

Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Sorrow and Rejoicing, through May 25, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$17, free attended parking (313) 866-1347

Gem Theatre
Shear Madness through May 19, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50 to \$34.50, (313) 963-9300

Purple Rose Theatre Company
Hope For Corky, to May 31, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$17.50-\$32.50, (734) 433-7673

COMMUNITY THEATER

Village Players of Birmingham
Side Show, the 1998 Tony-nominated musical about conjoined twins who were vaudevillians in the early 20th century, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 34660 Woodward Ave., S15, Call (248) 644-2075

Ridgedale Players
Belles, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Livernals and Crooks, Troy, \$12, \$11 seniors and students on Sunday, (248) 988-7049

Genesis Troupe
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 18, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, \$8, \$5 students, (734) 420-0288

Avon Players
Cabaret 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 1085 Westinghouse Road, one mile east of Henton and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, \$15, (248) 608-9077, www.avonplayers.org

Farmingington Players
Nunsense, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, Farmington Players Barn Theater, 22322 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$15, (248) 219-0300

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Friday-Saturday through Saturday, May 17, 2517 Kelly Road at Tooleys, Eastpointe, \$14, (586) 771-6333

Clarkston Village Players
The Cover of Life by R.T. Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, through May 18, Depot Theatre, Clarkson, \$10 Thursday and Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8810 or online at the Web site www.clarkstonvillage-players.org

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Genelli's
 Children's theater, lunch then show, 1:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 108 E. Main, Northville, \$12.95 kids, \$14.95 adults, call for reservations, (248) 349-0522

BOOKS/WORKSHOPS

Write on
 Four days of poetry, fiction and non-fiction workshops, readings by faculty and students, and panel discussions on publishing and creative writing programs are highlights of the Far Field Retreat for Writers, Thursday-Sunday, May 15-18, at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Featured writers include Maureen Dunphy, Thomas Lynch and Gerry LaFemina. For more information, visit www.2oakland.edu/eng/llfarfield

CLASSICAL

Eljah
 Highland Park Baptist Church of Southfield presents Felix Mendelssohn's work with full orchestra and soloists, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 28600 Lahser Road, south of 12 Mile Road, Southfield. No charge, nursery available for children under 2 for Sunday concert, (248) 357-5464, Ext. 490

CHORAL

Livonia Civic Chorus
 Present the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, Marquis Theatre, Northville, \$10, (734) 422-2589

Lansford Men's Chorus
 Spring concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield. Free will offering, (248) 553-0053



SRO Production and the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department present the drama "Amy's View" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the church at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one light east of Telegraph, north of 10 Mile. Tickets are \$10, \$8 ages 12 and under and seniors age 50 and up. Call (248) 827-0710. Pictured are Drew Riley and Rohn DeMaagd.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
 Barry Diamond Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, Improv Comedy Jammi Night! Open mic and improv comedy troupe. Beer Money, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 14 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, Thursday \$7 in advance, \$9 door; Friday-Saturday, \$11 advance, \$13 door; (734) 956-9080

Genelli's
 Bob Posch, comedy, 7 p.m. Friday, May 23, seven-course dinner and show, \$50, 108 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0522 for reservations

Joey's Comedy Club
 8 p.m. Tuesday is open mic with Beer Money improv show, above Rick's, All-American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscmedyclub.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
 Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), Improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 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 28, 337 Madison, Detroit, \$12.50, (313) 963-9800

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bloomfield Hills Toy Show
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Lone Pine Circle, \$4, kids under 12 free, (248) 646-1047

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Genesis Troupe
 Auditions for *The Diary of Anne*

Frank 7-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 10-12, St. Kenneth Catholic Church Social Hall, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Performances Sept. 12-14, and 19-21. For information, call Fr. Joe at (734) 420-0288

Spotlight Players Youth Theater Camp
 Youth Theater on the Park to build theater skills and techniques, ages 8-14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20 and June 23-27, performances 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28, rehearsals at Plymouth Masonic Temple, performance at Penn Theater, Plymouth, \$295, (734) 455-2466

Hungarian 21st Ensemble
 Looking for people interested in joining America's only theater ensemble. Learn to play authentic Hungarian folk music on this unique string instrument and perform at festivals and events, call Linda Eneydy (248) 352-0927

Oakland Youth Orchestra
 Students in grades 4-12 currently taking lessons may apply May 15-16. Schedule audition via internet at www.oymc.org or for brochure (248) 988-7561

Renaissance Chorus
 Singers wanted for men's chorus, rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 26500 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

BENEFITS

Pewabic Pottery
 13th Annual Benefit Show and Sale for the House & Garden opens with a preview party 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15.

at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Tickets \$80-\$600, (313) 822-0952, ext. 111. The show continues and sale continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-18, at The Community House

Evening of Harmony
 A capella concert featuring elmHUM, and Northville High School groups Backbeat and Treblemakers 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, Genelli's, 108 E. Main, Northville, \$15, part of proceeds benefit the high school's choir program, (248) 349-0522

Art on the Avenue
 Campaign Preview Party 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, \$30 advance, \$32 at door, proceeds benefit Dearborn Community Arts Council, (313) 943-3095

JAZZ/BLUES

Barbara Ware
 With Kevin Grenier & Vermilion Moon 6:40 p.m. 9:30 p.m. to midnight Monday, May 19 with Johnny Trudell & Friends, Motor City Casino, Overdrive Lounge, Detroit

Hidden Agenda
 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 21, Fox & Hound, 35600 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. No cover, (248) 644-4800

Rosie O'Grady's
 Tim Farhat, 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 N. Troy Street, Ferndale, (248) 591-9163

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

Matt Michaels Trio



Terry Farmer (pictured) performs with Dave Wolfenberger 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10, \$7 theater members, call (734) 464-6302. Farmer's music is a fusion of folk, classical guitar and rock 'n' roll. The Ann Arbor musician released his second solo album, "Terry Farmer," in February.

Tom Saunders, cornet, and Jim Wyse, clarinet and saxophone with guitarist Steve Carver 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, with vocalist Barbara Ware Wednesday, May 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt, \$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, May 16 and 30, Saturday, May 31, The Classic Grill, Pontchartrain Hotel, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit, (313) 965-0200

Bugs Beddo band
 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 16, Blue Martini, 201 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 258-3005, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 338-9088, and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Cavern Club, 201 S. First, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-9900

MAKING CONTACT

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

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) 926-8522

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

All Star Dance Parties
 7 p.m. Sunday (one hour Cha Cha lesson by Glen Clark) through April, \$6, ballroom dancing 6-11 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, Dishes, Line Dances, requests, Italian Cultural Center, Warren, \$6, (313) 521-6564

Country Western
 Mother's Day Dance, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 (Pesson), 7:30 p.m. dancing to D.J. music, couples, flow and line dancing, \$10, Italian Cultural Center, 2811 Imperial Dr. South of 12 Mile Road, east of Hoover, Warren, (586) 573-0668

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.handsom.org

Cranbrook Institute of Science
 3221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, \$7 adults, \$5 children/seniors, (877) 462-7262

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) 261-1990

Detroit Institute of Arts
 Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$10 admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-1900 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) 645-4665. 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.detroit-sciencecenter.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 1695 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsteep 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-\$9, \$15-\$20, (313) 271-6620. 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 \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free. Free 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
 New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit. Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Peitz, at the museum, 155 S. Main, \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday, (734) 455-6940

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
 The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen 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 Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tinkers, (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm