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**TRALE**  
Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom> (rock)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERTS

### SAM BARNETT AND HIS ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free tickets issued at JPM reception desk. (248) 967-4030

### BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, O'Mara's, 2655 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Special menu ranging from \$16.95-\$36.95. Party favors and complimentary champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627/(248) 399-6750 (rock)

### BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Red Dog Saloon, 250 W. Summit, Milford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 685-2171 (blues)

### "BLUE YEAR'S EVE PARTY"

With Bugs Beddo Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31, Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$199 per couple includes appetizers, cocktails, dinner and dancing, 12 drink tickets, party favors, toast at midnight and breakfast; \$289 per couple includes same plus overnight guest room. (248) 644-1400 or <http://www.bugsbeddo.com> (blues)

### THE BLUESBURNERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, McCarthy's, 1600 W. Fort St., at 10th Street, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 496-0626 (rock/blues)

### RON BROOKS TRIO

With Stephanie from the Flint band Oasis, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$50, \$90 couples. (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"New Year's Eve Gala," with conductor Neeme Jarvi, violinist Alexander Markov, and the Keith Saxton Orchestra, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dinner catered by Matt Prentice and dancing on the stage with music by the Keith Saxton Orchestra follow the concert. \$50-\$75, \$100 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

### JIMMY DILLON

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$50 for dinner and show, \$20 show only, benefits Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, 21 and older. (734) 213-6000

### RACHELLE FERRELL

With Norman Brown, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$26, \$36, and \$50. Party favors and champagne for 11 p.m. (313) 730-3490/(248) 645-6666 (jazz)

### HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Il Posto Ristorante, 29110 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 827-8070

### HOWLING DIABLOS

With 60 Second Crush and Facs, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$25 includes show, hors d'oeuvres and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (R&B/rock)

### IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance, only \$10 at the Blind Pig. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

### JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

### KISS

"The Psycho Circus 30 Tour," with special guest Caroline's Spine, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31,

The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$100 and \$75 reserved. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

### P.W. LONG'S REEFLOOT

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12, 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

### STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (rockabilly)

### NASHVILLE PUSSY

With The Wild Bunch, Five Horse Johnson, Soul Clique, and Theo Lucky Stiffs, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

### "NEW YEAR JUBILEE"

With performances by Josh White Jr., O.J. Anderson, Madcat Ruth and Kane, Paul Vornagren, Wild Swan Theatre, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, and Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 31, throughout Ypsilanti. \$12-50 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. In advance; \$15 adults and \$5 children at the door. (734) 483-4444/(734) 995-7281 or <http://www.ypsilanti.org> (variety)

### SHAHIDA NYRULAH TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (jazz vocals/piano/bass)

### B.S. QUEEN ROADSHOW

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge includes champagne toast, party favors. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300

### DAVID SANBORN

With Marilyn Scott, 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25, \$35 and \$50, 18 and older. Party favors and champagne provided for 11:30 show. (313) 961-5451 (jazz)

### KIM SIMMONDS AND SAVOY BROWN

With Mudpuddy, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

### STUN GUN

With Queenbee, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom> (rock)

### SWING SYNDICATE

Performs as part of "Al Capone's New Year's Eve Party," 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 24 Karat Club, 2849 Joy Road, Westland. \$10-\$15, includes buffet and champagne toast. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

### TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

With Wallin' Inc., and the Reformers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$40, \$70 couples, includes champagne toast, buffet dinner and party favors. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

### WITCH DOCTORS

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Gifford Road, Plymouth. \$10, includes party favors, champagne toast. Covers waived with dinner. Holiday menu includes lobster tail, prime rib, 1/2-pound T-bone, vegetarian dishes, and fish. 21 and older. Reservations preferred. (734) 455-8450

### ALEXANDER ZONIC

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$15 includes music. 21 and older. (248) 253-1300 (jazz)

### NEW YEAR'S EVENTS

#### ARBOR BREWING COMPANY

New Year's Eve Titanic-themed party, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Costumes are encouraged; prizes for best costume. \$45, includes four-course dinner, live music with GhettoBliss and Original Brothers and Sisters of Love.



**Family affair:** Todd Curtis (left) joins sister Heidi Hepler and brother-in-law Michele Ramo for their rare mix of music. They'll be performing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at Il Posto Ristorante, 29110 Franklin Road in Southfield.

four-course beer sampler, and champagne toast at midnight. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or <http://www.arborbrewing.com>

### CITY CLUB

Goth club hosts New Year's Eve party with local DJs, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club in the Ramada Hotel, 400 Bagley St. (at Cass Avenue), Detroit. (313) 962-2300

### JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

"Swing, Jazz and Rock 'n' Roll" party with live music from an eight-piece swing orchestra, a jazz act, and rockers Tommy C. and the Burnouts, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15, or \$25 per couple. 21 and older. (810) 313-1921

### JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Resident Alien," by Stuart Spencer, 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$35 includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres and "glitzers" for 6:30 p.m. show; \$50 includes the same plus breakfast for 10 p.m. show. (248) 768-2900

### ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE

Fourth Street New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door, and includes buffet dinner, champagne toast, hats and party favors, and continental breakfast. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666/(248) 546-6410

### VELVET LOUNGE

"Speakeasy New Year's Eve," a celebration of the repeal of prohibition, featuring complimentary champagne toast, and a performance by Superdot, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-7411

### WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS

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

### CHARLES H. WRIGHT PARTY

"Millennium Bowl" features dancing with the Maestros of Music, Mike Brown and Joe Dawson and Associates, performances by the Buster Williams Quintet (jazz), Johnny Walker Quartet (jazz), Robert Penn Blues Band, Universal Expression (Reggae), and Jazz Head (acid jazz), complimentary champagne toast at midnight and party favors, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, 315 E. Warren St., Detroit. Black tie optional. \$70, \$125 per couple; \$150, \$250 per couple for VIP tickets, which include access to a private lounge with complimentary champagne and "high end" hors d'oeuvres. (313) 494-5800

### CLUB NIGHTS

#### ALVIN'S

The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays: The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom>

### BLIND PIG

"Swing-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-8 p.m. and a performance by The Penthouse Playboys follows at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, with DJ Del Villareal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 in advance, \$8 day of show; "Solar" night, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the club, \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

### CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

### THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Womon admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 4815 N. Main St., (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

### MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl, 5-8 p.m. and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Guterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl, 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick, Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick, Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

### MOTOR LOUNGE

"Back Room Mondays," service includes employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3, 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$5, 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6, 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motorlounge.com>

### ONE X

"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy

spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

### ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER

"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6, 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

### STATE THEATRE

"Ighter" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

### 24 KARAT CLUB

"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 2849 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

### VELVET LOUNGE

"Decadia," a mix of music from the 1960s-1990s, 9 p.m. Thursdays. Free. 18 and older; "Swing Night" with DJ Sonny spinning big band, swing and lounge, 8 p.m. Fridays, \$3; DJ Sonny spins big band, swing and Latin dance, 8 p.m. Saturdays. \$3, 21 and older; "SLAM" night featuring house and techno on the main and abstraction in beats, 9 p.m. Sundays. Free. 18 and older; Intermediate and advance swing lessons, 8-10 p.m. Mondays. Free. 18 and older; Beginner swing lessons, 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older; and West Coast Swing dance lessons, 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Free. 18 and older, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

### ART GIFTS

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Holiday Marketplace, featuring items of all media, from glass ornaments to paintings and prints, through Jan. 2, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

Annual Holiday Invitational Show, "Earthy Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31, 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

#### PHOTO SALE

Featuring work by photographer Matt Smith through Dec. 31, Call (248) 544-1203.

### SWANN GALLERY

Holiday show featuring the multimedia works of Gloria Dunn, through Dec. 31, 1250 Library St., Detroit. (313) 965-4826, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR

Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

#### BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Adult musicians (woodwind, brass and especially percussion players) of all ages. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 7, at Groves High School, 13 Mile Road, west of Southfield Road, in Birmingham. Call Bruce Kramer (248) 333-7519 for details.

#### FINE ARTS COMPETITION

Call for entries for The 1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, March 5-26. Open to artists at least 18 years old living and working in Michigan. Works in all media accepted. Cash prizes total \$9,000. Submit 35 mm color slides by Jan. 4, 1999. For details, contact Libeth Spink, (248) 644-0866, Ext. 103.

#### HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Creative Arts Center, N. Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," through Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849

#### MADISON CHORALE

Open to singers from any community. Auditions: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R, Madison Heights. (248) 548-6340.

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, room 530 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or the college (734) 462-4435 to schedule an appointment.

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Offers a range of art classes, including children's holiday gift workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, call (248) 644-0866 for more information.

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Winter classes for children, teens and adults begin Jan. 16. Eight-week courses include cartooning, drawing, arts and crafts, painting, pottery, multimedia exploration, photography and blues guitar. Fees vary, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details. (313) 833-4249, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

#### GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY

Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment. 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300.

#### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

Winter classes. Call for fees. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Winter classes & workshops for all ages, including sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, film, drawing, children's theater, creative writing and more. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.