# DOWNTOWN Thursday, September 19, 2019 MONTON Thursday, September 19, 2019

### **Greater Detroit's Original Weekly**

### **Detroit Design Festival**

The *Detroit Design Festival (DDF)*, has scheduled events through Monday, September 30 with citywide displays of creativity. The Festival brings together designers and enthusiasts alike to celebrate Detroit's new designation as a UNESCO City of Design — the first city in the United States — and one of only a few cities on the planet to be so designated. For more information and a complete schedule of events, see detroitdesignfestival.com.

Following are just a few highlights from the Festival's 55 events:



**Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., Eastern Market, Detroit** The historic Eastern Market District will have more than 30 studios and galleries open late throughout the market. Sheds 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be open with interactive experiences, brand activations with up-and-coming designers, designer spotlights, installations, and parties.

Pick up an *Eastern Market After Dark* map in Shed 2 for a complete list of events and open studios upon arrival.



**Saturday Sept. 21, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Smith Shop, 180 Victor, Highland Park** The *2nd Annual Metalwork Market* is a one-day celebration of artistic metalwork held in Highland Park's historic industrial zone at Smith Shop. The Metalwork Market will feature works for sale, and demos on jewelry, silversmithing, blacksmithing, machining, and welding. Information about local metalwork classes and educational opportunities will be available. Drinks and light fare on-site. The Metalwork Market is free and open to the public. For more info, see smithshop.com.



**Saturday, September 28, Noon - 10 p.m., Livernois Avenue, Detroit** *Light Up Livernois* returns for its sixth edition on Detroit's Historic Avenue of Fashion, Livernois Ave., south of 8 Mile.

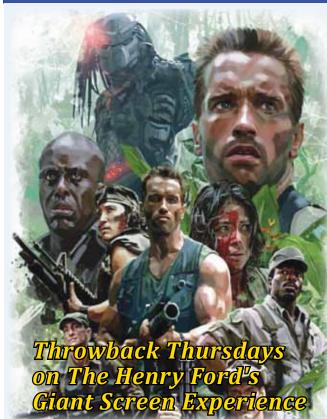
With a focus on how great urban design can drive the economic future of this neighborhood, programming will include open businesses, fashion vignettes, urban redevelopment plans, musical performances, and small business highlights.



#### Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Rebirth on the Rouge

Visit the 100-year-old *Carbon Athletics Club* and hear about the history of design in this area, from the creation of Zug Island to the Ford Rouge Plant, and exciting new projects taking place up and down the Rouge River, like the Rouge Water Trail, the Iron Belle Trail, Rouge Park and the Fort Street Bridge Park. The afternoon will include a visit to the site of the new Fort Street Bridge Park, followed by live music by local songwriters. The Carbon Athletics Club is located at 111 Gates Street, in Detroit. RSVP through eventbrite.com.

### SHOWINGS



The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation will present a series of classic and cult films on Michigan's largest movie screen with its schedule of *Throwback Thursday Films* on the Museum's Giant Screen Experience.

On Thursday, September 19, the Giant Screen Experience presents Predator (pictured, 1987). Major 'Dutch' Schaefer and a team of special force ops go on a rescue mission for potential survivors of a Helicopter crash. They find themselves being hunted by something that is out of this world. On Thursday, October 3 — *Mean Girls (2004)*. A story that showcases a girl named Cady who moves to the United States after living in Africa for 15 years. She finds herself comparing the public high school chaos to her life back in the jungle. On Thursday, October 10 — The Sixth Sense (1999). A chilling drama about an eight-year-old boy named Cole who discovers that he is able to see and talk to the dead. Cole starts to confide in a psychologist, Dr. Crowe, and tells him about this secret. As they begin to uncover Cole's abilities, Dr. Crowe is surprised by something he thought to be unexplainable. Movies scheduled for upcoming Throwback Thursdays, include: Beetlejuice (1988),

*Hocus Pocus (1993), and Rocky (1976).* The Henry Ford Giant Screen Experience features Michigan's largest movie screen - over six stories tall & eight stories wide, highest seating capacity, and a 12,000-watt 6-channel digital surround sound system.

Tickets to the movies shown at Throwback Thursdays are Seniors (62+) \$ 9 and Members at \$7.75. General Admission (12-61), \$10, and Members at \$ 8.50, Youth (5-11) \$7.50, with Members at \$6.25, and tickets for Children (4 & Under) are \$7.50, with Members at \$6.25. For a schedule of films showing on the Giant Screen, see thehenryford.org/visit/giant-screen-experience/, or Text THFMOVIE to 36698 for Throwback Thursday movie updates.

The Giant Screen Experience is located inside of The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, in Dearborn.

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### **AROUND THE CITY**

#### **Ed Deeb and Metro Youth Day** Laydell Harper

"Flowers for the living," the person who coined that phrase, and says it often to others is the person that should be on the receiving end of that phrase, its Ed Deeb. Deeb is founder of the Michigan Food and Beverage Assn., the Eastern Market Merchants Assn., Friends of Eastern Market, and the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation. All are important to this community, but the one that stands out the most is the *Annual Metro Youth Day* event on Belle Isle.

"When we started Metro Youth Day 38 years ago it was to instill peace in the community following altercations," said Deeb. "It is truly a success story about people and organizations working together for

harmonious relationships and a better community. We must continue to work together to also protect our youth and inspire them to do the most good."

"Metro Detroit Youth Day works hard to inspire our youth to do the most good. The Michigan Food and Beverage Association (MFBA) and Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) which I founded, have been working very hard to improve our communities and the state of our children," said Deeb. "At this event, we invite numerous dignitaries, leaders, sports stars, entertainment, and others to join us at this popular and colorful event."

"We have recently established College Row where about a dozen colleges and universities participate in the event as well," comments Deeb. "Also we give out more than 120 college scholarships each year and honor undergraduates for academic achievement and community service in the tri-county area."

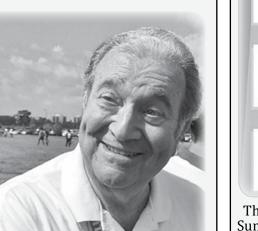
While the Youth Day event continues to be an annual success, so have some of the other community projects that Deeb has initiated; Unbeknownst to most people, in 1971 some 20 operators of retail and wholesale businesses at Eastern Market called for a meeting indicating that they were going to leave the Eastern Market area. The reason they cited included freeway repairs limiting customer access, market business was not as large as it used to be, and grocery stores in the area were starting to sell more fresh produce in addition to meats and canned goods.

In 1972 Ed Deeb then the head of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association was asked to start a new organization, he called it the Eastern Market Merchants Association. Its goal was to promote the Eastern Market area to attract more customers. Various promotional activities were used to promote the area; parades down Russell Street, contests, and gospel fests.

"But thanks to the forward thinking of several key individuals, namely, Walt Watkins, George Jackson, Kate Beebe, and myself," said Deeb. "We were contacted to form the Eastern Market Corporation in 2008 and urged the City to permit the people at the market to run Eastern Market because of their vast knowledge of food, the vendors, and since the area itself is one of the largest farmers markets in the U.S. along with Faneuil Hall in Boston and Pike's Market in Seattle."

Today we've got a real jewel in the Downtown Detroit area. Did you know: The Eastern Market farmer's distribution center is the largest open-air flowerbed market in the United States and has more than 150 foods and specialty businesses?

Thanks to Deeb and others the Eastern Market is thriving. On any given Saturday it is packed with nearly 45,000 shoppers looking for fresh vegetables, flowers or fresh baked goods. The Sunday Market, with artists, cooks and more is open from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. September 22 will be the last Sunday Market of the season. Greater Detroit's Eastern Market is located on Russell, running between Mack and Gratiot Aves.



### LIVE THEATRE



The Sixth *Detroit Fringe Festival* will take place Thursday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 22 at five venues in Detroit and Hamtramck with 17 shows and over 40 artists.

The Fringe Festival highlights new and work-in-progress creations from Michigan playwrights and performers.

Each year a 'selection by peers' advisory council of local arts professionals select performances from a pool of applicants, after a month-long open call. Selected participants are not only given material stipends and production assistance but more importantly the Fest creates a marketed and oftentimes sold-out platform to showcase their work.

This year, the Fest will soft-launch at The Jam Handy on Thursday, September 19 with Emergency INDEX, which is an annual performance publication, published by Ugly Duckling Presse, documenting a wide range of performance events in the words of their creators. To celebrate the launch of the digital edition of Volume 7, a group of Detroit artists will offer a *state of the field* view by re-staging, reinterpreting, and re-presenting performance works from the preceding year.

For tickets, official performance line-ups, locations and more information see detroitfringefest.com.

### Detroit Rep Actors Workshop



The Detroit Repertory Theatre presents its Fall semester of their well-respected *Actors Workshop Program*, with classes Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning October 5 at Trinity Community Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The Rep's classes culminate in a *showcase* presentation on the stage of the historic Detroit Repertory Theatre on Monday, December 9.

Founded in 1975, the Detroit Repertory Theatre's Actors Workshop is a ten-week actor's training program providing professional instruction in refining acting skills, pursuing a theater career, gaining confidence in communication skills, or simply in fulfilling a need for self-expression.

Students will study Voice & Diction, Improvisation, Scene Study, and Audition Technique. The Workshop is open to adults 18 and older and no prior acting experience or training is required. Registration for classes will be held at the Detroit Repertory Theatre on Saturday, September 28. First time registrants will be required to perform a monologue from a published play, not to exceed one minute in length.

The cost of the ten-week workshop is \$185 per student. However, if a student is able to demonstrate limited financial resources, scholarships up to the full cost of the workshop will be awarded, based on financial need. Income verification documents, such as payroll stubs and/or income tax forms, will need to be presented at registration for review and determination of need.

Limited slots are available. First come, first served. Anyone wishing to register must call the Theatre during business hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (313) 868-1347. For more information, see detroitreptheatre.com.

The Detroit Repertory Theatre is located at 13103 Woodrow Wilson, just south of Davison in Detroit.

### SYMPHONIC NEWS



### **Ruth's Music Notes**

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On this past weekend, the sold-out Hill Auditorium was a true witness to the impact and prestige of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (A2SO).

Following the steppingdown of its long-term conductor Arie Lipsky, Mark Gibson served as conductor for this event. Gibson is the director of Orchestral Studies at the Cincinnati Conservatory and has conducted for many years on the world stages (St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, New York City Opera).

The seasoned world class pianist Emanuel Ax was the soloist, performing the Piano Concerto No. 2 by Brahms. It is among the most demanding works of its kind, featuring both dynamic extremes, which Ax navigated impressively. In the third, slow movement - the cello plays a central role, performed by Principal Cellist Caroline Kim.

Following the Brahms, they played together as an encore, a selection from some short concert pieces for piano and cello by Schumann.

An avid performing artist, Caroline Kim is a versatile performer as well as a motivating pedagogue.

She recently completed her Doctoral of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had the privilege of working with many prominent conductors including James Gaffigan, Nicholas McGegan, Leonard

Slatkin, and Alan Gilbert, among others. She studied chamber music with many renowned musicians such as members of the Juilliard Quartet, Emerson Quartet, Cho-Liang Lin, Joseph Kalichstein, and Jerome Lowenthal.

The next concert of the A2SO will take place on October 12. It includes Stravinsky's Fairy Kiss, Dvorak's Cello Concerto (Zlatomir Fung, cello), and Joan Tower's Made in America.

*Made in America* has reached a more widespread audience in a shorter span of time than many other modern compositions do in a decade. A sort of fantasia on Amer*ica, the Beautiful,* Made in America was intentionally composed to appeal to a wise cross-section of the American population. Laura Jackson will serve as guest conductor.

For more information, call (734) 994-4801.

The Vivace Series will be opening its new season at the Birmingham Temple. It will feature The Sean Blackman Trio, world music for guitar, percussion and bass on Saturday September 21, 8 p.m. Sean Blackman (*pictured*) and his trio take his audience on a musical journev around the world. His eclectic style includes echoes of jazz, blues, rock and soul.

Α native Detroiter. Sean has won numerous awards. He also lectures at local schools to celebrate diversity.

The Birmingham Temple is located at 28611 West Twelve Mile Rd, between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-1410.

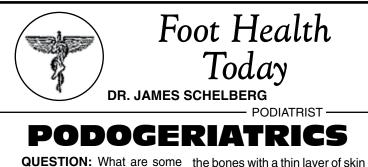


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The church, located at 631 W. Fort Street, at Fort and Third Ave., is wheelchair accessible, and free, secure parking is available next to the church.

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The fifth *Strides for Seniors* campaign caps its 30-day campaign showcasing neighborhood senior centers with the *Walk & Expo* on Friday, Sept. 20 at Palmer Park. The campaign spotlights Detroit's neighborhood centers and the important role they play in many thousands of lives.

The community can support Strides for Seniors by: Introducing a senior to a local senior center, where they can meet other active seniors, participate in meals, classes and activities, and form new friendships; By attending the Aging Resource Expo at Palmer Park on Friday, September 20, where dozens of professionals will be on hand from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., offering health and wellness info, plus advice on insurance options, caregiver services and other concerns facing older adults; and by joining the Walk or Dance at 11 a.m., with one and three mile walks. There's also a hustle dance option. Registration is \$25 – including lunch and a t-shirt – and team participation is encouraged. All proceeds from entry fees, pledges and donations will help support senior center programs.

For more information or to sign up for the walk, call (313) 833-7080 or see stridesforseniors.org. Palmer Park is located between 6 & 7 Mile, just west of Woodward in Detroit.



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### SPECIAL EVENT

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International Red Panda Day will be observed on Saturday, September 21, at the Detroit Zoo's Holtzman Wildlife Foundation Red Panda Forest to celebrate red pandas Ravi, 3, Ash, 4, and Ta-Shi, 14. Zookeeper talks will take place at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Interactive learning experiences will enhance guests' knowledge about these charismatic creatures, the threats they face in their natural habitat and the work the Detroit Zoological Society is doing to protect wild red pandas.

Guests will have the opportunity to explore images of red pandas taken in Nepal and China with the use of trail cameras, important conservation tools to understand wild red panda populations. A bamboo observation station will allow guests to use tools to explore this important dietary staple for red pandas.

On *World Rhino Day* on Sunday, September 22, southern white rhinoceroses Jasiri, 19, and Tamba, 18, will be celebrated – along with their wild counterparts. Engaging learning activities will take place throughout the day at the rhino habitat, with storytelling at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and zookeeper talks at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Guests will learn of the threats facing these mega-herbivores as well as facts about the five species of rhinos living in Africa and Asia. Visitors will have the chance to build observation skills by comparing themselves to a life-size cutout of a rhinoceros's body and plaster casts of rhino footprints. Guests will also be able to examine rhino horn replicas while learning about how poaching has impacted wild populations as well as conservation efforts to save these species. For information, call (248) 541-5717 or see detroitzoo.org. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of I-696 and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak.

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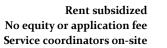




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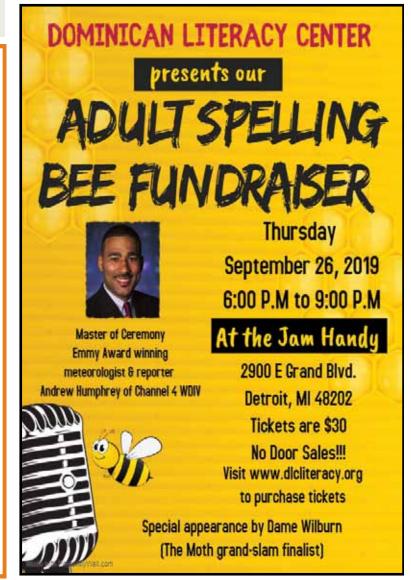




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### A Waste of Space

By Don Campbell



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His journey will uncover the mystery surrounding his presumed dead father.

His top-secret mission is hampered by space pirates on the moon and the effects of his father's experiment.

In addition to the fate of the solar system is the complication of Mc-Bride's strained relationship with his father. Along the journey, Mc-Bride has to overcome ships in distress and endless psych exams. I love all things sci-fi, but I expected much more.

The scenes on Mars just showed some fleeting shots of pedestrians and underground passages. Nothing in the way of human accomplishment or scientific marvel.

Some of the script is inexplicable, like a large body of water on Mars that McBride has to swim through to catch his flight to Neptune. Or how spaceships carry enough life-support for 30 years in deep space.

Donald Sutherland plays an ex-astronaut that assists McBride in his quest, but is soon sidelined.

The beautiful Liv Tyler plays McBride's estranged wife. But she is always well-wrapped in a coat or blankets. Why are they hiding her?

The movie is sullen, dark and unsuspenseful. There are lots of closeups on Brad Pitt, though. More eyelash scenes?

Ad Astra is no 2001. It is not even an Interstellar. At least there were free refills on the popcorn.



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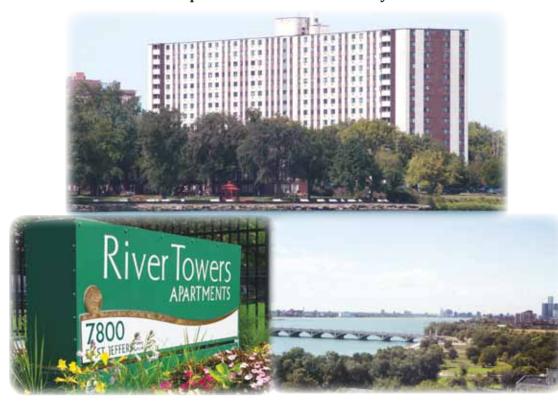


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