

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime, through Sunday, April 24, at the theater 13163 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. (313) 668-1347 or detrep1@aol.com

FISHER THEATRE
"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26-\$60. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20, available at Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours before the show, and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Line ups begin no earlier than 6 a.m. and no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. (248) 645-0660

FOX THEATRE
"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as the Wizard, American Music Classics' host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Groves as Dorothy, through Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. (248) 453-5155/(313) 596-3211

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"The Cemetery Club," through Sunday, May 24, Aaron Dellay Theatre, 4000 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. "An Yes, I Remember It Well," the debut of Paul Winters' one-man show, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, Aaron Dellay Theatre. \$20, \$75 patron seats. (248) 789-2900

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE
"Lost in Yonkers," through Sunday, May 10, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$22-\$32. (248) 377-3300

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Book of Days," by Lanford Wilson, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. \$20-\$25. (734) 475-7902

WALK AND SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT
"How Can You Stop Soliloquy?" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. "How Can You Stop Soliloquy," 8 p.m. Thursday April 30 and May 7, 9 p.m. Fridays, May 1 and 8, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, May 2 and 9, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 10. 1515 Broadway theatre, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$15, \$12 students and seniors, "pay what you can" Thursdays. (734) 668-2023

OPERA

WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA
"Fiddler on the Roof," featuring Nancy, Jody and Jenny Flockowski of Redford, and Rachel Carter and Fred Wasserman, both of West Bloomfield. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Chrysler Theatre in the Clear International Center, Windsor. \$20, \$18 seniors, students or groups of 20 or more (Canadian). (517) 974-6593

COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT
"The Bridge Party," rehearsed reading of a new drama written by Central Michigan University playwright/professor Sandra Seaton. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Rockham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Panel discussion of the play from 10 to 12 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the same location. April 30 in the Women's Studies Lounge, West Hall, Room 332-D, on central campus. (734) 936-3301/(517) 774-3197

WSU DONNELLY THEATRE
"Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff. John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-9272

WSU HILDETHY THEATRE
"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde. 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Friday, April 24; "Three Sisters," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 30-May 1; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck. 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, April 28, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-9272

COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"The Merchant of Venice," by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the playhouse, 2275 Pili Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays. \$16, \$14 students and seniors. (734) 971-2228

ANN PLAYERS
"Blood Brothers," a musical about twin brothers separated at birth and the dramatic events that reunite them. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, May 1, 8 p.m., 15:10 and Thursday, May 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, May 3, 10, and the playhouse, 1165 Lafayette St., Royal Oak. \$7, with discounts for groups of 25 or more. (248) 641-6430

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Love All," a wise and witty comedy of manners by Dorothy L. Sayers. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24 to May 16, 4 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, 28540 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$6. (734) 464-0302

TROY PLAYERS
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the playhouse, 28540 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$6. (734) 464-0302

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"The Foreigner." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Hartland Music Hall, 3019 Avon Rd.,



Workshop presenter: Ventriloquist Richard Paul will present a workshop "Easy Ventriloquism" during A Day of Puppetry.

Oceans of puppets in day-long workshop

Nancy Henk fell in love with puppets more than 60 years ago. By now, you'd think her interest would start to wane. But not so.

She's looking forward to taking a workshop in building giant puppets during "A Day of Puppetry" at the Livonia Civic Center Library Saturday, April 25.

Presented by the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, a workshop include puppet making, script writing, ventriloquism, script writing with puppets and building positive self esteem with puppets.

A performance of "When You Wish Upon A Fish" by the Madcap Puppets of Ohio concludes the sessions.

If you're a puppet enthusiast, librarian, teacher, group leader, religious educator, parent, teen (13-18 years), or simply someone who wants to know more about the art of puppetry, these workshops are for you.

Children (ages 7-12) will be able to make their own puppet beginning at 1 p.m. and then attend the Madcap Puppets' performance.

Henk is interested in the workshop on building giant puppets because as member of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild, she takes part in the children's

A Day of Puppetry
What: A day of workshops offering topics from puppet making to script writing, storytelling with puppets, and building positive self esteem with puppets. When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25. A performance of "When You Wish Upon A Fish" by the Madcap Puppets of Ohio will take place at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call Nancy Henk at (810) 463-0480 or Rick Morse at (810) 230-0105.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington, Livonia. (734) 421-7258.
Cost: Workshop fee for adults is \$30, teens (13-18 years) \$20, Detroit Puppeteers Guild members \$25. A special children's package for a 1 p.m. workshop and 2 p.m. performance is \$5, pre-registration required. Call numbers listed above for registration information.

parade during the Detroit Festival of the Arts. Most puppeteers prefer to make their own puppets rather than custom order them. Henk plans to create several of the giant puppets for this year's parade. "I've always been interested in music and art, so puppetry is a way to combine all my 'interests in one art," said Henk. "And then there's the theatrical side, I love."

For many years, Henk, as cultural arts director for the Detroit Recreation Department, trained children in the art of making puppets and then bringing them to life.

"The reason why an audience likes puppets, depends on

the age group," said Henk. "The kids love puppets because these are real characters to them, not dolls or puppets. Adults like them because it's a miniature world and I think puppets can tell you a lot about life because puppets can get away with a lot that an adult actor couldn't. Jim Henson got his start when he was just a teenager. Teenagers like the performing part."

From Punch and Judy to The Muppets, puppets capture our imagination.

"The down side of puppeteering is carrying all the stuff around," said Henk "The rest is creative and imaginative."

DINNER THEATRE

GENUINE'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
"Tied By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, \$15.95 beverage, \$15.95 for adults. \$9.95 for children, \$11.95 for adults. Includes the show, and mini-lunch of soup, bread, salad, mostaccioli, chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUEE THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-0110

NOV THEATRE'S LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS
"The Velveteen Rabbit," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Nov Civic Center Stage, 4000 W. Maple Road, Detroit. \$10, \$7 seniors, children under age 12. All seats reserved. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette St., Royal Oak. \$7, with discounts for groups of 25 or more. (248) 641-6430

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Sunday, May 3, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 333-2302/(248) 334-1999

OUTRAGE SHOW
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Seven Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. \$8 free for children ages 12 and younger. \$4 parking. (248) 545-7447/(248) 540-SHIP

INDOOR CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW AND SWAP MEET
Noon to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15505 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

"JOURNEY THROUGH ISRAEL"
Learn about Israel in conjunction with the state's upcoming 50th birthday. 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

MICHIGAN CLASSIC GUITAR SUMMIT
With Blaziewicz/Cocagne, and soloists Brad Dorfman, Matt Permelie and Victor Antonio Sokolowski performing music ranging from Bach to the Beatles. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. (248) 975-8797

NOTEWORTHY CONCERT SERIES
Harriet Christa Grix performs classical, jazz and popular music with bassist Bruce Dendler. 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Turrell Road, Plymouth. \$2, \$5 students/seniors. (414) 453-8280

"PUTTING ON THE GLITZ"
8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 7 p.m. dinner seating, live vocal impersonations of Roy Orbison, Barbara Streisand and Elvis Presley, at the Polo Fields Golf and Country, Ann Arbor. \$75 per person. (734) 955-8888

SEW ELEGANT FASHION SHOW
Featuring lunch and a fashion show of spring designs sewn by American Sewing Guild members, noon, Sunday, May 9, in the Kings Court Castle, Old World Country Village, 2325 Jolly Road, Orion Township. \$30, reservations by April 30. (248) 288-3173/(248) 391-3703

SPORTS CARD SHOW
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15505 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

VERY SPECIAL ARTS REGIONAL FESTIVAL
The Southeast Region Committee of Very Special Arts Michigan showcases the talents of children and adults with mental and physical challenges in "Celebrate Arts-Adults and Children's Arts Festival," special needs solo acts, school and community groups display dance, vocal and instrumental achievements. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, and noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth roads, Livonia. Free. (248) 646-3347

BENEFITS
BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CENTER DINNER
8 p.m. Saturday, May 9 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), with performance by the Beach Boys followed by dinner, to raise \$650,000 for the drive against cancer, at the Chrysler Corporation's Corner Assembly Plant (home of the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler), Detroit. \$250 per person, \$750 patrons, \$500 friends. Patrons are also invited to attend a May 1 pre-gala celebration in a private Bloomfield Hills home. (800) KARMANOS-527-6260

"DISCOVERY BALL '98"
Tom Clark, vice chairman of the advertising agency BBDO Worldwide, receives the Laureate Award of America's annual Glen W. Forbinner Memorial Award, during the dinner, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Ross Ross Communications, Inc., 100 Bloomfield Hills Parkway (at Woodward Avenue), Bloomfield Hills. (810) 778-6800

METROPOLITAN DETROIT MUSICIANS
"A Night of Music," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in Vanner Hall, at Oakland University, Rochester. \$6. (810) 739-3300

SCARAB CLUB ART AUCTION
Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, auction of art and other collectibles by Oakchelle, at the club, 217 Farmsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. proceeds go to the restoration of the club's historic building and for ongoing art projects. (313) 831-1250

FAMILY EVENTS
BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$2 children ages 4-12. (810) 855-2111

MAGICIAN FRANK HARARY
8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44475 Garfield Road, Mount Clemens. \$28, \$26 students and seniors. (810) 286-2141

MAYBURY STATE PARK
Hans annual Earth Day celebration, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and Earth Day Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free. (924) 544-5390

CLASSICAL
AEDERSOLD AND NIKKEEN
8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, Kariyoon Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 (ages 15-54 general admission), \$8 students. (734) 766-0999 or http://www.peas.com/kch

ARMAHNA STRING QUARTET
Performa works by Mozart, Stravinsky and Beethoven. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Henry Ford Estate, Dearborn.

(313) 593-5330
CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
Kalachstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio perform Beethoven, Dvorak and Schubert. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Orchestra Hall, \$5-\$39 plus \$11 mandatory hall restoration fee. (313) 576-1111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Neeme Järvi, violinist Pamela Frank, performing Barber's "Overture to 'The School for Scandal,'" and Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 10." 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 24, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Warren avenues), Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111

HADEN QUARTET
With guest saxophone player Gene Parker. 8:15-10 p.m. Thursday, April 23, and guest saxophone player George Benson and trumpeter Johnny Trudell. 8:15-10 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Bortoloni Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$8 cover waived with dinner (served until 8 p.m.) plus a \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

"LUZE Y NORTE - THE HARP CONCERT"
With Rodrigo del Pozo, voice guitar, Steve Player, guitarist/dancer, Pedro Esteve, percussion, Hille Park, viola da gamba, Paul O'Grady, violinist, Andrew Lawrence King. 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.umms.org

OWAIN PRYTH
9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 23, and as part of "Gerb Night," 9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, O'Hara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Dearborn. Free, 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Spring Concert featuring Broadway hits, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46185 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

TERESA SANTANDER
Lyric soprano sings art songs and lieder by Samuel Barber, Richard Strauss and Henri Duparc. 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the Detroit Institute of Arts Theatre, 141, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$25 includes light buffet following concert. (313) 880-3207

VERDI OPERA THEATRE
Winners of the fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School students reaches its final stage 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, when 10 singers compete in a live concert, at the Italian American Cultural Community Center in Warren. \$7, 35 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(313) 751-2855

AUDITIONS
HARTLAND PLAYERS
Open auditions for the musical "Hairspray II," women of varying ages 18 and up, bring a prepared musical piece, 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, April 27-28, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3019 Avon St., Hartland. (810) 220-3521

CHORAL
CANTATA ACADEMY
The Black Concerns Working Group presents "A Concert of Negro Spirituals," 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$15 includes an afterglow, \$5 seniors/under age 12. Fundraiser for the church. (313) 833-9107

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
"Elizah and More," featuring Canton Harmonica as Orlan, Cornelia Carrington as Eliza, soprano Cynthia Webster, and Ryan Wiskel as the youth. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. (313) 882-0118 for tickets.

THE MEN OF ROSWELL
With conductor Lowell Everson, guest soloist Paul Wille, and Ralph Vaughan Williams song cycle, "On Wenlock Edge," arranged by Everson for tenor solo, men's chorus and piano. 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9001 Hubbard, Livonia. A free will offering for the concert will be accepted. (734) 422-0494

"INDUSTRY SINGS"
Featuring the Detroit Edison Gas Club, Gentlemen Songsters, Ford Motor Co. Chorus, Masco Corp. Chorus, and the GM Employees Chorus. 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road (at M-59), Clinton Township. (313) 532-0808/(734) 464-0323

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
"The Blackboard Jungle," a musical comedy. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, at the Clarendonville High School Auditorium, 85 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. \$6, \$3 seniors/students in advance, \$8, \$4 seniors/students at the door. (248) 620-4807

MARYGROVE COLLEGE CHORALE AND CHAMBER SINGERS
Annual concert. 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College, 26400 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$5 students/seniors. (313) 927-1254

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Broadway to Mount Carmel featuring showtunes. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth Salem High School, 46185 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

RENEWAL CHORUS
Performers during the Preservation and Encouragement of American Folklife and Heritage National District Convention (April 24-26) to compete with choruses from throughout Michigan and Canada noon Saturday.

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