## Spend Valentine's night with The Witches

Detroit's Lager House might not be the most romantic desti-nation when it comes to that heart candy-coated holiday, but it's the place to be this year. The Witches will host a sec-und annual Valentine's Rock no

its the place to be this year. The Witches will host a secund annual Valentine's Rock in 
Roll Eggstravaganats tomorrow 
night. Yes, you read that right. 
The band - singer Tray 
Gregory, guitarist Johnny 
Nashinal, bassiat Phil Skarich 
and drummer Eugene Strobe - 
originated this lowe-feat hat 
year and deemed it 'a show for 
the ladies.' 
Women will be admitted free, 
and receive a valentine gift. The 
Witches headline this rock 
vent, supported by 'The boy 
who inwented rap, better known 
as esQuire, and DJ Larry Ray of 
Outrageous Cherry. 
Leave it to this spooly fourpiece to plan a bey of activities 
for Feb. 18, including the return 
of Santa's Kissing Chair. 
Skarich, who will also be celebrating his birthday on 
Valentine's Day, said the band 
'originally got the idea from 
Teddy Pendergrass. He would 
have shows promoted as 'ladies 
only where only women were 
allowed to attend.' 
But Strobe and Gregory said 
they came up with the concept 
- an excuss to give "teddys" to 
the ladies around Valentine's 
Day, they gaid. 
The Witches formed in 1996. 
It's 'open-door membership policy' encouraged a few line-up 
changes over the years. But 
Strobe assured 'the band now 
consists of a solid lineup featured 
on the new record On Parasde. 

"Each current Witch provides 
a unique talent and certain



Share some rock candy this Yalentine's Day as the Witches was a times for this event, it won't be preceding rock and project now operate as more of a band with four equal parts, he said.

The Witches released On The Haunted Side of the House echo in your mind without parts of mascot. The Jane Parade, last fall as a follow-up article testing go.

While it might seem a stretch to combine witches and valen-

celebration of existence," said Strobe. "Every second of our awareness matters and is influ-enced by everything around us, near and far. The primary focus is love succeeding in a clouded world and being brave enough to see through the smoke."

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## DDC spotlights a collage of premieres

Detroit Dance Collective presents Collage, a concert of contemporary dances featuring chorcospraphy by company members, artistic director Barbara Selinger and guest artists Connle Moore and Corrine Imbersid Saturday-Sundsy, Feb. 15-16, in the Maggie Alliesce Dance Studia Wayne State University, Detroit.

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artistic director Kay Rediers
persents "Oh Brother," a
tibrant quartet offering a
glimpse into family dynamics.
Dance company member and
Nguyen preniteres his
"GamePieces, an inside look
at the lives of four games pies.
The program also includes
"Nuevo Tango," chorrographed
and performed by Connie
Moore, former Detroit Dance
Collective member and

Collective member and founder of MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company, and Selinger. The duo has danced together many times in the past. The innova-

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The dance company also showcases the work of emergang artist, Testa Allard who choreographed "The Reason I Give, a senior at Wayne State University. The piece is performed to the music of Led Zeppelin by WSU senior Chris Masters.



Corione Imbershi performs "Imminer a work she choreographed about the feelings generated by inescapable fa She joins the Detroit Dance Collectiv one joins the Detroit Dance Collective for its arrival Collage Concert at Wayne State University.

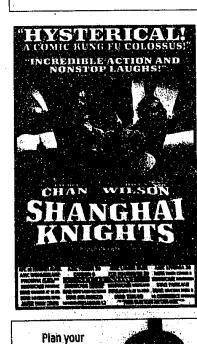
## DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

What: Collage Concert that includes six premieres and an excerpt from current repertory

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

Where: Maggie Allesee Dance Studio, on the third floor of the Old Main Building, Cass and Warren, on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit.

Tickets: \$12, \$10 students and seniors. Call (313) 965-3544



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