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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Ad Altare Dei (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straiten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or DetroitRep.com

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," continues to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$25-\$36. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE
"Gits of the Magi," based on stories by O. Henry, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 19-20, at the Spornberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursdays, \$12 Fridays-Saturdays, and \$10 Sundays. (734) 487-1221

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"Forever Christmas IV: Home Again!" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$13, with discounts available for students, seniors and groups. (248) 608-9077

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CINOHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having 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. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Saturdays, \$55 Fridays and Sundays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

GENITT'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," through Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Cinderella," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 19 and 26 and Jan. 2, 9 and 16, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 20 and 27 and Jan. 3, 10 and 17, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 29-31, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. (248) 349-8140



Batter-up: Stanley Wayne Mathis (left to right), Roger Bart, Ilana Levine, Kristin Chenoweth, B.D. Wong, and Anthony Rapp in "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performances 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. Tickets \$26.50-\$49, call (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132. No performances Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
"Once Upon a Shoe," a musical for children about children who live in a shoe with Mother Goose and are about to lose their home to a new building in Mother Goose Land, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, The Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Dr., Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS
The Actors' Company perform the magical musical "Cinderella," 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, east of Hunter, Birmingham. \$8 Wednesday and Saturday, free Thursday to anyone with a \$7 First Night Birmingham button. (248) 644-2075

WILD SWAN THEATRE
"The Cricket in Times Square," through Saturday, Jan. 2, Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (734) 763-7475/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH THEATRE
"Babes in Toyland," presented by New York's Theatreworks USA, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Youththeatre at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for children and adults and may be purchased at the Music Hall Center Box Office or charged by phone at (313) 963-2366.

HOLIDAY EVENTS
DIA VASSAIL FEAST
Travel back 400 years to celebrate the holiday season in a re-creation of the legendary Winter Court of England's Queen Elizabeth I, vegetarian menu also available, 8:30-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19, in the Kroger Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$135 Thursdays, \$150 Fridays-Saturdays, proceeds to benefit the museum's general operating fund. (313) 833-4005

FAMILY EVENTS
MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER
"The Christmas Angel," a Mannheim Steamroller live skating show with Dorothy Hamill, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$20. \$35, and \$50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606

POOL FUN
Jewish Community Center is hosting a pool party at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (free), and concert by Ron Coden at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25 (\$3), at the Jimmy Frost Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030

BRASS
RIVER CITY BRASS BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$15. \$10 students/seniors. \$25 a family. (248) 424-9022/(248) 616-9725

POPS/WING
"CHRISTMAS WITH MANTOVANI"
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$24, \$22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Colors of Christmas" concert with the symphony, Phillip Batley, Sheena Easton, Jeffrey Osborne and Donce Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25-\$52, \$75 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitso.com>.

BOYCHOIR OF ANN ARBOR
"A Boychoir Christmas," 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Division and Catherine streets, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$6 students and seniors. \$30 family ticket. (734) 663-5377

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY
"A Winter Solstice" concert of Britten, Vivaldi, Conrad Susa and Franz Biebl 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$25 reserved, \$10 students; 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple Road. \$18, \$25 reserved, \$10 students. (248) 650-2655

with the Chancel Choir and guest artist Tim Zimmerman, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20, at the church, 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-5464

"HOLIDAY FAVORITES"
A Cantata Academy concert of music of the season including the Robert Ray Gossp Magnificat and works by John Rutter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9869

DAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Yuletide concert of more than 100 voices performing Mozart's "Vespers," and Charpentier's "In Nativitate" featuring soloists Barbara Blaud, Kim Lozon, Lisa Agazzi, Raymond Roberts, and John Paul White 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, also on the program is Robert Shaw's "Many Moods of Christmas" the accompanying orchestra is comprised of musicians from around the Detroit metropolitan area. In Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. For reservations, call (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

RENAISSANCE VOICES
"Festival of Lessons and Carols" holiday concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, Christ Episcopal Church, 120 N. Military, Dearborn. \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. (313) 317-6566

"THE FATHER'S GIFT OF LOVE"
A Christmas school drama presented by the Celebration Choir, soloists and drama ministry of Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the church, 42065 Joy Road, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton. Free. (734) 455-0022

JAZZ
THE ARTICLES
10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Soglnaw St., at Lawrence Street, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241

at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

KATY KUSINS
6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Soglnaw St., at Lawrence Street, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Larry Nozoro, sax, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 16-19, Wednesdays, Dec. 23 and 30, and Saturday, Dec. 26, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838

JOHNNY O'NEAL
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ROBERT PIPHO
8 p.m. Mondays in December, Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. (313) 831-3838

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals and sax/piano/bass)

JUDITH WALKER AND BUDDY HUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

WORLD MUSIC

JIM BUCKINGHAM
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (Irish folk)

POETRY
POETRY IN MOTION
Featuring Detroit Black Writers' Guild and their senior poetry editor Karen Williams, 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET

Rose Marie Floyd's work with Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Troy High School, 8E. (248) 641-9063/(248) 546-7484

CONTRA DANCE

English Country dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Ballet Internationale dance "The Nutcracker" Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$15-\$35, \$12-\$23 for children and seniors. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitso.com>.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158

FREEDOM: DANZ XPRESSIONZ
Hosts "To Danz is to Fly...So, Why Get High?", a Substance Abuse Awareness Open House presented by the Detroit Police Department's First Precinct, and dance performances, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the dance studio, 229 Gratiot, 2nd Floor, Detroit. Free. (313) 964-8497

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$25. (248) 645-6666

THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
With Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 685-8863/(734) 428-0241

WOLVERINE SILVERSPURS DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, Italoja American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7. \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk "Fabio Man" Nolan, Keith Valentino and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 17-19, (514); Hector Rezzano, Frank Turner, Alyce Faye and Joey Bielecki, Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (55). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Mark Knope, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, (\$8 and \$20.95 dinner show package) Friday, \$10 and \$22.95 Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 (\$8 and \$20.95); Derek Richards, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package) during which he will record "Twas the Nightmare After Christmas" CD, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 (\$9), at the club, 5070 Schneider Road, Dearborn. (313) 684-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Tom McTigue and Gary George, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 17-20; Stunt Johnson Theatre and David Glover, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 23-27, at the club, 209 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
Dancers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, opens Saturday, Dec. 5; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kilbuck), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 693-1805 <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforests" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

GREENMEAD HISTORICAL VILLAGE
Tour 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 free concert by Clariceville United Methodist Church Bell Choir at the church in the village, 2050 S. Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tours \$2. \$1 children. (248) 477-7375

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM
"The Buffalo Contra Dance," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912 through Jan. 3, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 children ages 17 and younger, free for members and children younger than 5. (313) 577-8400

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