

# Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

**Century Theatre: Lute Nite Catechism** through June 23, 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

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre:** Presents the world premiere of *Dance Like No One's Watching*. Continues to June 9. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$18-\$28, discounts for seniors and student. (248) 788-2500

**Purple Rose Theater: 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

**Clarkston Village Players:** *Shakespeare's People*, a special production featuring scenes from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, *As You Like It*, and *The Merchant of Venice* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 31-June 1, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Clarkston Village Players, \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday. (248) 625-8811

**Farmingington Players:** Perform *Once Upon A Mattress*, the comedy musical based on the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 30-June 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, in the West Bloomfield Civic Theater Inside Barnes & Noble Bookshelves, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile roads, \$15, half off for Mothers on Sunday, May 12 and children 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1. (248) 219-0800

**St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook:** Present *Elite*, music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 31-June and Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527 Special May 31 dinner package with the Ocean Grille in Birmingham. Portion of proceeds go to the nonprofit theater's fundraising efforts. For details call Jamie or Paul at (248) 593-3093

**Stagcrackers:** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Gene Kelly's classic movie, *Singin' in the Rain*, with a stage version of the popular boy-meets-girl story 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 24-25 and Thursday-Saturday, May 30-June 1, June 6-8 and Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, June 2, 9 and 16. Friday, June 14 signed performance for the deaf, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14-16. (248) 541-6430

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Pajama Party:** Rita Kirsch and Candy Cow present an interactive bedtime concert with singing, creative movement and puppetry 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$4. (248) 644-5832 to register.

## BENEFITS

**Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford:** World premiere of Bert Falbaum's *No Comment*, a play about ethics in Journalism's opens with a benefit performance 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Theater, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road. Tickets \$25, proceeds benefit the Theatre Guild renovation fund. An afterglow with the play will follow the performance. (313) 531-0554

**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 raffle 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$75-\$500 per person, raffle tickets \$100. Proceeds will support education and conservation programs for the Arctic Ring of Life, the zoo's polar bear exhibit. (248) 541-5717

**Father's Day Jazz Brunch:** Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 16 with entertainment by Dan Jordan, Jerry McKenzie, Matt Michaels, Larry Nozera and Johnny Trudell, gourmet brunch noon to 1 p.m., in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18900 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival July 21 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

**The Groat Lakes Chamber Music Festival:** Preview Party and Benefit Auction, sponsored by GMAC, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Short performance by the Elements String Quartet, an ensemble from New York. Food stations, wine and strolling hors d'oeuvres from Nikki's Gourmet Catering, a brief live auction and dancing to the music of the Bess Bonnier Quartet. Reservations \$75, at the patron level \$125, for the benefactor circle \$500. Call the Festival office at (248) 559-2097. The Festival runs June 15 through June 30.

## COLLEGE THEATER

**Oakland University Music, Theater and Dance:** Michigan premiere of *Too Many Sopranos* 10 a.m. May 29-30 and June 3, 8 p.m. May 31-June 1, and 2 p.m. June 2, in the Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$12, \$8 seniors, \$6 students, available at the door one-hour before curtain. (248) 370-2030

**U of M Theatre:** Presents its *Festival of New Works* through 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

**Marquis Theatre: Hansel and Gretel** opens 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at 135 E. Main St., Northville. (248) 349-8110

**Paper Bag Productions: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** presented as a luncheon theater June 12, 8-9 and 15-16, lunch at 1 p.m., followed by performance at 2 p.m., in the performance space kitty corner from the pot shop of Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. \$10. (586) 344-7774



Bluesman: John Hammond performs 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Ann Arbor's Al Hill opens. Cover charge is \$10. Call (313) 359-2789.

**PuppetArt: Kolobok**, a Russian version of the Gingerbread Man, plays 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-7777

## CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Final Young People's Concert features a program of victorious music from great composers such as Beethoven, Reel and Stravinsky conducted by Thomas Wilkins, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$8-\$25. (313) 576-5111

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

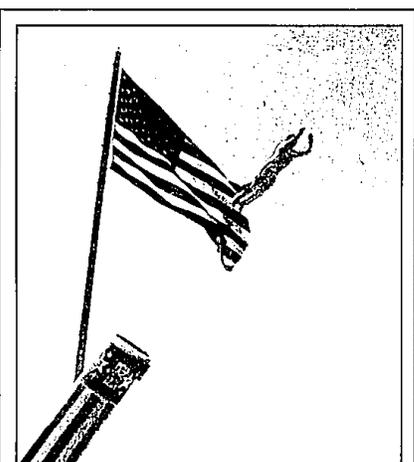
**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble:** Open auditions for the professional dance company's performance companies, male and female dancers 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the EDC Center for Dance, 1451 West Hamlin in Ro-Tech Commons, between Crooks and Livernols, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850

**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 Frisk, (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 scripted show consists 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



Circus Xtreme: Captain Circus, a second generation cannon ball, is one of the starring attractions in the Shrine Circus Xtreme May 29 to June 2, at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone Road. Celebrating 40-years of presenting family entertainment in the Detroit area, the Shrine Circus features daredevil acts such as motorcycle stunts on an incline wire and flying trapeze artists. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for groups only for the 10:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday performances. Call (313) 831-1620, ext. 118 or (248) 645-6666.

boys (with unchanged voices) who will be in grades 4-8 in the new school year. For more information, call (734) 425-1749

**Livonia Youth Theatre:** Auditions for *Annie* 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Saturday, June 8 and 4-8 p.m. Monday, June 10, at the Livonia Mall. Registration is \$30. Everyone who registers will be cast. Auditions are to determine level of talent. For more information, call (586) 344-7774

**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 Splerer, 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 Elie Greenwich Musical* 7 p.m. May 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, boe) Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Final pops program feature music from some of the biggest and best British musicals of all time 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$51. (313) 576-5111

## JAZZ/BLUES

**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

**Kimmie Horns:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Free. (248) 473-1856

**Matt Michaels Trio:** With vocalist Barbara Ware 8:11-30 p.m. 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 Nozera Jazz Quintet:** Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit [www.larrynozera.com](http://www.larrynozera.com)

**Tony Pope's N'Orleans Six:** Every other weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6. (248) 476-2674

**Preservation Hall Jazz Band:** 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen. \$25 reserved, \$22 general admission. (248) 354-9603

## FOLK/ACOUSTIC

**Larry Harbour:** Acoustic, folk rock 7-10 p.m. Thursday/Friday, Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**Jim Akens:** With Stormfont, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, Borders Farmington Hills.

## WORLD MUSIC

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

## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**Poets for Peace in the Holy Land:** And the whole world poetry vigil 3 p.m. Sunday, May 26 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 27, readings by Bishop Thomas Gupton, Congressman John Conyers, Maryanne Mahaffey, Rev. Rod Reinhart of Plymouth, and John Sinclair, at the Scarab Club, 217 East Farnsworth at John R behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. No charge. (313) 831-1250

## SOCIAL DANCING

**Blackberry Creek Dancers:** Country western dance 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Italian Cultural Center, Warren. \$10. Includes lesson at 7:30 p.m. (810) 202-7558

**Moon-Dusters:** Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, chacha 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, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0293

**U-M Ballroom Dance Club:** Ballroom dance lessons and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

## COMEDY

**Knock Knock Comedy Club:** Features three stand-up comics 9 p.m. every Wednesday, Derek Richards headlines May 29, also Sal DiMello and Rich Higginbotham; June 5 headliner to be announced, double bill starring Kenny Rogerson and Jackie Flynn June 12 with emcee Jeff Brannan at Texas Smoke, 543 North Main, Rochester. (248) 601-1925 for information. Please arrive by 8:30 p.m.

**Second City:** Touring company presents *The Best of Second City*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, *Just a Little to Here* shows 8 and 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices and show times vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, free for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8489 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

**Detroit Zoo:** Extends its hour through Labor Day weekend. Now open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, beginning in July the zoo remains open until 8 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Visit the polar bears and seals swimming around the Polar Passage, a 70-ft. sea through tunnel, at the zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile at 1696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. Admission is \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and older and students ages 2-18. (248) 398-0900. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingssepp at (248) 541-5717

**Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village:** New museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7.50-\$14. (313) 271-6520. For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

## MOODSWORTH

**Moodsworth Brook Hall:** Tours continue through June, 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 3:30 p.m. General admission \$8, \$6 seniors/children, discounts for groups of 20 or more. (248) 370-3140 or [www.moodsworthbrookhall.org](http://www.moodsworthbrookhall.org)

**Plymouth Historical Museum:** New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, *Images of Lincoln*, acquired from Michigan collector Dr. Weldon Petz, includes lock of Lincoln's hair cut from his wound the night of the assassination, a life mask and casts of Lincoln's hands sculpted in 1850 by Leonard Volk, life-size wax figures of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in their second inaugural period clothing, 36-ft. mural of the second inaugural ball from 1865, at the museum, 155 South Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940. The museum is also hosting a special lecture series "Fourth Sundays at Two" as part of the Civil War and Lincoln exhibit, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26 with historian Bob Zoetta speaking about women in the Civil War, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 30 with costume historian Pam Yacklin talking about Civil War fashions. She also gives a tour of her collection on exhibit. \$5, includes tea and scones.

**Wright Museum of African American History:** In the Spirit of Martin: *The Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* continues

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