

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Century Theatre: *Late Nite Calicoism* 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 Ducks*, 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 Woodrow Wilson. \$15. (313) 868-1347

Fisher: *Proof* opens Tuesday, April 23, runs through Sunday, May 12, \$20-\$47.50. (248) 645-8666. Benefit performance for Kadima, Tuesday, April 30. Tickets \$75, call (248) 559-8235.

Fox: *The Music Man* through Sunday, April 21, \$24-\$56. (248) 433-1515.

Gem Theatre: *Guys on Ice* through May 26, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. \$24.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

Jewish Ensemble Theatre: 14th annual New Play Festival includes staged readings of Sarah Baird's *Jake's Oasis* Monday-Tuesday, April 22-23, and Motti Lerner's (adapted from 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 DeRay Theatre in the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$5. (248) 788-2900

Meadow Brook Theatre: The classic rock musical *Godspell* opens for previews Wednesday, April 24, opening night Saturday, April 27, continues to Sunday, May 19, on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Curtain Wednesday-Sunday, show times vary. \$26-\$38. (248) 377-3300.

Ploshares Theatre Company: *The Diva Daughters Duet* 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, 13 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 2-3, 24-26. \$20 for 2 in advance, \$25 for 2 at door. Group rates available. (313) 872-9279

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) 433-7673

COMMUNITY THEATER

Avon Players: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* April 26-28, May 3-5, 10-12 and 16-18, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, off Tenenham, Rochester Hills. \$15, \$13 students/seniors and Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

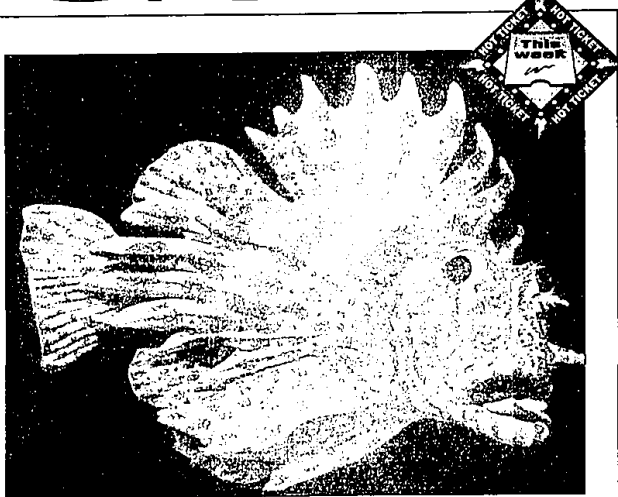
DINNER THEATER

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

Viadmir: On Idaho, murder mystery presented by Death Row Players, 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, 28125 Grand River, north of Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$35 per person in advance include show, meal, and one drink ticket. (248) 399-1101.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Genitt's Children's Lunch Theater: *Shirley Holmes: Girl Detective*, a mystery at the science fair, 11:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20 and Sunday, April 28, at Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main, Northville. \$12.95, \$11.95 children, includes lunch and concert Friday-Sunday, April 19-21, opens with an artists recep-



Something fishy: Alan and Rosemary Bennett's stoneware and porcelain "Lion Fish" is one of the works on display at the Sugarloaf Art Fair Friday-Sunday, April 19-21, at the Novi Expo Center. Tickets are \$6, children under age 12 free. For more information, call (800) 210-9900 or visit the Web site www.sugarloafofcrafts.com.

Beanstalk continues through Sunday, April 21. Shows 2:30 p.m. 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

Thomas the Tank Engine: Pulls into Greenfield Village Thursday-Wednesday, April 18-24 and Saturday-Sunday, April 27-28. (313) 271-1620 or www.himgv.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: Brings art, fairy tales and puppets to Cranbrook Art Museum, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Children can meet and mingle with their favorite fairy tale characters and have a chance to invent their own endings to popular tales. Puppet show begins 3:30 p.m. Reservations recommended, call (248) 645-3361.

PuppetArt: Presents marionette ballet version of *Cinderella* 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 20 and 27. Kolobok, a Russian version of the Gingerbread Man, plays 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 11, 18, and 25, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777.

COLLEGE THEATER

Henry Ford Community College Theatre Arts: Presents Woody Allen's comedy *Play It Again Sam*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at the college, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. \$8 HFCC faculty, staff, students, \$10 general public. (313) 845-6475

Theatre Company: *The Member of the Wedding* continues through Sunday, April 21, McAuley Theatre, University of Detroit Mercy, 8200 W. Outer Dr., corner of Southfield, north of Six Mile, Detroit. \$8 students, \$12 adults. (313) 993-6461

Wayne State University: *Grease* Friday-Sunday, April 19-21 and April 26-28, Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Curtain 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$14 and \$11. (313) 577-2960.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ladies Literary Club: *Jewels & Jewels* Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. Feature almost new household items, home decor accents and more. All proceeds benefit the Ladies Literary Scholarship Fund. Representative from Knightsbridge Antiques of Northville will appraise items 3-4 p.m. Two items will be appraised for \$5.

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 recep-

tion 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) 476-8860. 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 Madow: Performs a concert on organ, piano, accordion, guitar, thumb piano and harpichord 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. (734) 452-7280

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

Great Lakes International Banjo Convention: Noon to midnight, Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27. Concerts 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Holiday Inn Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Dr. at Ford Road, Dearborn. Friday-Saturday concert admission \$5. Free concert 2 p.m. Saturday. (734) 282-6635



Season finale: Conductor Greg Cunningham leads the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. Guest artist is violinist Glenn Mellow performing *Bela Bartok's "Concerto for Viola and Orchestra."* Tickets are \$15, \$10 seniors and students, and can be purchased 40 minutes before the concert. Call (248) 334-6024.

Sweet Charity: Presented by North Farmington High School 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 19-20 and Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Jopj scippi. \$10, \$8 students and seniors. (248) 426-4740

BENEFITS

Angel's Place: Music by recording artists Manfred Drellch and vocalist Mark Tisdell, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, St. Andrew Church, 1400 Ingwood, Rochester. No charge. (248) 350-2202

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) 706-3330

Benefit luncheon: The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild hosts "Luncheon on the Aliso" 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 *Godspell* 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

Music at All Saints: Stephen Rush and Rose Mullins, *Take Me to the River*, concert for voice and piano of old American songs and spirituals, 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike at Williams St., Pontiac. \$15, wine reception follows program. (248) 334-4571

Pontiac Oakland Symphony: Presents their season finale featuring guest violinist 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 Warner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$50 includes reception with Varani, \$25, \$6 students. Proceeds to benefit Oakland University's Music, Theater and Dance Department. (248) 370-3013

William Tyndale College: Music students and guest artists present *Vivaldi's Gloria*, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, college main campus, 35700 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, west of Drake Road. \$5 general, \$3 students. (248) 553-7200, Ext. 532

Kirk at the Hills: *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Johannes Brahms with guest soloists and orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Kirk

In the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15 general, \$10 seniors, \$8 students. (248) 626-2515

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra: *A Family Affair*, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Bloomfield Hills International Academy Chamber Orchestra presents a 6:30 p.m. preconcert program. No charge for children, adults \$25. (248) 645-2276

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: The Sphera that was Chopin, musical melodrama by Randy Svendsen featuring Ravio Varani and local actors, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the DIA. \$18 at the door, \$15 advance. (248) 477-1487. www.thescarab-club.org

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Springtime Souvenirs featuring Tchaikovsky'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 Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$22, \$18 students and seniors over age 60, \$10 children age 12 and under. (248) 559-2095

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Mahler's Song of the Earth, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 2-3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 preconcert event Mahler's Arrangement of Beethoven Scores, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$20-\$54. (313) 576-5111. Seniors and students can purchase 50 percent off rush tickets at box office one hour prior to classical concerts based on availability.

Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra: Works by Berstein and Strauss featuring guest conductor Marcus Belgrave, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, Orchestra Hall. \$10, box seats \$15. (313) 576-5111.

Redford Civic Symphony: Spring concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, Thurston High School, Redford. www.redfordsymphony.8m.net

CHORAL

Oakland University Community Chorus: With orchestra presents *Elijah* an Overture by Felix Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, St. John's Lutheran Church on University Street in Rochester. \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

Plymouth Community Chorus: Sing, annual spring concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Northville High School, 45700 Seven Mile road, Northville. Tickets \$10, available at Sideways, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Gardenview, 202 W. Main St., Northville. (734) 455-4080

Plymouth Oratorio Society: Anton Bruckner's *Messia* in D minor, two works by John Rutter, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville Township. Free-will offering, \$5 suggested. (734) 455-8353

Madison Chorus: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Big Beaver Methodist Church, 3733 John R. Troy, and 8 p.m. Sunday, 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

Vocal competition: Ten finalists in the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan vocal competition for high school students will perform Italian songs and arias during a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center in Warren. Finalists include Victoria Launz a student at Clarkson High School, Katherine Ropella a student at Cranbrook Kingswood, and Adam Smith a student at Southfield High. Tickets \$7, \$5 seniors/students, at the door. (734) 455-8895, (810) 751-2855.

Farmington Community Chorus: *Made in America*, spring concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, corner of Lahser, Beverly Hills. Tickets \$10 at the door, available in advance by calling (810) 632-4067 or online www.farmingtonchorus.com. For chorus information, all Kathy Hall (248) 471-4516.

AUDITIONS

Plymouth Theatre Guild/Spotlight Players: Accepting applications for book directors, music coordinators, choreographers, music conductors, audition accompanists, rehearsal accompanists, musicians for the 2002-2003 season presentations of *Cinderella*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and *Dial 'M' for Murder*. Applications due Friday, May 31, call (248) 349-7110.

Bohemians Musicians Club of Greater Detroit: Fifth annual Solo Concerto 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 Coufherb@aol.com, or write Couf at 37685 Russell Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

Oakland Youth Orchestra: Auditions for 2002-2003 season, Sunday, May 12, Wednesday, May 15, Friday-Saturday, May 17-18. To register online, www.oyoml.org or call (248) 652-2526. Group consists of three separate performing groups for musicians in grades 5-12.

Franklin Village Band: Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Center social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

POPS/SWING/CABARET

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

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

Western Jazz Quartet: Performs 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Handelman Hall, D. Dan and Betty Building, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. No charge.

Christa Grix: Jazz harpist, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

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

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

Matt Michaels Trio: With guests 8:15-11:30 p.m. with vocalist Barbara Warr, 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) 762-7758

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

Tony Pope's N'Oreans Six: 3:30 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

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