

Guays a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back," through Sunday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba In da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Dangerous Obsession," continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7). (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

WSU BONSTELLE: "Before It Hits Home," explores how people and families change and grow when outside situations hit home, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town" through Saturday, April 15, family night 8 p.m. Saturday, 9 p.m. (15, \$5 children), also 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 27-28; "Some Americans Abroad," through Saturday, Feb. 5, at the theater 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Made in the USA: Encore," a musical review showcasing the past century of American song and dance, Jan. 27-29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, at the playhouse, 11815 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present comedian Norm Stutz with master of ceremonies Jesse James Landy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the theater, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. \$12; 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 performance is a benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, tickets are \$50 and includes a theme dinner after the show. (248) 553-2955



Open Sesame: It's an exciting day on Sesame Street when Prairie Dawn gathers her friends and stages "When I Grow Up," a Sesame Street Live pageant about growing up playing until Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Telly Monster dreams of becoming a baseball player, Cookie Monster hopes to own the world's first drive-in cookie restaurant, and Elmo, want's to be everything. In this musical extravaganza about discovering dreams, children learn that they can become anything if only they put their minds to it. Tickets \$25, \$16, \$14 and \$10 available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Call (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information, or online at www.olympiantertainment.com. To charge tickets, call (248) 433-1515, or online at www.ticketmaster.com

STAGECRAFTERS: "Cinderella," through Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays (except Thursday, Feb. 3), and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14, \$12 students under 18 and under. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

SACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Woke," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays; and \$30 Fridays-Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy opening Saturday, Jan. 22, Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. \$29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, opens Thursday, evening, Feb. 3 and continues on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. \$25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

ANNIE JR.: Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5. (313) 535-8982

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Jack and the Beanstalk," a musical puppet show for children, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30, at the Depot Theatre, 4863 White Lake Road, Clarkston. \$5. (248) 625-8811

LITTLE PEOPLE PLAYERS: "The Frog Prince," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0440

PUPPETART: "Class the Window...or Chaim's Law," 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SPECIAL EVENTS

CABARETFEST/KERRYTOWN: Features Julie Wilson, New York cabaret artist, jazz/cabaret singer Shohida Nurullah, French chanteuse Jeanette Lorente with accordionist Peter Soave, Andy Kirshner as "Doctor Nathan Feel'good in Person," singers Deanna Roylea and Julia Broxholm, U-M Musical Theatre student present of William Bolcom's "Casino Paradise." Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Kerrytown Concert House, Workbench Furniture, Kerrytown Bistro and Sweet Lorraine's, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse

CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV SHOW: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 26-28, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Pontiac Silverdome. \$6.50, \$3 children. (616) 530-1919 or www.ShowSpan.com

COOKING CLASS: With Chef Aldo 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at Andiamo Osteria, Rochester. \$39.95. Includes dinner. (248) 601-9300

DADDY-DAUGHTER DINNER/DANCE: Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (\$8), dinner 5:30 p.m. (\$7), at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Feb. 2 (248) 354-9603

DAVID COPPERFIELD: "Journey of a Lifetime" Tickets on sale now for five magical performances, March 24-26, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666

MOTOR CITY EXTRA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

POLISH CELEBRATION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Cultural Diversity Series continues with Polish art, dance and food, opening reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30; sampling of Polish food and pastries at 1 p.m., performance by the Wavel Dancers at 2 p.m., east artist Marcin Owczarski whose works will be on display until Wednesday, March 1, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Free. (734) 416-4278

T.G.I.F.: An evening of art (photography exhibit-"Robert Frank: The Americans"), music by New Anxiety, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$20 non-members advance, \$15 members advance; \$25 non-members at doors. (248) 691-1800, ext. 107

CLASSICAL

VICTORIO ANTONIO AND BRAD DEROCHE: The classical guitarists perform 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja Vu-I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "No, No Nones" is the annual chamber orchestra concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. pre-concert chat with conductor Han Wabshaurn, in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students. (734) 454-2112

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Concert featuring classical compositions by African-American composers, and the Brazel Dennis Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (248) 587-2085

HARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Concert singer Elmh Chalfant, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the church in Farmington Hills. Light reception precedes concert at 2:15 p.m. (248) 476-8880



Singer: Craig Taubman, a family entertainer whose albums have won two Parent's Choice Awards, performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-6880 for ticket information.

POPS/BWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Erich Kunzel directs the orchestra in music by Richard Rodgers and his two lyricists Lorenzo Hart and Oscar Hammerstein, with the Detroit Concert Choir, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturdays through November, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

ALTURO SHELTON: The musical Impressionist sings "A Motown Tribute," voices include Stevie Wonder, Sarnnie Davis, Jr., Redd Foxx and Nat King Cole, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Ponchartrun Hotel, Washington Blvd. and Jefferson, Detroit. No cover. (313) 965-0200/(248) 354-1194

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 by appointment, tenors and basses are especially needed by there are some openings for sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for West Side Story 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. For performances May 4-20. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions 3 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 12, and 11 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0965

ACTORS STREET LIVE: Auditions for actors who can dance and dancers who can act for national touring stage productions, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (612) 375-9970, ext. 704 or www.actorsstreetlive.com

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohlenians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail Council@musiciansclub.org

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD:

is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information, or deliver resumes and letters of interest to the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly, across from the Township Hall in Redford.

VOCAL COMPETITION: Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entrants for its sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students, finalists will be selected from cassette audiotape auditions of each contestant singing submitted through their respective high schools, deadline for entry is Saturday, Feb. 19. Each of the 10 finalists perform before a live audience at a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian-American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

CHORAL

VAUQUARD VOICES: Cabaret concert Saturday, Jan. 29, doors open 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m. Student Center Building, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Light refreshments available. Proceeds to help pay for the group's concert tour to Europe this summer. Tickets \$10. (313) 317-6568.

JAZZ

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Ellie's, Birmingham. (248) 447-2420

BILL GALT TRIO: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEN JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. AND BRAZIL: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 436-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Steve Carrier, guitar and Jerry McKenzie, drums 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, with trumpeter Bill Lucas 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Ron's Fireside Inn., Garden City. \$5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

SHAHIDA NURULLAH: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ROBERT PENN: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJA TRIO: Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

WORLD MUSIC

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBURITZANS: The Eastern European folkloric ensemble performs 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Schaublin Auditorium in Lakeview High School, St. Claire Shores. (248) 645-8664/(810) 808-4332/(248) 846-6777

FINVARRAS WREN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish folk music)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL: Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Colvin, Great Big Sea, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Hot Club of Cowtown, Anne Hills, Fred Eaglesmith, David Barrett, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones. 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$30, \$25. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

WILL DANFORTH: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Green Wood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8558

RARELY HEARD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington on the north side of Lincoln, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)

POETRY / SPOKEN WORD

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 762-7586

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3357 Ann Arbor Searle Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8883

BALLROOM DANCING: 9 p.m. Saturdays, at the Dance Scene, 25333 Van Dyke, Centerline. \$6. Also swing and Latin classes. (810) 757-6300

SIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at the Amber House, 7012 E. Nine Mile, west of Van Dyke, Warren. \$5. (810) 754-3434

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158 or ebc@umich.edu

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Hosts West Side Story Dance Workshops. Learn actual choreography to be taught from the dance numbers in the theater companies spring production, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and 8, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. (248) 594-9673/(313) 884-0196 or www.gpt.org

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE: Language and zither lessons. (248) 352-0927/(734) 946-6261

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: "Coppelia," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. \$14 advance, \$12 students/seniors advance, \$16 at door, \$13 students/seniors at door. (810) 286-8300

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN: Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road.

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