

Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

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at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, off Tenken, Rochester Hills. \$15, \$13 students/seniors and Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077
Farmington Players: Perform *Once Upon a Mattress*, the comedy musical based on the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 10-11 and Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18 and May 30-June 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 12 and 19 and Saturday, June 1, in the West Bloomfield Civic Theater Inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile

Tickets: \$15, half off for Mother's on Sunday, May 12 and children 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1. (248) 219-0300
Matrix Theatre Company: *Homelands: Michigan Central Station*, an original play based on the stories and experiences which recall the glory days of the train station, opens Friday, May 3, and continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday, through May 19, the stories were gathered by University of Michigan Residential College students in collaboration with Matrix's Collective Playwrights Workshop, at the theater, 2730 Bagley, one block south of Verner at Saint Anne street. \$10. (313) 967-0999

Players Guild of Dearborn: *Damn Yankees* continues to May 19, curtain May 18, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 12 and 19. Bring mom to the show for free on Mother's Day. 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$14 reserved, (313) 561-TKTS

Plymouth Theatre Guild/Spotlight Players: Present the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 10:30 and 17-18, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads, Northville. \$10, \$7 children under age 18. (248) 349-7110

Village Players of Birmingham: *Annie Get Your Gun* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, 24-25, and May 31-June 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19 and 26, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward. \$14. (248) 644-2075

Witch & The Wardrobe, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 17-19, Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 347-0400

SPECIAL EVENTS

Antique Appraisal Clinic: With Ernest DuMouchelle, *Antique Roadshow* appraiser 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 South Main, \$10 oral appraisal, \$15 written per item. Please call the museum for an appointment (734) 455-8940

Celebrate the Arts: VSA arts of Michigan's Southeast Region Committee, Farmington Musicals and the Livonia Mall join forces to present a festival of music, dance and the visual arts that kicks off with performances by VSA's children and adults with disabilities 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4

Where: Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. (248) 476-1160
Chonille Sisters: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Borders Birmingham, 34300 Woodward. (248) 203-0095, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Borders Farmington Hills, 30995 Orchard Lake Road. (248) 737-0110

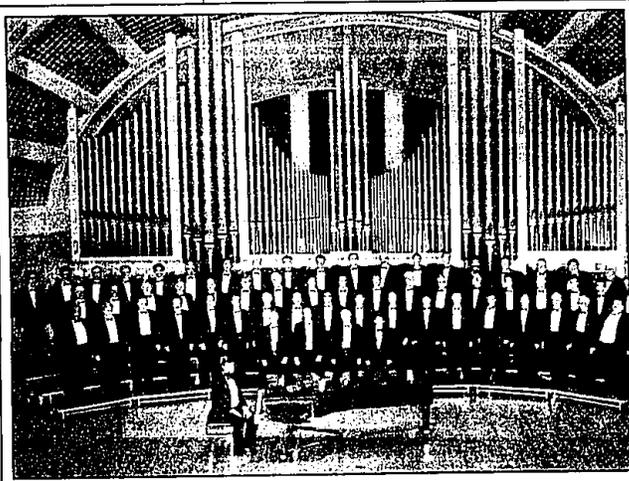
Children's Concert: Featuring singer/songwriter Kevin Davine 2-3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Pointe Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110

Strawberries, Strawberries: The fun and little tricks will abound at the annual St. Florian Strawberry Festival this weekend at the parish, at Poland and Brombach in Hamtramck. The event runs from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5. Strawberries will be baked into all manner of goodies. In addition, there will be prizes, games, goods for sale and all types of fun. Exit 175 at the Holbrook-Canfield exit, go east and watch for the towering spire of St. Florian. International Cafe Celebration: Food, music and dance 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Southfield Pavilion in the Civic Center Complex, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road. Advance tickets \$12, \$10 seniors, \$5 children ages 5-12; at the door \$15, \$12 seniors. (248) 354-4854

Jewish Film Festival: Through Wednesday, May 8, at United Artists Theaters, 14 Mile at Haggerty, Commerce Township; Birmingham 8 Theatre on Old Woodward Avenue south of Maple, Birmingham, and the Michigan Theatre 803 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$8, \$7 seniors, festival pass for all movies \$58, \$79 seniors. (248) 788-2900

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo: The 10th annual event takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, the Michigan Humane Society and 26 other animal welfare organizations will be at the zoo to find loving homes for hundreds of animals, at the Detroit Zoo, 2450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 398-0900

Festival of World Music and Dance: Presented by Musica Viva World Concerts 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road, south of 12 Mile Road. Blakuye African Drums Ensemble, singer,



All-male choir: Measure for Measure presents its annual spring concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw, between Hill and South University, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors/students. Call (734) 649-SONG.

Shu Ping, Motor City Milonguetos Tango Dancers, Tango Para Siempre Group, Grupo Musica Viva. \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$25 reserved. (248) 522-3667.

BENEFITS

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra: Enjoy an evening of food and music 6 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham to benefit the symphony. The event will feature the BB50 Trio, and silent and live auctions with guest auctioneer Bill Spencer, an investigative reporter for WXYZ-TV. The cost is \$100 per person. Guests may choose either Petite Filet Mignon with Wild Mushroom Sauce, Chicken Piccata or Baked Lake Superior White Fish as an entree. Auction items include golf outings, resort, dinner and theater packages, and jewelry. This is the major fund-raiser of the year for the BB50. For advance tickets to the May 5 concert, dinner reservations, or information about the 2002-2003 season, call (248) 645-2276

Farmington Musicals: Hosts a Jazz Cabaret concert to benefit its annual scholarship competition 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, featured artist is harpist Christa Grix and her trio, also performing the Oakland County Community Jazz Band, scholarship winners, vocalist Catherine Randall and alto saxophonist Drew Deorio, and other members of Farmington Musicals accompanied by the OCC Jazz Band, at the Costick Center, 28800 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For tickets, call (248) 471-6017

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
Polar Blast: The Detroit Zoological Society's annual *Sunset at the Zoo* fundraiser features a strolling supper from many of the area's finest restaurants and raffie 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$75-\$500 per person, raffie tickets \$100. Proceeds will support education and conservation programs for the Arctic Ring of Life, the zoo's polar bear exhibit. (248) 544-5717

concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the Italian American Cultural and Community Center in Warren. Finalists include Victoria Lauzun a student at Clarkston High School, Katherine Rippelle 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, 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, call Kathy Hall (248) 471-4516.

Troy Community Chorus: Going Places, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Troy Athens High School, John R. north of Waverly. \$5 in advance, \$5 seniors 60 and older, and children age 12 and younger, \$10 at the door. (248) 879-0138
Oakland University Community Chorus: Elijah, an oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at St. John Lutheran Church on University, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

CLASSICAL

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra: Presents its final concert of the season - *Three Centuries of Symphonies - 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5* at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Detroit Flasher Middle School String Orchestra, under the direction of John Kennedy of Lathrup Village, BB50's principal bass, performs at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby. \$25 for adults, and available at the door. There is no charge for children accompanied by an adult. (248) 645-2276
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Springtime Souvenirs featuring Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir du Florence*, the popular string sextet which inspired the program 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Christ Church Grosse Point, 61 Grosse Point Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$22, \$18 students and seniors over age 60, \$10 children age 12 and under. (248) 552-2085

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Mahler's *Symphony 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 Bernstein 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

Detroit Concert Choir: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at First English Lutheran Church, 880 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets: \$15, \$12 seniors and students. (313) 882-0118
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 Lauzun a student at Clarkston High School, Katherine Rippelle 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.

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AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Birmingham Musicals: Holds auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Award 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at First Baptist Church, Willis Street at Bates, one block west of Old Woodward. Applicant must be high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 22, residents of Michigan, and performing on violin, viola, cello or string bass. Deadline for application is May 11. (248) 375-9534
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 Church 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

Henry Ford Community College: Auditions for Story Theatre, 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 4-5, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Second City-style script show consist of improvisations and readings from script. Performances Aug. 15-25, course registration required. (313) 845-9817
Livonia Youth Choir: Is now looking for new members as well as a music director. Interested persons for the director position should have a degree in music performance or music education, and a demonstrated interest and love of working with young people. Auditions

for choir members will be held in September for girls and boys (with unchanged voices) who will be in grades 4-8 in the new school year. For more information, call (734) 425-1749

Oakland Youth Orchestra: Auditions for 2002-2003 season, Sunday, May 12, Wednesday, May 15, Friday-Saturday, May 17-18. To register online, www.oyma.org or call (248) 652-2526. Group consists of three separate performing groups for musicians in grades 3-12.

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
Summer Symphony: Leon Spierer, former concertmaster of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany, leads a one-week intensive series of rehearsals and coachings as part of the symphony's annual summer instrumental activities (June 24-30), culminates with a string ensemble performance, open to string players ages high school to adult. Auditions and fee required. (734) 677-4831

Village Players of Birmingham: Auditions for *Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical* 7 p.m. May 19 and 23, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward. Prepare any 1960 song and bring music. (248) 258-5173

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, boogie)
Birmingham Community Band: Film Classics Live, featuring Jack Gogin, former WQRS radio host, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Groves High School auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile.

Rockapella: Known for the Folger's Coffee commercial, and *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego* will perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at North Farmington High School, 32900 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15 adults, \$10 students & seniors. (248) 426-4740.

JAZZ/BLUES

Bird of Paradise: The Edge with Deb Alene 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 3. Jeannine Miller with Vincent Shandor Trio 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, at the club, 312 South Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 971-8300, (734) 662-8310
Ron Brooks Trio: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
Big Gatos: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
Jill Jack Quilley: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
Matt Michaels Trio: With guest saxophonist Russ Miller 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8; vocalist April Tini plus the Wayne State University Vocal Jazz Group Wednesday, May 15; Larry Nozoro, saxophone and flute Wednesday, May 22, and vocalist Barbara Ware Wednesday, May 29, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 without. (734) 762-7756

Larry Nozoro Jazz Quintet: Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housley's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozoro.com
Robert Penn: 9 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
Tony Pope's N'Orleans Six: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and every "other" weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6. (248) 476-2674
RJ's Rhythm Rockers: 9 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

COLLEGE THEATER

U of M Theatre: Presents *Festival of New Works* May 14-23. Includes the first act of *Madama Mao*, a new opera by Bright Sheng, a composition professor in the U of M School of Music (8 p.m. May 17 and 23, and 9 p.m. May 19), in the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

DINNER THEATER

Genitti's: "Jokes and Smokes," Andy Genitti and friend Bowling Elvis J.R. Ramick bring the King back to life 8:30 p.m. (doors open 8:30 p.m.) Friday, May 10, Northville. \$50. (248) 349-0522
Vladimir's: *Oh Idaho*, murder mystery presented by Death Row Players, 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, 28125 Grand River, north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$35 per person in advance include show, meal, and one drink ticket. (248) 399-1101

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Marquis Theatre: *Hansel and Gretel* opens 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, curtain 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at 135 E. Main St., Northville. (248) 349-8110
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: Kolobok, a Russian version of the Gingerbread Man, plays 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 11, 18, and 25, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777
Novel Theatres: *The Lion, the*



Award-winning play: Chelsea Altman, Stephen Kunkun and Robert Foxworth (not pictured) star in "Proof," the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winner by David Auburn. The show continues to May 12, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. For tickets, call (248) 645-6666, or for more information, (313) 872-1000.