

Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

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Songwriter **Cosy Sheridan** sings 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at **MAK's Coffee House** at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 36551 N. Woodward Ave., near Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965. To reserve a slot for open mic at 7:15 p.m., call (248) 626-4650. **Jere Stormer** opens the concert.

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

Century Theatre
8-Track: *The Sounds of the 70s*
7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday.
120 p.m. limited Thursdays.
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, 3:30 p.m. Monday.
Detroit, (248) 524-5050, (313) 963-9800

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Sorrow and Rejoicing, continues through May 25, 13:03
Woodrow Wilson, Detroit 337, free attended parking (313) 668-1347

Gem Theatre
Shear Madness, 333 Madison, Detroit, (248) 524-5050, (313) 963-9800

Meadow Brook Theatre
Mesheugub-Nuns! Dan Goggin's newest musical in the *Nixsen* comedy series, previews 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 23-25, opens 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, continues 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday through May 11, Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, (248) 524-5050, previews 8:15-8:26, (248) 377-3300

Music Hall
World Premiere of T.J. Henthall's *Perilous Times II*, through April 20, 522-534-50, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 963-2366

Purple Rose Theatre Company
Hope For Corky continues to May 31, 137 Park Street, Chelsea 517-50-532-50, (734) 433-7673

COMMUNITY THEATRE

Flanders Theatre Company
Presents *Could This Be Love?*, a series of six one-act comedies about relationships between men and women 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday to May 9, (no show Friday, May 23, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, Trinity House Theatre, 38040 Six Mile Road at 1275, east of Haggerty, Livonia. For directions, call (734) 464-6302. Tickets \$14, \$12 seniors, call (313) 538-5739

COLLEGE THEATRE

Henry Ford Community College
Presents the Virtual Reality 3D Stereoscopic production of William Shakespeare's *"The Tempest"* through April 26, 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. Adley Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-5645. Seating limited, (313) 845-5645

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
French pianist Helene Grimaud performs Bartok 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Orchestra Hall, Detroit, (313) 556-5111

MINI-BACH FESTIVAL

Mini-Bach Festival
Gabrieli Consort and Players perform Bach's *St. John Passion* 8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, Michigan Opera Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538

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Canton Project Arts presents pianist **Rich Ridenour** 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4, Summit on the park, Canton, \$15, includes brunch, (734) 394-5460

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Spike Tobin Thursday-Saturday, April 17-19, Maria Bamford Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor 55-510 (734) 996-9080. Improv Comedy Jam Night Open mic and Improv Comedy troupe, Beer Money, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 and 30, 35

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

8 p.m. Tuesday is open mic with Beer Money Improv show, comedy classes begin Monday, April 28, above Kicker's All-American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 281-0555, www.joeycomedyclub.com

Mark Ritter's Comedy Castle
Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (52), Improv Troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (55), 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900 or www.comedycastle.com

CENTURY THEATRE

Comedy works brings game-style and sketch improvisation to the stage 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, to June 14, 333 Madison, Detroit, 5120, (313) 963-9800

JOEY'S AT PALAZZO'S

Mark Anthony Comedy-Saturday, April 19, 5010 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885

SPECIAL EVENTS

Starry Night Cafe

Gourmet dinner, buffet, art exhibit and sale, silent auction, and live music for dancing, 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Cestick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, \$35, \$60 per couple, (248) 473-1855

Livonia Hall

Spring Carnival continues to Saturday, April 19, in front of Livonia Hall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 476-1100

Royal Hanneford Circus

Through Saturday, April 19 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$15 and \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission at Palace.com, The Palace Box Office and all ticketmaster centers. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$3 off reserved tickets for all shows except Thursday's matinee, call (248) 645-6666.

Banjo convention

Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26, Holiday Inn Fairlane Center, 5801 Southfield Service Dr., Dearborn. Free concert 2 p.m. Saturday. Concerts 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, tickets \$5 per person, call (734) 282-6635.

ADDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Shakespeare Workshop

Actress/director Gillian Ealon will lead teens and adults in an interactive approach to creating the theater through language and process drama as a spectator and participant, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Plymouth Community Arts Council, \$75 members, \$85 non-members, (734) 416-4278

Opera Workshop

4-10 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, a brief introduction to opera and its roles, includes a trip to Detroit Opera House to see Michigan Opera Theatre's production of *Don Giovanni*, Madonna University, Livonia, (313) 734-432-5731

Oakland Youth Orchestra

Students in grades 4-12 currently taking lessons may apply May 1, May 8-10, May 15-16. Schedule audition via Internet at www.oyma.org or for brochure (482) 988-7561

Renaissance Chorus

Singers wanted for men's chorus, rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Newburg United

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Ability to read music not a requirement. If you can carry a tune and enjoy performing in public, call (734) 981-6342

DSO Youth Orchestras

Detroit Symphony orchestra is now taking applications for its youth ensembles. Audition will take place through May. Audition application deadline is May 1. Civic and Sinfonia applicants should call (313) 576-5564. For Civic Jazz, call (313) 576-5599. Applications for all ensembles posted online at www.detroit-symphony.com.

BENEFITS

Luncheon on the Atsle

Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a portion of a rehearsal for the play *Mesheugub-Nuns* 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester, \$15, \$30, \$28 seniors over age 62 and groups of 10. Proceeds benefit the theater, (248) 375-0850

JAZZ/BLUES

Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra

8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, orchestra hall, Detroit, (313) 585-5111

Andre McDonald and Trio

8 p.m. Friday, April 18, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, 522-5400, (734) 764-2538

Lucas

9 p.m. Saturday, April 19 as part of Barbecue, Blues and Brew at T.C. Gators, 42559 Ford, Canton, No cover, (313) 981-0906

Hidden Agenda

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 21, Fox 6 House, 39500 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, No cover, (248) 644-4800

Barbara Ware

With Devin Gernier & Vermillion Moon 3:30-6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 24, and 6-8:40 p.m. Monday, April 28, Overdrive Lounge, Motor City Casino, Detroit

Schoolcraft College

Schoolcraft Jazz Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, with vocalist Cindy Pierson, Waterman Center, No charge. For information, call (734) 420-



VINCE PIRAS

Henry Ford Community College presents the Virtual Reality 3D Stereoscopic production of William Shakespeare's *"The Tempest"* through Saturday, April 26, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, Curtain 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Tickets \$15, seating limited, call (313) 845-6478. Pictured are Greg Kjolhede (background) as Prospero, and Ariel, the college's first interactive digital actress. 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 to view the stereoscopic 3D effects.

COMPARIS, 8-11 P.M.

Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-9100

Walt Michaels Trio

Gene Parker, vibes and saxophone 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, and vocalist Barbara Ware 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Woodward, \$5 cover, with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner (two drink minimum), (734) 762-7756

Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 25-26, Saturday, May 3 and 31, Friday, May 16 and 30, The Classic Grill in the Pontchartrain Hotel, 2 Washington Blvd., (313) 965-0200

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, DJ, 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) 926-8522

Moon-Dusters

party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2772 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$1, \$6 members, (248) 334-0299

All Star Dance Parties

7 p.m. Sunday (one hour Cha Cha lesson by Glen Clark) through April, \$6, ballroom dancing 8 p.m., \$6, \$10 for both, White Heather Club, 150 Vester, Ferndale, (313) 521-6564

A-1 Dance Parties

8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Top 40s, Oldies, Line Dances, requests, Italian Cultural Center, Warren, \$5, (313) 521-6564

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) 995-4105 or www.hands-on.org

Hankin Mills Interpretive Center

Live animal display-hands on activities for kids, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, east of Hines Drive, Free (734) 261-9990

Detroit Institute of Arts

Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum,

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

Detroit Zoo

Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot 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 at 8450 W. 10 Mile at I-96 and Woodward.

Royal Oak, The Detroit Zoo

is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kinsgess at (248) 541-5717.

Henry Ford Museum

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$8, \$5-\$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; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

Trash or Treasures? Antique Appraisal Clinic with Antique Roadshow appraiser Ernest DuMouchelle 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 1, limit of up to 5 hand-held items, cost is \$10 per item for oral appraisal, \$15 per item for written; New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main, \$1, \$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

Kite Festival, learn about history of kites then color and build a kite 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26 (\$5, \$5 per family and includes one kite kit, The 16-acre museum



Ferndale photographer Lisa Dunlap shows her "Sacred Portraits Honoring the Journey of Motherhood" April 22 at May 12, at Borders Bookstore, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-0005. Dunlap photographs expectant mothers, newborns, children and families.

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Roxie 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, Roxie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy Street, Ferndale, (248) 591-9163

Vince James Trio

BalRoom 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

5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members, Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

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 shows \$4 each or \$6 for both, (248) 645-6666. Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship

complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoesen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenard 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 Telegraph, (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhill.org/museum

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