

Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT



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Stagecrafters present *A Christmas Story* Nov. 8-24, at the historic Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak. For tickets, call (248) 541-6430. Pictured are Kevin Branshaw (left) of Nov; Jeanine Mattow, Farmington Hills; Mike Pogoda, Franklin, and Christopher Gullen and Nick Yocum, Royal Oak.

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre
Hosts Royal Shakespeare Company alumnus Gareth Armstrong in his one-man award-winning performance of *Shylock* Nov. 6-24, at the Aaron Delray Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$20-\$30 with discounts for seniors and students. (248) 788-2900

Meadow Brook Theatre
Agneta Christle's *Witness for the Prosecution* 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. \$24-\$38. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE THEATRE

Oakland University
Les Blancs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 & 17 and 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12. The Nov. 17 performance will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. To be held at the Varner Studio Theatre on campus. Backstage: \$50 general; \$5 students except for 10 a.m. matinee; all seats \$5. (248) 370-3013

Oakland Community College
Presents *Michigan Opera Theatre*. Broadway music and holiday rhythms 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at O.C.C. Orchard Ridge Campus, Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15 (senior/student discounts available). (248) 942-3241

Orchard Ridge Theatre
Presents *Bracole* 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 6-9, in Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$7, \$5 seniors and students. (248) 522-3422

Schoolcraft College Theatre
Presents Shakespeare's bloody drama *Titus Andronicus*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, in the Liberal Arts Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. \$10. (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5457

COMMUNITY THEATER

Avon Players
A Few Good Men, Aaron Sorkin's play about a politically explosive court case involving two Marines accused of murdering a fellow officer, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9 and 15-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Trienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. \$13. Student, senior, group rates, and season tickets are available. (248) 608-9077

First Presbyterian Church
Joseph Stein's, *Fiddler on the Roof*, 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9 and 2 p.m. Nov. 10, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151

Novi Theatres
Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 4575 W. 10 Mile, All seats reserved and \$10 in advance. \$12 at the door. Call (248) 347-0400.

Player's Guild of Dearborn
Annie, Nov. 8-9, 15-17, 22-24, 29, Dec. 1 and 6-8, at the guild playhouse, 21733 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets are \$14, \$13, \$5 and \$15. (313) 561-7475.

Pontiac Theatre IV
Gypsy and *Dolls*, 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9, 15-16, at the Pontiac Northern High School auditorium, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac. \$8-\$17 for seniors and students. Call (248) 681-6216 for more information.

Trinity House Theatre
Seascape, Edward Albee's Pulitzer-winning comedy, directed by Joanna Hastings, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23, 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 10, 17 & 24, at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia, between Haggerty Road and I-275. Tickets \$12 general admission/\$9 for theater members. Call (734) 454-6302.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Sara Smith Youth Theatre
The Wizard of Oz, Nov. 8-9, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, follow the yellow brick road to The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$7 advance, \$457



Oakland University student My-Ishla Cason-Brown and University of Michigan-Flint student Jason Briggs star in Lorraine Hansberry's political drama *Les Blancs* Friday, Nov. 8, to Sunday, Nov. 17, in Oakland University's Varner Studio Theatre in Rochester. The production is a collaborative effort of Oakland's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and the University of Michigan-Flint. *Les Blancs* is a powerful and complex drama about African liberation from white colonialism. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. The Nov. 17 performance will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. Tickets are \$10, \$5 students except for the 10 a.m. matinee when all seats are \$5. Call (248) 370-3013.



Mickey, Minnie and Goofy celebrate Walt Disney's 100-years of magic by skating into The Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 7-10. The 20th Disney on Ice production features the largest cast of lovable stars including Buzz, Woody and exciting moments from *Hulan, A Boy's Life* and *The Lion King*. Tickets are \$45-\$15. Call (248) 377-0100. Special rinkside and VIP seating available.

\$9 at door, \$30 for limited reserved seating section. (248) 644-5832

HOLIDAY PRODUCTIONS

Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings
Holiday Brass, a program of holiday music, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets, \$15 adults, \$12 senior citizens, \$10 children. (248) 473-1857

Meadow Brook Theatre
A Christmas Carol, Nov. 29-Dec. 22 at Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 377-3300 for times, dates and ticket prices. Children under 5 will not be allowed in the auditorium.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Autumn Harvest Indian Festival
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Southfield Pavilion, located in the Southfield Civic Center on Evergreen south of I-10 Mile.

Southfield Native American
drumming, ceremonial dancers, crafts and cuisine. More than 50 vendors. Admission is \$6.50 for ages 3 and up. (248) 352-0930

Meadow Brook Hall
Garbo & Gable Dinners, 7 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Christopher Wien Dining Room in Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Guests may come in costume as their favorite 1930s glamour girl or dapper Dan, or in elegant 2002 elegant chic, for an evening celebrating the flavor and flair of Hollywood during the '30s. Guests will be transformed into film extras. As the film-making commences, Prohibition-style cocktails and a four-course gourmet dinner will be served. The evening will conclude with cigars and cognac on the terrace. The cost is \$100 per person, which includes entertainment, dinner, tax and gratuity. Space is limited, so please call for reservations. (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

Palace of Auburn Hills
Disney on Ice, Nov. 7-10. Tickets are \$25, \$18.50 and \$15 reserved. Special rinkside and VIP seating available. 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100.

BENEFITS

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
Don Bosco Hall presents its 5th Annual Jazz Evening Concert Benefit, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Ford Community and Performing Arts Center. Features Ramsey Lewis and Nancy Wilson. For sponsorship donations and information, call (313) 869-2200.

CLASSICAL

Ars Nova
Ars Nova, with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and the Sacred Heart Chamber

Choir, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak. Featuring works by Bach, Mozart, Bruckner and the Detroit debut of Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen. Tickets \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. (248) 414-7242

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
"Urban Voices" concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$16 adults, \$14 for children K-12 free. For information, call (734) 451-2132

Scott Holden
Award-winning pianist plays at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Birmingham Temple, 2661 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets for this Vivace Concert Series performance are \$18 general admission, \$15 for temple members and senior citizens and \$12 for students. For tickets, call (249) 768-9335 or (248) 661-3496

Holy Name Church
University of Notre Dame Orchestra Concert, directed by Professor Dan Stowe, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8, at Holy Name Church, 680 Harmon Avenue, Birmingham. No admission charge, other than a free-will offering. (248) 646-2244

St. George Cathedral Cultural Center
Romanian Rhapsody, a chamber music concert featuring seldom performed works by Romanian classical composers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Tickets available at the door \$16 (\$12 for students/seniors) Seating is first come, first served. Call the Cathedral office for more information at (248) 569-4833.

JAZZ/BLUES

The Mainstream Jazz Trio
Featuring percussionist, Phil

MAKING CONTACT:

Please submit items for publication in *Going Places* to Linda Chom in two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

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

Emerson Church
Joe Nolan in concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at 4230 Livernois Road, Troy. Tickets \$10. For more information, (248) 524-9339

POETRY

New poetry books
At the Jewish Book Fair, including Edith Covensky's recently published *Zohar and Collage* published in Hebrew and English. The author will discuss her work, and autograph copies at the book fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, Janice Charch Epstein Museum/Gallery, 6800 W. Maple Road, W. Bloomfield.

WORLD MUSIC

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

SOCIAL DANCING

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio
Ballroom/Latin Dance Party 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ open to the public, Fridays and Saturdays, 15 Mile and Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Ave. Shoppe III, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9, Michigan Swing Dance Association. Singles welcome. (248) 926-8522

Room-Busters
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

Rhythm N' Shoes
Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 9-11 p.m. Thursdays, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$7, \$5 members. Weekly rhythm parties 9-10 p.m. Tuesdays, \$3. (248) 334-0299

COMEDY

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



Los Cuatro de Cordoba (pictured) plays folk songs from Argentina and South America at a benefit concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at West Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, between Walnut Lake and Lone Pine roads. Advance tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door, \$50 patrons. Proceeds go to APAR, a charitable organization to help children of the rural schools of Argentina. Los Cuatro de Cordoba is a folk music quartet from the city of Cordoba, the geographical and cultural crossroads of Argentina. The concert is sponsored by the Asocacion Argentina de Detroit. For more information, call (248) 855-4948 or send e-mail to aargentina@comcast.net.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Detroit Zoo
Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70 ft. see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5777.

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