

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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ART LECTURES/MEETINGS

Northville Arts Commission: Michael Farrell discusses the life and works of Gertrude Stein, an American abstract writer (1874-1946) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Hillside Middle School, Northville. \$10, \$5 students. (248) 449-9950

ARTS FESTIVALS

Ann Arbor National Spring Art Show: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28. \$5. University of Michigan Indoor Track Building, (330) 896-9498
Farmington Festival of the Arts: Live performances, displays, hands-on activities, opens Saturday, April 27 with Starry Night Gala 6:30-11 p.m. and continues to Sunday, May 5 (3 p.m. Community Band concert) (248) 473-1800
Judaic Art & Jewelry Fair: 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Bais Chabad Torah Center, 5595 West Maple, east of Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$5. (248) 332-3311

Westacres Art Show: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, more than 50 artists exhibit a variety of media, live entertainment, children's art activities, and a silent auction to benefit the Child Abuse & Neglect Council of Oakland County. Westacres Clubhouse, 3700 Westacres Drive, south of Commerce Road, between Green Lake and Union Lake roads. \$1. (248) 360-4551 or (248) 363-6548

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

Au Courant Design Studio and Gallery: Michigan artist Lois Teicher will be featured in *Small Scale* April 27 to June 1, opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-3770
Gay Gallery: *Virgins, Values, Other Good Things*, an exhibition by Susan Keil, opens with a reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 4 and continues to June 1, 225 Walnut Boulevard, Rochester. (248) 651-3656

Janice Charech Epstein Gallery: *Assignment Rescue: The Story of Varian Froy and the Emergency Rescue Committee*, a documentary exhibit organized by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. opens May 2 and continues to June 27 in the second level gallery. Fry has been called the "artists' Schindler." Celebrate, an exhibit of Michigan Jewish artists. Jewish Community Center, 6500 Maple at Drake West Bloomfield. (248) 432-5448
Coffee Studio: Landscapes by Nancy Owen open with a reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the shop, 600 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Garden City Fine Arts Association: Spring exhibit and sale of a variety of media including painting, drawing and sculpture Monday-Saturday, May 6-11, opens with a reception and awards presentation 7 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Garden City Library, 2012 Middlebelt, south of Ford. (734) 513-4044
Arnold Klein Gallery: Alphabet show opens with a reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 3, continues to June 2, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709
Lemberg Gallery: New Paintings and Works on Paper by Stephen Magsig April 27-June 1, opens with a reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Local and national artists exhibit in *Painting as an Abstraction* April 26 to May 24 in Main Gallery. *Woven Stillness: New Works in Tapestry* in first floor gallery, opens with a reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 26, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110
Revolution Gallery: Recent sculpture by Jim Shrosbee, eSelling, and Gina Ferrar Beyond Landscape I, opens with a reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, continues to June 1, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444



Stephen Sondheim music: Mark McCleese (left), Lori Gardley and Steve Kryda are three of the actors in the comedy musical *"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27 and May 3-4, at Mason Middle School, 3835 West Walton, between Clintonville and Sashabaw roads, Waterford. Tickets are \$9, \$8 students and seniors. (248) 673-9799.

Detroit Dance Collective: Present its 22nd annual spring dance concert featuring new pieces including *Carnival of the Animals* set to the music of Camille Saint-Saëns 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue at Greenfield, Dearborn. \$18, \$12 seniors/students. (313) 943-2354
Michigan Classic Ballet: *Seasons of Spring* dance concert 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Geller Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (248) 334-6994

SOCIAL DANCING

Blackberry Creek Dancers: Country western dance 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Italian Cultural Center, Warren. \$10. (810) 202-7558
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 Road. \$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 Leoben and City 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) 399-7105

COMEDY

Second City: New female revue. Chickalicious - Show two Tuesdays - Show and Osmalamis Ding Dong at 8 p.m. Chickalicious featuring Lisa Maxine Melton of West Bloomfield, Ashley Ann Back of Bloomfield Hills and Cara Lee Burk of Rochester Hills, runs 8 p.m. Tuesday through May 14. Touring company presents The Best of Second City, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jhaad It Up to Here, shows 8 and 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices and show times vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 955-2222

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Tim O'Rourke 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27, additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 314 E. Liberty. (734) 996-9080

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Art Dash: Looking for artists to donate work for a fund-raising event for Arbor Hospice Thursday, May 30 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. (248) 348-4980
Art on the Green: The Franklin Arts Council is seeking artists in a variety of media for the 22nd annual Labor Day Fine Arts Show. Art on the Green, in Franklin Village 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2, for an application, call (248) 594-3093

ArtServe Michigan: Applications are now available for the 2003 Creative Artist Grant program including creative writing, music, film, video, and inter/multidisciplinary categories. Deadline for entry is Friday, May 17. Application can be downloaded from the library at www.ArtServeMichigan.org. Questions, call Christine Scheffman at (248) 557-8288
Detroit Festival of the Arts: Looking for artists for its annual festival Sept. 13-15 in the University Cultural Center. Deadline for entry is April 26. (313) 577-5088

Detroit Zoo: Looking for artists to create works of art on 6-foot polar bear fiberglass forms for Polar Palooza, an Arctic celebration to take place this summer. If interested, call Lisa Wisniewski at ArtServe Michigan (248) 557-8288. Ext. 12. The zoo is also looking for sponsors for the 300 fiberglass polar bears to be exhibited in Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroit-zoo.org

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) 468-2540. Exhibitors are also wanted for the display

Ron's Fireside Inn, 26937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 without. (734) 762-7756
Larry Nozaro Jazz Quintet: Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch House's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozaro.com
Schoolcraft College Jazz Band: Playing the music of Stan Kenton, Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and featuring Cindy Pierson on vocals 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, also featured is the new Jazz Lab/improv Group, 18500 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. No charge.
Tony Pope's N'Orleans Six: 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and every "other" weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$5. (248) 476-2674
Tim Flaherty Trio: With Nancy K perform 9 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Woodruff's Supper Club, Sixth east of Washington, Royal Oak. (248) 543-5070

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

Larry Arbouet: Acoustic, folk rock 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
Alex de Grassi: At the Village Players Club of Birmingham, 34660 Woodward Ave. Doors open 7 p.m. show 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, \$15, \$10 students. (248) 433-3429. Workshop for a small group of guitarists, Sunday, April 28. Limited to 15 students, cost \$50 for three hours of instruction, visit www.Michigan-FGS.org to register.
Burt Howell & the Gaylords: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River at Farmington Road and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 4, South Lyon Theatre, corner of 10 Mile and Main. \$20, (248) 473-7777.

WORLD MUSIC

Pot McDunn: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)
Pipe Bands in Concert: The Pipers & Band Society of Ontario, Windsor-Detroit branch present its annual Two Band Night featuring the Toronto Police Pipe Band and the Windsor Pipe Band 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, both bands will be competing in the World's Pipe Band Championship in Scotland in August, also on the April 27 program is Celtic music by Colin Paige and Len Wallace as well as Highland Dancers performing, at the Monaghan C of C Hall, 15901 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$15 at the door. Scottish fare available. (248) 477-7542
The O'Gars: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, 821 Penniman, Plymouth. Live Irish music Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. (734) 459-6666

CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)
Birmingham Community Band: Film Classics Live, featuring Jack Gagin, former WQRS radio host, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Groves High School auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile.
Rockapella: Known for the Folger's Coffee commercial, and *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego* will perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15 adults, \$10 students & seniors. (248) 426-4740.

JAZZ/BLUES

Christa Ortiz: Jazz harpist, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.
Ron Brooks Trio: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
Loa Oates: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
Paul Keller Orchestra: Featuring clarinetist Jim Wyse and vocalist Susan Chastain 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Temple Beth-El Synagogue, 14 Mile at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$15. (248) 476-2674
Matt Michaels Trio: With guests 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, at



Award-winning duo: Nicholas Ashford and Valerie Simpson bring their Motown hits to Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$25-\$40. Call (313) 963-2366. Since beginning their music career in 1964, the duo have won more than 50 ASCAP awards.