

8 days a week

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, 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 a.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; Bacardi Abbraccio dinner packages \$35 and \$39. (248) 335-8101.

FISHER THEATRE

"Les Misérables," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, Fisher Theatre in the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$15-\$58. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE/ PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

"Thunder Knocking on the Door," a story about a young blind woman trying to win back her sight in a blues guitar-duel with an unorthodox musician, and features songs by Grammy Award-winning blues artist Keb Mo played by a live onstage blues band, Wednesday, Jan. 7-Sunday, Feb. 1, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Previews: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7-Friday, Jan. 9 (\$18). Regular run: Saturday, Jan. 10-Sunday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), with discounts for students, seniors, groups. No 6:30 p.m. performance Sunday, Feb. 1. (248) 377-3300.

COLLEGE

MACOMB CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Saturday, Jan. 10, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at the center, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Township, \$29, \$26 students/seniors. (810) 285-2222/(248) 645-6666.

WSU HILBERRY
"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" by Eduardo de Filippo 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 10 at the theater on the Wayne State University campus. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972.

COMMUNITY THEATER

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," a post-Christmas musical drama for the entire family, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton; 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joy Road, Westland. Free. (734) 459-2332.

RIDGEGLADE PLAYERS
"Walt Until Dark," Thursday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 11, and Thursday, Jan. 15-Sunday, Jan. 18, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, near Livermore, Troy. \$51, \$10 on Tuesdays and Sundays, and for students and seniors; price includes coffee and afterglow. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. (248) 988-7049.

SRO PRODUCTIONS
"That Broadway Beat," Francine Hachem's musical revue of Broadway show tunes, 8 p.m., Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 2 p.m., Sundays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$10. (248) 827-0701.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Aladdin," 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 4, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8110.

WILD SWAN THEATER COMPANY
"The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse," Friday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 4, Henry Ford



Blues Festival: Lonnie Brooks headlines the first day of the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival Friday, Jan. 2, at the Magic Bag along with Thorenetta Davis and the Sharecroppers of Soul, Johnny "Yarddog" Jones and Motor City Josh. Johnnie Johnson backed by George Bedard and the Kingpins, join Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Jim McCarty and Mystery Train, The Revereers with James Waitin' and Harmonica Shaw and Mimi Harris and the Chisel Brothers perform Saturday, Jan. 3. Doors open at 7 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$15 per night, or \$25 for a two-day pass. Proceeds from the festival benefit the Detroit Blues Society. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

Museum's Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, (313) 271-1620

rehearsal of the upcoming Stephen Sondheim musical comedy, "Company," at the playhouse, 415 South Lafayette Avenue, Royal Oak. \$50. (248) 541-6430

SPECIAL EVENTS

TRADITIONAL POLISH CHRISTMAS TREE

On display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 4, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. (248) 689-3636

FAMILY EVENTS

THE NEW DODGE WORLD'S TOUGHEST BULLS AND BRONCS

Four pro teams of nine athletes per team compete in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding, the "world's smallest cowboy" Whiplash, a five-pound Capuchin monkey, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Country singer Ty Herndon performs the Saturday event. The performance is free with the purchase of a Saturday night rodeo ticket. \$10-\$18, children 12 and younger get 1/2 price tickets and free pony rides on Sunday. (313) 983-6606/(248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

SECOND CITY

Special performance of "Generation X-Files" by Second City-Detroit's mainstage cast to benefit Equity and Friends AIDS Fundraiser campaign, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

STAGECRAFTERS GALA

Black tie optional gala with champagne reception. Wednesday, Jan. 28, taste fest featuring more than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakeries, music by organist John Lauter, after the gale guests are invited to watch the final dress

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for female version of "The Odd Couple," 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12-Monday, Jan. 13 at the playhouse on Tenken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances March 27-28, March 1-2, 6, 8, and 12-14. Auditioners encouraged to read female version script available at the Rochester Hills Public Library. (248) 375-9479

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

Auditions singers, dancers and actors for "Annie," 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5-Tuesday, Jan. 6, Lahser High School theater, 3456 Lahser Road (between Long Lake and Hickory Grove roads), Bloomfield Hills. Performances scheduled March 13-15, 20-22.

DAVID DANIELS

Countertenor performs works from Beethoven, Handel, Brahms, Sauguet and others, with pianist Martin Katz, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in the Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$25. All ages. (734) 764-0594

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Robert Bernhardt, soprano Nancy Davis Booth, mezzo soprano Hillary Nicholson, tenor Douglas Ahnstedt, and baritone Nicholas Loren perform Vlniennese operetta arias, music by Richard and Johann Strauss Jr., and compositions by Puccini, Mozart and Beethoven, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4; with conductor Neeme Järvi and pianist Terrence Wilson performing "Symphony No. 3" by Schubert, "Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major" by Liszt, and "Symphony No. 7" by Dvorák, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for spring session, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 and 13, Farmington Hills Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile Road (east of Middlebelt Road). Registration will be the following week for those accepted. There is a small registration fee. Must be age 18 or older. (248) 471-4516

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for "Lounger on the 23rd Floor," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon St., Hartland.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY'S CHORALE

Open auditions 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 and 13 in Room 1507 on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. For Sunday, April 19 performance. A musical background is not required but would be beneficial. (734) 432-5709

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

Looking for girls ages 17-23 of Irish descent for Maid of Erin Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Gaelic League. Maid of Erin wins a trip to Ireland, and participates in all Irish activities during Irish week. (734) 464-8556/(313) 255-5677

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS

Auditions for "The Mikado," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. Performances scheduled March 23-25, 28-30 and April 3-4. (734) 459-2332

BLOOMFIELD 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

SARA SMITH PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for "Annie," 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6-Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. A one-minute monologue (not necessarily memorized) and a few bars of a favorite song (with or without music) will be required. \$50 production fee for actors who are chosen for the performances held on March 21-22. Reservations required for audition. (248) 644-5832

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Auditions for all voice parts during open rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 and 13 at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, (734) 975-2388

HARBOR BELLS

English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week, Sept. 1-June. (248) 681-6453.

BREVARD MUSIC CENTER AUDITIONS

Regional auditions 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, University of Michigan, Room #2043. Brevard Music Center is a summer music festival in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The program runs June 24-Aug. 9, 1998 for advanced instrumentalists ages 14-35, and for opera students who have completed at least one year of college study.

Auditions will serve both admission and scholarship purposes. To schedule an audition, and for more information, call Lynn Johnson, (704) 884-2975.

CHORAL

POLONIAE CHORALE

Christmas concerts featuring Polish carols, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at St. Barbara, 13534 Colson (at Schaefer Road, north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn; 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 976 Superior (north of Eureka Road, east of Fort at 10th and Superior), Wyandotte; 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 3100 18 Mile Road (between Ryan and Dequindre roads), Sterling Heights. Free. (313) 863-6209/531-5558

JAZZ

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JON-ERIK KELLO

5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 4-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, Schoolkids Records, 523 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; (248) 203-0056/(734) 994-8031

DOCUMENTA USA

Slides, videotape (no longer than 15 minutes) for a three-month spring 1998 exhibit. Every submission will be presented. Artists of any medium, age free to participate. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 23 W. Lawrence St., Ste. 101, Pontiac, MI 48342.

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matie, 8:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Cafe Anzu, University of Michigan's north campus, 1733 Plymouth Road (at Murfin), Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; With Rick Matie, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Ratlinske Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free.



On Stage: Marc Meyers (top), Jeff Drewno and Jay Kaplan rehearse for "That Broadway Beat," Francine Hachem's musical revue of Broadway show tunes, to be presented 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$10. (248) 827-0701. Event proceeds benefit SRO Productions.