

# Win a trip at Westin Hotel grand opening

The new 400-room, 11 floor, Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport will celebrate its grand opening with a gala benefit to honor the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20.

The benefit will take place in the hotel's Lindbergh Ballroom and will feature dinner, music and dancing. Tickets are \$175 per person and include complimentary valet parking.

Guests to the Westin grand opening will have an opportunity to win round-trip coach class tickets for two to any destination Northwest serves in Europe, courtesy of Northwest Airlines, and a seven-day stay at a Westin Hotel. Additional prizes include overnight

accommodations at the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport and dining at DEMA.

One lucky guest will win the signature Westin Heavenly Bed — the same bed that is featured in every Westin guestroom around the world.

Oraoxygen, the first airport-based oxygen wellness spa of its kind in the world, will provide a \$300 gift certificate for services and merchandise at its Detroit Metropolitan Airport spa for the grand opening prize drawing.

Paula Tutman, WDIV-TV reporter, a long time Ronald McDonald House supporter, will emcee the event.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to serve families of sick children with a

home-away-from-home. Only minutes away from a hospital room, families can nurse and support their children and undergo specialized medical treatment.

More than 1,000 parents and family members stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses every year, paying only \$10 a night for private room accommodations. No one is turned down for lack of funds.

Annually, both Houses must raise funds to support their operating budgets from corporate and private donations, and special events.

The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport opened in December 2002 and is located adjacent to the Edward H. McNamara / Northwest

WorldGateway Terminal. The Westin is Detroit's newest luxury hotel and features 218 meeting rooms, a state-of-the-art fitness center with an in-door pool, business center and gift shop and DEMA, an upscale restaurant and bar.

The eight-floor atrium includes a reflecting pool and bamboo trees that create a serene setting for hurried travelers and guests.

For Westin grand opening tickets, call the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit at (313) 745-5909.

To learn more about the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor, log on to their web sites at: www.rmhdt.org and www.rmh-annarbor.org.

# Zoo sponsors second annual 'Wild at Heart'

Spend the evening on Valentine's Day with butterflies and cocktails at the Detroit Zoo's second annual "Wild at Heart" fund-raiser.

The four-hour benefit, starting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, is geared to young professionals. Advance tickets are \$45 for zoo members and \$50 for non-members and include hors d'oeuvres, desserts and two drinks. Admission at the door is \$65. Call (248) 541-5717.

Blackman and Arnold, a jazz guitar duo, DJ Jim Stone of Sound Circle Collective and DJ Short Round will entertain. Guests will be allowed into the zoo's tropical butterfly garden and will preview the art exhibit, "Bats in My World." The zoo is located at 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak.

## CRAFT CALENDAR

**Wayne County**  
Livonia Stevenson High Booster Club Crafters wanted for Booster's Spring Spectacular Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Stevenson High School, 33000 West Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$2. Lunch available and strollers will be permitted. Crafters call Barb (248) 478-2395 or Debbie (248) 476-0315.

**Livonia Mall**  
Call for crafters for March 7-9 craft show. Tables are \$50 for three days and each additional table is \$25. The show will run 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. To reserve a table, call Shirley at (248) 476-1160. The mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. 2 Fun Fair. Crafters may reserve an eight-foot space for \$25. Call Kathleen Hansard at (248) 866-3271 during the day or (248) 634-7914 evenings and on weekends.

## BOOK BEAT

### CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group of All Saints' Episcopal Church will discuss *The Red Tent*, a novel by Anita Diamant, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, at the church, 171 W. Pike, corner of Williams, in Pontiac.

Diamant is a journalist and the author of five books on contemporary Jewish life. *The Red Tent* is a fictional account by Jacob's daughter Dinah of her life and those of the patriarch's four wives. One reviewer described it as a modern midrash — a series of interpretations of biblical events.

Another said it is what the Bible might have been had it been written by God's daughters rather than sons.

The Book Discussion Group meets at All Saints' the third Monday of each month, September through May, except December.

The moderator is Lisa Uehmo, a lay member of the church. The group is open to the public. For a list of 2003 book titles and meeting dates,

call the church at (248) 334-4571. Visit the church's Web site at <http://www.wallsaintspotnatic.org/> on the Internet.

### BOOK SIGNING

Rafe Martin, an expert on Native American literature, myths and legends, will sign his new book, *The World Before This One*, from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at The Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park.

Written in the style of a novel, this collection of 14 Seneca tales is presented through the retelling of one central story into which all the others are woven. Martin offers sources for the tales along with an introductory note by Seneca Elder Peter Jimison.

Martin authored nearly 20 books and received three American Library Association Notable Book Awards, Four Parent's Choice Gold Awards, two Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Awards, an American Folklore Society Aesop's Accolade Award and several

American Bookseller "Pick of the Lists" honors.

For more information call Book Beat at (248) 968-1190 or visit Martin's Web site: [www.rafeartin.com](http://www.rafeartin.com).

### VALENTINE DAY LECTURE

Eve Ensler, author of the award-winning *The Vagina Monologues*, will talk about her work at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 in 1800 Chemistry Building, 930 North University, on the University of Michigan central campus. The talk is free and open to the public.

Ensler's new play, *Necessary Targets*, is in production through March 9 at Performance Network, 120 Huron in Ann Arbor.

The theater will hold a reception for Ensler at 5:30 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14.

Tickets for the play are \$27.50 on Friday and Saturday and \$22.50 on Thursday and Sunday. (734) 663-0631 for tickets.

### VALENTINE READINGS

"What's So Funny Bout Pease, Love & Understanding: A Valentine's Reading," features Kalamazoo poet Elizabeth Kalkowski, New Orleans poet Ernest Lewis III, with Detroit poets Liberty RO Daniels and Wardell Montgomery, Jr. at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12 at The Scarab Club, 217 East Farnsworth, at John R. Free admission and parking. (313) 831-1250.

### TRUTH BOOKSTORE

The store celebrates Black History Month with several events. This week's activities include: A history presentation by Gerald Morant from 6-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13; magic show with Bob Tillman, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14; storytelling with Annie Poole, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and storytelling by Ivory Williams, 6-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15. The store is located at Northland Mall, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 557-4824.



Sound of music

Soprano Jennifer Larson will sing works by Schumann, Mussorsky, and Handel at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Pianist James Wilhelmson will accompany Larson at this Tuesday Musicale of Detroit artist concert. Larson has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Milwaukee Symphony, among others. She performed the title role in the Detroit world premiere of David Finko's *Abraham and Hanna* and is featured on several CD recordings of original works. She'll sing a new composition, *When Autumn Never Ends*, by Mark Gottlieb and music by Theo Morrison from the University of Michigan, at the Tuesday Musicale concert. Tickets are \$12.50. Call (248) 477-1487.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ying Quartet** Sun 2/9 4pm  
Rackham Auditorium - Ann Arbor  
Siblings rivalry is the name of the game when the Ying Quartet makes its Ann Arbor debut, performing music by Haydn, Dvořák, and three Chinese-American composers including UM Professor and MacArthur "Genius" Grant winner Bright Sheng.  
Sponsored by the University of Michigan  
Free Admission - WTR 91.3 PM

**Dave Holland Quartet and New York Big Band** Sat 2/15 8pm  
Michigan Theater - Ann Arbor  
2003 Grammy nominee and Down Beat's 2002 "Best Jazz Artist" Dave Holland visits Ann Arbor for one stellar performance.  
Sponsored by the University of Michigan  
Free Admission - WTR 91.3 PM

**Eos Orchestra** The Celluloid Copland: Copland's Music for Movies (performed with original films) Jonathan Sheffer conductor Sun 2/16 4pm  
Michigan Theater - Ann Arbor  
This performance by the Eos Orchestra features Aaron Copland's little-known film music with excerpts from the original films, along with the popular American favorite, *Appalachian Spring*.  
Sponsored by the University of Michigan  
Free Admission - WTR 91.3 PM

**Vienna Philharmonic** Nikolaus Harnoncourt conductor Thu 2/27 8pm  
Detroit Opera House - Detroit  
Nikolaus Harnoncourt conducts the Vienna Philharmonic in its first appearance in the metro-Detroit region since 1998, performing Schubert's Symphony No. 4 and Dvořák's "New World" Symphony.  
The appearance was presented at the University of Michigan.  
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