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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

AVENUE PRODUCTIONS/ATTIC THEATRE

"A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline," featuring Susan Arnold as "Patsy" singing 20 of Cline's most memorable songs with a five-piece band, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through January; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5-Saturday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12-Saturday, Feb. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Group rates available. \$22 Thursdays and Sundays, \$27 Fridays and Saturdays. Colangelo's Sunday brunch package \$33; Bac! Abbracci dinner packages \$35 and \$39. (248) 335-8101

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"In the Sweet Bye and Bye," a comedy by Donald Driver, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15, \$40 for season subscription. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, performance \$50 and includes champagne and buffet supper. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE

"Les Miserables," through Sunday, Jan. 4, Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and special holiday performance 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. No performance Thursday, Jan. 1. \$15-\$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 meadow brook theatre "A Christmas Carol," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the theater, Wilson Hall at Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Student, senior and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATRE

CONJAN PRODUCTIONS

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," a post-Christmas musical drama for the entire family, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton; 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joy Road, Westland. Free. (734) 459-2332

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUEE THEATRE

"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 27-28, and Jan. 3-4, and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110

WILD SWAN THEATRE COMPANY

"The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse," Saturday, Dec. 27-Sunday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 4, Henry Ford Museum and the Anderson Center Theatre, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

SPECIAL EVENTS

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES SHOW

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, and Gary Graft, Jim McFarlin and The Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers' Christina Fuoco will sign copies of "MusicHound R&B: The Essential Album Guide" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clawson Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St. (1/2 mile north of 14 Mile Road), Clawson. \$3. (248) 546-4527

SPORTS CARD, COMIC AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

3-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Roseville Towne Center, 12 Mileand Grotto, Roseville. Free. (248) 557-1529

TRADITIONAL POLISH CHRISTMAS TREE

On display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays through Thursday, Jan. 1, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindin Road), Troy. (248) 669-3636

YPSILANTI'S NEW YEAR JUBILEE

Featuring 40 performances by a variety of artists including Shella Landis and Rick Matto, Paul VornHagen, Joel Mabius, Wild Swan Theatre, LaRon Williams, Cranberry Creek, O.J. Anderson, George Bedard and the Kingpins, A Hill and the Love Butlers, Lonestar Dance Company, Nite Flight, and Charlene Berry. Wednesday, Dec. 31, in a variety of locations throughout Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Tickets available at Busch's Valu-Land Stores in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area, and at the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau. Free badges available for families who cannot afford it. (734) 484-6620/(734) 483-4444/(734) 995-7281.

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT ZOO'S "WILD LIGHTS"

Light show featuring more than 50 animated animal displays along a half-mile trail, 5:30-8 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas and Christmas Eve), at the zoo, 1-696 and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. \$3 adults, \$2 children 2-12, free for children younger than 2. DZS members' admission, \$2 adults, \$1.50 children 2-12. (248) 541-6836/(248) 641-5717

YPSILANTI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Featuring miniature train rides and horse-drawn wagon rides, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, and 6 p.m.-midnight Wednesday, Dec. 31, Riverside Park along the Huron River, Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. Donations accepted. (734) 483-4441 or <http://www.ypsil.org>

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Performing J. Strauss Jr.'s "Clear Track Galop (Bahn Frel)," Bernstein's "Tonight," and Webber's "All I Ask of You," with the Keith Saxton Sextet performing for dancing onstage after the concert, as part of "A Singing, Dancing Gala for 1998," 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25-\$85 includes party hats and noisemakers. (313) 833-3700

POPS / SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS

9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (Swing) (248) 335-8100

THE IMPERIAL SOUND ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for singers (male voices especially needed, particularly tenors but female voices also needed) 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon. Rehearsals for annual Spring Concert begin Jan. 13. (313) 455-4080

CHORAL

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

The Jewish Community Center choir performs Russian and Hebrew ethnic and holiday music 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit's Cultural Center. \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-16. (313) 833-1805

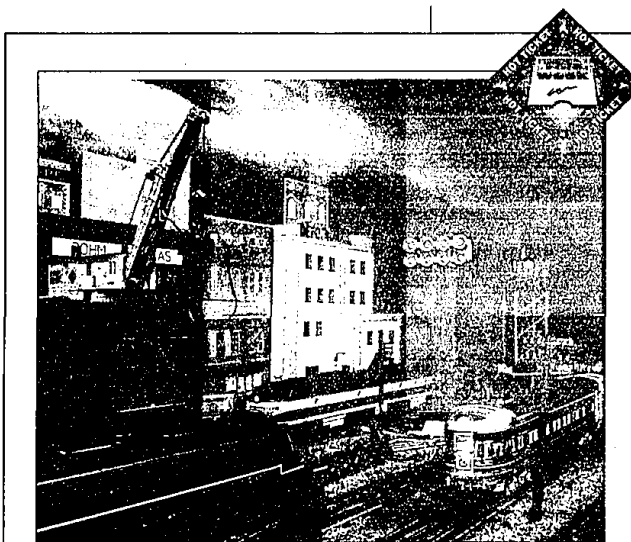
JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

9 p.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (trumpet, piano, bass trio)



Trains: Toy & Hobby Expo 97 Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi, features new and used toy and model trains, antique toys and models, collectible dolls, bears, doll house miniatures, and the World's Largest Mobile Model Railroad - The Wonderful World of Toy Trains display. Artist Paul Adams will be exhibiting his Railroad and Auto Art, which has several metro Detroit themes. Adams applies railroad and other transportation scenes into realistic watercolor paintings. He plans to start work on prints of Briggs Stadium and Olympia Stadium as they were in the 1940s and '50s. He will be working on one of these prints while exhibiting at the show. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28. Admission is \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 4-12; parking \$4. Call (248) 348-5600 for information.

(248) 645-2150/(734) 662-8310

GROOVE COLLECTIVE

With JWQ, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, 21 and older. (noir jazz) (313) 833-9700

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ

8-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629

KOO'S KATS

7-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

KATHY KOSINS

With her vocal, piano and bass trio, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Oakland Grill, 3283 Woodward Ave. (south of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak. (248) 645-2150/(248) 549-7700

SHELLA LANDIS

With Rick Matto, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge, 21 and older. With Rick Matto and Dennis Sheridan, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Lantini's Southern Barbecue, 41240 Hayes, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older; With Rick Matto, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Cafe Anzu, University of Michigan's north campus, 1733 Plymouth Road (at Murlin), Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 861-8101/(810) 412-2233/(734) 769-1212

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax, piano, bass trio) (248) 645-2150

CARL MICHEL

Guitarist performs with bassist John Dano, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Agape Caffe, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (734) 534-4185

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (top 40/contemporary jazz) (248) 852-0500

SHAHIDA MURALLAH AND FRIENDS

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$40, \$75 per couple, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JOHNNY O'NEAL

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-

Saturday, Dec. 27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Peabody's, 154 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-5222

STEPHEN GRANT WOOD

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

ALEXANDER ZONIC

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, (\$7.50), and Wednesday, Dec. 31 (cover charge), Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. 21 and older. (313) 963-8424

WORLD MUSIC

BENNY CRUZ

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit's Cultural Center. \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18. (Latin American) (313) 833-1805

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road (between Woodward Avenue and Southfield Road), Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic Irish) (248) 642-1135

ANGELO PRIMO

10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Tuscan Grill, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

JOHN T. SULLIVAN BAND

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Dec. 31, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road (between Woodward Avenue and Southfield Road), Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 642-1135

FOLK

BALDUC MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Sunfist Sunset Saloon, 15222 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 822-6080

RON COHEN

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

CAHAL DUNNE

Saturday, Dec. 27, Singer, song-

writer, pianist, storyteller, at Cowley's Old Village Inn, Grand River and Farmington roads, Farmington. \$35 per couple includes dinner. Reservations. (248) 474-5241

GRIN ROSSE FINESSE

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

CHARLES GREENE

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

LISA HUNTER

9-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

JAN KRIST

10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

DANCE

OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY

Karen Missavage calls to music by Cherl and Steve Whalen, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, First Baptist Church, 210 N. Main St., Royal Oak. \$7, \$6 members and students. (248) 968-3565/(248) 642-3306

LEIN PERRY'S TAP DOGS

Friday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Jan. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$26 and \$36), 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), 7 p.m. Sundays (\$32.50 and \$22.50), 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$22.50 and \$32.50), and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 (\$26 and \$39). All ages. (313) 872-1000

THE RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$50. All ages. (313) 953-6611/(248) 645-6660

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$20. (810) 772-4765/573-4993, (313) 526-9432

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB

Comedian/hypnotist Jim Hoke and Steve Sobo, Friday, Dec. 26-

Saturday, Dec. 27; Bill Hildebrand and J.R. Remick, Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$65 includes tax and gratuity, four-course meal, comedy, dancing); Bill Thomas, Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

HOLLY HOTEL

Norm Stulz, Seth Buchwald and Chrissy Burns, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$15 in advance only), and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$20 in advance only), and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Joe Dellon and Joey Bielaska, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27; Steve McGrew, Hector Rezzano and Joey Bielaska, 8:15 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Dinner/show packages available; Hector Rezzano, Mike Matak and Joey Bielaska, Friday, Jan. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays unless otherwise noted. Cover charge changes according to act. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Bill Hildebrand, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 (\$48, \$18.95 dinner/show package); Mike Green, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$15 includes 8 p.m. appetizers), and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$55 includes buffet served from 8-9 p.m.), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

BERNIE MAC

7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50-\$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 (\$12); Jackie Flynn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$22.50), and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$27.50 includes party favors and a split of champagne), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Ken Brown of WJR's "Album in the Afternoon," with Derrick Richards, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 (\$8); Christopher Titus, Billy Ray Bauer, and MC Steven Bills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$45 per couple for show only), and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 (\$60 per couple, includes party favor and a split of champagne), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Generation X-Files" through January at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. New Year's Eve performances: 5:15 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. show (\$70 includes dinner at Risata and a complimentary glass of champagne, \$25 show only), or 8:15 p.m. dinner and 10:15 p.m. show (\$90 includes dinner, complimentary champagne, dessert buffet and afterglow party, \$40 show, dessert afterglow and champagne). The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After an August fire, the New Glancy Trains exhibit is open in the museum's Wigley Hall. Gallery with a 25 percent larger layout and additional interactive elements for visitors, upcoming events include the Glancy Trains Show with toy train appraisal for nominal fee 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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