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DANCE

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE: With Livonia Symphony Orchestra present The Nutcracker 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$16. \$10 students/children. (734) 425-4855

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: With the Ann Arbor Dance Works 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Maggie Allense Dance Studio on the third floor of the Old Main Building, corner of Warren and Cass on the Wayne State University campus. \$10, special 2 for 1 tickets for members of the Michigan Dance Council and ArtServe Michigan. Seating is limited. (313) 965-3544

ROSEMARIE FLOYD CONTEMPORARY BALLET: Performs its newly-created holiday concert titled *The Land of Hod*, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. (248) 559-2095

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY: Present *The Nutcracker* with guest artists from Ballet West 11 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Mercy Auditorium, 29300 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$16, \$12 children/seniors. (248) 334-6964

ISLE BROTHERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, foxtrot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 967-1428

MT. ZION SCHOOL OF DANCE: Present *The Nutcracker* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. \$6-\$12. (248) 620-4900, (248) 391-5155

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY: With Plymouth Symphony Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. \$6-\$12. (248) 620-4900, (248) 391-5155

ROSEMARIE FLOYD CONTEMPORARY BALLET: The Nutcracker with guest dancer from New York Jeffrey Ballet Ensemble 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple at Cass. \$5. (248) 641-9063 or (313) 831-7072

RHYTHM N' SHOES: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ. 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the club, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0299

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Darwin Hines Thursday-Saturday, 9-11 p.m., and Elliott Branch Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 965-0080

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present an evening of comedy with Mark Knope, Chrissy Burns and Jesse Lundy, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. \$15. (248) 625-8811

FOX THEATRE: Rick Miller headlines the Def Comedy Jam, with Mike Epps, Ricky Harris, Ernest John and DJ Showtime, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$42.50. Tickets for Sept. 15 performance will be honored. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mitchell Walters Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, and Tim Jones Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 6-9, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 594-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Manny Shields Thursday, Nov. 29, and Joey Kola Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 6 p.m. Saturday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

MICHIGAN THEATRE: Jeneane Garofalo, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY: New on Tuesdays *La Disorder and Standing on Ceremony*; Jammin' Wednesdays features *The Best of Second City*; *Mayor Go-Round* showtimes on Thursday-Sunday at Second City Detroit. Ticket prices and showtimes vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Fabulous Friday Holiday Celebration 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 features tours of Cranbrook and Saarinen houses (8-8 p.m.), exhibits at Art Museum (gallery talks 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.), "Motel Holiday Cooking in the Kitchen" at the Institute of Science (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), tickets \$10.

Mostly Music, a hands-on, interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and rhythm, tone and pitch, and dissonance and synthesizers, continues to Jan. 6, at the museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 adults; \$4 children ages 4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older; free for children ages 3 and younger. 1-877-627-7252 or www.cranbrook.edu

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Polish Presence in Detroit exhibit continues, at the museum. Free with regular museum admission. (313) 833-1419

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Continues its Friday night programming 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at the museum, (313) 833-7900

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Enjoy walking through the village at night during the Twelve Nights of Christmas, lit by glowing lanterns the walking tour features eight historic buildings where traditional holiday cooking is ongoing. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday from Nov. 29 to Dec. 22 \$12, \$8 for children through age 12, IMAX movies "Nsync and Super Speedway" continue at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Evening's kick-off annual Holiday Walk program and begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktail reception and tour of the mansion, dinner at 8 p.m. followed by dessert and entertainment by Charlie Gabriel and Friends, dancing and cordials Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Tickets \$275, \$200, call 1-877-313-4000. Tours continue through June 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, teas 3:40-3:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required); Family Fun Days, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the hall in Rochester. \$4 (Family Fun Days), reservations required. (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

LIVE MUSIC

AFROMAN: With Metaphysical Jams, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

AL HILL TRIO: Solo performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500

AMERICAN MARS: CD release for No City Fun, with openers Judah Johnson, Saturday, Dec. 15, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7.18 and older. (313) 833-9700

BARENKAY LADIES: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

B.B. KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$37.50. (484) 433-1515

BILAL: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

BLISS: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Emerald Theatre, Mount Clemens. All ages. \$5, 21 and older. (588) 913-1920

BLUE CATS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

BRILLHOUSE: With Yellow 85, Inner Recipe, Friday, Dec. 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

THE BUTLER TWINS: 1 a.m. on Jan. 2, Music Menu Cafe, Detroit. \$5. (313) 964-6368

CATCH 22: With Riddlin' Kids, Student Rick, Lucky Boys Confusion, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE HOUSE: Featuring drama, music, spoken word, storytelling and performances by Delta 88, Del and the Roughcuts, Katie Geddes, David Nefesh, Paul Murphy & Heather Dean, Trip the Light Fantastic, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8-\$10. (734) 464-6302

CHROME FLIES: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666

CINDY BULLEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302

THE CLIMAX DIVINE: With Nale Devine, Alayna, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$7. (313) 833-9700

CONCERT FOR A LANDMINE-FREE WORLD: With Emmy Lou Harris, Bruce Cockburn, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Nanci Griffith, Steve Earle, Patti Griffin, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, State Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$55. (248) 645-6666

THE CUNT: With Like Hell, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. 21 and older. \$20. (248) 645-6666

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

ARND BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free 21 and older. (734) 213-1593 or www.arndbrewing.com

THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland, located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6678 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEATLE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 682-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BLOOMSBROOK BAR AND GRILL: 1514 E. Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (313) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.981mell.com

COCO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILL: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneill.com

COWLEY'S: 3333 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

DANIEL JOHNSTON: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 833-9700

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$16-\$19. All ages. (248) 645-6666

DAVID MOSHER: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8-\$10. (734) 464-6302

DELIVERY BOYS: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, Major Tooley's, Northville. (248) 465-1680

DETROIT COBRAS: With Dirt Bombs, Ko & The Knockouts, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

THE DIAMOND DUKES: Featuring Virgil Varner, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

DILATED PEOPLES: 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666

DRUMS & TUBA: With Joe Brown, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666

ELECTRIC KIRKING JINGLE: Featuring Jay Z, Craig David, Jessica Simmonds, 11:22 LFO, City High, Willa Ford, Jamie Lynn Sigler (HBO's Meadow Soprano), and more, with host MTV's Bran McFadden, satellite guests Pink, Enrique Iglesias, O-Town, Saturday, Dec. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.31 and up. (248) 645-6666

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BLAZE CHRISTMAS SHOW: 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$12. (248) 645-6666

FOCUS:HOPE HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL: Featuring Ron Coden, Barbara Bredius, Josh White Jr., Ortheia Barnes, Kitty Donohoe, Matt Watroba, Robert Jones, Jan Krist, Charlie Letimer, Al Ayoub, David Raske, Jelly's Pierced Tattoo, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$25. (313) 494-4438

FUEL: With Sevendust, Nonpoint, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$25-\$50. (248) 645-6666

GANTHER CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$22-\$31. Seniors 60 and older and children receive \$3 off \$22 seating. Group rates are available. (248) 645-6666

GARY KOWIEK: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL

THE GET UP KIDS: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$37-\$50. \$42-\$50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-7KTS

GREG ALLMAN AND FRIENDS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$28. (248) 645-6666

HIS NAME IS ALIVE: With Taj Bell and O-Jon, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 833-9700

HOODSTANK: With Pressure 4-5, Earsht, 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, The Shelter, Detroit. \$7. (248) 645-6666

THE HOODS: With Ringworm, Without Warning, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666

ISLEY BROTHERS: With The Dramatics, 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$47.50-\$102.50. (248) 645-6666

JAGUARS: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666

JANIS KATTO: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL

95.5 JINGLE BALL: Featuring Train, Nelly Furtado, O-Town, The Cranberries, Five for Fighting, Jewel, Blu Cantrell, Michelle Branch, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out

JUDAS PRIEST: With Anthrax, Iced Earth, tour is rescheduled to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$18.50-\$29.50. Tickets for the original date(s) will be honored or may be refunded at the point of purchase. (248) 645-6666

THE JULIANA THEORY: With Showoff, Movie Lite, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

KING CRIMSON: With John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$36. (248) 645-6666

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THE KINGSNAKES: 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, Teken Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

LADY SUNSHINE & THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

LOKI: With Inner Recipe, Thursday, Dec. 20, Emerald Theatre, Mount Clemens. (734) 996-8555

MACHINE GUN KELLY: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

MAD CADDIES: With Rise Against, The Exit, Yellow Card, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$5. (248) 645-6666

NETAL CHRISTMAS: With Enslaved, Electric Wizard, Macabre, Diabolic, Scar Culture, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Shelter, Detroit. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666

THE M-80S: 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10. New Year's Eve show, \$35 advance. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, Magic Bag, Farmdale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

MICHAEL BURNS: Friday, Dec. 7, George & Harry's Blues Cafe, Dearborn. (248) 645-6666

MICHAEL QUEST: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, Jan. 5, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL

MICHAEL ROSE: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$18-\$20. (313) 833-9700

THE MONDAYS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Shelter, Detroit. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666

NORFECT COLLECTIVE: With Scapegoat Wax, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$12. (248) 645-6666

ORIGINAL HTS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

OVER THE RHINE: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, The Ark, Ann Arbor. 18 and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666

OSZBY OSBOURNE: Merry Mayhem Tour with Rob Zombie, Mudvayne, One Side Zero, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$35.50. (248) 645-6666

PENNYWISE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$13.75. (248) 645-6666

PETE YORN: With Ramzy Zero, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

PETER, PAUL AND MARY: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666

REDMAN AND METHOD MAN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$26.75-\$30. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Magic Bag, Farmdale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

ROBERT NOLL: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

ROBERT PENN: 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

RUN DMC: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20. (248) 645-6666

SAVES THE DAY: With Hey Mercedes, Thursday, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666

SIMPLICITY: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

SLEAZY LISTENING PARTY: Featuring DJ's Lemmy Cauton, Alpha Sockante, eSkure and Taddo, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, The Lager House, Detroit. \$5. (313) 961-4668

SPEARHEAD: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$12. (248) 645-6666

SUICIDE MACHINES: With For Dirc Life's Sake, Before I Go,