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## Hot tickets

### ■ Boogie time

The American Music Research Foundation sponsors the Fourth Annual Motor City Boogie Woogie Festival Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Redford Theatre, 17560 Lahser in Detroit. Detroit's own Bob Seely will perform, along with Michael Kashhammer, Gene Taylor and Charlie Booty. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, reserved seats, through Ticketmaster or at the Redford Theater box office on the day of the show. Ticketmaster, call (248) 645-6666. For event information, call (248) 478-2525.

### ■ Sunny musical

Ron Otulakowski is Daddy Warbucks and Molly Donovan is Annie in the Players Guild of Dearborn production of Annie, which runs through



Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Players Guild, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. Tickets are \$14 and all seats are reserved. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. Sundays. (313) 561-1K15.

### ■ Animal fun

If you've always wondered what it means to "slop the hogs," you can find out at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 in the farm center at Kensington Metropark, near Willow. You'll roll up your sleeves

and help feed and water the farm animals. Pre-registration is required at (800) 477-3178.

### ■ Opening

Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine, Rochester, shows work by the late



Detroit artist Zubei Kachadorian. He won major awards in the 1950 and 1960s and his paintings are owned by museums including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Tate Gallery in London. Opening reception is at 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15. Runs through Dec. 21. (248) 651-4110.

### ■ Comics and more

Check out the comic book, toy and non-sport card show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is \$2. (248) 426-8059.



Russia's premiere dance company brings Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake to the Detroit Opera House for six performances. Yuri Grigorovich's choreography was banned by the Soviets in 1969.

## Legendary

By Linda Ann Chomin | Staff Writer

### Bolshoi does ballet in a big way



After more than 225 years of productions, the Bolshoi Ballet still does everything in a big way. By the time the Russian company opens a six-performance run of Swan Lake at the Detroit Opera House Wednesday, Nov. 20, it will have taken a total of 40 technical and crew members three days to build sets designed by choreographer Yuri Grigorovich. Soviet officials originally banned this production before it was to open in 1969.

"It's a very big endeavor. It takes two trailers to move the sets and costumes," said David Eden, the New York City impresario bringing the company to America for a second tour. The production opened in Berkeley Calif., Nov. 6, and travels to Chicago before arriving in Detroit. "There will be 105 dancers performing on the tour but there are 245 dancers in the entire company. The rest are performing simultaneously in Moscow."

#### OPPORTUNITY COMES

Eden fell in love with the Bolshoi in Russia's capital city. When the opportunity arose to bring dancers to the U.S. for a tour in 2000, Eden jumped at the chance. The Bolshoi hadn't performed here in more than a decade.

"I've loved them since I was a child living in Latvia in the former Soviet Union," said Eden. "It's their incredible strength in classical technique. Under communist rule they were living under certain confines and these larger than life dancers took incredible liberties in portraying character and emotion. This new production premiered in March 2001 in Moscow and is a revival of Grigorovich's 1969 production when the Soviet Minister of Culture banned it after a dress rehearsal."

"The interpretation of the prince isn't what Soviet ideology was dictating. Siegfried, the prince, is a composite of good and evil with an evil side he is not able to overcome. Odette-

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Bolshoi dancers Andrey Uvarov and Nadezha Gracheva take on the roles of Siegfried and Odette-Ode.

#### SWAN LAKE

What: Moscow's legendary Bolshoi Ballet performs the full-length production choreographed by Yuri Grigorovich

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-24

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway

Tickets: \$20-\$85. Call (734) 764-2538 or (313) 237-7464.

#### Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

### Palooza bears looking for new homes

What do you do with a 6-foot tall fiberglass polar bear? That's the question I asked Tom McGannon of Ventures Unlimited in Royal Oak. His marketing and event production firm's been handling the Detroit Zoo's Polar Palooza fund-raiser since ArtServe Michigan put out a call for artists to come up with designs for the arctic creatures in May. Originally, the decorated bears were to line the streets of Royal Oak but ended up at the zoo after several acts of vandalism.

The project is similar to one in Chicago in 1999. After placing 320 artistically inspired cows around town, the city saw an extra \$200 million in spending. Polar Palooza united the Detroit Zoo, Detroit Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau, ArtServe Michigan, and the Downtown Royal Oak Association in a fun venture which ends with an auction Monday, Nov. 19, at Sungrin in Royal Oak. Proceeds go to the zoo and the Downtown Royal Oak Association. McGannon is hoping to raise more than \$10,000. Bidding starts at \$750.

But before the bears go on the auction block, artists are restoring them at various retailers in Royal Oak including Arianna Gallery, Bravo Intimates, Bright Ideas, Barnes & Noble, Home, Ladybug, Maggie, Padded Cell, the Resort, and Shapes. "They're touching up paint," said McGannon. "Children were climbing all over them. The Tourist Bear, there's wear and tear on the hands from kids hanging on to him. We want to restore them to pristine condition. The restaurant's donating the place and hors d'oeuvres. The bears will be moved on Monday right before the event."

Deborah Kashdan jokingly says she'd like to see her Tourist Bear any place but her living room. He's back there

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PHOTO BY CHERIE DIERCKX  
The staff of WJBK Fox 2 created this mosaic bear around a weather theme.

## Ballet Shoes or Wing Tips?

Makes no difference as long as you take time to put your feet up, get comfortable and spend some time with us.