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NIGHTBEAT

Here's a listing of live music entertainment in the Lansing area.

■ ROCK

The Cabaret Night Club, 4631 Northeast. **Full House** 9:30 tonight through Saturday, and Tuesday and Wednesday. $1 tonight; Tuesday and Wednesday and 8-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; $2 after 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday (women admitted free on Wednesday). 487-3007.

Rick's American Cafe, 224 Abbott Road. **Second Self** tonight, $5; **And So Are You** Friday and Saturday, $3; **Jerry Sprague** Sunday, $2; **Freeman and the Chasers** Monday and Tuesday, $3; **Avant Gardner** Wednesday, $3. All shows 10:30 p.m. 351-2285.

The Silver Dollar Saloon, 3411 E. Michigan Ave. **Widow** 9:30 tonight through Sunday; **Miss Black Velvet contest** tonight, swimsuits at 10:30, evening gowns at midnight. $2 Tuesday and Wednesday, $3 other nights. 351-2450.

The Landshark, 101 E. Grand River. **Souvenir** 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, $2. 351-8973.

Bootleggers, 5910 S. Pennsylvania. **Snap** 9:30 tonight through Saturday. $3. 887-0685.

Stardust Club One, 4122 Northeast. **Boomers** 9:30 tonight through Saturday, and Wednesday. $1.50 Friday and Saturday. 482-8439.

Jimmy G's Riverfront Saloon, 505 E. Shiawassee. **Willy and the Wolves** 9 tonight through Saturday; **D.C. III** 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday; and **Show & Tell** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Free. 485-0586.

Scandal's Lounge, Sheraton Inn, 925 S. Creyts Road at I-496. **Nalett & Frewen in Double Play** 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Free. 323-7100.

■ SIXTIES/SEVENTIES

Hobies, 930 Trowbridge. **Bruce Gnegy** 7:30 tonight; St. Patrick's Day celebration with **Bill Young** 8:30 p.m. Friday; **Paul Hamilton** 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Free. 351-3800.

Mountain Jack's, 1938 E. Grand River. **Danny Earl** 9 tonight, **Lew Russ** 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Free. 349-1932.

Bogie's Cafe, 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos. **Spinnaker** 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Free. 349-8022.

■ PIANO

Lansing Hilton Inn, Lobby Bar, 7502 W. Saginaw. **Bryan Grinnell** 5-9 tonight and Friday. Free. 627-3211.

Hobie's Olde World, 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. **Casey-June Rice**, blues, 8 p.m. Saturday. Free.

■ CLASSICAL/JAZZ

Chadwick's, 1120 Trowbridge. **Patty Richards** 9 tonight through Saturday. Free. 337-3226.

Mountain Jack's, 5800 W. Saginaw. **Lewis Russ** 8 p.m. tonight; **Dick Ott and the Vibranauts** Wednesday. Free. 321-2770.

The Small Planet, 225 Ann St. **Big Red and the Quartet**, jazz/be-bop, 9 p.m. every Wednesday. Free. 351-6230.

■ COUNTRY

The Colonial Bar and Grille, 3425 S. Logan. **Rail Express** 9 tonight through Sunday. Free. 882-6132.

Riverview Tavern, 1250 Turner. **Houston** 9 p.m. Friday; 3:30-6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 6-10 p.m. Sunday; and 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday. Free. 487-9674.

The Hayloft, 727 E. Miller. **Tracey Lynne and the Mountain Express** 9 tonight and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. $1. 882-7225.

The Red Rail, 3323 N. East. **Kathy Ford** 9 tonight through Saturday; **Back in the Saddle Again** 9 p.m. Sunday; **The Nolfs** 9 p.m. Monday; **Rail Express with Don Lincoln** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Free. 485-9245.

Sweetwater Wharf, 5942 Round Lake Road, Laingsburg. **The Kikker Band**, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday. $2. 651-5096 (Reservations requested; no cover with dinner)

■ EASY LISTENING

Mijo's, 15643 Northeast. **The Moon Liters** 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Free. 371-3064.

Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave. **Teller and Hall** 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and **Jack Hamilton** 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Free. 485-5287.

Mountain Jack's, 5800 W. Saginaw. **Mike Haring** 8 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. Saturday. **Star City Productions**, open mike, 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Free. 321-2770.

HOT NUMBERS

Looking beyond the next week, some of the key upcoming events include:

March 23 — **Theater:** BoarsHead opens two one-act plays, "Krapp's Last Tape" and "No Exit." Tickets are at 484-7805.

March 23 — **Pop:** Wayne Newton begins four-night stand at Fox Theatre in Detroit. Call (313) 423-6666.

March 25 — **Jazz:** Ella Fitzgerald performs a preview concert for the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, at Hill Auditorium. Tickets — from $12 to $25 — are at (313) 423-6666.

March 27 — **Comedy:** Whoopi Goldberg performs at 8 p.m. at Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets ($22.50) are at (313) 423-6666.

March 29 — **Author:** Tom Wolfe speaks at the Wharton Center, to launch the new Celebrity Lecture Series. Call 355-6686.

March 29 — **Rock:** Pointer Sisters perform at 8 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills, with tickets at (313) 423-6666.

March 30 — **Folk:** "Masters of the Folk Violin" combines old and young performers, on Festival Stage of Wharton Center. Tickets ($8, $6 for students) are at Elderly Instruments, MSU Museum, Brother Gambit.

March 31 — **Theater:** Civic Players launch two-weekend run of "Bus Stop," with tickets at 494-9191. An MSU production of same show follows in two weeks.

March 31 — **Jazz:** Paul Winter Consort performs at 8 p.m. at the Wharton Center. Call 355-6686.

March 31 — **Blues:** B.B. King leads a show at 8 p.m. at Detroit's Fox Theatre, along with Bobby Blue Bland, Denise LaSalle and Albert King. Tickets ($22.50) are at (313) 423-6666.

MUSIC

■ **Black Child and Family Institute** — Gospel Fest with church choirs and soloists from around the state 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Gardner Middle School Auditorium; $10/advance, $12/at the door, $5/children advance, $6/children at the door. 487-3775.

■ **Ten Pound Fiddle Coffeehouse** — Residents Night concert 8 p.m. Friday at United Ministries in Higher Education, 1118 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing; $6/public, $4/members.

■ **Waverly Community Schools** — "Gemini" will perform 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Waverly High School Auditorium; $10/family, $5, $3/children.

■ **Faith Wesleyan University** — Choral and vocal music concert 7 p.m. Saturday at Faith Wesleyan Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road.

THEATER

■ **BoarsHead Theater** — "The Gravelsburg Spelling Bee" will be performed by Chicago's CityLit Theater Co. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Center for the Arts, 425 S. Grand; $3.

■ **LCC Performing Arts Department** — "The Taming of the Shrew" will be performed 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. "Below the Line: Living Poor in America" will be performed 8 p.m. Tuesday-March 23. Both at room 133, Gannon Voc-Tech Building; free.

■ **Lansing Sexton High School** — "Wonderful Town" will be performed 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 102 S. McPherson; $4, $3/students.

■ **St. James Catholic Church** — "The Light Connection" will be performed 8 p.m. Saturday at Mason Middle School Cafetorium, 235 Temple St., Mason; donation.

MOVIES

■ **East Lansing Public Library** — "A Celtic Trilogy" will be shown 7 p.m. today. "M," "Lucifer Rising" and "The Loom" will be shown 7 p.m. Monday. Both at the meeting room, 950 Abbott Road, East Lansing; free.

■ **Lansing Public Library** — "Pacific Coast States" will be shown 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Basement Galleries; free.

DANCE

■ **Lansing Liederkranz Club** — Roast pork and sauerkraut dinner and dance 5:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday at 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave; $5.50/dinner, $3/child, $3/dance only.

■ **Ladies Auxiliary VFW 6132** — St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance Friday at 3104 W. St. Joe; 4-8 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance; $4/plate. Proceeds to sponsor children's summer camps.

■ **Parents Without Partners** — "Wearin' of the Green" St. Patrick's Day dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday at PWP Hall, 2004 N. Larch; $5.

■ **Square Dances — Capitol Square Dancers,** Plus level square and round dancing 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday at Sheridan Road School, 3701 N. Cedar, Lansing; $5/couple. **Happy Hoedowners,** 7:45-10:30 p.m. Saturday At Crissey's Corner, 1028 Hagadorn Road, Mason; $5/couple. **Laingsburg Shuffllers,** Pizza Delight dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday at Laingsburg Elementary School; $5/couple. **Shindiggers Square Dance Club,** Square and round dancing 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday at Murphy Elementary School, Haslett; $5/couple.

MORE OF THE BEST

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In addition to the events mentioned on the cover, other highlights in the next week include:

■ **Theater:** Lansing Community College has prepared a modern-day version of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." That's at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, in Room 133 of the voc-tech building; it's free, but seats are limited.

■ **More theater:** LCC will follow with a drama called "Below the Line: Living Poor in America." It's also free in Room 133, at 8 p.m. Wednesday and next Thursday.

■ **And more:** Everett High will have "Detention" — a teen drama in the style of "The Breakfast Club" — at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and next Thursday. That's in the auditorium, with tickets at the door for $1.

■ **And still more:** Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge" is at 8 tonight, at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets are at (313) 668-8397.

■ **Musical:** "My Fair Lady" begins a three-night run, at 7:30 tonight at Mason High, with Kristi Black and Robert Doerfler in the leads. Tickets ($4) are at the Dairy Hill, the Chamber of Commerce, or at the door.

■ **Another musical:** Sexton High performs "Wonderful Town," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are at the door for $4, $3 for students.

■ **Music, more:** The Okemos Fine Arts Festival, at the high school, begins at 7:30 tonight, with an elementary and middle school concert. There are piano recitals at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday and a hands-on art fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Then comes the ninth annual College concert, mixing all sorts of musicians. All are free, except for a $1 charge for kids at the hands-on fair.

■ **Jazz:** The Mid-Michigan Jazz Society will host an open jam session from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, at Legends in Okemos.

■ **Folk:** The Ten Pound Fiddle Coffeehouse closes its season with its quarterly Residents Night, featuring six local performers. That's at 8 p.m. Friday at 1118 S. Harrison in East Lansing; tickets are $6.

■ **Folk dance** — The monthly contra and square dance of the Looking Glass Music and Arts Association will be Saturday, from 8 p.m. to midnight, with Jan Holland calling to music by the Scarlet Runner String Band. That's at the Foster Community Center; it's $4, $2 for kids 12-15, $1 for seniors, free for kids under 12.

■ **"New vaudeville":** The Flying Karamazov Brothers perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets ($16.50) are at (313) 668-8397.

■ **Skate show:** The "Ice Capades" continue at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, led by Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard, winners of an Olympic bronze medal. That's at 7:30 p.m. today and Friday, at noon and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, and at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday; tickets are at (313) 423-6666.

ART SHOWS

■ **Friends of East Lansing Public Library** — "Nature and Beyond," watercolors and prints by Ann Weir, will be shown during library hours now through March at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbott Road, East Lansing.

■ **Lansing Art Gallery** — "Celebration of Lace & Glory of Enamel" displaying handmade lace by Michigan artists and enamel works from nine states and pottery exhibit and sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 425 S. Grand Avenue.

■ **Lansing Art Guild** — Ila Titus, Lois Wiedbrauk and Lillian Wolterink will show their works 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and noon-3 p.m. Saturdays at Lansing Public Library's Downstairs Gallery.

■ **Lansing Craft and Hobby Guild** — St. Patrick's Day spring show and sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday at Lansing Civic Arena.

■ **Ledge Craft Lane Ltd.** — Holbrook Artzen kids display 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays at the corner of Bridge and River streets, Grand Ledge.

■ **Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame** — "Art in a Box" exhibit of collage and construction noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Belen Gallery, 213 W. Main Street; $2.50, $1/5-18-year-olds.

■ **Partners Gallery** — Ellen Parrott's portraits of children will be shown noon-5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday at the gallery, 722 Abbott Road, East Lansing. The late Margot Evans' tapestries will be exhibited at the University Club.

GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

■ **Abrams Planetarium** — "The Universe of Dr. Einstein" will be shown 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday. "The Little Star that Could" will be shown 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Both at the planetarium; $2.50, $2/students and senior citizens, $1.50/under 12.

■ **MSU Physics & Astronomy Department** — Public observing session 9:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday at MSU Observatory, at College Road and Forest Road.

■ **Woldumar Nature Center** — "Mom, Where do Leprechauns Come From" with hike, treasure hunt and history of the holiday 2-4 p.m. Saturday, 5539 Lansing Road; $5/family rate.

■ **Youth Development Corporation** — Pre-employment skills workshop for youth 14-21-year olds from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Vermontville Methodist Church, 108 North Main, Vermontville.

MUSEUMS

■ **Grand Ledge Area Historical Society** — "Childhood Memories" featuring toys, clothing, dolls and teddy bears from 1860s to 1950s 1-4 p.m. Sunday; donation.

■ **Impression 5 Science Museum** — "How it Works," an exhibition on how everyday items work, will be shown 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. "Women in Science" with demonstrations celebrating National Women's History Month 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Both at 200 Museum Drive; $3, $2.50/4-18-years old, $2/senior citizens, free/under 4.

Travelers Club blends exotic melody of food

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Marjorie Winters

The Travelers Club bills itself as the "world's first tuba museum restaurant." On the walls and strung from the ceiling is a collection of tubas assembled over the years by one of the owners, William White, a tuba player since 1959.

But I came to eat, and my first impression was far from reassuring. Chipped paint, cracked plaster, frayed vinyl, streaked floor tile, even holes in the ceiling. Holes, moreover, big enough to crawl through. Not to mention a restroom in dire need of dusting.

Admittedly some attempt has been made to entiven the drab surroundings by covering tables with batiks and decorating walls and windows with plants and folkloric artifacts. The total effect is still Run-Down Luncheonette.

Yet a look at the menu brightened my mood considerably. Rarely have I seen such an intriguing pastiche of Middle Eastern dishes (souvlakia, humous, babaghanouj); "Latin American" (actually Southwest-style snacks such as burritos and nachos); assorted international items (Mexican frijoles, Indian papadams, East African akara balls made from black-eyed peas).

A Corsican spinach pizza, generic stir-fry of the day, buffalo burgers, pastas and several American standards round out the extensive menu.

Additional offerings are chalked in each day on a slate above the counter. Recent selections have included pasta with marinara sauce, bok choy beef soup and tomato basil fettuccine with vegetable-herb sauce.

But the changing monthly and weekly menus, focusing on national cuisines from around the world, are the chief attractions here. Throughout the year the Travelers Club offers table d'hote dinners representing the cooking of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Mediterranean countries, the Caribbean, Pacific Islands, Europe and the Americas.

An international approach has some advantages. It encourages customers to return to try new things. It introduces unusual dishes to the community. But it strains the capabilities of any kitchen.

On my first visit to the Travelers Club I opted for the blue plate special, shrimp stir-fry on brown rice. The vegetables were crisp and colorful, the shrimp plump and plentiful and the nutty, slightly chewy rice a pleasing alternative to the customary long-grain variety.

The apple-peach cobbler that followed, however, was as undistinguished as it was unorthodox. A bottom rather than top crust and too long a sojourn on the shelf resulted in a uniformly mushy texture.

More recently I sampled a Japanese dinner. The effort was commendable. The execution, less so. My salad, soup and entree arrived at the same time, and the last two were only slightly warmer than tepid.

Other mistakes: cellophane-wrapped hard candies as rather odd garnishes for the entree, soggy pre-fried cubes of tofu strewn on the rice and undercooked fish.

Despite these flaws, much of the meal was very enjoyable. The soup was a glorious rich broth chock-ful of lobster and black shiitake mushrooms.

The fresh tuna steak's meaty texture and deliciously assertive flavor were nicely complemented by a miso (fermented bean paste) and sesame seed sauce. Each of the condiments — citrus soy, pineapple ginger chutney and mustard miso — was outstanding.

And the salad was a visual and palatable delight — julienned varicolored vegetables tossed with rice wine and vinegar and garnished with sliced lotus root.

Thumbs up, then, for the food. Thumbs down for the inefficiency and shoddy housekeeping.

Marjorie Winters is a Lansing area free-lance writer and co-author of the book "Adventurous Eating in Michigan."

Traveler's Club

Some exciting food in unexciting surroundings — an ambitious attempt that falls short.

- **Address:** 2138 Hamilton Road, Okemos; 349-1701.
- **Location:** At intersection with Okemos Road; two blocks south of Grand River Avenue.
- **Hours:** Daily 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- **Prices:** $1.50-$8.75.
- **Bar service:** No alcoholic beverages.
- **Other:** Credit cards not accepted.

OUT OF TOWN

DETROIT

■ MUSIC

Detroit Symphony presents conductor **Gyorgy Lehel** and pianist **Cypriene Katsaris** in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward. Also in concert at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Ford Auditorium, Jefferson and Woodward avenues. For tickets, call (313) 567-1400.

Cinderella with special guests **Winger** and **Bulletboys** in concert 7:30 tonight, Palace of Auburn Hills, 3777 Lapeer. Call (313) 423-6666 for information.

The Fox Theatre presents **Phyllis Hyman, George Howard** and **Nancy Wilson** at 8 p.m. Friday, Willie Nelson in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward. Call (313) 567-6000 for more information.

■ THEATRE

Birmingham Theatre presents Stephen Sondheim's "Company" performed 8 tonight with shows through Sunday. Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward. (313) 644-3533.

Henry Ford Museum presents **"Women In America: Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives,"** a special presentation by role players, Saturday and Sunday, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood, call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

■ DANCE

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents Arthur Miller's **"A View From The Bridge"** at 8 p.m. Friday. 350 Madison. (313) 963-7622.

■ EVENTS

Michigan Wildlife Art Festival presents its sixth annual show Friday through Sunday. Southfield Civic Center and the Southfield Hotel & Convention Center. Call 882-3110 or (313) 358-9103 for more information.

Builders Show, with 425 exhibits of housewares and equipment, opens 10 a.m. Saturday through March 26. Cobo Hall, Jefferson Ave. For more information, call (313) 737-4477.

Ice Capades performances held tonight through Sunday. Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive. Call (313) 423-6666 for ticket information.

ANN ARBOR

■ MUSIC

The University Musical Society presents the **Faculty Artists Concert** at 4 p.m. Sunday. Rackham Auditorium, Washington and Fletcher streets. University of Michigan. **The Chieftains** perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Hill Auditorium, N. University and State Street. For tickets, call (313) 764-2538.

The Ark and Native American Student Association present **Joanne Shenandoah** Friday. **Townes Van Zandt** performs Saturday. **Rosalie Sorrels** on stage Tuesday. 637½ S. Main. (313) 761-1451.

■ THEATRE

The Michigan Theater Foundation presents **"A View From The Bridge"** at 8 tonight. 603 E. Liberty. Call (313) 668-8397 for more information.

■ EVENTS

The **Flying Karamazov Brothers** perform new age Vaudeville at 8 p.m. Saturday. Michigan Theater Foundation, 603 E. Liberty. Call. (313) 668-8397 for more information.

DANCE

Performance Network presents **"People Dancing & The Detroit Dance Collective"** at 8 tonight and Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. 408 W. Washington. Call (313) 663-0681 for details.

BFA Concert presented at 8 tonight and Friday and Saturday. University of Michigan School of Music. University of Michigan, Dance Building, 1310 N. University Court. Call (313) 763-5460 for more information.

GRAND RAPIDS

■ MUSIC

Grand Rapids Symphony presents Classical series with pianist **Bella Davidovich** at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Grand Center, DeVos Hall. For more information, call (616) 454-9451.

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