

# Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

## PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

**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, (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, Wilson, \$15, (313) 868-1347.

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** Presents the world premiere of *Dance Like No One's Watching*. Continues to June 9. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoff Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield, \$18-\$28, discounts for seniors and student, (248) 788-2900.

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** The classic rock musical *Godspell* continues to Sunday, May 19, Curtain times 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, \$25-\$38, \$17-\$26, (248) 377-3300.

**Powahar Theatre Company:** *The Diva Daughters Dupree*, continues to May 26, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 6 p.m. May 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) 872-0279.

**Purple Rose Theatre:** *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, \$22-\$30, (734) 433-7673.

## COMMUNITY THEATRE

**Avon Players:** *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* May 16-18, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, off Tennek, Rochester Hills, \$15, \$13 students/seniors and Thursdays and Sundays, (248) 608-9077.

**Clarkston Village Players:** *Shakespeare's People*, a special production featuring scenes from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, *As You Like It*, and *The Merchant of Venice* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 31-June 1, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Clarkston Village Players, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, (248) 625-8811.

**Farmington Players:** Perform *Once Upon a Mattress*, the comedy musical based on the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18 and May 30-June 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19 and Saturday, June 1, in the West Bloomfield Civic Theater inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile roads, \$15, half off for Mothers on Sunday, May 12 and children 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, (248) 219-0800.

**Matrix Theatre Company:** *Homebats: Michigan Central Station*, an original play based on the stories and experiences which recall the glory days of the train station, continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday, through May 19, the stories were gathered by University of Michigan Residential College students in collaboration with Matrix's Collective Playwrights Workshop, at the theater, 2730 Bagley, one block south of Vornor at Saint Anne street, \$10, (313) 967-0999.

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



In Birmingham: It's love at first sight for Patty Ward of Birmingham as Annie Oakley when she meets Jeff Drewno of Lathrup Village as Frank Butler in the classic musical, *Annie Get Your Gun*. Village Players of Birmingham present the play at 8 p.m., May 17-18, May 24-25, May 31 and June 1 and at 2 p.m., May 19 and 26, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets are \$14. (248) 644-2075.

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**Plymouth Theatre Guild/Spotlight Players:** Present the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads, Northville, \$10, \$7 children under age 18, (248) 349-7110.

**Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre:** *Good Help is So Hard to Murder* by Pat Cook, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 19, 58, seniors/students \$6, (313) 561-7364, Berwyn Center, 16455 Richardson, two blocks south of Warren, west of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.

**Village Players of Birmingham:** *Annie Get Your Gun* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, 24-25, and May 31-June 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19 and 26, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, \$14, (248) 644-2075.

## COLLEGE THEATRE

**U of M Theatre:** Presents its *Festival of New Works* through May 23, Includes the first act of *Madame Mao*, a new opera by Bright Sheng, a composer professor in the U of M School of Music (8 p.m. May 17 and 23, and 9 p.m. May 19), in the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$10, (734) 763-TKTS.

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**Livonia Youth Theatre:** *Cinderella* 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in a performance space kitty corner from the pet shop at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, \$5, (586) 344-7774.

**Marquis Theatre:** *Hansel and Gretel* opens 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at 135 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 349-8110.

**Paper Bag Productions:** *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* presented as a luncheon theater May 18-19, June 1-2, 8:30 and 1:30, lunch at 1 p.m., followed by performance at 2 p.m., in the performance space kitty corner from the pet shop at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, \$10, (586) 344-7774.

**PuppetArt:** *Kolobok*, a Russian version of the *Gingerbread Man*, plays 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and 25, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-7777.

**Novi Theatre:** *The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe*, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, \$8 in advance, \$10 at

the door, (248) 347-0400

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Norwegian Constitution Day:** Hosted by the Sons of Norway Nordkap Lodge, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth St., Farmington Hills. Parade, music, singing, special foods, and games for children, (248) 398-5976.

**Pajama Party:** Rita Kirsch and Candy Cow present an interactive bedtime concert with singing, creative movement and puppetry 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham, \$4, (248)



Evening of dance: *Sophomore Clara Fok* will be among the 40 Cranbrook Upper School dancers who will perform experimental and traditional original choreography at 8 p.m., today, May 16, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 in Lerchen Hall on the Cranbrook campus, 550 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Admission is free. (248) 645-3441.

644-5832 to register. The Community House: Wine tasting event, silent auction and strolling supper 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham, \$75, (248) 644-5832.

**Volkswoagon Festival:** At Volkswoagon of America headquarters, 3800 Hamlin Road, Auburn Hills, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19. Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free. Vintage vehicle registration \$5, Swap meet space \$15, Car Corral (vehicles for sale) \$5, (574) 243-0467 or www.mvnc.net.

**Pom team:** Local high school pom teams will perform at a grand opening of Mid American Pompon studio, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at 24425 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills. Mini demonstrations, performance, raffle, class sign-up, (248) 477-5248.

## BENEFITS

**Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra:** Enjoy an evening of food and music 6 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham to benefit the symphony. The event will feature the BB50 Trio, and silent and live auctions with guest auctioneer Bill Spencer, an investigative reporter for WXYZ-TV. The cost is \$100 per person. Guests may choose either Petite Filet Mignon with Wild Mushroom Sauce, Chicken Piccata or Baked Lake Superior White Fish as an entree. Auction items include golf outings, resort, dinner and theater packages, and jewelry. This is the major fundraiser of the year for the BB50, (248) 645-2276.

**Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale:** Preview evening 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Lovett Hall in Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn, \$100-\$350, (313) 982-6120.

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

**Father's Day Jazz Brunch:** Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 16 with entertainment by Dan Jordan, Jerry McKenzie, Matt Michaels, Larry Nozoro and Johnny Trudell, gourmet brunch noon to 1 p.m., in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18500 Haggerty, between Six and Seven

Mile, Livonia, \$25, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival July 21 at Schoolcraft College, (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454.

**Music at All Saints:** A "Royal" High Tea and concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac, \$15, (248) 334-4571. Benefits series.

## CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Mahler's Symphony No. 5 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18; and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19 as part of the Introduction to the Classics series, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$16-\$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.

## 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 bass. Deadline for application is May 11, (248) 375-9534.

**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 releases 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.

**Henry Ford Community College:** Auditions for Story Theatre, 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 4, at the Modern Fine Arts Center, on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Second City-style scripted show consist of improvisations and readings from script. Performances Aug. 15-25, course registration required, (313) 845-9817.

**Livonia Youth Choir:** Is now looking for new members as well as a music director. Interested persons for the director position should have a degree in music performance or music education, and a demonstrated interest and love of working with young people. Auditions for choir members will be held in September for girls and boys (with unchanged voices) who will be in grades 4-8 in the new school year. For more information, call (734) 425-1749.

**Oakland Youth Orchestra:** Auditions for 2002-2003 season, Friday-Saturday, May 17-18. To register online, www.oyoml.org or call (248) 652-2526. Group consists of three separate performing groups for musicians in grades 3-12.

**Plymouth Theatre Guild/Spotlight Players:** Accepting applications for book directors, music coordinators, choreographers, music conductors, audition accompanists, rehearsal accompanists, musicians for the 2002-2003 season presentations of *Cinderella*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and *Dial 'M' for Murder*. Applications due Friday, May 31, call (248) 349-7110.

**Summer Symphony:** Leon Spier, former concertmaster of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany, leads a one-week intensive series of rehearsals and coachings as part of the symphony's annual summer instrumental activities (June 24-30), culminates with a string ensemble performance, open to string players ages high school to adult. Auditions and fee required, (734) 677-4831.

**Village Players of Birmingham:** Auditions for *Leader of the Pack: The Elia Greenwich Musical* 7 p.m. May 19 and 23, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Prepare any 1960 song and bring music, (248) 258-5173.

## CHORAL

**The Ford Motor Company Chorus:** Presents Music that Moves America, 8 p.m., Saturday, May 18, Ford Community Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Admission,

\$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students, (248) 661-4257 or (313) 680-8880.

## POPS/SWING/ CABARET

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

## JAZZ/BLUES

**Ren 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.

**Matt Michaels Trio:** With Larry Nozoro, saxophone and flute 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, and vocalist Barbara Ware, Wednesday, May 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt, \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 without, (734) 762-7756.

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

**Tony Pope's N'Oleanna Six:** Every "other" weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield, \$6, (248) 476-2674.

**Bill Watrous:** 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$18-\$49, (313) 576-5111.

**WSU Jazz Orchestra:** In a tribute to Stew Sanders 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. Donations will be accepted for the WSU Jazz Studies Fund, (313) 577-2532.

## FOLK/ACOUSTIC

**Larry Arbour:** Acoustic, folk rock 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills, (248) 647-7747.

## WORLD MUSIC

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

## 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 Road, \$5, (248) 967-1428.

**Rhythm 'N' Shoes:** Weekly ballroom/Latin dance 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.

## COMEDY

**Wendy Liebman:** Featured performer at Gilda's Big Night Out, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16, Southfield Centre for the Arts. Benefits Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Show, strolling supper, silent auction, \$150, \$250, \$500, (248) 577-0900.

**XC Rock Kneels Comedy Club:** Features three stand-up comics 9 p.m. every Wednesday, Lord Carrell headlines May 22, also Bill Bushart and Bill Hildebrandt, Derek Richards headlines May 19, also Ed DiMello and Rich Higginbotham, at Texas Smoke, 543 North Main, Rochester, (248) 801-1925.

**53 second City:** Touring company presents *The Best of Second City*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jihad 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) 965-2222.

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. 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) 633-

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