

Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Century Theatre
8-Track: The Sounds of the 70s 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 12:00 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

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Sorrow and Rejoicing, through May 25, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit \$17, free attended parking (313) 868-1347

Gem Theatre
Shear Madness, 333 Madison, Detroit, \$24.50 to \$34.50. (313) 963-9800

Meadow Brook Theatre
Meshuggah-Kund continues 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday through May 11, Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, \$24-\$38, previews \$19-\$26, (248) 377-3300

Flanders Theatre Company
Could This Be Love?, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday to May 9, (no show Friday) May 21, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road at I-75, east of Haggerty, Livonia. For directions, call (734) 464-6302. Tickets \$14, \$12 seniors, call (313) 530-5739

COMMUNITY THEATER

Play by Play
A marathon of 23 short plays by local, regional and international authors noon to midnight Saturday, May 3, Studio Theatre in Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, \$5 per hour, \$40 all day pass, available at the door. For more information, visit www.heartsland.com or call (248) 642-4638

Village Players of Birmingham
Side Show, the 1998 Tony-nominated musical about conjoined twins who were vaudeville stars in the early 20th century, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 23, 9:10 and 11:15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11 and 18, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, \$15, call (248) 644-2019

Ridgedale Players
Belles, a drama with off-beat humor, runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 23, Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10 and Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 and 18, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy, \$12, \$11 seniors and students on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

Spotlight Players
Present the Stephen Sondheim musical A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 23, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4, Watercolor Theatre on campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 4000 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty, Northville, \$10 ages 2-18, (248) 349-7100

Avon Players
Cabaret 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 23, 9:10, and Thursday-Saturday, May 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 and 11, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills, \$15, (248) 608-9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

Farmington Players
Nunsense, Dan Goggin's musical comedy about five surviving members of the Sisters of Hoboken convent 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 23, and Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10 and 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 and 11, Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$15 (248) 299-0800

Stagecarriers Baldwin Theatre
Carpenter, 8 p.m. May 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2 p.m. matinee, May 11, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak, \$5-\$16, (248) 541-6430

Clarkston Village Players
The Cover of Life by R.T. Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, Depot Theatre, Clarkston, \$10 Thursday and Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811 or online at the Web site www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

DINNER THEATER

Genitt's
Motel Murders 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 and 10, E Main, Northville, \$45, includes 7-course dinner and show (248) 349-0522 (reservations)

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Genitt's
Children's Theater, lunch then show, 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 10 & 17, 108 E. Main, Northville, \$12.95/kids, \$14.95/adults, call for reservations, (248) 349-0522

The Marquella Theatre
The Emperor's New Clothes 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 4, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville, \$7.50 (no children under 3) (248) 349-8100

Paper Bag Productions
Charlotte's Web, noon lunch, show 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and May 10, 1 p.m. (lunch), show 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 and 11, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt, use G entrance. Tickets \$10 includes lunch, \$7 show only. (586) 344-7774

CLASSICAL

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra
Season finale concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Fensholt Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills, \$25, children under age 18 free. (248) 645-2276

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Perform the World Premiere of Michael Daugherty's Fire and Blood violin concerto celebrating the Detroit Industry murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, The Sunday concert is part of the introduction to the Classics Series and opens with the composer talking about what inspired him to write the violin concerto. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15-\$56, limited number of box seats available for \$40-\$60. Tickets for introduction to Classics Series are \$28, \$40 box seats. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitso.org

Brunch with Bach & Friends
Canton Project Arts presents pianist Rich Ridenour 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 4, Sunnival on the Park, Canton, \$15, includes brunch. (734) 394-5460

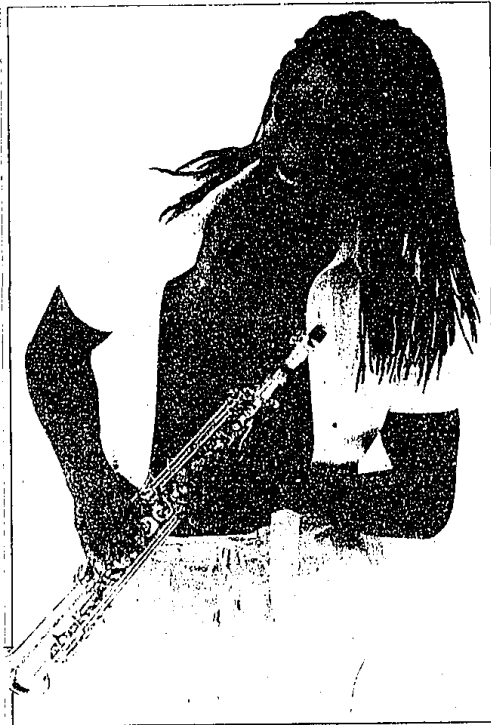
Ridgedale Civic Symphony
Spring concert featuring patriotic salute to America 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Thurston High School, Redford

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre
Michigan Opera Theatre performs Don Giovanni, Mozart's opera about legendary lover Don Juan through Sunday, May 4, Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway Tickets: \$18-\$105, call (313) 231-5505. Groups of 20 or more, (313) 231-3409. For information, call (313) 231-7464 or visit www.michiganopera.org

Century Theatre
Comedy works brings game-style and sketch improvisation to the stage 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, to June 14, 333 Madison, Detroit, \$12-\$30, (313) 963-9800

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Saxophonist Marlon Meadows performs with Bob Baldwin 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Millennium Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Tickets are \$30 advance, \$35 at the door. Call (313) 922-5212 or (248) 423-2555. Meadows plays jazz from his latest CD 'In Deep.'

CONEDY
Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Improv Comedy Jam, Night Open mic and improv Comedy troupe, Beer Money, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080

Genitt's
Bob Posch, comedy 7 p.m. May 9 & 23, 7-course dinner and show, \$50, 108 E. Main, Northville (248) 349-0522 for reservations

Joey's Comedy Club
8 p.m. Tuesday is open mic with Beer Money improv show, comedy classes begin Monday, April 28, above Kicker's All-American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscmcdyclub.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesday (52), improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (55), 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900 or www.comedycastle.com

Studio Open House
Comedienne Elizabeth Lurie holds her annual Spring Studio Open House 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at 2927T Summerwood, Holly Hills Farms Subdivision, south of 13 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, Lurie demonstrates how she makes hand-crafted porcelain works 3 p.m. Friday, Clarkson Art & Sculpture's ceramic sculptures will also be on display. She demonstrates 3 p.m. Saturday, (248) 651-1732 or www.elizabetherlurie.com

MAKING CONTACT
Please submit items for publication in Going Places to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

RENEFITS
Auction Spectacular
Featuring 150 items including an afternoon of sailing, a week end at a lake cottage, and private suite tickets for the Indy 500 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, also food and live music, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church Cultural Center, 4268 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$10 advance, \$15 at door. (248) 335-8869 or (248) 625-0345

FOLK/WORLD

Festival
Futist Ginka Ortega presents Groupa Musica Viva with Passions, festival of World Music and Dance, Latin and Flamenco classics, Sheila Landis Trio, and an African Music and Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m. Friday, May 9, Smith Theater, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, \$16 in advance, \$18 door, \$20 reserved, up front seating, (248) 522-3667

Blackthorn
The Tenth Thursday-Friday, May 8-9, and Blackthorn Saturday, May 17, John Cowley & Sons, 2336 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941 (Celtic)

CHORAL

Plymouth Community Chorus
"Broadway Legends" Saturday 6 Sunday, May 3-4, Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Rd., Northville, \$12 (734) 455-4080

COMMUNITY BAND

Birmingham Concert Band
A Cause for Celebration, concert with the Oakland Singers Encore and Bob Allison, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, Birmingham Groves High School Auditorium, corner of 13 Mile and Evergreen roads. No charge, donations appreciated, www.birminghamconcertband.com or (248) 647-7586

SOCIAL DANCING

Contra Dancing
1:30-4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month, Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, \$8, (313) 982-6003, Ext. 2262

Dance 4Life Ballroom Studio
Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ, open to the public, Friday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield, \$10, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Box in Green, 155 W. Troy Street, Ferndale, (248) 591-9163

Moons-Busters
Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30

JAZZ/BLUES

Hidden Agenda
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 21, Fox & Hound, 39560 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. No cover, (248) 644-4800

Rosie O'Grady's
Tim Flaherty, Marvin Conrad and George Bennett, Tuesday Night Open Blues/Jazz Jam, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Box in Green, 155 W. Troy Street, Ferndale, (248) 591-9163

Vince James Trio
Comparis, 8:11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

Matt Michaels Trio
7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner (two drink minimum), (734) 762-7756

Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson
7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 5, Friday, May 16, and 30, The Classic Grill in the Pontchartrain Hotel, 2 Washington Blvd., (313) 965-0200

Bugs Beddow Band
8 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 16, Blue Martini, 201 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, (248) 258-3005, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 30-31, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 338-0088, and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Tavern Club, 201 S. First, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-9900

Rhythm 'N' Shoes
Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Squire Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members (248) 334-0299

A-1 Dance Parties
8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, 4045, Oldies, Live Dances, requests, Main Country Center, Warren, \$6, (313) 521-6564

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS
Cranbrook Institute of Science 29221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, \$7 adults, \$5 children/seniors, (877) 462-7262

Kankin Mills Interpretive Center

Live animal display-hands on activities for kids, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 33075 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, east of Hines Drive. Free (734) 261-1990

Delvult Institute of Arts
Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 633-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

Delvult Zoo
Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.delfvultzoo.org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile at 696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Klingsepp at (248) 541-5717

Henry Ford Museum
Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-6620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

Meadow Brook Hall
Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free. Fee on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum
Trash or Treasure? Antique Appraisal Clinic with Antique Roadshow appraiser Ernest DuMouchelle 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 1, limit of up to 5 hand-held items, cost is \$10 per item for oral appraisal, \$5 per item for written. New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main, \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m.



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8 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road, \$5, (248) 967-1428

Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday (734) 455-8940
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Van Hoesen County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoesen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoesen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 400 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoesen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken, (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochester-hills.org/museum.htm