

# DOWNTOWN MONITOR

## 7th Annual Cinetopia Film Festival



Spanning 10 days, the *Cinetopia Film Festival* brings some 40+ films to Greater Detroit area venues, including those in Dearborn and Ann Arbor. The films represent a variety of different genres, including feature-length dramas, comedies and documentaries culled from a number of the world's most prestigious film festivals, including Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, SXSW and Tribeca. This year's lineup features a number of Michigan and U.S. premieres.

The festival begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre with the Midwest premiere of *Eighth Grade* (pictured, above) and will run through Sunday, June 10, ending in Downtown Detroit. The festival also has screenings scheduled in Dearborn, where the Arab American National Museum presents the *Arab Film Festival*, (see related story on Page 6), as well as The Henry Ford and their Giant Screen Experience.

The festival wraps up in Detroit, with screenings at the Detroit Film Theatre inside of the DIA, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the College for Creative Studies, Cinema Detroit and in West Bloomfield at the Maple Theater. In its first six years, the festival attracted well over 125,000 total attendees. For a complete screening schedule, see [cinetopiafestival.org](http://cinetopiafestival.org).

Just a few highlights from this year's Festival are listed as follows:

The Michigan Premiere of *Love, Gilda*, shows at the DFT on Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. This portrait of Detroit native Gilda Radner (pictured), shows the iconic and heroic comedienne in ways that the public has never known: The Radner who struggled with success, fame, relationships, and her battle with a life-ending disease. In *Love, Gilda*, rare personal recordings and journal entries tell Radner's story in her own words.



### *Best of the Fest: Children's Film Festival Seattle 2018*

This program at the Michigan Theatre on Saturday, June 2 at 12:05 p.m., is free and open to the public. Dive into exciting adventures, vibrant colors and exquisite storytelling with this timeless collection of 11 animated films from 9 countries. Chase a kite into a mysterious cave, soar with a flock of birds, discover the way to wake up a whole town, swim with a magnificent Orca (pictured), and discover all the things that make each person special!



*Cinematic Journey Through the Arab World: Celebrating Arab Women Filmmakers* (pictured, above). Directed entirely by well-established Arab and Arab American women, and each with a strong female lead, these five shorts celebrate the talent, creativity and power of Arab filmmakers. Showing at the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, on Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Tickets to individual Cinetopia films are \$15 for the general public and are on sale now, while members of the Arab American National Museum, Cinema Detroit, DIA, Charles H. Wright Museum, The Henry Ford, and Michigan Theatre can purchase tickets for \$12. For more information and to purchase tickets and festival passes visit [cinetopiafestival.org](http://cinetopiafestival.org).

## SHOWINGS

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Tickets to *Star Wars™ and the Power of Costume* include a free multimedia tour – youth and adult versions – that will draw connections between the films' costumes and works of art in the DIA's collection, allowing visitors to experience the museum in new ways.

Time slots for this special exhibition will sell out, so be sure to purchase your

tickets in advance, either online or by calling (313) 833-4005. Tickets run \$7-\$24 and residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties receive \$5 off all adult tickets. The show runs through Sept. 30, Tues - Sun.

For more info, see dia.org. The Detroit Institute of Arts is located at 5200 Woodward Avenue in Midtown Detroit.

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# 45th Annual Indian Village Home & Garden Tour



Here's a unique way to learn more about Detroit's rich history while having fun and enjoyment—the *Annual Indian Village Home and Garden Tour*.

This year promises to be just as unique and full of surprises as the very first tour 45 years ago. Each of the homes has their own unique history. What you'll see is not just a collection of wonderfully appointed, stunningly decorated neighborhood homes, but a well-selected collection of historical treasures that open the door to the wonderful rich history that we have in the city of Detroit.

Detroit is not just about preserving the Downtown business area, but preserving neighborhoods like Indian Village, which by the way, will celebrate its 123rd anniversary this year.

Made up of 352 homes located on Seminole, Iroquois and Burns, Indian Village is a delight to visit. There are so many people who live in the Greater Detroit area that have never visited here, but once you do, you're in for an eye opening experience.

Each home is different, there are no look-a-

likes in Indian Village except perhaps one, on Seminole near Vernor.

This year you will delight in the diversity of architecture and design that can be seen on the 2018 tour. Each has its own unique story that can only be told by the well-trained tour guides and docents that will be readily available to tell those amazing stories. Get your walking shoes ready for a wonderful day of history and fun.

Here is just a brief overview of two of the homes you will see:

The selection of homes this year offer architecture from some of the finest architects in the world; well-known architect Smith, Hinchman and Grylls designed this home on Iroquois in 1914 for Richard Hudson Webber and his wife the former Eloise C. Jenks.

Richard Hudson Webber was the nephew of Joseph L. Hudson and became President of J.L. Hudson Company after the death of his uncle, in a position he held until 1961.

Another home on the tour this year is designed by architect Leonard B. Willeke and built in 1917 for Josephine Hudson Clay af-

ter her marriage to Ernest Carlton Kanzler. Josephine's mother was Eliza Hudson Clay, sister of J.L. Hudson, her sister was Eleanor Clay, wife of Edsel Ford.

Lunch and snacks can be purchased at several locations within walking distance in The Village; Jefferson Ave. Presbyterian Church, the Waldorf School, Conventional Missionary Baptist Church will sell BBQ, and Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church will sell Maurice salad and dessert with indoor restaurant style seating. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

The *45th Annual Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour* will be two exciting days: Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.- and Sunday, June 10 -12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

The historic tour will include 6 historic homes, 3 gardens, 3 churches and 1 school.

Tickets are \$22.50 in advance, and \$25.00 on tour days. Online ticket sales are on the Indian Village website or at [IndianVillage2018.Eventbrite.com](http://IndianVillage2018.Eventbrite.com).

For more information visit the Facebook page at [facebook.com/IndianVillageHGTour](http://facebook.com/IndianVillageHGTour).



## SYMPHONIC NEWS

### Ruth's Music Notes

Ruth Crystal-Zaromp

Currently showing at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, West Bloomfield through June 17, *Casa Valentina* tries to portray the lives of transvestites.

Of all the different types of humanity, these seem to be harmless enough, although they might not always fit into the generally accepted view of humanity.

The play provides a scenic view of what might/has occurred with these people. A group of transvestites assembles for a weekend together at a place in the Catskill Mountains in New York State (1962). We are introduced to people who fulfill different functions in our daily lives up to and including a judge.

As the outsider looking in, I was most impressed with the actors. The story told is based on true facts, dealing with heterosexual transvestites, who are persecuted by society. When one is asked about what he would like in life, it is to "be normal."

*Casa Valentina* may be different in its content from most other plays, but it is most convincing by the actors: Rita (Jean Lyle Lepard), as the wife of George/Valentina (Ron Williams) comes off as a relatively small character who goes along with her husband as his helper.

Valentina is a gorgeous looking female, who in real life after the death of his wife lived full-time as Valentina.

Greg Trzaskoma portrays as Isadore/Charlotte, who in real life lived her life as a woman.



In this small society described, we find successful people such as a journalist, a publisher, and a judge (Arthur Beer as Amy). They live a decent life in society but are always fearful to be found out and exposed.

For more information, call (248) 788-2900 or check JetTheatre.org.

This coming weekend, the DSO will feature Robert Spano, conductor and Seong-Jin Cho, piano (pictured).

The program features the world premiere of composer Jared Miller (b. 1988), called *Luster*, Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 1*, and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

Jared Miller was born in Los Angeles and raised in

Vancouver.

His work, *Luster* had been commissioned by the DSO last year.

This will be taking place at Orchestra Hall on Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 1, at 10 a.m., and Saturday, June 2, at 8 p.m.

For further information, check dso.org or call (313) 576-5111.

This coming Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m., the Cranbrook Music Guild will feature Pianist Dizhou Zhao with his DSO Friends: Yoonshin Song (violin), Hai-Xin Wu (violin) Eric Nowlin (viola), and Wei Yu (cello), principal section performers of the DSO.

Dizhou Zhao began studying the piano at the age of four in his hometown of Shanghai. By age seven he



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## Foot Health Today

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*no. 4 in C Major, Op. 102 no. 1* with Wei Yu, and Shostakovich's *Piano Quintet in G minor, Op. 57* with Yoonshin Song, Hai-Xin Wu, violins, Eric Nowlin, viola and Wei Yu cello.

This program will take place at Christ Church Cranbrook, located at 470 Church Rd., in Bloomfield Hills.

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## CINEMA CULTURE

### Arab Film Festival Returns to Cinetopia for Fourth Year

The Arab Film Festival (AFF) returns to the Cinetopia Film Festival, Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 10. Films will screen in Ann Arbor at the Michigan and State Theaters and in Dearborn at the Arab American National Museum.

This year's film program features films from the Arab World that amplify the perspective of marginalized communities. Many of these films are unlikely to show at commercial theaters and almost all are making their Michigan premiere.

Some highlights include the U.S. premiere of several titles, including *A Certain Nasser*, an intimate portrait of Georges Nasser, the 'grandfather of Lebanese cinema' (pictured), which is paired with the first Lebanese film screened at the Cannes Film Festival, Nasser's 1957 classic *Where to?* on Sunday, June 10.

A critical smash at Cannes this year, *Beauty and the Dogs* (June 6 & 7) tells the story of a young Tunisian woman's harrowing night in which she must fight for her rights and her dignity. A talkback with The Campaign director Jenny Montasir and Amanda Ajrouche, coordinator of Domestic Violence Prevention at ACCESS, will immediately follow the film.

The short films program, has expanded to include two unique programs of award-winning shorts, all of which will make their Michigan premiere. The first shorts program focuses on *Everyday Heroes from the Arab World*, on Friday, June 8 and the second program, *Celebrating Arab Women Filmmakers* on Saturday, June 9, are short films exclusively directed by and starring women. All films are presented with English subtitles.

Tickets to all AFF screenings can be purchased at [cinetopiafestival.org/tickets/](http://cinetopiafestival.org/tickets/), or at the door during the festival, if available. See the full schedule at [arabamericanmuseum.org/aff18](http://arabamericanmuseum.org/aff18).

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## SPORTING LIFE

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The DGP and its partners since 2007 have made more than \$13 million in lasting improvements to the island, including:

- Repairing damaged lighting and drainage systems
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• Creating pedestrian walkways and new bicycle paths on Belle Isle

Will Power (pictured) sits atop the Verizon IndyCar Series as Detroit plays host to the only doubleheader weekend on the motorsports circuit.

Power, the 37-year-old Australian and Indianapolis 500 champion, drives for Detroit's own Roger Penske, and motors into town with his first Indy 500 title.

Now comes another tough act, to keep the momentum going for Team Penske and challenge for supremacy at the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear happening June 1-3.

In addition to the Saturday

and Sunday 70-lap IndyCar Series races, Belle Isle hosts the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli and rugged trucks of the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks.

Detroit is afforded live national television coverage as ABC Sports covers the races Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Shuttle parking is available at Cobo Center and the Renaissance Center.

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Martin Eichorn contributed.

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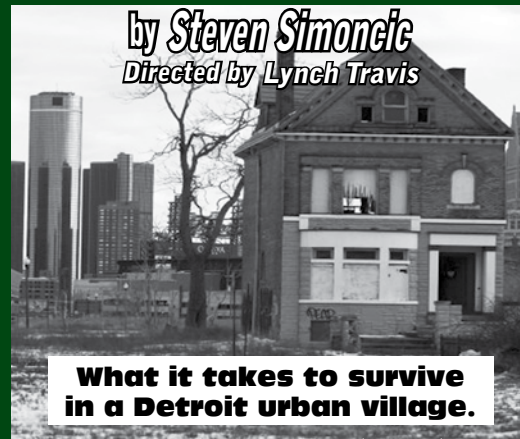
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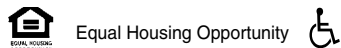
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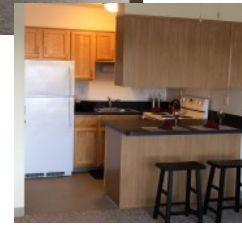
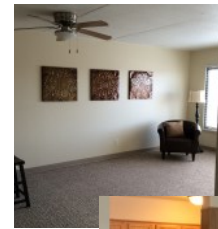
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