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One of Detroit's hometown heroes will serve as Grand Marshal for the 92nd *America's Thanksgiving Parade® presented by Art Van*, CBS sportscasting legend, Jim Nantz (pictured).

The 3-mile long parade steps off at 8:50 a.m. at Kirby and Woodward, adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Arts and ends at Congress Street south of Campus Martius Park.



SHOWINGS

Food for the Soul: Paintings of Musician Photos in Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit *Food for the Soul*, a combination of multi-media works based on photographs of Detroit-area musicians, now through November 27.

This exhibition will also feature solo works and sculptures relating to music and how the power of music feeds the soul.

Photographers in the exhibit are Andrew Evans, Jim Aho, Jane Cassisi, and Tim Tonachella (*Blues Man photo, pictured*). The accompanying interpretive painters are Jon Lange, Carrie Wheeler, Robby Gall, Jeni Wheeler, Liz Gullikson, Sharlene Welton (*Blues Man painting, pictured*), Mary Jo Caruana, Jack Cameron, Ponch Gailliard, Darin Darby, Jody Mitchell and Lay Puzzim. Along with these paintings of photos, there will also be solo artists, sculptors, spoken word art, and musicians on hand during the exhibit.

This current art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public: Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information call (734) 394-5300 or see cantonvillagetheater.org. The gallery is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., in Canton.



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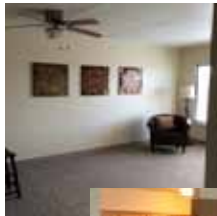
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Historical Museum's Third Thursday Lecture, Nov. 15



Dr. John Telford (pictured), will open the Historical Museum's Third Thursday lecture series, this Thursday, November 15 at 6 p.m., with a presentation and book signing about Detroit sports legend Will Robinson.

The event is free. Copies of Dr. Telford's book on the life of Will Robinson will be available for sale with proceeds going to the Historical Society. For info call (313) 833-0277 or see detroithistorical.org. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Midtown Detroit.



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5th Fringe Festival: Avant Garde Detroit Performance Art

The 5th Annual Detroit Fringe Festival takes place from Thursday, November 15 through Sunday, November 18 at four venues across Detroit, with Michigan playwrights and performing artists showcasing a variety of genres from narrative theater to literary-inspired musical performances, to avant-garde performance art pieces.

Since its inception the Detroit Fringe has featured over 200 artists, highlighting new creations from Michigan playwrights and performers. This year's festival showcases the diversity of the performing arts landscape with a total of fifteen performances featured in six separately ticketed events at four different theaters across Detroit, including Planet Ant, CMAP Detroit, Light Box and the Jam Handy.

The festival also supports artists via the new Professional Development Mentorship program, connecting Fringe artists with local performing arts professionals to further generate networks of creative support and collaboration. Tickets range from \$8-\$15 or an all-inclusive pass for \$70 (no one turned away for lack of funds). For full schedule and more info see detroitfringefest.com.



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SYMPHONIC NEWS**Ruth's Music Notes**

Ruth Crystal-Zaromp

Michigan Opera Theatre's current production of Rossini's *Barber of Seville* began this past Saturday evening. Due to the wealth of other events on opening night, I will be seeing it on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. with the opera talk beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be two more shows after that, one on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and one on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Rossini's *Barber* is composed with a great sense of humor, featuring Rosina (performed here by Daniela Mack) as the desired commodity with all males wanting to have her for themselves.

Among the secondary arias that usually draw my attention is that of Berta (performed here by Cheyanne Coss). Berta is a maid servant in the household of Dr. Bartolo (performed here by Andrew Shore). Personally, I envision Berta as a usual working girl with a family of her own to return to at night. Berta has the intelligence to judge the goings on around her, which we are to find out as she sings.

In many productions of *Barber*, Berta's aria is cut out completely and in at least one other production that I saw, Berta was portrayed as the hot female who would love to get her hands on Dr. Bartolo. For information on tickets for the current production check MichiganOpera.org.

This week, the DSO is featuring conductor John Storgårds together with solo violinist Pekka Kuusisto.

John Storgårds has a dual career as a conductor and violin virtuoso



and is widely recognized for his creative flair for programming. He additionally holds the title of Artistic Director of the Chamber Orchestra of Lapland.

The program will include a violin concerto by Daniel Bjarnason (commissioned by the Iceland Symphony and L.A. Philharmonic as part of Reykjavík Festival at L.A. Phil. last spring), a composition by George Antheil titled *Over the Plains*.

George Antheil (July 8, 1900 – February 12, 1959) was an American avant-garde composer, pianist, author, and inventor whose modernist musical compositions explored the modern sounds – musical, industrial, and mechanical – of the early 20th century.

The program will end with the well-known Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4*. Performances will take place on Friday morning, Nov. 16, at 10:45 a.m., Saturday evening at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

For tickets, see DSO.org.

Superstar Soprano Audra McDonald is giving a solo recital at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor this coming Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m. Many of her fans remember her from her performance here at MOT. She has been on TV on many occasions since then, to which those who tend to watch educational TV can attest.

Audra McDonald has received six Tony awards and a 2015 National Medal of Arts. See UMS.org for information.

The *Klezmephonic* instrumentalists (pictured) will be appearing at Kerrytown Concert House this Saturday, November 17.

I heard them in Southfield a couple of years ago. They are exceptional musicians who perform music of Eastern European countries. If anyone would like to recollect and relive their older memories, this program would be appropriate for them.

For information, go to Kerrytownconcerthouse.com.



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Little Known 'Players Club' Revealed at Historical Museum

The Detroit Historical Museum has opened its new exhibition featuring E. Jefferson Avenue's 'mysterious' all-male playhouse *The Players*, running now through January 6, 2019 in the Museum's Robert and Mary Ann Bury Community Gallery.

Despite its existence of almost 109 years, *The Players*, an all-male theatre club is relatively unknown by those outside of its ranks. This all-new exhibit lets Museum attendees step into the storied history of this secretive and fanciful Detroit-based thespian club's "beautiful lady" — The Players' landmark playhouse just east of the RenCen along E. Jefferson Ave. and the many hundreds of 'Players' who have acted across its Model T-era stage.

Visitors will learn about prominent Players and see props and artifacts taken directly from the venerable stage, including ornate costumes and architectural elements. A timeline of significant events in the group's history is also included. Decorative flags, theater curtains and personalized theatre seating from decades past will help to unveil one of Downtown's hidden gems, while archive video footage of *Players* gatherings, called *Frolics*, will give visitors an inside look at the club's century-long camaraderie.

For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or see detroithistorical.org. The Museum is open Tuesday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for everyone, all the time. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$9.

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Stan Lee: Master of the Marvel Universe

by Paul Arlon

Over the Veteran's Day holiday, the *Marvel Universe* lost its original superhero — the remarkable Stan Lee.

At 95 years of age, it was inevitable that Lee's story would have to have a final chapter. But, for most fans of Marvel comic books and their impressive movie offshoots (including me), we just never thought it would really happen.

For those steeped in Marvel lore, with an intimate knowledge of Lee's creations and co-creations, such as *Doc Strange*, *Spider-Man*, *the Fantastic Four*, *the Hulk*, *the re-imagined Captain America*, *Iron Man*, *Thor*, *the X-Men*, *Nick Fury*, *Daredevil*, *Black Panther*, and literally dozens of other good and evil beings with mutant powers, the idea of Stan Lee living forever never seemed impossible.

Fact is, Stan Lee will indeed never really die. There's arguably no more historically significant figure in all of comicdom than Lee.

Some may try to press a case for other comic book pioneers to be the most revered originator of the modern comic book, such as Bob Kane and *Batman*, or Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel with *Superman*, but, let's face it, no one person before or since ever had a hand in the development of so many culturally-embedded comic book superheroes.

No one even comes close.

Lee, born Stanley Martin Lieber on December 28, 1922, launched the first Marvel Comics success in 1961 — the *Fantastic Four*.

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Stan Lee, almost singularly responsible for most of the Marvel Universe, had the greatest super power of them all — his imagination

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The world would have been a much different place if there was never a Stan Lee, and, now, for sure, it will be a much different place without him.

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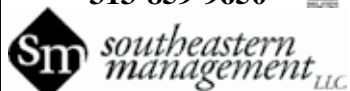
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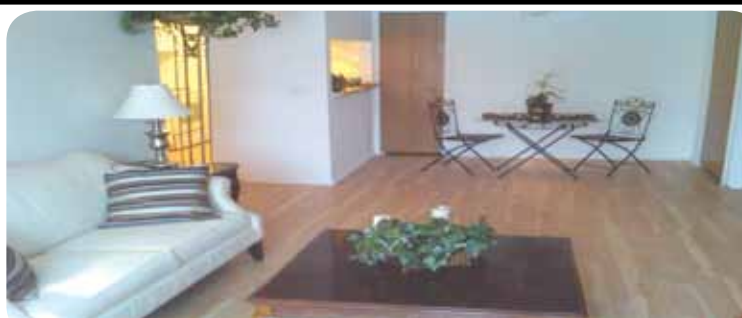
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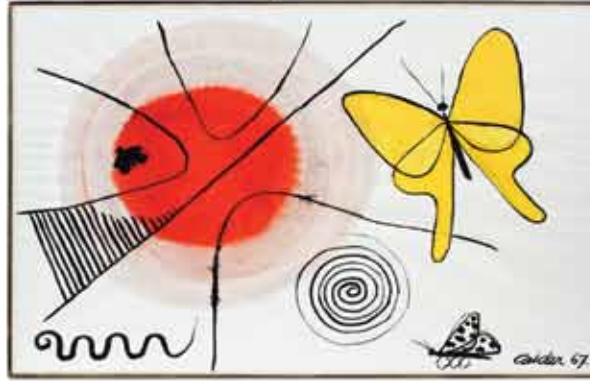
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