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\$4, All ages, (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (sko)
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.com> (rock)

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERTS

SAM BARNETT AND HIS ORCHESTRA

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

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road (at Coolidge Highway), Berkley. Special menu ranging from \$16.05-\$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) 685-2173 (blues)

BLUE YEAR'S EVE PARTY*
With Bugs Beddow 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.bugsbeddow.com> (blues)

THE BLUES BURNERS
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. Hurley St., 3111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Dinner catered by Matt Prentice and dancing on the stage with music by the Keith Sexton Orchestra follow the concert. \$50+\$75, \$100 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com> (co)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"New Year's Eve Gala," with conductor Neeme Jarvi, violinist Alexander Markov, and the Keith Sexton 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 Sexton Orchestra follow the concert. \$50+\$75, \$100 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com> (co)

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 Storming 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 Face, 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.themagbag.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 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 3D Tour," with special guest Caroline's Spine, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31,

THE POLICE OF AUBURN HILLS
2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$100 and \$75 reserved. All ages, (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palaceonet.com> (rock)

P.W. LONG'S REELFOOT
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 The 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, Madical Ruth and Kano, Paul Vornhagen, Wild Swan Theatre, Al Hill and the Love Butters, and Bychoir 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 NURULLAH 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.B. 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) 434-4300

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 Mudpuddle, 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> (rock)

STUN GUN
With Queenbee, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5 in advance, \$5 at door, and includes buffet dinner, champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres and party favors, 21 and older. (313) 823-2355 or <http://www.olvins.xtcom.com> (rock)

SWING SYNDICATE
Performs as part of "Al Capone's New Year's Eve Party," 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$10+\$15, includes buffet and champagne toast, 21 and older. (313) 513-5030

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
With Wallin' Inc., and the Refferendum, 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) 546-6410

VELVET LOUNGE
"Speakeasy New Year's Eve," a celebration of the repart of prohibition, featuring complimentary champagne toast, and a performance by Supertot, 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, 2011 Imperial St., Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

CHARLES H. WRIGHT PARTY
"Millennium Bound" features dancing with the Masters 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, 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, \$25 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

ALEXANDER ZONIC
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bac's, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$15 includes hors d'oeuvres, 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 Ghettones and Original Brothers and Sisters of Love.

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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.

SWANN GALLERY

Holiday show featuring the multi-media 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) 333-7649.

MADISON CHORALE

Open to singers from any community. Auditions: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 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, 16000 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Road). Call Shan 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. 1515 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.

KAMMIUELLER 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.

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. "Earthly Treasures," continues through Thursday, Dec. 31, 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, (313) 822-0954.

PHOTO SALE

Featuring work by photographer Marji Silti, through Dec. 31, (248) 544-1203.