



Entertainment Choices

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Theater

NANCY GRIFFIN
"The Music Man," opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and runs week-ends to Jan. 29. (810) 352-7272

ROSEBELL PLAYERS
Neal Coward's "It's a Wonderful Life" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 6 to Jan. 21 at Uptage, 21728 Grand River, in block east of Lapeer. Tickets \$8 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (313) 532-4010

MASONIC TEMPLE
"Miss Saigon" continues through Jan. 1. (810) 645-6666

MUSIC BAR
"It's a Wonderful Life" musical biography of actress Hattie McDowell, the first black woman to win an Academy Award, 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 16-

18, 2 p.m. Special New Year's Eve Show. The theater is north of Nine Mile on Woodward, Ferndale. (810) 935-2912

ATYCH THEATRE
"Inspecting Carol," a holiday comedy about a small Midwest theater company trying to get through its annual production of "A Christmas Carol," continues through Jan. 8. (313) 875-8264

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"What I Did Last Summer," by A.R. Gurney opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 at the player's barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call for show times. (810) 553-2955

Auditions

PLAYERS' GUILD OF DEARBORN
Youth Theatre auditions for "Ondine," 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the playhouse, 21730 Madison, near Outer Drive and Monroe. Ages 8 to 18, come prepared to sing and dance, bring sheet music or tape. Call Lisa Andrews. (313) 427-1775

POPCORN PLAYERS
Youth ages eight to 19 for "Aladdin" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17. 18. Auditions 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, 3231 E. Jefferson, Detroit. All auditions ages 8 to 18 should be prepared to sing. Readings from scripts. (800) 624-8314

Children

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Story-teller Judy Sama spins tales of dragons, dwarfs, animals and more, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Dec. 28-30 at the Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-3312

MARQUESS 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

ROCKWATER JAMBOO
Social musical presentation for young people, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Haggopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (810) 362-2622

MADISON CENTER
"Over" 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Madison Center for the Performing Arts, Hall 14-59 at Grosse Pointe, one mile east of Lakeside Mall. (810) 286-2222

Comedy

ATYCH COMMUNITY CENTER
Chicago City Limits Comedy & Improv Theatre comes to the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. In their new show "Taking more Liberties in '95," Chicago City Limits boasts diverse talent in comic acting, singing, dancing, political satire and musical performance. Tickets are \$25 (over 21s only), \$15 general admission, and \$12 seniors/students. (810) 661-1008

Holiday classic



"Christmas Carol," Ebenezer Scrooge (Booth Colman) has the holiday spirit scared into him by the Ghost of Christmas Future (Gregory Wilson) in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol," playing through Dec. 29. Call (810) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666

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Dazzling displays celebrate holidays

There's still time to see the lights! Wayne County's Light-Fest, Domino Farms Christmas Light Display, and the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" Festival are lighting up the winter sky.

■ Wayne County's four mile Light-Fest, on Edward Hines Drive features a variety of colorful displays. Enter at Merriman Road in Westland and drive east-bound to Warren Avenue.

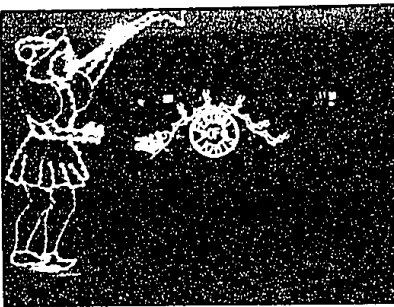
Open: Daily 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Closed Dec. 25. Admission: \$5 per car. (313) 261-1990.

There are food concessions and photo opportunities with Santa available at the picnic area near the exit. The \$5 entrance fee helps to keep county parks operating and maintained.

■ The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" display of more than 40 colorfully lighted animal sculptures continues through Jan. 6. Closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Open: Daily 5-8 p.m. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children. Children under two free, parking is free. (810) 398-0900. Tickets available at the door or through Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

■ The 1994 theme of the Domino's Farms display is "Christmas



Welcoming sign: This illuminated trumpet player lights the way along Wayne County's Festival of Lights on Hines Drive.

Lights Up the World," and the display offers a decidedly international flavor.

Enter display on Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road, one-half mile east of US-23, Ann Arbor. Open: Daily 6-10 p.m. through Jan. 8.

Admission: \$5 per car, (313) 668-1800. Motorists can stop at Domino's Pizza World Headquarters and enjoy new indoor features, such as a Christmas Shop and Arts and Crafts open 6-10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday.

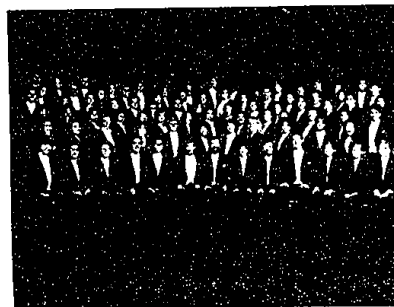
Concert features Yale Glee Club

The Yale Glee Club will present a holiday concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham (1 block west of Southfield and 1/4 mile east of Cranbrook Road). Tickets are \$10 adults, students and children accompanied by adults are free. There will be an informal pre-concert reception in the church hall at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Call Steve Betz (810) 647-8929 for information.

Yale Glee Club, one of the finest a cappella singing groups in the country, began as 13 men in 1863 and has evolved into the 90-member chorus of men and women which it is today.

All proceeds from this event will be applied to the scholarship fund for Yale students from Michigan.



Glee Club: The Yale Glee Club will present a concert Tuesday, Jan. 3 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Pontiac counts down to 1995

Heralded as the "start of a new tradition," Times Square Two promises to make this New Year's Eve an unforgettable experience for the people of Pontiac and North Oakland County.

For further information, call the Times Square Two hotline: (810) 975-8259.

Times Square Two takes its cue from the annual New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, New York City.

Downtown Pontiac's Phoenix Center is the spot where everyone can show up lasting memories of this New Year's Eve.

Festivities will begin with a huge, cheery bonfire that will bring warmth and brightness to the entire area. Another highlight will be a laser light spectacular staged by Laser Artistry, Inc. The light show will open with laser graphics and a giant digital laser clock projected on a giant screen counting down the final hours of 1994.

As midnight approaches, a laser light extravaganza will light up the sky, and a great ball covered with nearly 2,400 dazzling lights will ascend to the top of the recently dedicated 100-foot flag-

pole — reaching there at the exact stroke of midnight. The laser light show will continue on into the New Year.

"We know New York's ball descends at midnight in Times Square," said sponsors of Times Square Two, "but we wanted ours to rise to the top, symbolizing our optimistic expectations for 1995."

Pontiac is confident that Times Square Two will become an annual event. "We have planned this event to give area residents a truly memorable — and fun — New Year's Eve activity that will soon become a family tradition," the sponsors noted.

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