

8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: Fully committed continues 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$27-50.

GEM THEATRE: *Dinner with Friends* continues 2 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$27-50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Pump Boys and Dinnettes* opens its 2001-2002 season Wednesday, Sept. 12 and continues to Sunday, Oct. 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Subscriptions for the six-play season begin at \$99. (248) 377-3300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: University Musical Society opens its 2001-2002 season with *Shockheaded Peter*, a dark comedy about the fate of naughty children 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 12-14; 7 p.m. and midnight Saturday, Sept. 15, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30, (734) 764-2538

POWER CENTER: *The Vagina Monologues* Thursday, Sept. 6 to Friday, Sept. 12, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$40. (734) 763-1115/(248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATRE

AVON PLAYERS: *Carousel* Sept. 7, 9, 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29, 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$15. Student/senior/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE DRAMA GROUP: Perform three exciting and timeless vignettes on relationships that will conjure up memories, laughter and tears 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Birmingham Temple on 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 541-2292

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *The Subject Was Roses* Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8 and 12-15, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, at the Depot Theatre, Clarkston. (248) 625-8811

MT. ZION THEATRE COMPANY: *The Fourposter*, a three-act romantic comedy, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts in Waterford. Performances 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sept. 7, 8, Sept. 14-15, Sept. 21-22, 5:30, 7:30 students & seniors in advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 391-6166

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: Open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, refreshments and theater tours featured, all adults and children in theater are welcome, at the playhouse, Troy. (248) 988-7049 or www.ridgedaleplayers.com

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: Open house includes tours of one of the country's oldest operating outdoor Greek theaters and a behind the scenes look at costumes, props, scenery workshop and Green Room 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the facility, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. If you're interested in acting, directing, building sets, publicity, singing, selling tickets, stop by to learn more about becoming a part of the community theater family. (248) 644-0527

STAGECRAFTERS: *Damn Yankees* opens Sept. 7 and continues to Sept. 30, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$16 Friday-Sunday (\$14 seniors/students on Sunday), \$14 Thursday. (248) 541-6430

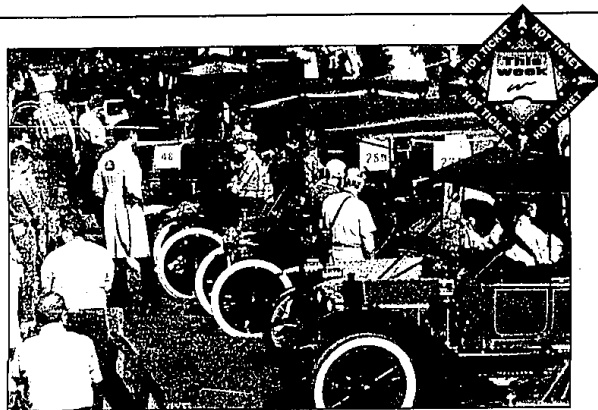
VILLAGE PLAYERS: Season opens with *Father of the Bride*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and 23. \$14. (248) 644-2075 or www.villageplayers.com

DINNER THEATRE

ANGEL FOOD CAFE: Presents *The Great Ispianiti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License*, an interactive dinner theater. 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the cafe, Ispianiti. \$39.95, includes a gourmet, three-course dinner. Advance ticket purchase and meal selection required. Call (734) 483-0135

COLLEGE THEATRE

THE THEATRE COMPANY: *Tell All Ages*, a compilation of readings



It's a classic: The 51st annual Old Car Festival kicks off with a Grand Parade 10:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9 at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. The festivities continue to 5 p.m. both days. Free with admission to village \$8.50 to \$14, children under age 5 free. (313) 271-1620.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE: *Oh, Ananse*, based on a west African folk tale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7771

INTER-ACTIVE CHILDREN'S LUNCH THEATRE: *Saturday with the Johnsons* 11:30 a.m. Sept. 8 and 22, and Oct. 6 and 20, at Gentili's, Northville. (248) 349-0522 or visit the Web site for a coupon www.gentilis.com

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Poah Visits Storyland Live on Stage* 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 16, no children under age three. (248) 349-8110

SCHOOL DISTRICT/COMMUNITY MUSICAL: *Bye Bye Birdie* 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 6-8, at North Farmington High School. \$10, \$8 seniors/students, all seats reserved. (248) 426-4740

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART & APPLES: Features more than 300 artists from around the country 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in Rochester Municipal Park. (248) 651-7418 or visit the festival Web site at www.pccart.org/art & apples.htm

AWNMENT: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, the country fair includes food, entertainment, produce vendors, a petting farm, cake walks, hay rides, a vintage baseball game and a lumberjack show, at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, Southfield. No admission. Parking is available at the Southfield Public Library with a free shuttle bus to the farm site. (248) 544-9803

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE: Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan presents the event Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Free for spectators. To enter your Jaguar call Greg Kalsinski at (717) 223-9542

OSO SEASON PREVIEW: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a discussion about the new season and a performance 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Borders Birmingham. (248) 203-0005

SUMMER ASTRONOMY/PSYCHIC FAIR: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Troy Holiday Inn. \$5. (248) 528-2610

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, a celebration of cultural diversity with music and performances including folkloric and traditional dances, kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month, in Clark Park in southwest Detroit. (313) 843-9598

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD: Holds a tent sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 20 potters will

exhibit a variety of items, none priced at more than \$30, in the parking lot outside the Guild, 340 North Main behind Jack Dunleavy's Grill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8807. If you'd like to try your hand at making art, don't miss the tile table where for \$5 you can paint your own. Proceeds will be donated to First Step, a Plymouth-based organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence and rape. X-TRA VAC: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059 or www.motorcityconventions.com

BENEFITS

ACTION AGAINST HUNGER: A hunger relief benefit for Forgotten Harvest, features comedian Richard Jeni, a cappella jazz choir The Grunions, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. Tickets start at \$35. (248) 350-FOOD (3563)

ART WORKS FOR LIFE: Live and silent auctions featuring more than 150 original art works and jewelry 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$65 advance, reservations by Sept. 14. To benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. (248) 545-1435, ext. 13.

MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL: 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, mayors of Detroit, Southfield and Pontiac host game with \$50,000 in scholarships going to area students, includes dinner, dancing and a performance by The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett, at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center. (313) 873-1500

SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS: Holds a fundraising art auction (presented by Marilyn art) to benefit the chorus 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, Plymouth. \$5 donation includes complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. (248) 681-2578

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Opens its season with Stravinsky's *Petroushka* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4* 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, pre-concert lecture with conductor Ale Lipky 7 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$26, \$32. (734) 994-4801

BRUNCH WITH BACH: Features the Woodland Trio 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 (seating begins 20 minutes earlier), at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22, \$11 children, \$5 adults. (313) 833-4005

DEARING CONCERT DUO: 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Opens its 2001-2002 season with Itzhak Perlman conducting Brahms *Symphony No. 1* with soprano Heidi Grant Murphy 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

MATINEE MUSICALE DAYTIME SERIES: Presents the Ann Arbor Symphony String Quartet Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Jewish community Center, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 769-5911/(734) 994-4801

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for a variety of positions Thursday-Friday, Sept. 6-7. (734) 994-4801

AVON PLAYERS: Open auditions for six females (ages 25 to 50) and six males (ages 20 to 60) for *A Streetcar Named Desire* 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 (registration begins 30 minutes earlier), at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2 and 9-10. (810) 803-0306

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP: Looking for women of all voices to perform repertoire of light classical, show tunes, light opera, seasonal and ethnic favorites through the metro Detroit area. (313) 640-0123

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Auditions for the Tom Dulack comedy *Breaking Legs* 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10. (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE: Auditions for *The Nutcracker* 1:30-2:30 p.m. (children ages 5-12), 2:30-3 p.m. (acrobats) and 3:40-4:30 p.m. (advanced dancers, toe shoes required) Saturday, Sept. 8, also needed are adults for the opening scenes at St. Barbara Parish Center, Dearborn. \$5 audition fee. For performances with the Livonia Symphony Friday-Saturday, Nov. 23-24. (313) 943-3095/(313) 663-2458

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions singers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, the 80-voice chorus, under the direction of Steve SeGraves, is seeking to expand its membership. It includes singers from the metro Detroit area, at the Costick Activities Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 471-4516

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for *Habes Corpus* 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the theater Inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, West Bloomfield. For performances Nov. 16-18, 23-25 and 29-30. (248) 736-0338

FLIGHT CHORUS: Under the direction of Bradley Bloom, holds auditions 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Flint Institute of Music. 2015 E. Kearsley Street. (810) 237-3125

HURON VALLEY HARMONIZERS: Can you juggle, perform magic, dance or play a musical instrument? Are you part of an acrobatic troupe? The Harmonizers are presenting a variety show Nov. 10 at Washtenaw Community College and are still looking for a few great acts to add to their vocal presentation. (734) 728-2453 evenings. (734) 260-5445 days

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Searching for a director. Rehearsals are held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays September through May at Frost Middle School in Livonia. The chorus, composed of approximately 60

singers, presents two concerts a year at Christmastime and in the spring. (734) 427-5397

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN: Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 or visit the Web site at www.lypm.org for information about the philharmonic and auditions for the 2001-2002 season.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for ages 8-16 for *Halloween Hocus-Pocus* 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, performers must prepare a song in their vocal range and bring their own sheet music, an accompanist will be provided. Performers must also prepare to read a poem, no longer than two minutes. It does not have to be memorized, at the theater, Northville.

METRO DANCE JUNIOR COMPANY: Call for dancers ages 7-10 years old with two years ballet and one year jazz training for performances, conventions and master classes through 2001-2002 season, company class and rehearsals Saturdays beginning mid-September, no audition required. (734) 207-8970

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY: Auditions for *The Nutcracker* Sunday, Sept. 9 (1 p.m. ages 6-9, 2 p.m. ages 10-12 and 3 p.m. ages 13 and up) and 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 (ages 10 and up, also serves as the Geiger ballet scholarship audition class), at the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, Bloomfield Hills. For performances Dec. 1-2 at Mercy Auditorium. \$15. (248) 334-6964

ARS NOVA: A semi-professional 22-voice vocal ensemble based in Royal Oak that rehearses weekly, and performs regularly throughout metro Detroit, is seeking new members, particularly tenors. Auditions will be held in late August and early September. Potential members should be prepared to sing a short selection of their choice (accompanist will be provided), sight-read a short section of music and vocalize to demonstrate their range. To schedule an audition, or for more information, call Dr. Craig Scott Symons (248) 414-7242 or e-mail at csymons@home.com. The 2001-2002 concert season is comprised of four concerts, and includes compact disc recording project.

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for ages 13 through college for Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 (performances Oct. 26-28) at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$125 participation fee (scholarship). (248) 370-0400

PARK PLAYERS OF M. ROSEDALE PARK: For Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, play by Christopher Sergel, directed by Sarah Heeden for Park Players of N. Rosedale Park. Cast of adults and children. 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at the N. Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. For more information call. (734) 425-5942. Show dates Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17.

OKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS: Begins rehearsals of their annual holiday concert Tuesday, Sept. 11, registrations will be taken beginning at 7:30 p.m., there is a nominal fee for membership, new singers welcome. In Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. (248) 370-2030

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for a musical version of *Stuart Little* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, auditions should be prepared to sing whatever they sing best, at 19586 Farmington Road at Carl, three blocks north of Seven Mile, Livonia. (810) 344-7774

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions for new members 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial. Additional audition dates are Sept. 11, 18 and 25, by appointment only. To schedule a time or for the location of the Sept. 11, 18 and 25 auditions, call (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Auditions for musicians for its 56th concert season 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, posted positions include principal viola, fourth horn, tuba and section string. Substitute musicians are needed for wind, brass and percussion section positions, and other openings may be posted as necessary. Audition selections will be taken from standard orchestra selections. Non-standard selections will be supplied. Auditions are by appointment only. Full orchestra

rehearsals begin Monday, Oct. 1, at Evola Music Center, Canton. For more information or to schedule an audition, call personnel manager William Hulsker at (313) 640-1773 or send e-mail to plymouthsymphony@aol.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions for new members Tuesday, Sept. 11, in room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, Livonia. Fall semester choir rehearsals begin Sept. 11. All voice parts welcome. The choir meets 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays and includes students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area. Call Gerald Custer at (734) 481-3453 to schedule an audition. For information, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435 or visit the Web site at http://members.tripod.com/schoolcraftchoir

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for *Annie* for girls 10 a.m. (registration at 9 a.m.) Saturday, Sept. 15 and adults 6 p.m. (registration at 5:30 p.m.) Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 541-8027

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE: Auditions for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* for ages 8-18 Saturday, Sept. 8 (registration 9-10:30 a.m., auditions beginning at 10 a.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances Nov. 1-3. (248) 541-8027

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and for its 2001-2002 season including the *Tinderbox Show Choir* 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 (ages 13 to adult), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 (ages 5-12), and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 (ages 13 to adult), bring sheet music in your key and be prepared to dance. (313) 535-8962 or send e-mail to nift@psd.com

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for *The Lion in Winter* 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 and Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. For performances Nov. 9-11, 16-18 and 23-24. (248) 585-6320

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Auditions for *Charlies Aunt* the Choleste Factory 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 or Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$125 due at first rehearsal Sunday, Sept. 23. For performances Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and local school tour Dec. 3-20. (734) 416-4278

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

HARRY WARREN DINNER SHOW: Eddie DeSantis Big Band plays the music of one of America's most prolific composers 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Elk's Ballroom, Troy. \$25 donation includes dinner. (248) 585-0427

JAZZ/BLUES

DWIGHT ADAMS QUARTET: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Columbine's Champagne Cellar at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

MARK ARSHAK: 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Loraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

LOS QATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

JAZZ ON THE LAKE: Featuring pianist Kelio Matsui, and Alexander Zonjic & Friends featuring Angela Boffi 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, also features food and wine tastings from more than 24 restaurants and merchants, and silent and live auctions, on the campus of Orchard Lake Schools. \$75. (248) 683-1750 or www.orchardlakeschools.com

RICK N. AND BRAZIL AND BEYOND: 8-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-3650

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