

# Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
Opens its season with Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* Wednesday, Oct. 16 with a preview at 8 p.m., preview nights at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 17-18, opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, continues to Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Sunday, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$19-\$16 for previews. \$24-\$38. (248) 377-3300

**Millennium Centre Theatre**  
Buku Productions performs the play, *Free Fall* at 8 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the theater, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$20. (248) 645-6666

## Performance Network

Midwest premiere of *Delving* (novel by Jane Anderson) runs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 6, at the theater, 120 East Huron, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$22-\$50 Friday and Saturday. (313) 663-0881

**Purple Rose Theatre Company**  
Art: Jeff Daniels' play *Across*

the Manhattan Transfer stars of the 10th annual Hollywood Nights 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia. The event benefits cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Tickets are \$75, \$150 for VIP. Call (734) 655-2907 or visit the Web site at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). The Manhattan Transfer made history in 1981 by becoming the first group to win Grammy Awards in both pop and jazz categories. Their 1985 release, "Vocalese," received 12 Grammy nominations.

The Way opened Thursday, Sept. 26 for a 10-week engagement at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays. Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Gala fundraiser with food, entertainment, play performance on Oct. 5. Event tickets \$250. Show tickets \$175-\$25 for previews and \$22-\$50-\$75 remainder of run. (734) 433-7782

## COLLEGE THEATER

**Hilberry Theatre**  
The Good Doctor, Neil Simon's tribute to Anon Chekov, plays in rotating repertory. Oct. 7 to Feb. 4, at the theater on the 80th Street, corner of Cass and Hancock, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972. On Saturday, Oct. 12 the Hilberry celebrates the Gala Opening of the season with the 40th annual President's Preview, a black tie event that includes cocktails and dinner at the Whitney Restaurant, a preview performance of selected scenes from *The Good Doctor* and an afterglow in the Hilberry lobby. Tickets range from \$50 to \$300.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**Clarkston Village Players**  
Last of the Red Hot Lovers 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Tickets \$10 Thursday and Sunday. \$12 Friday-Saturday. (248) 675-8881

**Farmington Players**  
The Solid Gold Cadillac opens Friday, Oct. 4 and runs to Oct. 26, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 and Thursday, Oct. 17 and 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater inside Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Maple, West Bloomfield. \$12, \$5-\$50 senior citizens on Oct. 6 only. (248) 219-0800

## Ridgeline Players

Harry Segall's *Heaven Can Wait* opens the Ridgeline Players 7th season, Oct. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. \$12, \$11 seniors and students on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

## St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

*The Rocky Horror Picture Show* 8 p.m. Oct. 11-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1-2, dinner package available for Oct. 11, midnight show in addition to regular show on Oct. 26; benefit for AIDS Partnership Michigan, Oct. 30; special Halloween performance, Oct. 31, \$16, \$3 for senior citizens and students. Audience may bring newspapers, notepapers, confetti, toilet paper, bells and playing cards for participation. Rocky Horror Survival Kits, filled with props, will be available for \$10 at the theater, located at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527 for tickets; (248) 593-3090 for dinner package on Oct. 11.

## SRO Productions

*It's a Scram*, a comedy by David DeBruin, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 12 and 18-19, 24-26, 31 and Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, in the



Marge Masek is one of the exhibitors in the Livonia Artists Club's Annual Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 464-6772. Pictured is Masek's watercolor of a white pelican. Exhibitors will display unframed art in many styles, mediums and sizes, also some small framed paintings and Christmas ornaments. In addition, the Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will offer many varieties of mums.

welcome. (248) 354-9603

## Avon Players

Costume sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Items include mens' and women's clothing, period clothing, specialty costumes, children's clothing, hats, shoes, accessories and more, at the theater, 185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tenken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0977 or visit the Web site at [www.avonplayers.org](http://www.avonplayers.org)

## Die-cast Collectibles Show

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill St., kids under 10 free with an adult. (734) 455-2100

## Storytellers Guild

Young at Heart Book and Author Luncheon with guests David Small and Sarah Stewart Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$35. (248) 624-6405

## Theater at the Southfield Library

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Marcotte Room of the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. Program is free, registration not required. For more information, call the Fiction Desk at (248) 949-0470

## BENEFITS

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre**  
Investigate the mystery of creativity with author Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, JET and performance network set designer Monika Essen, and percussionist Eke Ben 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Avaron Delby Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$50. (248) 788-2900

## Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Roaring 20s Party Friday, Oct. 11, dinner begins at 5 p.m., features 8 p.m. concert, and silent auction (closes at 9:30 p.m., at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$50, benefits the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. (734) 425-4855

## More Dances

**Children's Productions**  
*I Believe in Make Believe*, runs Oct. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and includes a hot dog, chips, cookie and apple lunch. Lunch is at noon, with the show at 1 p.m. and Saturday; lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. Sundays, 2956 West Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for lunch and show, \$7 for show only. (484) 889-7685 or (586) 344-7774

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Detroit Audubon Society**  
Lecture by Dorothy McLeer, urban environmental education program coordinator with the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, on "Michigan Wolves: Past, Present and Future" 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen. No charge, all ages

The dance company holds a fund-raiser luncheon at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at Big Daddy's Parthenon, 6199 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Reservations at (248) 737-8600

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Opens its Highlites series 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the

*Ouverture* reception at 8 p.m., xylophones, marimbas and vibraphones take center stage, at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. \$19, \$10 ages 12 and under. (248) 559-3098

### Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Opens its season with "Pastoral Pleasures," a program featuring lullaby/composer Gary Shocker 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$16, \$14 seniors ages 60 and up, \$10 college students, children grades K-12 free. (734) 451-2102

## CHORAL

### Spirit of Detroit Chorus

Performs 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, features the 1993 SPEBSQSA International quartet champions, Gas House Gang, and district champion quartet, Musiccity, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (313) 937-2429

### AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

**Bel Canto Chorus Group**  
Seeking new members for the all-women's group which begins its 2002-2003 rehearsal schedule in September under the direction of Martin Mandelbaum. The group rehearses Monday evenings at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Jewish Community Center, to arrange an audition, call Kathryn Percels at (313) 640-0123

### Cry Dignity

Auditions for the Laura Guma

play about dealing with the stigma of mental illness take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 7-8, at Mercy Network West, 1855 West Pontiac Trail, between West and Decker, West Lake. A stipend will be paid for each performance, male and females needed ranging in age from high school through late adulthood, also one 12-year old girl. For more information, call (248) 668-9400

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

### Metropolitan Singers of Southfield

Looking for new members of all ages for this group of adult men and women. The group consists of bass, tenor, soprano and alto voices and welcomes all singers of pop, folk, holiday and oldies. The ability to read music is not required. If you like to sing and can carry a tune, come join us. The new season began Sept. 9, in the vocal music room at Betsy Middle School on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Evergreen. (248) 932-0390 or (248) 545-8743

### Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film

Seeking proposals from Michigan artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415

### Plymouth Community Arts Council

Is starting a new show choir for singers, dancer and actors ages 11 to 18, choral director Janine Grady has developed choreography to accompany some of the best show tunes for the group to practice and perform at the end of an eight week program that began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the arts council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278

### PMA Centennial Dancers

Applications accepted for the 2002-2003 Polish dance season. Jan Fawcett (313) 953-3323

### Spirit of Detroit Chorus

Auditions for women's championship chorus 7-10 p.m. Tuesday evenings, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Rivers, 17600 West 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

### John Austin

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for theater members. Call (734) 464-6302.

### Bill Stains

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Oak Arbor New Church, 495 Oak Arbor Circle West, Rochester. Admission is \$10 for adults and high school, \$5 for children. (248) 652-3420

## WORLD MUSIC

**Gerard Edery Ensemble**  
The Vivace Series opens its series with the performers who meld folk, flamenco, classical and jazz styles in a musical mosaic. Edery explores rich musical traditions in a dozen different languages ranging from passionate Sephardic songs to French opera 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Birmingham Temple, 28601 West 12 Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 students, seniors and Temple members. (248) 788-9738

**Pat McDerm**  
8 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1000 (11th)

## POPS/SWING/CABARET

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra**  
9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-6310 (big band, swing, jazz)

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
Richard Rodgers Centennial salute 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111

## JAZZ/BLUES

**Chuck Moss' Paint Creek**  
Disalead Jazz Society Performs 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Shields Plaza, 2501 Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 476-2674 or (248) 855-1342

**Paul Keller's 17-Piece Orchestra**  
The New Windsor Detroit Jazz Club present the orchestra playing the music of Count Basie 3-5:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at

Kevin Meisel (pictured) shares the bill with Dave Boulette 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for theater members. Call (734) 464-6302. Meisel performs songs from his soon to be released second CD. Boulette plays cuts from his latest recording "Dave Boulette and the Old Dog Songbook."

## CHRISTIAN

**Jars of Clay**  
The Christian alternative band performs 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$19.50-\$29.50. (248) 433-1515

## SOCIAL DANCING

**Dance Elite Ballroom Studio**  
Ballroom/Latin Dance Party 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, 15 mile and Haggerty inside Bloomfield Ave. Shoppe II West Bloomfield, 59, 58 Michigan Swing Dance Association. Singles welcome. (248) 926-8522

**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

## COMEDY

**Joey's Comedy Club/Dearborn**  
Troy Davis Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 3-6, at Palanso's, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia**  
Every Tuesday night is open mic night, the club also offers a stand-up comedy class for those interested in performing and writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
Megan Mooney Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 3-5, at the club, 269 East Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

## FOLK/ACOUSTIC

**Larry Arbour**  
Acoustic, folk rock 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 West 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**Matt Michaels Trio**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28927 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt. Garden City, 55 cover charge with dinner order, \$10 cover without dinner. (734) 762-7756

**Larry Nozoro Jazz Quintet**  
Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Pousey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-3520 or visit [www.larrynozoro.com](http://www.larrynozoro.com)

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