Entertaining Choices

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Nutcracker

ERIC JOHNSTON'S DETROIT BALLET
Southfield High School, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Tickets $15 adults, $12.50 children.
(810) 474-3174.

ROSS MARIE FLOYD'S CONTEMPORARY Chris Ballet Company
Berkley High School, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.
(810) 548-7484

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH Dance Detroit
Dec. 14-18, 20-23, Fox Theatre.
(810) 645-6666

Holiday concerts

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Music on Sundays, Rodney Reeves, jazz pianist, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, main level of Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.
(810) 948-0450

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Christmas pops, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Ring in the new year with Viennese waltzes and ballroom dancing, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. Orchestra hall, Detroit.
(313) 833-3700

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
"Glory of Christmas" with full orchestra, Christ Church Choir, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Christmas from the Canton, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.
(810) 644-5210

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY
Holiday concert, "An Afternoon in Vienna," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion.
(810) 354-4717

ROCHESTER SYMPHONY
Sounds of Christmas, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, St. Andrew Church, Rochester.
(810) 651-4181

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS
"Holiday Brass," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Christ Church Cranbrook.
(810) 362-2622.

CANTATA ACADEMY
Concert of Gian Carlo Menotti's 1951 opera (in English), "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and other songs of the holiday season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Tickets $15.
(810) 546-0420

Auditions

POPCORN PLAYERS
Youth ages eight to 19 for "Aladdin" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17-18. Auditioners will be required to read a one-minute monologue or poem and song. Call Community House for appointment time.
(810) 644-5832

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Rip Van Winkle" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, Player's Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. All auditioners ages 8 to 18 should be prepared to sing. Readings from script.
1-(800)-824-8314

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS
"Bye Bye Birdie," Monday, Dec. 19 and Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the auditorium of Lahser High School, 3456 Lahser Road (north of Long Lake Road), Bloomfield Hills. Performers should be prepared to sing and dance.
(810) 433-0685

Theater

MEADOW BROOK
"A Christmas Carol" continues at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, through Dec. 29.
(810) 377-3300

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

"DEATH AND THE MAIDEN," CONTINUES through Dec. 18 at the Aaron Deitcy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.
(810) 788-2900

Nancy Gurwin

"THE MUSIC MAN," OPENS 8 P.M. SATURDAY, Jan. 7 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and runs weekends to Jan. 29.
(810) 352-3729

Rosedale Players

NOEL COWARD'S "I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 6 to Jan. 21 at Upstage, 21728 Grand River, ¼ block east of Lahser. Tickets $8 with discounts for seniors, students and groups.
(313) 532-4010

Spiritual fable

"THE LOTUS AND THE DAWN: A PILGRIMage into the Light," a multi-cultural holiday extravaganza, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Bentley High School auditorium, 34475 Lahser Road. Tickets $10 in advance, $12 at the door.
(810) 569-3888.

Avon Players

"FOREVER CHRISTMAS," 8 P.M. THURSday, Dec. 8; Friday, Dec. 16; Saturday, Dec. 17; 3 p.m. at playhouse, 1-1½ miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Tickets $12, student, group, senior citizen discounts.
(810) 375-1390

Dickens' of a Christmas

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY MARK F. McPherson, as Charles Dickens with music accompanied by Michael Mulhoe on Celtic harp and other instruments, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18th, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham.
(810) 642-7900

Masonic Temple

"MISS SAIGON" CONTINUES THROUGH Jan. 1.
(810) 645-6666

Magic Bag

"HI-HAT HATTIE" MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY of actress Hattie McDaniel, the first black woman to win an Academy Award, 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 10-18; 2 p.m. Special New Year's Eve Show. The theater is north of Nine Mile on Woodward, Ferndale.
(810) 939-2912

Children

MARQUIS THEATRE
Musical adaptation of "Beauty and the Beast," continues through Dec. 30 at the theater in Northville.
(810) 349-8110

ANDERSON CENTER THEATRE
"Hansel and Gretel" continues through Dec. 28 at the theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Call for show times.
(313) 271-1620, Ext. 405

KIDSTIMOTES JUNIOR
Special musical presentation for young people, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward, Birmingham.
(810) 362-2622

MACOMB CENTER
"Oliver" 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) at Garfield, one mile east of Lakeside Mall.
(810) 286-2222

Nutcracker: Clara dances with her nutcracker doll during the Oakland Festival Ballet Company's presentation of "The Nutcracker" ballet. Call (810) 646-7610 for tickets.

New Year's Eve

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