

# 8 ways a week

## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### THEATER

**DETROIT OPERA HOUSE**  
"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, runs March 2-21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house in Detroit, (313) 550-6666, (248) 645-6666

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Camp Logan," Celeste Beford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit, (313) 968-1347

**FOX THEATRE**  
"Cats," 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, March 2-4, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 433-1515

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
"Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb trial of the 1924 (until killing of 14-year-old Bobby Franks, through March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and 2 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday morning performances. Featured speakers include Mort Cim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. Call for details. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
"Scatland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, through March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

**PLANET ANT THEATRE**  
"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an off-lit band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, continues through February 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 2357 Canfield, Hamtramck, MI. (313) 365-4948 or <http://www.planetant.com>

### COLLEGE

**WSU DONTELLE**  
"Our Country's Good," a hilarious and harrowing play illustrating how theater has the potential to change people's lives when a colony of convicts attempt to do comedy, opens March 5 and runs through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$9-10. (313) 577-2960

**WSU HILBERY THEATRE**  
Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4. Mass Hater's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-17. (313) 577-2972

**WSU STUDIO THEATRE**  
North of Hollywood "The Road to Mecca," a compelling tale of human individuality in a conforming society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a repitile South African artist, opens Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 7 at the theater downstairs from the Hilbery, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**AVON PLAYERS**  
"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 5-7, 12:14 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 1185 Tenken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

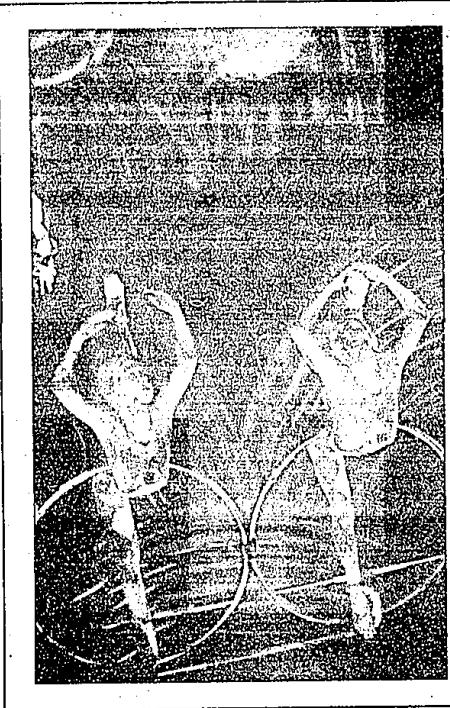
**COMIC OPERA GUILD**  
"Jismat," a musical Arabian Nights, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$13 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3254

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in the Players Barn, 32332 W-12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$14. (248) 553-2055

**HARTLAND PLAYERS**  
"Faithful," the adult comic thriller by Chaz Palminteri, Feb. 26-27 and March 6-7, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 seniors; reserved seating. (810) 220-3521

**NOVI THEATRES**  
"The Wizard of Oz," The Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5, 12:13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 4517 W. 10 Mile.

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, and Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road.



Northville, \$11 in advance at The Pennington Dell, 820 Pennington St., Plymouth, Gardenview, 6, 202 W. Main St., Northville, and Evola Music, 1710 Hogarty Road North, Canton; \$12 at the door. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. (248) 349-7110

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
"Beau Jest," a comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to impersonate her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12:13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Upperville, Troy. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS**  
"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13 and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$12 at the door, \$10 advance. (313) 535-8982

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE**  
"Grace & Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12:13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, at the theater, 3880 W. 31 Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

**ZELTZGIST**  
"Georgy Girl Ross." David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, February 26-27, at Zeltzgist, 2661 Michigan Avenue, one mile from Tiger Stadium, Detroit. \$10, includes refreshments. (313) 965-9192

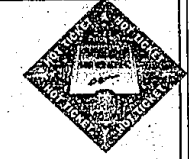
### DINNER THEATER

**BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE**  
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with live band, an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesday-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6668

**DAVE AND BUSTER'S**  
"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with help by wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays through March 13, at the D & B Entertainment Center, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**PAPER BIRD PRODUCTIONS**  
The children's musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturday-Sundays Feb. 27 to Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3324 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50. Includes lunch and



**Special event: The multi-color extravaganza of Cirque Ingenieux has a P.T. Barnum influence. Cirque Ingenieux continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.**

### WVF'S MONDAY NIGHT RAW

March 5 is the deadline to exchange Jan. 2 WWF tickets for "Raw is War" at 8 p.m. Monday, April 12, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. The Jan. 2, "WWF Live" event at Joe Louis Arena was canceled due to a severe winter storm. All exchanges must be made by March 5 in person at Joe Louis Arena box office or by mail to: Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Box Office/WWF Exchange. Refunds will be available at point-of-purchase. Tickets charged by phone through Ticketmaster will be refunded by mail only. Tickets for the April 12 Monday Night RAW will go on sale soon to the public. (313)983-6606/(248)645-6660.

### FAMILY EVENTS

**CIRQUE INGENIEUX**  
Through Sunday, Feb. 28, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666

**DISNEY ON ICE - "THE LITTLE MERMAID"**  
Various times, Tuesday-Sunday, March 2-7, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$12.50, \$15.50, \$17.50, \$30. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

**MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL**  
Observe tree tapping, learn about cooking techniques of Native American and history and science behind maple syrup production, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, followed by a 90-minute program, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1222 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call toll free (877) 60-Cranbrook

**THE MUSIC LADY**  
Presenting a unique and exciting blend of music and songs combining charming arrangements of old favorites on her guitar, she brings her dog puppet Zamboni and all the rhythm instruments she can find, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road. \$4. (734) 466-2410

### BENEFITS

**"CELEBRATING LIFE"**  
A Broadway-style musical presentation featuring Petula Clark and other cast members of "Sunset Boulevard" 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$72. \$36 proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, Brody Caret, Equity Fight AIDS, and Stephen Out. (248) 594-8522

**GILDA'S CLUB BENEFIT**  
Featuring performances by Mudpuppy and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (varies)

**MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD**  
Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Children's Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members' handmade curl cabinets, hutches, grandfather clocks and other items, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-480) and Five Mile. Free. (313) 345-3073

### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, cocktail reception, dinner, live entertainment and auction, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Meridian Road, Livonia. \$125, \$75, \$50, \$1,000 for table of 10. Proceeds to benefit Community Hospice & Home care Services. (734) 522-4244

### "IT'S THE TOPSI"

A recreation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Cigar Store Indiana, and rockabilly DJ Del Villareal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Packard roads, Ann Arbor. \$125 includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy tickets for games, ice cream and popcorn. (734) 647-2278 or <http://www.mlive.com/bsaf>

### CLASSICAL

**LIVONIA BOYD**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Capitol Theatre and Arts Center, 121 University Ave., Windsor. \$25 advance, \$22.50 seniors and students. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mml.net/~capitol>

**DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA**  
With Yehui Wang, conductor, performing works of Beethoven, Copland and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-3700 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and violinist Emmanuelle Bolser, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, with Tortelier and British pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, \$40-\$60 box seats. Rush tickets for students and senior citizens aged 60 or older (with proper identification) are available at a 50 percent discount at the box office within 90 minutes before each classical concert. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Features guest pianist Alexander Gerasimov performing George Gershwin's "Concerto in F," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Churchill Hill School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road. Tickets \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under, (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

**YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK**  
Pianists, presented by the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, perform Gerasimov's "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. \$15-\$36, advance, \$6 at the door. (248) 693-5436

**JASON VIEUX**  
The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Masonic Temple, 36500 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-8797

### ORGAN

**MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**  
Winter Movie Series continues with "Hello, Dolly" featuring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (organ overture start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Lance Lucas, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17300 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 833-4407

**SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free, 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swing)

**STARLIGHT DRIFTERS**  
10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4318 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free, 21 and older. (248) 745-9878; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (western swing)

**H-V-I ORCHESTRA**  
8:30-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1453 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7:30-9 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

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### HARTLAND MUSIC HALL, 3619 AVON, HARTLAND. SCRIPT AVAILABLE AT CROMBIE DISTRICT LIBRARY, (810) 220-3521

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
Auditions for 25 women, including 6 African-American women, and 21 men, including 4 African-Americans, for three different shows, 2.5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. To schedule an appointment, call (313) 982-6044

**JAZZ AND SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT**  
Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-1000

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**  
Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, readings will be done from the script, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Hagerly and Northville roads. For performances May 7-9, 13-18, (248) 669-0438/(734) 525-1200/(248) 349-7110 or visit <http://www.plymouththeatre.com/pls/>

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
Auditions for six men and 11 women for Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Crooks, Troy. For performances April 30 to May 11-23, (734) 591-3405

**SHOWBIZ EXPO**  
Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photogenic Expo, March 20-21, portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation, (313) 650-1741/(810) 977-7243

**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Auditions for eight men, seven women and a large ensemble chorus for the musical "Crazy for You" with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, registration begins one hour earlier, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances May 14-16, 20-23, 28-30 and June 4-6, (248) 541-4832

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD**  
Accepting submissions for original one-acts by local artists in play/script format, running 25-45 minutes each, deadline March 1, send four copies to the Theatre Guild, c/o Sean Kelley, P.O. Box 51574, Livonia, Mich., 48150-0574

**TRIO PLAYERS**  
Auditions for six women for "Steel Magnolias," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 1-2, at the Troy Community Theatre, 15179 Livonia, Troy. For performances April 9-10 and 16-18, (248) 879-1285

**VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
Auditions for Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, and Tuesday, March 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut St., at Woodward, south of Maple, Birmingham. For performances May 11, 13-18, 21-23, and 28-29, (248) 424-5663/(313) 226-3329

**GERI ALLEN**  
With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater, bassist Thomas Braxton, drummer Al Jackson, and pianist Thierry Eliez, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

**QART BLUMER TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Edison, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 945-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**DAVE DOUGLAS THY BELL TRIO**  
8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or [kchc.net](http://kchc.net)

**KURT ELLING**  
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$18 in advance. (734) 662-8330 or <http://www.birdofparadise.com>

**HEDI NEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42876 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

**HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND SHOWCASE**  
With Ellen Rowe, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. All ages. (734) 662-8330

**"THE JAZZ EXPLOSION"**  
With Will Downing, Gerald Albright, Vesta and Phil Perry, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. (248) 433-1515

**JAZZHEAD**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free, 21 and older. (248) 225-1700

**"JAZZ IN THE STREETS" SERIES**  
Debuts with Marcus Belgrave and Charlie Gabriel, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 8401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20, includes valet parking. (313) 833-1805

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