

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

AVENUE PRODUCTIONS/ATTC 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 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

FISHER THEATRE

"Les Miserables," 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-\$55. (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 unearthly 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. Saturdays (\$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) 286-2222/(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 THEATRE

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; 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at Church of Divine Savior, 39375 Joy Road, Westland. Free. (734) 459-2332

RIDGEDALE 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 Livernois, Troy. \$11, \$10 on Thursdays 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

"Addams," 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 THEATRE 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 Thornetta 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 McCarly and Mystery Train, The Reefermen with James Wailin' 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 Theatre, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

SPECIAL EVENTS

TRADITIONAL POLISH CHRISTMAS TREE

On display 9 a.m.-7 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 1, 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" Whipflash, 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 following the Saturday event. The performance is free with the purchase of a Saturday night rodeo ticket. \$40-\$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 test featuring more than 20 Royal Oak restaurants, caterers and bakers, music by organist John Lauter, after the gala guests are invited to watch the final dress

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

CLASSICAL

DAVID DANIELS

Countertenor performs works from Beethoven, Handel, Brahms, Sauguet and others, with pianist Martin Katz, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Lydia Mendelsohn 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 Hilary Nicholson, tenor Douglas Ahlstedt, and baritone Nicholas Loren perform Viennese 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 Jarvi 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 Dvorak, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

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 Tonken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Feb. 27-28, March 1, 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.

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) 975-2888

NAT'L ANTHEM AT AUTO SHOW

Open auditions for children ages six to 10 to sing the national anthem in a small choir at auto show, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 at Highland Park Baptist Church (door Ekusis Room) at 12 Mile and Lahser, Southfield. Different regions and ethnic representations needed. Performance scheduled 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Cobo Hall.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 & 20. Fifty voice choir includes both students and experienced singers of all ages. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. (248) 349-8175 or (313) 462-4435.

MUSIC COMPETITION

The Bohemians Club, a.k.a. The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit, will hold its first annual Solo Concert Competition for orchestral instruments. Prize money will be awarded. Contestants, between ages of 16-22, must submit performance tape by March 1, 1998. Send to: Herbert Couf, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

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.

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 "Laughter 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, Apr. 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) 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 21-23, 28-30 and April 3-4. (734) 459-2332

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

HARBOR BELLS

English secular hand bell choir has openings for ringers 18 years or older. Must read music. Rehearsals once a week. Sept. - 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

POLOMIASE 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 Cestochowa, 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. 2-Saturday, Jan. 3, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older, (trumpet, piano, bass trio) (734) 662-8310

JON-ERIK KELLSO

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

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matile, 8:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, Cafe Anzu, University of Michigan's north campus, 1733 Plymouth Road (at Murnin), Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; With Rick Matile, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Rattlesnake 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.