

# Let's Go!

## Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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Space, continues to April 27.  
2661 Michigan Avenue, Detroit.  
(313) 965-9192

### WORKSHOPS

**Actors Workshop:** The dates have been changed for the workshop with Gordon Michaels, acting coach for Dylan McDermott on *The Practice* television show to 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14, at Genetti's, Northville. The cost is \$250. To enroll, call (310) 727-2383 or send e-mail to Gordonmichaels22@aol.com

### CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

**Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division:** Presents Artfest for Kids, a special series of art exploration and interesting crafts for ages 5-11. The cost is \$35 for each Heritage Park Day Camp. Jurassic Park is the theme of the next day camp 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. The Cultural Arts Division offers a host of art classes and workshops from drawing for teens to jewelry making, and parent and child watercolor painting. Call (248) 473-1800.

**Jewish Community Center:** Offering dance classes for preschool children at the Oak Park campus, 15110 W. Ten Mile Road, (248) 967-4030

### PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

**Century Theatre:** *Late Nite* Catechism through May 26, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$24.50-\$37.50, (313) 963-9800

**Detroit Repertory:** *Fast Dicks*, a comedy by Elena Hartwell, through May 19, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, \$15, (313) 868-1347

**Gen Theatre:** *Guns on Ice* through May 26, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, \$24.50-\$37.50, (313) 963-9800

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** 14th annual New Play Festival includes staged readings of Terry Baum's *Divide the Living Child* Monday-Tuesday, April 15-16, Sarah Baldr's *Jake's Oasis* Monday-Tuesday, April 22-23, and Morty Lerner's (adapted form a story by Isaac Bashevis Singer) *Passing the Love of Women* Monday-Tuesday, April 29-30, all performances begin at 7:30 p.m. In the Aaron Defroy Theatre in the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$5, (248) 788-2900

**Meadow Brook Theatre:** *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by Tennessee Williams, through Sunday, April 14, on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Curtain Wednesday-Sunday, show times vary. \$26-\$38. The classic rock musical *Godspell* opens April 24, (248) 377-3300.

**Ploshwars Theatre Company:** *The Diva Daughters* Dupree May 2-26, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday except for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 5, and 6 p.m. May 12, 19 and 26, at the General Motors Theater in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$20 advance, \$25 at door; matinees \$15 advance, \$20 at door, and seniors/students \$15 advance, \$20 at door, \$10 previews May 23, 2-for-1 Thursday, \$20 for 2 in advance, \$25 for 2 at door. Group rates available. (313) 872-0279

**Purple Rose Theatre:** *Born Yesterday*, Garson Kanin's American comedy continues to June 15, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$22.50-\$32.50, (734) 433-7873

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

**Avon Players:** *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* April 26-28, May 3-6, 10-12 and 16-18, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, off Tenken, Rochester Hills. \$15, \$13 students/seniors

and Thursdays and Sundays.  
(248) 608-9077

### DINNER THEATRE

**Genetti's:** *Wild, Wild Western* Michigan, Genetti's own Spaghetti Western continues Saturday, April 13, Friday-Saturday, April 19-20, Tuesday-Wednesday, April 23-24, Friday-Saturday, April 26-27 and Tuesday, April 30, at Genetti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main, Northville, \$45 includes dinner, (248) 349-0522

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Collector's Education Tour:** Circle of Champions Collectors Education and Wine Tasting, hosted by The Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 12 at General Sports and Entertainment, 400 Water Street, Suite 250, Rochester. Features 100 Doug West paintings of the greatest athletes from the last 50 years. \$35, (313) 833-0247

**Gala Celebration:** Featuring singers from Michigan Opera Theatre in a Broadway musical theater revue, organist Tony O'Brien playing the 1928 Barton pipe organ, and a silent short film starring Buster Keaton 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. \$10, (313) 537-2560

**Giuseppe Verdi Tribute:** The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan hosts an evening of music and fine dining. "Tribute to Giuseppe Verdi: A Culinary and Musical Event," at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Tribute Restaurant, Farmington Hills. Seating is limited. \$150 per person. (248) 848-9393

**Let Your Spirit Soar:** A festival featuring art exhibit, seminars and concerts Friday-Sunday, April 19-21, opens with an artists reception 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8880. Highlights include MSU Men's Glee Club concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and Live at Five jazz concert 2:30 p.m. Sunday. No charge except for concerts, tickets \$7 each or \$10 for both performances.

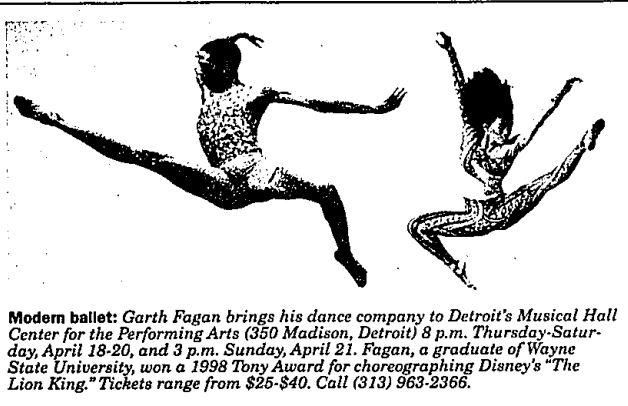
**Jessica Meadow:** Performs a concert on organ, piano, accordion, guitar, thumb piano and harpsichord 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. (734) 425-7280

**Michigan Authors & Illustrators:** Ten authors and illustrators will speak 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the St. George Cultural Center, Bloomfield Hills. \$25, (248) 542-4012

**Muscle at All Saints:** All Saints Episcopal Church presents Stephen Rush and Rose Mullins in *Take Me to the River*, 7 p.m. Friday, April 19. Concert features American music, familiar gospel selections and complex compositions by Charles Ives. All Saints



**On stage:** See Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents perform, 9 p.m. Thursday at George & Harry's Blues Cafe, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799 for information.



**Modern ballet:** Garth Fagan brings his dance company to Detroit's Musical Hall Center for the Performing Arts (350 Madison, Detroit) 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Fagan, a graduate of Wayne State University, won a 1998 Tony Award for choreographing Disney's "The Lion King." Tickets range from \$25-\$40. Call (313) 963-2366.

Church, 171 West Pike, Pontiac. \$15. Wine reception to follow. (248) 334-4571

**OU Spring Concerts:** Featuring The Piano Ensemble and The Chamber Ensemble perform 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, The Composer's Forum and Contemporary and Improvisational Music Ensembles presents original compositions 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, Akwaba African Ensemble and Pan Jumbies Steel Drum Band 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. For ticket information, call: (248) 370-3013

**WSU Concert Band & Wind Symphony:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Community Arts Auditorium, 5851 Cass Avenue at Kirby on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. No charge. (313) 577-1795

### BENEFITS

**A Night at the Oscars:** Plymouth Symphony Orchestra fundraiser makes guests the stars at its annual dinner/auction and concert 6 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets: \$60, \$30 children 12th grade and under, (734) 451-2112

**Auction Fundraiser:** "Anchors Away" auction featuring hundreds of items, strolling supper and sweets by It's a Matter of Taste 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Dombrowski Field House. \$45. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Refuge School and the Parish Building Fund. (248) 708-3330

**Blues, Rock & More Benefits:** Featuring a variety of blues and rock bands including Jeff Maylin and the Bad Passion Blues Band, Panik Park, Blueptopia, El Ross, Luther "Badman" Keith, and Third Season 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Berkley Front, 12 Mile Road, west of Coolidge, Berkley. \$10. Proceeds go to Avon 3-Day Walk to benefit breast cancer research. (248) 398-3438

**Celebrate:** A benefit for breast cancer research features songs

and scenes celebrating life 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. \$20, includes dessert afterward. Proceeds donated to Avon's Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. (734) 797-JACK

**For the Love of Art:** A benefit event in honor of Paul Gauguin 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, dinner by the bite, live auction of artful furniture, dance in island-chic attire to the music of the Jello Shots. Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. \$100, \$75, to benefit the arts center's technology upgrade, (248) 651-4110 by April 5 to reserve tickets.

**Benefit luncheon:** The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild hosts "Luncheon on the Aisle" on Friday, April 26 at the Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University, Rochester, to benefit the theater. Box lunch event features "behind the scenes secrets" of professional theater, a bake sale, plant sale and Gospel rehearsal. (248) 375-9840

**Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale:** Preview evening 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Lovett Hall in Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$100-\$350. (313) 982-6120

### CLASSICAL

**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** *Springtime Souvenirs* featuring Takewsky's *Souvenir de Florence*, the popular string sextet which inspired the program 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, north of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Christ Church Grosset Point, 61 Grosset Point Blvd., Grosset Point Farms. \$22, \$18 students and seniors over age 50, \$10 children age 12 and under, (248) 559-2095

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Val Parnell leads the orchestra in a concert featuring Stravinsky's *Suite from The Firebird*, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13; also as part of the DSO's "Introduction to the Classics" series 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, DSO resident conductor Thomas Wilkins will give an informative talk. At Orchestra Hall. \$16-\$54, (313) 576-5111

**Emerald Sinfonietta:** Performs an all-Bach program 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 Maple, Birmingham, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15 students/seniors. Call (313) 438-0780 or visit the Web site at www.emeraldsinfonietta.org

**Piano recital:** The Clarkson Conservatory of Music celebrates the return of its restored 1930s Steinway M grand piano with an open house musicale noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the conservatory, 49 South Main, Clarkston. (517) 230-8300

**Pontiac Oakland Symphony:** Presents their season finale featuring guest violin Glenn Mellow 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 334-6024

**Flavio Varani:** The pianist performs a benefit concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$50 includes recep-

tion with Varani). \$25, \$6 students. Proceeds to benefit Oakland University's Music, Theater and Dance Department. (248) 370-3013

### CHORAL

**Madison Choral:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Big Beaver Methodist Church, 3733 John R, Troy, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Both concerts feature a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers. \$12 donation at the door, \$10 advance, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 585-4871

### AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**Bohemians Musicians Club of Greater Detroit:** For annual Solo Concert Competition open for orchestral instruments. Prizes for first, second and third place are \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. The first prize winner will perform with a local community orchestra. Contestants must submit a performance tape by Saturday, April 20 to be considered one of the finalists who will perform before a panel of judges. High school and college students (between the ages of 16 and 22) throughout the state of Michigan are eligible. The Bohemians Club, the oldest musicians club in Detroit, is composed of present and retired Detroit Symphony Orchestra members, music teachers and music lovers of all backgrounds. For application form and further information e-mail Herbert Couf, President, The Bohemians at Couflinks@aol.com, or write Couf at 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

**Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford:** Auditions for *No Comment*, a new play by Bert Fabaum 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14, and 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. (313) 531-0554

### POPS/SWING/ CABARET

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra:** 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

### JAZZ/BLUES

**B'Jazz Vespers:** Features Alberta Adams & the Rhythm Rockers 6 p.m. Sunday, April 21, First Baptist Church, Willis and Bates, Birmingham. A free-will offering will be taken for the musicians. (248) 644-0550

**Ron Brooks Trio:** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover, (734) 662-8310

**Los Gatos:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover, (734) 662-8310

**Dizzy Gillespie All Stars:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$49, (313) 576-5111

**Harmony X 4:** A concert by vocal jazz groups Evergreen Blues, JazzInVoice, PRIME vocal Jazz and Vocalpointe 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 40101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Donations will be accepted following the concert. (248) 682-6562, for directions call the church at (734) 459-9550

**Paul Keller Orchestra:** Featuring clarinetist Jim Wyse and vocalist Susan Chastain 3 p.m. Sunday,

April 28, at Temple Beth-El Synagogue, 14 Mile at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, (248) 476-2674

**Kris Lynn:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, at Harlequin "Jazz" Cafe, Indian Village, Detroit. No cover. (313) 331-0922

**Kukurugy Jazz Trio:** 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the West Bloomfield Main Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. (248) 363-4181

**Matt Michaels Trio:** With guests 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 George Benson, saxophone

Dennis Tini, piano with vocalist Barbara Ware, Wednesday, April 24, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 without, (734) 762-7756

**(Mini) Bird of Paradise Orchestra:** 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Southfield Centre for the arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$6 children age 12 and under, (248) 424-9022

**Larry Nozoro Jazz Quintet:** Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozoro.com

**Tony Pope's N'Oreans Six:** 3-6 p.m. Saturday, April 20, and every "other" weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6, (248) 476-2674

**Tim Flaherty Trio:** 9 p.m. Friday, April 27, Woodruff's Supper Club, Sixth east of Washington, Royal Oak. (248) 543-5070

**Wayne Shorter Quartet:** 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$36, \$34, \$26, \$16, (734) 764-2538.

### FOLK/ACOUSTIC

**Clarkston Village Players:** Present an evening of music with David Mosher, Dan Hall and Bob Gerics 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$15, (248) 625-8811

### WORLD MUSIC

**The Diggers:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 and 25, at Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, 821 Pennington, Plymouth. Live Irish music Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. (734) 459-6666

**Pat McDunn:** 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

### CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

**MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company:** Presents "Contemporary Creations" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21, in the Maggie Altessee Studio Theatre in the Old Main Building on the campus of Wayne State University, Cass and Warren, Detroit. \$15, \$10 students, seniors and children under age 12. (248) 689-4084

### SOCIAL DANCING

**Moon-Dusters:** Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road. \$5, (248) 967-1428

**Rhythm N' Shoes:** Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, 212 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7, (248) 334-0299