

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro-Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Magda's Story," a powerful epic drama about a Slovak woman who saw her life brutalized by Hitler's invasion, by the persecution of Jews and by communist debasement without every denying her humanity or compromising her spirit. April 1 to May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE
"The Wizard of Oz" starring Mickey Rooney and Royal Oak native Jessica Groves, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 7-9, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$40.00, \$32.50 and \$17.50. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 7 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666. JET

"Anne Frank and Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$20, general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://connet.org/jet>

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Gift of Grief: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts." Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist as the Detroit industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Western Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3330

OPERA

JOSÉ CARREIRAS
8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75 and \$125. All ages. (248) 433-1515

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN
Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavallaria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn. (734) 455-8895

COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIP COLLEGE
Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show). 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 15600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4598

UAM THEATRE
Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Saville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, April 1-11, at the Truod Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILDERAY THEATRE
Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues its rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a player who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE PLAYERS
"Just the Two of Us" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the temple, 26611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. (248) 477-1410

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. (248) 844-2075

GLOUCESTER PLAYERS
"Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Anderson High School theater, Anderson and Long Lake roads, West of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) 433-0885

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS
"Cahoots," a comedy thriller about a group of friends who get together for a quiet dinner that ends in murder. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's recreation and organizations center, Evergreen Road between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (313) 797-JACK

PARK PLAYERS
"Quitters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s. March 26-27, at the North Roseville Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

PLAYERS QUILDS OF DEARBORN
"Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Southfield of Monroe



In center ring: Andre and his Serengeti Lions is just one of the exciting acts you'll see at the Shrine Circus through Sunday, March 28, at the State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward Avenue at Eight Mile Road, Detroit. Performances 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$6, \$10, \$12, and \$14, available at the Shrine's Circus Ticket Office, (313) 831-1620, the Michigan State Fairgrounds Box Office, (313) 366-6200 and all Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 831-1620 or (313) 366-6200. To buy your tickets online, visit the Shrine Circus Web site: www.shrinecircus.net

and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY
"The Trial of One Shortighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safecracker Mac," a comedy about an African-American female Hollywood executive who sues two movie stereotypes for the negative impact they had on her life, continues to March 28, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 25-26, and 6 p.m. Sunday evenings, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 3115 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$18 Friday-Saturday with \$22 surcharge for ticket purchased through the museum, two for one all other Thursday evenings, \$15 Saturday-Sunday afternoon (with \$2 surcharge), senior/student discounts. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH PARK PLAYERS
"Grazing on You," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 40515 Arlene, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the Truod Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

PONTIAC THEATRE IV
"Educating Rita," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at Pontiac Northern High School, 40515 Arlene, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the Truod Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7. (734) 764-0450

PRODUCTIONS
"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hill's comedy about an out-of-control actor paying the bills as a waiter, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Burch, north-east corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7. (248) 827-0707

STAGECRAFTERS
"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Friday-Saturday, through March 28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 435 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430

ST. QUINCY'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRAINBROOK
"Dearly Departed" a comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Ticket \$12, \$12 seniors and students. Call (248) 644-0527

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Grace and Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, West of I-75, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-8302

TROY PLAYERS
"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 10, 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. Call (248) 879-1285 for ticket information.

WEST END PRODUCTIONS
"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical

comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April 3, March 27 sold-out benefit performance, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATRE

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons being 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. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-6668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH

ANN ARBOR YOUTH ACTORS GUILD
"All Baba and the Magic Cave," 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 children ages 12 and younger. All ages. (734) 449-0120/(734) 930-1614 or (734) 761-1455 or <http://www.2ark.org>

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 2-5, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturday-Sunday to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3221 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and the Baldwin Theatres, Dearborn. Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 602-8118

RIDGEFALL PLAYERS
"The Junior Actors Present 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and monies with the Easter Bunny. 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$6.50, includes meal, play and visit with gift from the Easter Bunny. (248) 988-7049

YOUTH THEATRE
"Cyril George" (renewed through this musical comedy from New York's Theatreworks/USA, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28 and 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$7, \$7 advance. (313) 965-2368

SPECIAL EVENTS

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL
Features four documentaries by Gary Glaser of Troy, 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, Wells Hall, Michigan State University campus, East Lansing. Admission \$5, \$3 seniors. (517) 487-1285

ANN ARBOR SPRING GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW
Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Saline

Road, south of I-94, exit 176. (734) 434-8004

COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Glassware, china, pottery, jewelry, figurines, primitives, toys, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, 1275 at Six Mile, Livonia. \$3, children free. (734) 464-8493/(734) 524-3292

MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS' NOVI CAT SHOW
Featuring the breed Japanese Bobtail, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Novi Expo Center, Novi. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 youths ages 5-12. (734) 654-2302 (between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.)

MOTOR CITY COMICS SHOW
Comic books, non-sport cards, action figures, toys and Beanie Babies, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING
Saturday-Sunday, March 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15, \$25 and \$35. Groups of 15 or more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacetan.com>

BENEFITS
"CREATIVES FOR A CURE" Benefits for the Karmanos Cancer Institute featuring a performance by Stewart Francis, his first since undergoing a stem cell transplant for treatment of leukemia five months ago, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 mezzanine, \$100 open bar on the ground level and table seating. (800) KARMANOS or <http://www.concentric.net/~harrick>

"EMPTY BOWLS RECEPTION"
A benefit for the Baldwin Church and Center that features a meal of bread and soup and a performance by Livonia blues singer Pete Fellers, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, Creative Arts Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. \$30. (248) 332-6101

GORDIE WILLEN
And wife Colleen host a book signing noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Henry Ford OptiMeyers Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, near Wayne Road, Westland. Proceeds from sale of book benefit the American Diabetes Association. (313) 427-5200

"ONCE IN A BLUE MOON"
Art Happening Benefit Concert featuring Lonesome Rose & Kym B. Right, David Lee, Larry Fratangelo and special guest State Oil and the Wholly Rollers, live art auction, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Henry Ford OptiMeyers Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, near Wayne Road, Westland. Proceeds from sale of book benefit the American Diabetes Association. (313) 427-5200

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FAMILY EVENTS

SUPERFAIR
Carnival rides and midway attractions, Friday-Sunday, March 26-28, 4-11 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 p.m. Sunday, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$5 Monday-Thursday, \$12 Friday-Sunday. (248) 456-1600

EASTER

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER
Buffet brunch 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. \$10, \$8 children. Reservations by March 27. (248) 689-3630

"THE CHOICE"
The dramatic musical is an intriguing love story set at the time of Christ's years of military and final week, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28 and 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43005 Joy Road, Canton. Free. (734) 462-9292

EASTER EGG HUNT
11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's Farms Petting and Events Center, Earhart Road, Ann Arbor. \$3, proceeds benefit the Easter Spak. (734) 930-5032

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET
"Beethoven the Contemporary," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$24, \$28, \$30. (734) 764-5318 or <http://www.usms.org>

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
Presents its scholarship winners, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham. \$2. (248) 476-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Javi and pianist Derrick Ohlsson, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$80. (313) 876-5113 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

LVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Good Friday concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore, pianist Anna Sorokhtin, and the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at St. Genevieve Church, on Jamison Street, south of Five Mile, east of Midfield. Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and under. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

LOUIS NAGEL
Performs Beethoven and provides commentary on the composer's life and works, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2099 or <http://www.kerrytown.org>

ELENA SHISHKO
Professor of piano at St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, performs at noon Wednesday, March 31, Forum Building, 18000 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Free. Conducts one-day piano teachers' on-site registration, Monday, March 29, at the college, \$40 advance registration, \$45 for on-site registration; Conducts a master class, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Schoolcraft College, 4000 Ford Road, Farmington Hills. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

TRIO PONTIAC
Featuring pianist Wolf Harden, violinist Michael Jucka and cellist Jan-Peter Heller, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22, \$24. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.usms.org>

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Presents the Michigan Cancer Three Stages Festival starring Moe Howard, Larry Fine and Jerome "Curly" Howard, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Detroit Music Center, 13300 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$5 seniors, \$3 children. (313) 531-4407

POPS/WING
COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE
Joining The Basie Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Clarendonville High School auditorium, Middlebrook south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarendonville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

STANLEY DUBBERS
8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, during the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6466 (western swing)

11-4 ORCHESTRA
9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 2115 E. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

MAQUIS THEATRE
Auditions for boys and girls ages 6-16 for the musical "Rapunzel," 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. For weekend

performances May 7 to June 5. (248) 840-5110

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT
The organization auditions girls between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 10 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 696-3288/(888) 7-4000THY or <http://www.secondcity.com>

THE SECOND CITY
The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday, Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9th. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5521 by April 1.

CHORAL
SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK
8 p.m. Friday, March 26, Hill Auditorium, 878 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$24, \$28. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.usms.org>

JAZZ
BANTAM
Featuring former Jane's Addiction and Porno for Pyros drummer Stephen Perkins, and Rob Wasserman, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.90music.com>

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD
8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Alvin's, 8756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (gypsy jazz, guitar and vocals)

BANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 25, Edison's, 2202 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

TIM FLAHERTY TRIO
With Nancy K., 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 26, Club Bar, 22726 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 548-8746 (classic jazz, guitar and vocals)