\$75, (313) 237-SING  
**Clarkston Village Players:** Dance concert featuring Polynesian and Bharata Natyam 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Clarkston Village Players, \$15, (248) 625-8811  
**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Presents *Pushing the Limit*, features three works including the premier of a new dance, *Trilogy* 8 p.m. Friday, March 22, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, on Hall Road, between Hayes and Garfield on the campus of Macomb Community College, \$22, \$18 seniors, (248) 559-2095  
**Twyla Tharp Dance:** University Musical Society series spotlights recent work by the renowned American choreographer 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, \$20-\$40, (734) 764-2538

### 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) 967-1428  
**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 lessons and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor, \$2, (734) 763-6984

**Line dance classes:** At the Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr. south of 12 Mile Road, Warren, Beginner 7-8 p.m. Intermediate 8-9 p.m. Seven week session \$35, call Helen (810) 202-7558 or Diane (586) 573-0668  
**Grange Rockin' Contra Dance:** Pittsfield Union Grange 8 p.m. Saturday March 23, live string band music by the POB-X group, all dances taught and prompted by Karen Missavage. We'll have a special guest caller, Carol Jacobs. Dancing begins at 8 p.m.; come early for private lessons and easier selections. Admission is \$8, and includes light refreshments. The Grange is on Ann Arbor-Saline Road, just south of the commercial area surrounding the exit with I-94. It's a historic building with a wooden floor and vintage atmosphere. Casual comfortable clothing is recommended. And you don't need a partner - it's a friendly crowd and everyone is encouraged to ask anyone else to dance. Need more information? Call (734) 747-8860.

**Contra Dance:** Robin Warner calls to live music by the Pittsfield Open Band, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Pittsfield Grange Hall, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. All dances taught, beginners welcome, \$7, students \$5, (734) 975-0673

**English Country Dancing:** To live music, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, Chapel Hill Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road 3/4 mile north of Plymouth Road, \$6, (734) 422-1170.  
**Blackberry Creek Dancers:** Country Western Dance, 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. lesson, Friday, March 22, Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr. south of 12 Mile Road, east of Hoover, Warren, Dancing to DJ music includes couples, flow and line dancing, \$10, (810) 202-7558.

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**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 to listen. Poetry Lounge every third Wednesday through April in the Pittman-Puckett Art Gallery at the community center, (248) 398-7105

### COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Willie Barcena, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23, additional show 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 314 E. Liberty, (734) 996-9080.  
**Fox Theatre:** Jeff Foxworthy performs stand-up 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21, \$25-\$57.50, (248)

433-1515

**Joey's Comedy Club:** Doug Stanhope, Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Dinner/show package available. Call (313) 584-8885 for details, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, inside Paisano's. **Knock Knocks Comedy Club:** Norm Stulz, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27; Joe Dunckel 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at Steve's Texas Smoke restaurant, Rochester, (248) 650-8170

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Club:** Chris Rich, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23; Ron White, also Jon Oberthur Thursday-Saturday, March 28-30, at the club 269 East Fourth, Royal Oak, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday, (248) 542-9900

**Second City:** Two for Tuesdays - *Show and Osalamala Ding Dong* at 8 p.m. Touring company presents *The Best of Second City*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, *Jihad It Up to Here* shows 8 & 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices and show times vary, \$5-\$20, (313) 965-2222

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. Free with admission \$4, \$1 children, free for Founders Society members. *Over The Line: The Art and Life of Jacob Lawrence*, a major retrospective featuring 160 of the African American artist's works, continues to Sunday, May 19, \$8, \$5 age 17 and under, Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

**Henry Ford Museum:** Parade of Puppets, weekends during March. Learn how to make hand puppets, enjoy performances by members of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$8.50-\$13.50, (313) 271-1570. New museum hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. When Greenfield Village reopens April 1 the same hours apply, \$7.50-\$14, (313) 271-1570. For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

**Meadow Brook Hall:** Tours continue through June, 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 3:30 p.m. General admission \$8, \$6 seniors/children, discounts for groups of 20 or more, (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

**Wright Museum of African American History:** In the Spirit of Martin: *The Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* continues to July 28, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit, (313) 494-5800

### LIVE MUSIC

**Creedence Clearwater Revisted:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$14 general admission, \$29 reserved, (248) 645-6666

**Dave Matthews Band:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$46.50, (248) 645-6666

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

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

**Mountain:** Featuring Leslie West and Cory Lewis, 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, The Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$22, (248) 544-3030

**NSync:** With Smash Mouth, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$75, \$52.50 and \$39.50, (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 the Willis, 8 p.m., Thursday, March 21, The Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$15 (248) 544-3030