

upcoming things to do



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Compelling drama

The Village Players of Birmingham Leisa Pulido (left), Jim McGee and Ann Welman in a scene from "Night of the Iguana," a drama by Tennessee Williams. Show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the playhouse on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road. Shows 8 p.m. Feb. 1, 7, 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2. Call 644-2075 for tickets.

Deadline for the Upcoming Entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wyponik, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 32251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

• CELLO EXTRAVAGANZA

Celista George Sopkin will be joined by seven fellow artists in concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The concert is open to the public at no charge. For information, call 661-1300.

• AVON PLAYERS

Auditions for "Catch Me If You Can," a murder mystery has parts available for five males, late 20s and up. Two females, mid 20s to mid 30s. Auditions 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Avon Players Theatre on Tienken Road at Runyon Road in Rochester Hills. Show opens March 20 and runs for three weekends. For more information, call the director, Kay Monterosso, 739-0398.

• SPANISH RHAPSODY

Guest artist Andrew Cooperbeck, son of Janet and Willard Cooperbeck of West Bloomfield will perform at the Lyric Chamber Ensemble's fourth annual Piano Festival — "Spanish Rhapsody," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at Farmington Hall, 2711 Meadowbrook, Detroit. Tickets are \$22, \$18, \$12 and \$6 with discount for students and seniors. Call 327-1111 for information.

• CABARET

Former Oakland Symphony Orchestra presents a Winter Cabaret Concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at House of Bloomfield. Concert will honor Arthur Fiedler. Doors open 7 p.m. concert 8 p.m. followed by buffet dinner. Cost per person is \$30.

Advance tickets available. Call 334-8024 for information, or to reserve tickets.

• FESTIVAL OF BANDS

The 12th annual Festival of Bands featuring the Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble, Plymouth Community Band, Farmington Community Band, and other area groups will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Twelve Oaks Hall in Novi. Call 476-5414 or 489-3412 for information.

• AVON PLAYERS

Avon Players present a special performance for singles only, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 of their production "Nell Simon Comedy Bound," the Nell Simon comedy hit. Doors open 6 p.m. Food, afterglow after play. Tickets \$20 per person. Attendance limited to first 115 of each gender. Ticket deadline Jan. 25, call 375-1390 for information.

• DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Detroit Dance Collective presents a performance brunch, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at Royal Oak's Metropolitan Musicale. Participating are Detroit Dance Collective members from Farmington, Farmington

Hills, Birmingham, Southfield and West Bloomfield. Call 544-5550 for information or send check to Detroit Dance Collective, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak 48067.

• BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony with guest conductor Charles Greenwell presents "The Invitation to the Dance," Pops Concert 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills. The concert will also feature the 1992 BBSSO Youth Competition Winner, Gabriel Bolosky, violin, performing with the symphony. Call 645-2275 for tickets, adults \$15, students \$10, tickets will be available at the door.

• DANCE

The Wayne State University Department of Dance presents "An Evening in Tribute to Maestro Enrico Cecchetti" — Continuing the Ballet Tradition," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester. The black-tie event will feature a silent and live auction with food, drinks and music. All profits will be used to complete an historical documentary about Maestro Enrico Cecchetti, one of the greatest teachers in the history of ballet. Tickets \$50 individual, \$100 patron, \$125 benefactor, \$500 principal. For more information, call Myrna Shapiro 851-7408 or Michele Kapp 577-4273.

• VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Village Players of Birmingham presents "Night of the Iguana," a drama by Tennessee Williams, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday Feb. 1, Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8. Matinee is 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. The playhouse is on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road. Tickets available at the door, reservations recommended. Tickets \$8, students \$6, call 644-2075 for reservations.

• FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

Annual Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the Farmington Community Band will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills, 28125 Grand River at Eight Mile Road. Event features cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Early reservations suggested. Tickets \$25 per person. Call 476-5014 or 489-3412 for information, reservations.

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