

# Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre**  
Peter Sagal's *Donal*, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday through March 30. Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$19-\$30, senior/student discounts. (248) 788-2900

**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
*Wait Until Dark* continues to April 13. Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. \$19-\$38. For times (248) 377-3300

**Planet Ant Theatre**  
*The Ball & Chain Gang*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday to March 30. 2357 Canfield Ave. Hamtramck. \$15-\$20 for students. (313) 365-4948

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**Ridgedale Players**  
*Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28-30. \$15 adults, \$14 students/seniors. (Sunday), (248) 988-7049. www.ridgedaleplayers.com

## COLLEGE THEATER

**Henry Ford Community College**  
Presents the Virtual Reality 3D Stereoscopic production of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, April 2-6, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, the futuristic production combines live theater with electronic technologies of film, video and computer generated virtual environments. The audience will wear polarized glasses similar to sunglasses. Adray Auditorium on campus. \$10/ Evergreen. Dearborn. \$15. Seating limited. (313) 645-6475

**Oakland Community College**  
Orchard Ridge Theatre presents *A Company of Wayward Saints* 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 9-12. Smith Theater on campus. 21055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15 seniors and students. (248) 522-3422

**Oakland University**  
*Anything Goes*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Varner Studio Theatre, on the Rochester campus. \$12 general, \$6 students. (248) 645-6666, or one hour before performance at the door.

## DINNER THEATER

**Genitt's**  
*News Flash*, an uproarious spoof of a local newscast continues through April, at Genitt's, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$45 includes 7-course dinner and show. (248) 349-0522

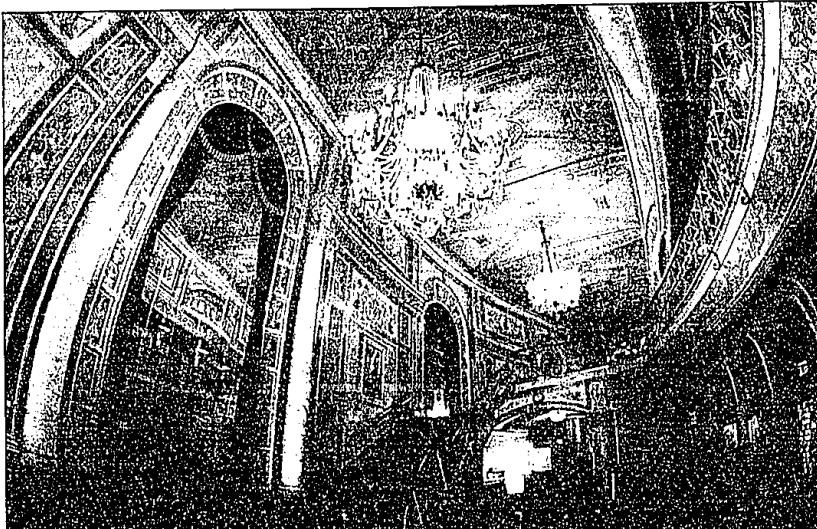
## CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Detroit Puppet Theater**  
*Close the Window*, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 25 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit. (313) 957-7771

**Genitt's**  
*Sleep Over*, April 5 at Genitt's, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$14.95. \$12.95 children. (248) 349-0522

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Young People's Concert**  
Detroit Symphony orchestra presents "Feet to the Beat," a program introducing young



Marji Silk displays her photograph of the Detroit Opera House in "Reflections of My Life," an exhibit running April 5-30, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 853-9055 for more information. The one woman show opens with a reception 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Silk has been selling her photography since 1984. Her work is on permanent exhibit at the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook Education Community, Cannon House Capital Building, Washington, D.C., and Millesgården Museum, Stockholm, Sweden.

audiences to greet orchestral dance music from ballets and operas, conducted by Thomas Wilkins, featuring Pointe Repertory Dancers from Pointe Academy of Dance in Rochester Hills, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10-\$26. (313) 576-5111

**Author's Panel and Roundtable**  
Event features authors and publishers 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Plymouth District Library, \$30, includes lunch. Call (734) 446-4278

**Ballet Master signs books**  
Reception 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29 promotes the autobiography of ballet master Jacob Latou. *Two Lives in Two Worlds* Pointe Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester. (248) 651-4110. www.pcact.org

**Self-publishing seminar**  
Presented by Leonard Charla, an attorney and cookbook author. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Troy Holiday Inn, Rochester Road at I-75. Tuition \$50 includes course material. Call (248) 642-7191.

## BENEFITS

**For the Love of Art**  
Car Hop, there dance in 1950s attire at a "dinner" dinner with silent and live auctions of artful items 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12. RSVP by April 4, at Fox Volsagen, 173 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. \$15. \$100 patron donors. Proceeds benefit Pointe Creek Center for the Arts Building fund. (248) 651-4110

**Luncheon on the Aisle**  
Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a performance of *Grease* for the play. Westwood Hills. (248) 652-3667.

## POPS/SWING

**Just for you**  
The Optimists and The Fabulous Motown Entertainers. 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 28. Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 21055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 522-3667.

## CLASSICAL

**Birmingham Musicals**  
Pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, harpist Christina Grix and the Christina Grix Jazz Trio, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30. First Baptist Church, 300 Wilkes St., Birmingham. (\$20 general, (\$35 patron), (\$50 benefactor). To benefit the musical's scholarship and philanthropic programs. (248) 642-2386

**Schoolcraft College**  
Guitarist Jason Vekas performs noon Wednesday, April 2. Vekas is internationally acclaimed, and recognized as one of the most exciting classical guitarists of his generation. A sought-after teacher, Vekas is head of the guitar department at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and currently records for Arica label. He has three new CDs including a set of sonatas by Manuel Ponce and a compilation of duo works with Rubin Gray Scherker, in the Recital Hall, Forum Building on campus, 16600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275. Livonia. (734) 462-4403



Planet Ant Theatre presents an original comedy, "The Ball & Chain Gang," through March 30. In Hamtramck. Written by Planet Ant Improv Colony, the two act show celebrates the ongoing war between the sexes. Second City Detroit alum Margaret Edwadowski directs. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15, \$10 students with ID. Call for reservations (313) 365-4948. For more information, visit the Web site at www.planetantimprov.com.

## JAZZ/BLUES

**A Guy, His Guitar and Friends**  
Bob Geric, guitarist/vocalist, Nick Calandri, bass, play variety of music from folk to jazz. 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Clarkson Village Players Depot Theatre. \$10. (248) 625-8811

**Edgtons**  
Brett Lucas Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, March 27; Thornella Davis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 28-29 at 220 Merritt St. Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**Schoolcraft College**  
Bisualational Community College Jazz Band Festival 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 31. Waterman Center on campus. 16600 Haggerty, Livonia. No charge. 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5. The Combo plays with other Michigan college groups at the End of Paradise. Ann Arbor College Concert featuring Schoolcraft Wind Ensemble, Community Choir, Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Razzell Center. Garden City. Donations accepted. Schoolcraft Jazz Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, with vocalist Cray Pinson. Waterman Center. No charge. For information, call (734) 420-8954

**Larry Hozero Jazz Quintet**  
8 p.m. to midnight Monday at Witch House's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520. www.larryhozero.com

**Rosie O'Grady's**  
Tim Flaherty, Marvin Conrad and George Bennett-Tuesday Night Open Blues/Jazz Jam, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy Street, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

**Vince James Trio**  
Compos. 8:11 p.m. Wednesday, 350 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 416-0100

**Matt Michaels Trio**  
8:11-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 20931 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756

**Copper Canyon Brewery**  
Joe Weaver, blues & R&B singer. Friday, March 28, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 223-1700

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**  
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$10. (734) 996-9080. Improv Comedy Jam. Night Open mic and Improv Comedy troupe. Beer Money. 8 p.m. Wednesday, 55 Bert "Chir" Chellis 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-29

**Joe's Comedy Club**  
Steve McGrew with Tanya Lee Davis and Bill Bushart April 2-5, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555. www.joyscomedyclub.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (5-2). Improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (5-1). headliner Steve Bills Thursday-Saturday, March 27-29, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or www.comedy-castle.com

## PROFESSIONAL DANCE

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble**  
"With and Magic," the final concert of the season. Features past repertory and premieres of two works by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower 8 p.m. Friday, April 11. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$22. \$18 seniors and students. (248) 559-2095. For tickets to student matinee "Kids 'N Motion" 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Macomb Center, call (248) 852-5550

**Burn the Floor**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30. \$15-\$60. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com. For event information, call (313) 963-6606 or www.foxtheater.com

**Michigan Classic Ballet Company**  
Seasons of Spring, presented with dancers from the Geiger Classic Ballet, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. \$12, seniors and children \$10. (248) 334-6564.

## SOCIAL DANCING

**Contra Dancing**  
1:30-4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month, Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$8. (313) 982-6100. Ext. 2262

**Dance Elite Ballroom Studio**  
Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. to midnight. D.J. open to the public. Friday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield. \$10. \$9 Michigan Swing Dance Association, singles welcome. \$10 per person. (248) 926-6522

**Moon-Dusters**  
Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road. \$5. (248) 967-1428

**Rhythm 'N' Shoes**  
Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. \$6 members. (248) 334-0299

## MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

**Ann Arbor Hands On Museum**  
Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science. 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7. \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.haom.org

**Hankin Mills Interpretive Center**  
Live animal display-hands on activities for kids, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3:15-7 p.m. Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, east of Hines Drive. Free. (734) 261-1990

**Detroit Science Center**  
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95. \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and planetarium show. \$4 each or \$6 for both. (248) 645-6666. Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down, and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean. Digital Dome Planetarium Show, weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400. www.detroitsciencecenter.org

**Henry Ford Museum**  
hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

**Meadow Brook Hall**  
Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50. \$8.50 seniors over age 62. \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; fee on Tuesday \$25. at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadow-brookhall.org

**Plymouth Historical Museum**  
New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Peltz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3. \$1 students ages 5-17. \$1 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm**  
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoesen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoesen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5. \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoesen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tenken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm



Celebrate "Spring in America" April 1-27, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Try on hats in the historic hat display, let your child create a paper hat, or try kick up your heels with English country dancing. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8.50-\$13.50. Call (313) 271-1570.

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