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## Festival showcases local artists

For a fourth year, the TreeTown Performance Festival will feature everything from theater to dance for 13-weeks at the Performance Network, 120 East Huron Ann Arbor.

Single ticket prices are \$18, \$15 seniors/students or save with a pass that allows admission to any show as many times as you like for \$85. Call (734)

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The festival gives local theater and dance companies a venue to present their works. Peter Sparling Dance Company kicks off the weekend performances with adaptations of his most recent pieces May 30 to June 2.

May 30 to June 2. Language is My Friend follows June 6-16 with Dada Boy Paints on Caneas, a wacky romp of music, donce, characters and magic that plays with the senses and sensibilities surrounding art. Mature audiences suggested. Mosaic Youth Theatre presents heartBEAT, a

musical play about love, hate and rhythm June 20-23. Chimera Theatre Company performs Tennessee Williams classic tale, A Streetcar Named Desire, June 21 to July 7. James McNeill Whister is the subject of a play about the artist presented by Prospero Theatre Company July 12-12.

Terpsichore's Kitchen returns to the festival with a showcase of modern dance works by independent chreographers duly 25-28.

A double bill Aug. 1-4 features Bill Boyer with his new one-man show Ground Zen and "spoke folk" artist Annie Gallup's cycle of songs about family, friends and ambivalent love.

Collection, a fast-paced string of one act comedies and plays follows Aug. 8-11. Greenhouse Theatre Company concludes the festival with Anton in Show Business, a backstage comedy about three actresses doing a production of Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters.



Mozart revisited: Michigan Opera Theatre returns to Spain for a new production of "The Marriage of Figaro,"

## MOT ends season with 'The Marriage of Figaro'

Michigan Opera Theatre Michigan Opera Theatre reviews Mozart's always popular The Marriage of Figaro in a new co-production with Opera Carolina and I/Opera de Montreal June 1-9 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Directed by Bernard Uzan with set and costume design by Allen Charles Klein, the opera features bass-baritope Robert

Gierlach in the title role.
Patrick Carfizzi alternates as Figaro. Sopranos Nicolo Henston and Karen Driscoll share the role of Susanna, the object of Figaro's affection.
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