Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Century Theatre
8-Track: The Sounds of the 70s continues 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 1:20 p.m. limited Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, 333 Madison, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

Gem Theatre
Shear Madness continues, at the theater, 333 Madison, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

Jewish Ensemble Theatre
Tommy J and Sally, Mark Medoff's play about racism, religion and personal identity in America, continues to Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. $18-$30. (248) 788-2900

Meadow Brook Theatre
Opens its season with Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* Wednesday, Oct. 16 with a preview at 8 p.m., preview nights at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 17-18, opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, continues to Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. $19-$16 for previews, $24-$38. (248) 377-3300

Music Hall
Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24-Nov. 3; opening night is Oct. 26, 350 Madison Avenue, Downtown Detroit. Tickets $22 on Thursday-Friday, Oct. 24-25; $22-$44 on other nights; group rates available. For times and ticket info call (313) 872-0279.

COLLEGE THEATER

Hilberry Theatre
The Good Doctor, Neil Simon's tribute to Anton Chekhov, plays in rotating repertory Oct. 7 to Feb. 4, at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University, corner of Cass and Hancock, Detroit. $12-$20. (313) 577-2972. On Saturday, Oct. 12 the Hilberry celebrates the Gala Opening of the season with the 40th annual President's Preview, a black tie event that includes cocktails and dinner at The Whitney Restaurant, a preview performance of selected scenes from *The Good Doctor*, and an afterglow in the Hilberry lobby. Tickets range from $50 to $300.

Oakland University Theatre Department
William Inge's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Picnic*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 17-19, 24 and Friday-Saturday, 25-26, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 and 27; and 10 a.m. Oct. 22 and 23. Runs Oct. 17-27, at Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University Campus, Rochester. Tickets are $10 general and $5 Students. Call (248) 370-3013.

U-M Musical Theatre
Stephen Schwartz's musical *Children of Eden* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 10-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre located in the Michigan League, 911 North University, Ann Arbor. $20 and $15 reserved seating, $8 students with ID. (734) 764-2538

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The University of Michigan Department of Theatre and Drama presents Moliere's farce *The Imaginary Invalid* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 10-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Trueblood Theatre in the Frieze Building, 105 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets are $15, $8 students with ID. Call (734) 764-2538. The plays satirical look at the medical profession is as timely today as when it premiered nearly 330 years ago.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Farmington Players
The Solid Gold Cadillac runs to Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 and Thursday, Oct. 17 and 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and 20, at the theater inside Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Maple, West Bloomfield. $13. (248) 219-0800

Ridgedale Players
Harry Segall's *Heaven Can Wait* runs at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12 and 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and 20 at the theater, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. $12, $11 seniors and students on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook
The Rocky Horror Picture Show 8 p.m. Oct. 11-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1-2; dinner package available for Oct. 11; midnight show in addition to regular show on Oct. 26; benefit for AIDS Partnership Michigan, Oct. 30; special Halloween performance, Oct. 31. $16, $3 for senior citizens and students. Audience may bring newspaper, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper, bells and playing cards for participation. Rocky Horror Survival Kits, filled with props, will be available for $10 at the theater, located at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527 for tickets: (248) 593-3090 for dinner package on Oct. 11.

SRO Productions
It's a Scream, a comedy by David DeBoy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12 and 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct.13 and 20, in the 1854 church located at the Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. $10, $8 students and senior adults ages 50 and over. For tickets, call (248) 827-0701. For information, (248) 827-0710

Village Players of Birmingham
Jekyll & Hyde, The Musical opens the community theater's 80th season 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, show continues to Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and 20, at the Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. $15. (248) 644-2075

CHILDREN'S PRODUCTIONS

Michigan Performing Arts Youtheatre
Alice in Wonderland 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 2 p.m. Oct. 13, Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Tickets $10. (248)557-4338 x 222.

Paper Bag Productions
I Believe in Make Believe, runs Oct. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and includes a hot dog, chips, cookie and apple lunch. Lunch is at noon, with the show at 1 p.m. Saturdays; lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m., Sundays, 29516 West Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are $10 for lunch and show, $7 for show only. (248) 888-7685 or (586) 344-7774

SPECIAL EVENTS

Detroit Audubon Society
Lecture by Dorothy McLeer, urban environmental education program coordinator with the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, on "Michigan Wolves: Past, Present and Future" 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen. No charge, all ages welcome. (248) 354-9603

Avon Players
Costume sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, items include men's and women's clothing, period clothing, specialty costumes, children's clothing, hats, shoes, accessories and more, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

Buca diBeppo
Mystery Dinner Theatre *Designs on Murder* 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, 38688 Six Mile Road, Livonia. $30 per person includes dinner and entertainment, tax and gratuity. Cash bar available. Reservations deadline is Oct. 25. (810) 513-7247

Writer's Conference
The 41st annual Detroit Women Writers conference features 32 presentations by established authors, agents and editors, sessions focus on variety of subjects from play authorship to writing novels, picture book, marketable essays, short stories, poetry, and how to books, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19; hands-on writing workshops, individual manuscript critiques and one-day writing retreat Friday, Oct. 18, keynote speaker is Marge Piercy 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Saturday conference is $95 with optional luncheon ($10), Friday hands-on writing workshop $95, individual manuscript critique $65, and one-day writing retreat $95. Pre-registration is required. (248) 370-3125 or visit www.oakland.edu/continued/writersconf/ for a complete conference brochure.

BENEFITS

All That Jazz & Roses, Too
A benefit auction Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Features live and silent auctions, a strolling dinner and entertainment by Alexander Zonjic and Friends. $50. Proceeds benefit Development Center, Inc. and Community Care Services, agencies which provide a wide range of comprehensive mental health services for children, families and adults in southeastern Michigan. The committee is still looking for donations for the auction. For tickets or to donate, call (313) 531-2500

Jewish Ensemble Theatre
Investigate the mystery of creativity with author Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, JET and performance Network set designer Monika Essen, and percussionist Efe Bes 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. $50. (248) 788-2900

Livonia Symphony Orchestra
Roaring 20s Party Friday, Oct. 11, dinner begins at 6 p.m., 8 p.m. concert, and silent auction, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. $50, benefits the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. (734) 425-4855

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Community House
The Birmingham Musicale begins its 77th season with a program at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Pauline Martin, soloist; Anna Speck, soprano; accompanied by Barbara Wolff; string quartet of Mike McGillivray, Martha Windschelf, Deborah Schuster, Grace Brockett will play Ravel Quartet. Members and guests are invited to meet the artists at a tea immediately following. Donations are not required, but are greatly appreciated. 380 South Bates, Birmingham

DSO Young People's Series
Opens with "Characters of Note" featuring among the selections suites from the ballets *Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*, Leroy Anderson's *The Waltzing Cat*, and music from the soundtrack to *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $10-$26. (313) 576-5111

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
Opens its season with "Pastoral Pleasures," a program featuring flutist/composer Gary Shocker 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Beck Road and North Territorial, Plymouth. $16, $14 seniors ages 60 and up, $10 college students, children grades K-12 free. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

UM Men's Glee Club
143rd Annual Fall Concert 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 At Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. *Tickets $10 for reserved seating.* $7 for general admission, and $5 for students (with valid ID) Call (734) 764-1448 or visit www.umich.edu/~ummgc on the Internet

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Avon Players
Auditions for all ages for *Forever Christmas V!*, a show featuring holiday songs and medleys including full cast songs, solos, and small ensemble numbers, a poignant story and sprinkling of choreography, auditioners will learn an audition piece for solo tryouts as well as harmonize on sections taught during auditions, a prepared solo is not necessary. 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 14-15, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. For performances Dec. 6-8 and 13-15. (248) 608-9077 or www.avonplayers.org

Deborah's Stage Door
Auditions for senior show choir (ages 13 and up), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and up), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and up), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-8133

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

LIVE MUSIC

Acoustic Avenue Coffee House
Location: First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale

Claire Holley (pictured) brings her acoustic guitar to the Trinity House Theatre stage 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Born in the South, Holley was influenced by flattop pickers, honky-tonk crooners, gospel choirs, and her grandmother's jazz piano. Tickets are $10, $7 theater members. Call (734) 464-6302. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Holley's performance is a part of a series featuring singer/songwriters. Tickets are $12, $9 theater members.

Tickets: (248) 646-4030 or www.fingerstyle-fgs.org
Richard Smith: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. $15.

Alvin's
Location: 5756 Cass, Detroit
Information: (313) 831-4577
The Kingsnakes: With Long Black Sedan and Long Neck Goose, 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. 21 and over. $3 cover charge

Fox Theatre
Location: Downtown Detroit
Tickets: (248) 645-6666
Counting Crows: With Graham Colton, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. $25, $29.50 and $32.50
The Moody Blues: 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21: $37 and $45
United As One: Featuring Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams and Donnie McClurkin, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22. $34.50 and $42.50

Magic Bag
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Hotline: (248) 544-3030
Ethos & Gold Cash Gold: wsgs
Isabella Starfire: 9 p.m. Friday Oct. 11 $6 Double CD Release Party
Domestic Problems: wsgs
Ruderhead Lounge & Changes 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12 $7
Garrison Starr: with Susan Calloway 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 $10
Mega 80's: Low with Mark Eitzel 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 $12 adv.
Brian Vander Ark: Verve Pipe vocalist, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 $12

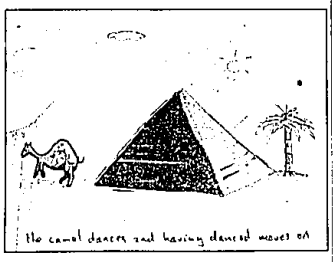
Bloomfield Hills pianists Jutta Czapski (pictured) and Joann Freeman play a benefit concert 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. Tickets are $100 for benefactors, $50 for Friends. Proceeds go to the Women's Committee for Hospice Care. Czapski has performed in recital and as a soloist throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. A graduate of The Juilliard School of Music, in 1970 she helped found the American Artists Series of chamber music concerts. She was artistic director and pianist of the series for 27 years.

The Michigan Theatre
Location: 603 Liberty, Ann Arbor
Tickets: (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666
They Might Be Giants: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21. $23

The Palace of Auburn Hills
Location: Off I-75 (exit 81) at Lapeer Road (M-24) in Auburn Hills
Tickets: (248) 645-6666
Cher: With Cyndi Lauper: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. $79.75, $59.75, $34.75
Nelly and the St. Lunatics: With The Big Tymers and Lil Wayne, Fabolous and Amerie, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. $47.50 and $37.50
Creed: 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. $42.50

Royal Oak Theatre
Location: 318 West Fourth, between Lafayette and Washington streets in Royal Oak
Tickets: (248) 645-6666
Nappy Roots: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. $20
The Mega 80's: 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 12. $10. 21and over
Alive 2002: With Mitch Ryder, Face, Radium, Chris Doman, Ernie Douglas, Jess Domain and Stewart Francke, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. Benefits Michigan Coalition on Donation, a group consisting of agencies, individuals and hospitals dedicated to increasing awareness about organ, eye, tissue, blood and bone marrow donations. $50-$75. Age 21 and over.
Al Dimeola: With Derek Trucks Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. $32.50
Alice Cooper: With Neurotica, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. $36, plus a $2 facility fee.

St. Andrews
Location: 431 East Congress, Detroit
Tickets: (248) 645-6666



In honor of John Lennon's 62nd birthday Yoko Ono and Stagecrafters "come together" to present his artwork and music 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, on the stage of the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For directions, call (248) 541-6430. Included in the show are rare original drawings and album covers signed by Lennon with drawings done before he was murdered on Dec. 8, 1980. Pictured is Lennon's *Camel Dances*. The music of Lennon and the Beatles will be performed throughout the weekend by a children's chorus from the Detroit area. A suggested $2 donation will benefit Children's Theatre, a nonprofit organization that fosters teamwork, self-esteem and enthusiasm for the arts in the community.

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