

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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painting. Call (248) 473-1800

Jewish Community Center: Offering dance classes for preschool children at the Oak Park campus, 15110 W. Ten Mile Road. (248) 967-4030

The Community House: Songs & Puppets with Rita Kirsch, Parent and child music classes for ages three-months to 4-years, original and traditional songs, creative movement and rhythm instruments. 380 South Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832

Professional Theater

Century Theatre: Late Nite Gatchism through May 26, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$24.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

Meadow Brook Theatre: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams, through Sunday, April 14, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Opening night 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Curtain Wednesday-Sunday, show times vary. \$26-\$38. (248) 377-3300.

Detroit Repertory: Fast Ducks, a comedy by Elena Hartwell, through May 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson. \$15. (313) 868-1347

Gem Theatre: Guys on Ice through May 26, 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: 14th annual New Play Festival includes staged readings of Jerry Newman's *Two for the Books* Monday-Tuesday, April 8-9, Terry Baum's *Divide the Living Child* Monday-Tuesday, April 15-16, Sarah Baird's *Jake's Oasis* Monday-Tuesday, April 22-23, and Motti Lerner's (adapted from a story by Isaac Bashevis Singer) *Passing the Love of Women* Monday-Tuesday, April 29-30, all performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Aarpm DeRoy Theatre in the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6500 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$5. (248) 788-2900

Theatre Company: The Member of the Wedding, opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 21, McAuley Theatre, University of Detroit Mercy, 8200 W. Outer Dr., corner of Southfield, north of Six Mile, Detroit. \$8 students, \$12 adults. (313) 993-6461.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Marquis Theatre: Jack and the Beanstalk continues through April 21. Shows 2:30 p.m. 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

Geniitti's: Daddy/Daughter Day, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Shirley Holmes: Girl Detective, with lunch. \$11.95 children, \$12.95 adults. Downtown Northville. (248) 349-0522.

COLLEGE THEATER

Hilberry Theatre: The Importance of Being Earnest plays in rotating repertory through Thursday, April 4, 4743 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972

Schoolcraft College Theatre: Presents Noel Coward's comedy *Blithe Spirit* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18500 Haggerty, Livonia. \$10 performance only. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5457

Eastern Michigan University Theatre: Present's Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream 8 p.m. April 5-6, April 11-13 and 2:30 p.m. April 7 in the Quirk Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus. \$8 for April 11 performance, \$13 Fridays and Saturdays and \$11 for April 7 matinee. (734) 487-1221

Henry Ford Community College Theatre Arts: Presents Woody Allen's comedy Play It Again Sam April 11-21, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday at the college, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn. \$8 HFCC faculty, staff, students, \$10 general public. (313) 845-6475

SPECIAL EVENTS

Collector's Education Tour: Circle of Champions Collectors Education and Wine Tasting, hosted by The Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts. 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 12 at General Sports and Entertainment, 400 Water Street, Suite 250, Rochester. Features 100 Doug West paintings of the greatest athletes from the last 50 years. \$35. (313) 833-0247

Giuseppe Verdi Tribute: The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan hosts an evening of music and fine dining. "Tribute to Giuseppe Verdi: A Culinary and Musical Event," at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22 at Tribute Restaurant, Farmington Hills. Seating is limited. \$150 per person. (248) 848-9393

Listening Room Concert Series: Features Mike Kerwin with special guests Jeff and Vida 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Kensington Community Church, 1825 East Square Lake Road, Troy. \$5. (248) 293-0400, Ext. 465

Muscle at All Saints: All Saints Episcopal Church presents Stephen Rush and Rose Mullins in *Take Me to the River*, 7 p.m. Friday, April 19. Concert features American music, familiar gospel selections and complex compositions by Charles Ives. All Saints Church, 171 West Pike, Pontiac. \$15. Wine reception to follow. (248) 334-4571

BENEFITS

A Night at the Oscars: Plymouth Symphony Orchestra fundraiser makes guests the stars at its annual dinner/auction and concert 6 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets: \$60, \$30 children 12th grade and under. (734) 451-2112

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Hear cancer survivor Donna Vogelheim speak about how art helped her recover 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at a model home in The Oaklands in Rochester Hills. \$30 advance, \$35 at door, \$50 a couple. Proceeds go to the BBAC and Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Call (248) 644-0866, ext. 104 for reservations and directions.

For the Love of Art: A benefit event in honor of Paul Gauguin 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, dinner by the lake, live auction of artful furniture, dance in island-chic attire to the music of the Jello Shots. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. \$100, \$75, to benefit the arts center's technology upgrade. (248) 651-4110 by April 5 to reserve tickets.

Benefit concert: For the Birmingham Musicians, 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, St. Regis Catholic Church, 3691 Lincoln at Lehigh, Bloomfield Hills. Features the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. Program will feature many different musical styles and periods including Renaissance, motets, opera choruses, and college songs. Tickets \$25, \$35 and \$50. (248) 738-9827

Benefit luncheon: The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild hosts "Luncheon on the Aisle" on Friday, April 26 at the Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University.



Three Duos and a Diva: Soprano Connie Randall opens the Farmington Musicals program 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Hammel's Music Recital Hall, 16630 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call (734) 464-8514. The Three Duos and a Diva program features 4-hand and 8-hand piano duets for two grand pianos, double string bass duets, and vocal solos.



Fancy footwork: Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance* returns to Detroit for five performances Friday-Sunday, April 5-7, at the Fox Theatre. The program is a blend of traditional and modern Celtic music and dance. Tickets are \$15.75-\$60.75. Call (248) 433-1515.

Rochester, to benefit the theater. Box lunch event features "behind the scenes secrets" of professional theater, a bake sale, plant sale and Gospel rehearsal. (248) 375-9840

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: "April in Paris" - program features works by favorite French composers with pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard and conductor Emmanuel Villameur 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 4-5, 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall. \$16-\$54. (313) 576-5111

Schoolcraft College: Noon concert series concludes with a performance by pianist Lori Sims Wednesday, April 10 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus. 18500 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge. (734) 462-4403

Vivace Series: The Sonnet Quartet performs the music of Mozart, Hindemith and Brahms 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$18, non-members, \$15 seniors/students and Temple members. (248) 788-9338

University Musical Series: Emerson String Quartet, Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson trio in a joint chamber music concert 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St. \$36, \$32, \$26, \$20. (734) 764-2538

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Bohemians Musicians Club of Greater Detroit: Fifth annual Solo Concerto Competition open for orchestral instruments. Prizes for first, second and third place are \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. The first prize winner will perform with a local community orchestra. Contestants must submit a performance tape by Saturday, April 20 to be considered one of the finalists who will perform before a panel of judges. High school and college students (between the ages of 16 and 22) throughout the state of Michigan are eligible. The Bohemians Club, the oldest musicians club in Detroit, is composed of present and retired Detroit Symphony Orchestra members, music teachers and music lovers of all backgrounds. For application form and further information e-mail Herbert Couf, President, The Bohemians at Coufherb@aol.com, or write Couf at 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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 Frisk, (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

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

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

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

Dizzy Gillespie All Stars: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$49. (313) 576-5111

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

Matt Michaels Trio: With guests 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bill Lucas, trumpet April 10; George Benson, saxophone April 17; Dennis Tini, piano with vocalist Barbara Ware April 24, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 without. (734) 762-7756

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

Tony Pope's N'Oreans Six: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 6 continues every other weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6. (248) 476-2674

Shella Landis Trio: 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, Covent Center, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. \$10. (248) 623-2369

Tim Flaherty Trio: 9 p.m. Friday, April 27, Woodruff's Supper Club, Sixth east of Washington, Royal Oak. (248) 543-5070

Wayne Shorter Quartet: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$36, \$34, \$26, \$16. (734) 764-2538

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

Larry Arbore: 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, at Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road. (248) 647-7747

Clarkston Village Players: Present an evening of music with David Mosher, Dan Hall and Bob Gerics 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$15. (248) 625-8611

Ticklepenney Corner: 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302

WORLD MUSIC

Indlinka: The 16-member West

African ensemble perform a concert of classical and contemporary African music and dance 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, in the Henry Ford Museum's Anderson Theater, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. No charge for concert. (313) 982-6001

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

CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

American Ballet Theatre: Perform *Le Corsaire* April 4-7, at the Detroit Opera House. \$17-\$75. (313) 237-5191

Salsa Dance Party: With Celia Cruz and Abita. Presented by the University Musical Society, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$35. (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

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: John Helfron, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 11-13, additional show 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 314 E. Liberty. (734) 996-9080

Knock Knock Comedy Club: Steve Lott 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Steve's Texas Smoke restaurant, Rochester. (248) 650-8170

Mark Ridley's Comedy Club: Mark Gross, also Jon McDonnell Thursday-Saturday, April 4-6; Ted Alexandro, also J.R. Remick Thursday-Saturday, April 11-13, at the club 269 East Fourth, Royal Oak. \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

Second City: Two for Tuesdays - Show and Oasmlama 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 and Greenfield Village: New museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7.50-\$14. (313) 271-1620. 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

University of Michigan Museum of Art: Women Who Ruled: Queens, Goddesses, Amazons 1500-1650, through Sunday, May 5. Tickets \$8 per person, no charge for students/museum members. \$25 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. (734) 764-0395. www.umhmc.edu/~umma

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

Bridge: 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, opening for Mitch Ryder, Tiger's Opening Day party at the State Theatre. Performing with special guests Ghetto Puppets and South Norma, Saturday, April 6. Tickets \$6 at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

Credence Clearwater Revived: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$14 general admission, \$25 reserved. (248) 645-6666

David Mosher: With Dan Hall and Bob Gerics, 8 p.m., April 13, at Depot Theater, 4881 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$15. (248) 625-8811

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

Home Town Hero: 7 p.m. Monday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$5. (313) 961-8137

Jack Scott: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, T-Bonz, Rochester Hills. \$15 cover charge. (248) 293-9000 for reservations

Jason Darnell: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302