

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

LIVE MUSIC

Anne Murray: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Meadowbrook Music Theatre, Rochester. \$37.50-\$18.50. (248) 645-6666

Blink-182 and Green Day: With Saves the Day. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35. (248) 645-6666

Brian Vander Ark: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-1991

Britney Spears: 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 24. Palace of Auburn Hills. \$78-\$52.25. (248) 645-6666

The Cranberries: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25. Meadowbrook Music Theatre, Rochester. \$27.50-\$20. (248) 645-6666

Dan Fogelberg: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Meadowbrook Music Theatre, Rochester. \$32.50-\$18.50. (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

Harry Connick Jr. and His Big Band: 8 p.m. Friday, May 24. Meadowbrook Music Theatre, Rochester. \$69.50-\$26. (248) 645-6666

Howie Stettland: Of NYC Smoke presents a solo show. Tuesday, April 30 at Lili's 21 Club, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555

Jimmy Smith Quartet: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$30. Must be 21 or older. (248) 544-1991

Maquarada: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. Must be 21 or older. (248) 544-1991

Monkee Mania starring Mickey Dolez and Davey Jones: With Barry Williams. 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Meadowbrook Music Theatre. \$35-\$18.50. (248) 645-6666

Paul McCartney: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Palace of Auburn Hills. \$252.50-\$52.50. (248) 645-6666

Sammy Hagar and David Lee Roth: Friday, May 31. DTE Energy Music Theatre. \$49.50-\$30.50. (248) 645-6666

The Stylitics, the Delfonics and Harold Melvin's Blue Notes: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15. DTE Energy Music Theatre. \$29-\$16.50. (248) 645-6666

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Century Theatre: Late Nite Catechism through June 23, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, 5:30 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

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 Woodward. \$15. (313) 868-1347

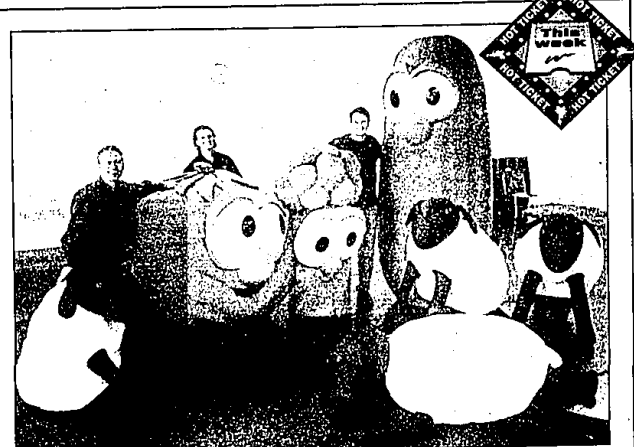
Flasher: Proof continues through Sunday, May 12. \$20-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666. Benefit performance for Kadima, Tuesday, April 30. Tickets \$75, call (248) 559-8235

Gen Theatre: Guys on Ice through April 28, 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 Mott 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 Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$5. (248) 788-2900

Meadow Brook Theatre: The classic rock musical *Godspell* opens for previews Thursday, April 25, opening night Saturday, April 27, continues to Sunday, May 19, previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 25-26. Curtain 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, in the theater at Wilson Hall, on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. \$26-\$38, \$17-\$26. (248) 377-3300

Powhahore Theatre Company: The Diva Daughters Dupree, May 2-26, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3



Salad days: Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber and the rest of the Veggie Tales cast bring their zany antics to the Fox theatre Thursday-Sunday, April 25-28. Tickets are \$13.50-\$27.50. Call (248) 433-1515.

p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday except for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 5, and 6 p.m. May 12, 19 and 26, at the General Motors Theater in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$20 advance, \$25 at door; matinees \$15 advance, \$20 at door, and seniors/students \$15 advance, \$20 at door, \$10 previews May 2-3, 2-for-1 Thursday, \$20 for 2 in advance, \$25 for 2 at door. Group rates available. (313) 572-0279

Purple Rose Theater: Born Yesterday. Garson Kanin's American comedy continues to June 15. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$22.50-\$32.50. (734) 433-7673

COMMUNITY THEATER

Avon Players: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat April 25-28, May 3, 10-12 and 15-18, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, off Tienken, Rochester Hills. \$15, \$13 students/seniors and Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

Players Guild of Dearborn: Damn Yankees opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, curtain 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May 18, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 12 and 19. Bring mom to the show for free on Mother's Day. 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. Tickets \$14 reserved, (313) 561-TKTS

DINNER THEATER

Genitti's Wild, Wild Western Michigan. Genitti's own Spaghetti Western continues Friday-Saturday, April 26-27 and Tuesday, April 30, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main, Northville. \$45 includes dinner. (248) 349-0522

Vladimiro: Oh Idaho, murder mystery presented by Death Row Players. 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, 28125 Grand River, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$35 per person in advance include show, meal, and one drink ticket. (248) 399-1101.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Genitti's Children's Lunch Theater: Shirley Holmes, Girl Detective, a mystery at the science fair, 11:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20 and Sunday, April 28, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main, Northville. \$12.95, \$11.95 children, includes lunch. (248) 349-0522

Marquita Theatre: Jack and the Beanstalk continues through Sunday, April 21. Shows 2:30 p.m. 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7.50. *Hansel and Gretel* opens 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, curtain 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, (248) 349-8110

Thomas the Tank Engine: Pulls into Greenfield Village Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28. (313) 271-1620 or www.hlmv.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: Brings art, fairy tales and puppets to Cranbrook Art Museum, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Children can meet and mingle with their favorite fairy tale characters and have a chance to invent their own endings to popular tales. Puppet show begins 3:30 p.m. Reservations recommended, call (248) 645-3351

PuppetArt Presents marionette ballet version of *Cinderella* 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Kolobok, a Russian version of the Gingerbread Man, plays 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 11, 18, and 25, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

Novi Theaters: The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 17-19. Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 347-0400

SPECIAL EVENTS

Andover Young Actors: You Can't Take it With You 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Andover theater one block west of Telegraph, one block south of Long Lake. \$8, \$5 students and seniors. (248) 645-4678

Birmingham Community House: Graduate Gala concert featuring Erin Chupinsky, Prandi Varnshney and Ashwini Hardkar 6 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 380 Bates, Birmingham. \$10 advance, \$15 at door. (248) 644-5832

Birmingham Concert Band: Joins forces with Jack Goglin, former WXPB radio host, to present a live rendition of his *Film Classics* show 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 West 13 Mile. CAPA Senior Gallery: The Creative and performing Arts Program of Livonia Public Schools presents a program of music and dance 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy. Informal show music opens the event at 6:30 p.m. No charge. Call (734) 523-8841

Great Lakes International Banjo Convention: Noon to midnight, Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27. Concerts 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Holiday Inn Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn. Friday-Saturday concert admission \$5. Free concert 2 p.m. Saturday. (734) 282-6635

Jewish Film Festival: Sunday, April 28 to Wednesday, May 8. Where: United Artists Theaters, 14 Mile at Haggerty, Commerce Township; Birmingham 8 Theatre on Old Woodward Avenue south of Maple, Birmingham, and the Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty. Ann Arbor. \$8, \$7 seniors, festival pass for all movies \$89. \$79 seniors. (248) 788-2900

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo: The 10th annual event takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, the Michigan Humane Society and 26 other animal welfare organizations will be at the zoo to find loving homes for



Chamber music: Pianist Leon Fleisher (pictured), hornist David Jolley and violinist Michael Tree perform on the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile and Lahser, Beverly Hills. Tickets are \$18-\$67, \$15 students. Call (248) 855-6070

hundreds of animals, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 398-0900

Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society: Presents a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and workshop with Alex de Grassi Sunday, April 28, at the Village Players Club, 24660 Woodward, Birmingham. \$15. \$10 students for concert. Workshop \$50 for three hours of instruction. (248) 433-3429

Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil: Irish music and dance competition 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (music) and 7 p.m. (group competitions) Saturday, April 27. \$5 for either daytime or evening competitions or \$9 both. Irish music concert 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. (734) 420-0962 or (519) 948-9149

Sweet Charity: Presented by North Farmington High School 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27. \$10. \$8 students and seniors. (248) 426-4740

Redford Theatre: Motor City Organ Society presents organ overture 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. screening of *Funny Girl*, starring Barbra Streisand, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. \$3.

BENEFITS

Benefit luncheon: The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild hosts "Luncheon on the Aliso" on Friday, April 26 at the Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University, Rochester, to benefit the theater. Box lunch event features "behind the scenes secrets" of professional theater, a bake sale, plant sale and *Godspell* rehearsal. (248) 375-9840

Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale: Preview evening 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 17, at LeVoy Hall in Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$100-\$350. (313) 982-6120

Polar Blast: The Detroit Zoological Society's annual *Sunset at the Zoo* fundraiser features a strolling supper from many of the area's finest restaurants and raffie 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$75-\$500 per person, raffie tickets \$100. Proceeds will support education and conservation programs for the Arctic Ring of Life, the zoo's polar bear exhibit. (248) 541-5717

Tom Chaplin: And Ralph Walton give a benefit concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main, Northville. \$65, includes Genitti's 7-course meal. Proceeds to benefit the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade. Seating limited. (248) 349-0522

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre: Presents Verdi's masterpiece, *Otello*, adapted from Shakespeare's tragedy *Othello* through Sunday, April 28, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. (313) 237-SHIX or online at www.MichiganOpera.org

CLASSICAL

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Springtime Souvenirs featuring Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*, the popular string sextet which inspired the program 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, north of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$22. \$18 students and seniors over age 60, \$10 children age 12 and under. (248) 559-2095

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Mahler's *Song of the Earth*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 2-3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 preconcert event Mahler's *Arrangement of Beethoven's Scores*, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$20-\$54. (313) 576-5111. Seniors and students can purchase 50 percent off rush tickets at box office one hour prior to classical concerts based on availability.

Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra: Works by Beethoven and Strauss featuring guest conductor Marcus Bieganski. 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Orchestra Hall, \$10, box seats \$15. (313) 576-5111

Livonia Symphony Orchestra: Spotlights 15-year-old pianist Sanjay Mody in Frederic Chopin's *Concerto No. 1 in E Minor for Piano & Orchestra* 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Churchill High

School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. Tickets: \$16, \$10 students age 13 and over, children free. Call (734) 429-4855 or (248) 645-6666

Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra: Under the direction of Joseph Striplin perform a concert *Perpetuating the Legacy*, featuring Richard Haldorson on the historic Kimball pipe organ 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Second Baptist Church, 441 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 872-0252

Redford Civic Symphony: Spring concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Thurston High School, Redford. www.redfordsymphony.8m.net

CHORAL

Livonia Youth Choir: Perform 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Admission is free. (734) 425-1749

Plymouth Community Chorus: Sing annual spring concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Northville High School, 45700 Seven Mile, Northville. Tickets \$10, available at Sideways, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Gardenview, 202 W. Main, Northville. (734) 455-4080

Plymouth Oratorio Society: Anton Bruckner's *Mass in D minor*, two works by John Rutter, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township. Freewill offering, \$5 suggested. (734) 455-8353

Schoolcraft College Community Chorus: Spring concert features music of love, peace and hope by Gastoldi, Bizet, Bernstein, and Ernst Toch 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, also on the program is "Immagine," choir conductor Gerald Ouster's choral setting of a poem by W.B. Yeats, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriam and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations will be accepted during intermission. (248) 349-8175 or (734) 482-4435

Medford Chorus: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Big Beaver Methodist Church, 3733 John R. Troy, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Both concerts feature a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers. \$12 donation at the door, \$10 advance, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 585-4871

Vocal competition: Ten finalists in the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan vocal competition for high school students will perform Italian songs and arias during a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center in Warren. Finalists include Victoria Lauzun a student at Clarkston High School, Katherine Rippelle a student at Cranbrook Kingswood, and Adam Smith a student at Southfield High. Tickets \$7, \$5 seniors/students, at the door. (734) 455-8895, (810) 751-2855.

Farmington Community Chorus: Made in America, spring concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, corner of Lahser, Beverly Hills. Tickets \$10 at the door, available in advance by calling (810) 632-4067 or online www.farmingtonchorus.com. For chorus information, call Kathy Hall (248) 471-4516.

Troy Community Chorus: Going Places 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Troy Athens High School, John R. north of Wattles. \$8 in advance, \$5 seniors 60 and older, and children age 12 and younger, \$10 at the door. (248) 879-0138

Oakland University Community Chorus: Elijah, an oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at St. John Lutheran Church on University, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Birmingham Musicals: Holds auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Award 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at First Baptist Church, Willis Street at Bates, one block west of Old Woodward. Applicant must be high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 22, residents of Michigan, and perform on violin, viola, cello or string

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