

## Galleries

### Birds

Mark Eberhard's Yellowheaded Blackbirds is one of the works on display in "Birds, Birds, Birds," April 8 to May 8 in the Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery, Domino Farms, Lobby B, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. [www.aveamaria-art.com](http://www.aveamaria-art.com).

### Del Gallery

Presents "Spirits in Composition," a diverse collection of paintings by George "Gelle" Jones and textiles and bead work by Julia Richardson-Pate. Meet the artists reception 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 13. The gallery is at 28001 Southfield, between 11 Mile and 12 Mile, Lathrup Village. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 433-7270.

### Materiality

An exhibit about materials and art featuring painters Margaret Evangeline, Clarence Morgan, James Holmberg and James Young opens April 4 at the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, 480 W. Hancock, on Detroit's Wayne State University campus. Continues May 21. Meet the artists at an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 4. Artist's lecture with Morgan 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. Helen L. Deroy Auditorium, 5203 Cass Ave., Detroit. Hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. (313) 993-7813 or [www.art.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu).

### Ariana Gallery

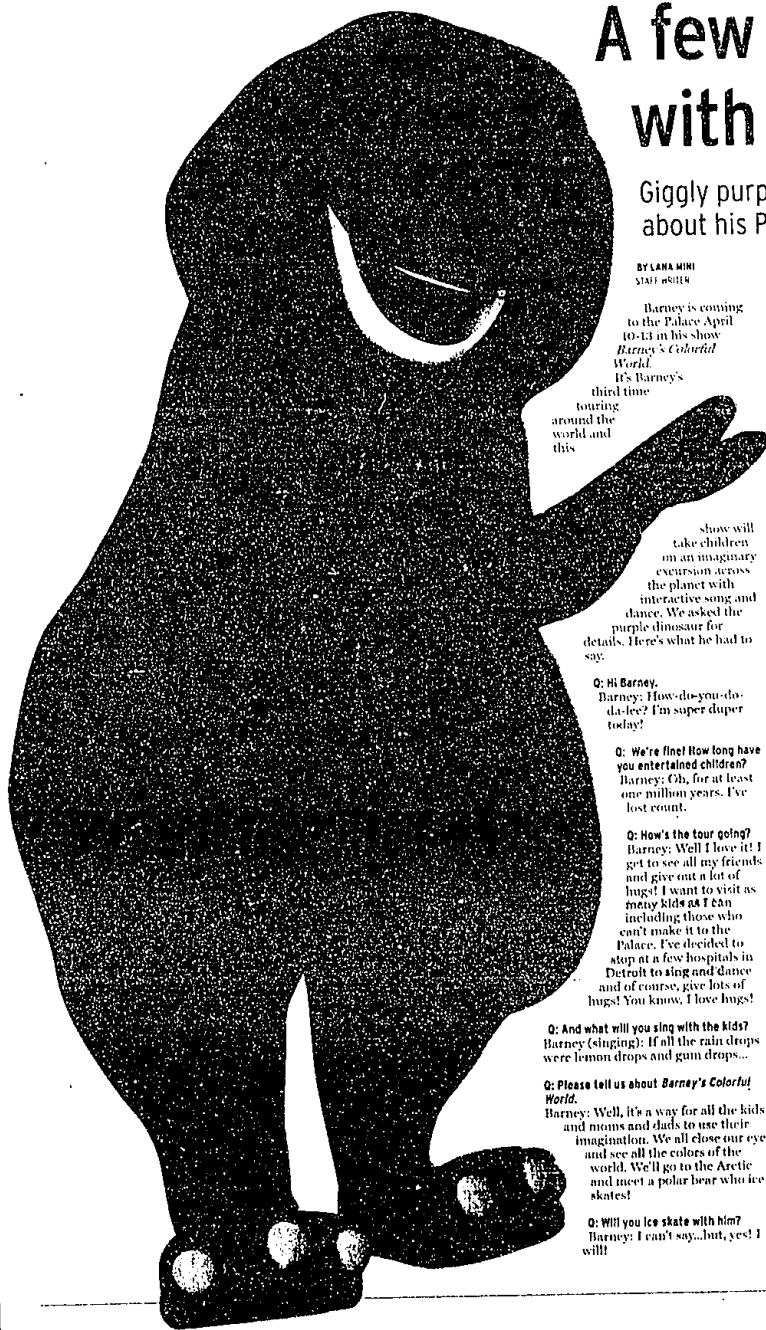
Exhibition of sculptural glass, April 4 to May 2. Features work by Roland Sand, Shane Fejo, Barry Ertner, Walt Dexter, Christopher Morrison and Christian Thirion. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 4, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

### Winterset Galleries

Has taken on a new look and a new location. The new gallery, located 50 feet east of the previous location, will provide clients with a New York-style upscale feel and direct access to artists from the Big Apple without having to leave Michigan. The gallery is the exclusive dealer in Oakland County for artist Malcolm L. Liepke. Winterset Galleries, 2540 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, was founded in 1980. It is over 3,000 square feet and features artists from all over the world. Gallery owner Diane Curless travels extensively to collect works of original fine art, including oils and serigraphs. For more information, call (248) 681-8708.

### Livonia Arts

The Livonia Arts Commission will feature the following exhibits in the Livonia Civic Center library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Livonia Public Schools student exhibits, Fine Arts Gallery, second floor and circular exhibition cases, second floor, April 4-29. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. In the Livonia City Hall lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Artifacts "Art Club" mixed media exhibit, April 2-29. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



## A few words with Barney

Giggly purple dinosaur tells us about his Palace performance

BY LANA MIHI  
STAFF WRITER

Barney is coming to the Palace April 10-13 in his show *Barney's Colorful World*. It's Barney's third time touring around the world and this

show will take children on an imaginary excursion across the planet with interactive song and dance. We asked the purple dinosaur for details. Here's what he had to say.

**Q: Hi Barney.**

Barney: How-do-you-do-da-lee? I'm super duper today!

**Q: We're fine! How long have you entertained children?**

Barney: Oh, for at least one million years. I've lost count.

**Q: How's the tour going?**

Barney: Well I love it! I get to see all my friends and give out a lot of hugs! I want to visit as many kids as I can including those who can't make it to the Palace. I've decided to stop at a few hospitals in Detroit to sing and dance and of course give lots of hugs! You know, I love hugs!

**Q: And what will you sing with the kids?**

Barney (singing): If all the rain drops were lemon drops and gum drops...

**Q: Please tell us about *Barney's Colorful World*.**

Barney: Well, it's a way for all the kids and moms and dads to use their imagination. We all close our eyes and see all the colors of the world. We'll go to the Arctic and meet a polar bear who ice skates!

**Q: Will you ice skate with him?**

Barney: I can't say...but, yes! I will!

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Barney's Colorful World

**Where:** At the Palace of Auburn Hills  
**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 10-11, 11 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13. Each attending child will receive a free souvenir designed exclusively for "Barney's Colorful World!"

**Cost:** Tickets \$10-\$35. Seating for \$35 tickets will take place in the "purple circle" close to the stage, and includes a poster and coloring book. Available at Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666.

### Q: Tell us more.

Barney: Then we go to the jungle and see the monkeys and we go under the sea to meet a starfish who sings just like Elvis!

### Q: And will the kids sing?

Barney: Oh yes! I've never had a show where the kids weren't dancing and singing in the aisles! That's why I love traveling! And to give those hugs!

### Q: Being on the road must be hard, what do you eat when you travel?

Barney: Oh a lot of fruits and vegetables, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! And my favorite the rutabaga! They are sooooo crunchy!

### Q: Why do you love children?

Barney: I love kids because I'm a big kid. We love to laugh and have fun. I want kids to be themselves. I want them to like themselves...like the way I love being purple! I want them to be happy with their own skin.

### Q: Any final thoughts for the children in Detroit?

Barney: We'll sing some new songs and some of the ooooo favorites. Do you know what I mean?

### Q: You mean "the" song? Can you sing it now?

Barney (singing): I love you, you love me, we're a happy family. With a great big hug and I'll be in Detroit soon. Don't forget to get your tickets soon! heeoooooohooooo! I must go now! Bye bye and see you soon!

**Q: Thanks for calling Barney!**

Barney: I loooove talking on the phone, goodbye!

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## Rappers, poet, vocalist ready for 'Evening at the Apollo'

BY EILEEN MCCABVILLE  
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It's the *Ed Sullivan Show* all over again.

Two local performers may soon make their mark at New York's famed Apollo Theater.

The University Musical Society has announced 30 acts from Michigan as winners of the Evening at the Apollo contest. They will perform at two *Evening at the Apollo On Tour* shows - Friday, April 4 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, and Saturday, April 5 at Detroit Opera House, in Detroit.

The winner from each night will receive \$1,000, a trip to New York City and the opportunity to compete on the Apollo Theater stage as part of its Amateur Night. Winners will be chosen by each audience, based on its reaction (cheers and boos) to the performances, said Gishirini Dubash, public

### EVENING AT THE APOLLO ON TOUR

■ 8 p.m. Friday, April 4 - Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$28, \$24, \$20, \$16, \$14

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$35 (box), \$28, \$24, \$20, \$16, \$14  
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relations manager for the Ann Arbor-based University Musical Society.

Harfen's Apollo Theater began its weekly Amateur Night in 1934 with Ella Fitzgerald as the very first grand prize winner.

Since then, Amateur Night has launched the careers of dozens of 20th century

American music and show business legends including Sarah Vaughan, James Brown, the Jackson Five, Billie Holiday, Dionne Warwick, Nat "King" Cole, Aretha Franklin, Prince and Sade.

The competition, a first in this state, was "open to every-

body, but anyone under 18 had to be accompanied by his or her parents," Dubash said.

"You could juggle, dance, do cartwheels; it ranged from spoken word, piano playing and guitar playing to interpretive dancing, raps and a lot of boy band situations. It was the entire gamut of stuff."

Auditions were held in February, in Ann Arbor and Detroit. Fifteen finalists were chosen to participate in each city. Local finalists include

Jonathan Desir, aka Fathom, 22, a spoken word artist/poet from Redford; Jerry Reid, 16, a

vocalist from Canton; Changa Bey, 25, a spoken word artist/poet from Southfield; and Christian Williams, aka Chris-Style, 10, a gospel rapper from Southfield.

Desir and Reid will be performing at the Ann Arbor show, Bey and Williams in Detroit.

### RAPPER

Christian has a bio and a Web site, his mother, Crystal Williams, said. He got his start early.

"He started writing little short poems that he would say in church when he was five or six years old. He was such a phenomenal speaker and an excellent oratorical speaker," Crystal Williams said. "From there he went into the gospel rapping."

Christian performs at area churches and has even performed for local government officials. He's also a finalist in the upcoming Oakland Schools spelling bee. "This is his thing. He writes everything himself," said Williams.

Christian says he raps about "people being saved and praying - and if you ask God to do something, he'll do it." He hopes to reach others with his messages. "I want to spread the word of God," said the fifth-grader, a student at Edison Oakland Academy in Ferndale.

Bey's creations are "really geared toward youth, the hip-hop generation. I cover the whole gamut from things that we deal with today, war and terrorism, where we all fit in, in this world, (including) change, equality and racial discrimination."

The Wayne State senior - who won several competitions, including the mayor's scholarship as a student at Southfield High, and plans a career in museum studies - has appeared on stage with the *Last Poets*, whom he calls "the forefathers of hip hop. They've been around since the '60s."

Desir, aka "Fathom," also writes his own material. "I got the nickname because it has a