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World Series Bound? Tigers Take the Field





Friday, April 7, is one big special holiday in Detroit — *Opening Day* for the Tigers. Besides the 42,000 expected to fill Comerica Park, thousands more will be at Downtown eateries and lounges to soak in the atmosphere and catch the game on big-screen TVs.

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The high-powered Boston Red Sox provide the opposition at 1:10 p.m. with familiar names like Rick Porcello, David Price and club executive Dave Dombrowski. Friday's game is the first of a four-game weekend series. Fox Sports Detroit and MLB Network televise the Opener. WXYT-FM 97.1 has the radio account.

American League *Rookie of the Year* Michael Fulmer is scheduled to pitch for Detroit. He was lights-out in his inaugural season and hopes for great things in 2017. The club finished 86-75 last season and in second-place, eight games behind eventual AL Champion Cleveland Indians.

It's a somewhat sad Opener as the Tigers are honoring deceased owner Mike Ilitch in pre-game ceremonies and also with a giant 'Mr. I' cut into the outfield grass.

Led by pitching ace Justin Verlander and slugger Miguel Cabrera, the Tigers feature a potent lineup. The other starting pitchers are Jordan Zimmermann, Daniel Norris, Matthew Boyd and Fulmer. Everyday players besides Cabrera are 38-year-old designated hitter Victor Martinez, second baseman Ian Kinsler, shortstop Jose Iglesias, third baseman Nicholas Castellanos, left-fielder Justin Upton, center-fielders JaCoby Jones and Andrew Romine, right-fielders J. D. Martinez (on the

JaCoby Jones and Andrew Romine, right-fielders J. D. Martinez (on the disabled list with a right-foot sprain), Mikie Hahtook and Tyler Collins, and catcher James McCann with Alex Avila available as a back-up backstop.

The 12-man pitching staff features the five starters mentioned and

seven in the bullpen: closer Francisco Rodriguez, Bruce Rondon, Justin Wilson, Alex Wilson, Kyle Ryan, Shane Greene and Anibal Sanchez. It's the Tigers bullpen, just like always, that really must step up if the Tigers hope to contend. Minor-league backups include Blaine Hardy, Angel Nesbitt, Drew VerHagen and Arcenio Lopez. Joe Jimenez is the future closer.

Gone from last season's team which missed the playoffs on the last day of the season, is center-fielder Cameron Maybin, whose \$9 million contract and injury-prone career were enough for GM Al Avila to ship him to the Los Angeles Angels.

Manager Brad Ausmus is well liked by Tigers brass, yet not so much by the fans and sports talk show hosts. He could be on the hot seat should the club struggle. Guys like V-Mart, Zimmermann, Rondon and whoever plays center and right field will need to stay healthy and perform well. Tiger attendance fell a third straight season in 2016 so the team has loaded the schedule with special theme days, promotional giveaways

loaded the schedule with special theme days, promotional giveaways and ticket discounts early in the season. Highlights include Fulmer bobbleheads, April in the D Trapper hats, magnet and wall calendar schedules; Verlander, J.D. Martinez and Kinsler posters; Pink Out the Park ballcaps, Father's Day socks, Tiger koozies, tote bags, Polish-American Night, college days and the annual Negro League Weekend. Tickets and the full promotional schedule are at tigers.com/tix/or9.

The Tigers have been slated for four national-TV appearances on FOX, two on FS 1 and two thus far on ESPN. Fox Sports Detroit has the majority of games with Mario Impemba, Rod Allen or Kirk Gibson micside.

Prediction: Tigers go 87-75 yet fail to make playoffs. World Series: Red Sox over Cubs.

SHOWINGS

Home: Detroit Society Of Women Painters And Sculptors

Situated inside of Mobile Homestead an exact replica of artist Mike Kelley's childhood home — this MOCAD exhibition, entitled *HOME*, features artwork made by members of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors (DSWPS) that reflects the idea of home as a physical place, a city, objects within a space, or a person or group of people. Founded in 1903, the DSWPS is one of the oldest self-sustaining women's organizations both in Detroit and the United States. Its mission since inception has been to quicken the interest in art movements of the day, stimulate high achievement, active work, and mutual helpfulness among members, and to provide encouragement and support for art students.

The *HOME* exhibit is juried by longtime Detroiter Dominic Pangborn, who has had design studios based in Detroit, Chicago, New York, and Tokyo.

HOME runs through May 14. For more information call (313) 832-6622 or see mocadetroit.org. The Mo-



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CITY SCENE

First Woman President of Council of Baptist Pastors

Laydell Harper

Rev. Dr. Dee Dee Coleman's new appointment as president of the Council of Baptist Pastors Detroit and Vicinity is a huge accomplishment for women nationally and throughout Greater Detroit.

Rev. Coleman (pictured) has been pastor of her own church, the well-known 101 vear-old Russell Street Baptist Church for 17 years. As the new president of the Council, Coleman will lead more than 170 churches in

Greater Detroit.

Rev. Coleman has said she is honored to be the first female president of the council, but her focus will be on social issues that affect everyone such as; education, incarceration, water and drainage fees that are impacting churches.





She also raised her concern about the differences in downtown and the communities. "It is obvious anyone can see the disconnect between what's happening downtown and what's happening in the communities, where many people live," Coleman comments. She continues to speak out about the drainage concerns; Coleman said recently, about "450 churches will close if we do not resolve this drainage issue."

According to the Council website, the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity is an organization that promotes the liberties of each of its members and supports sister churches in Greater Detroit. The group of pastors, clergy and denominational leaders at the local, state, and national levels stand as voices of the Black Church in Detroit and nearby communities.

Rev. Coleman began as a Pastor at Hartford Memorial Baptist church where she was one of the first women preachers in Hartford's pulpit.

Rev. Coleman will be a guest preacher at Hartford on Good Friday for The Seven Last Words Good Friday Service.



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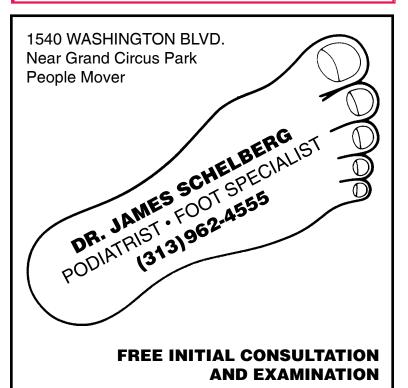








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SYMPHONIC NEWS

Ruth's Music Notes...

Ruth Crystal-Zaromp

This past Saturday marked opening night of the opera Girl of the Golden West. This rarely heard opera describes life in a certain place in California during the gold rush around 1849-50. We are dealing with a mining camp environment, where the largest majority are men with basically only one attractive female available whom they all desire. Meagan Miller as Minnie sang with aplomb together with a penetrating insight into her demanding role. The only other woman character is the Indian woman servant Wowkle (Bryanna Elyse Hunter) who made the most of her minor role. Other than that, all the other characters are men. They come off a little on the gruff side but the singing maintained great feeling and musical distinction (Suzanne Mallare-Acton Chorus Master). One could enjoy that type of singing for a very long time. Dennis Petersen as Nick the bartender has a nice light voice and seems to know exactly how to direct the trains of thought. Harry Greenleaf as Jake Wallace comes across well in his ballad about loneliness for his family while the other men manage to collect the necessary funds to send him home.

The men live a hard and dreary life with their entertainment possibilities being limited to drinking and gambling (no television or radio in those days). Most of them don't even seem to know to read. Minnie. in addition to being owner of the bar, serves also as a teacher to the group of men, although she isn't very educated either. On the other side, she tends to provide a certain motherly support together with the ability to police the situation with her own revolver.

Within this relatively rabid society the strongest man will have the ability to score with Minnie, and in this case the most attractive prospect is Jack Rance the sheriff (Mark

Delavan). Rance would be most convincing if he wasn't already married. Minnie finds her real love in Johnson from Sacramento and the entire second act of the opera deals with their personal commitments to each other. Rafael Davila as Johnson (later known to be Ramirez) showed himself to be a good vocal match to Miller, leaving a certain admiration and bewilderment in the obvious difficulties provided in singing this long act.

Worth mentioning are the sets, which portray an authentic bar scene in Act I and the convincing impression of vast rocky mountain space that seems to extend well beyond the space of the Opera House. Stephen Lord conducted this production in his new role as Principal Conductor of MOT.

The *Girl of the Golden West* continues through April 9. The last performance is a matinee and features the alternate cast with Melissa Citro as Minnie, Jeff Gwaltney as Dick Johnson. For further information, check MichiganOpera.org or call (313) 237-7464.

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Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion with the Blessing and Distribution of Palms.

Thursday, April 13, Maundy Thursday: 12:10 p.m.The Holy Communion in Commemoration of the first Lord's Supper.

Friday, April 14, Good Friday: 12 Noon-3:00 p.m.

Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours.

Sunday, April 16, Easter Day: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. The Festival Choral Eucharist at both services.

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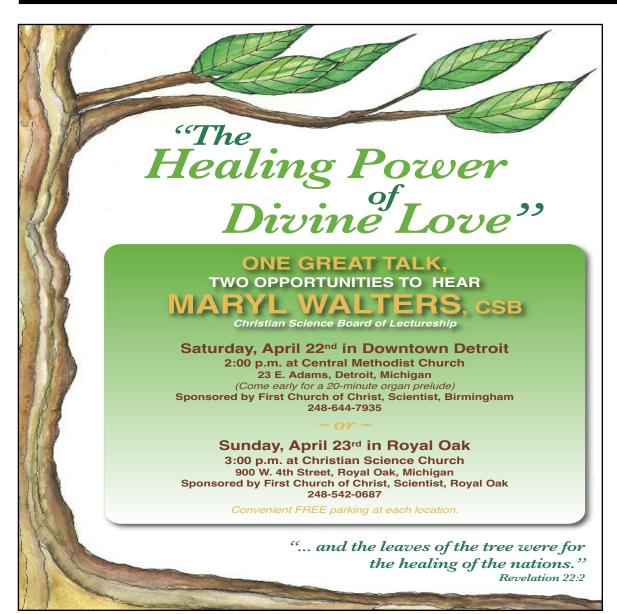
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LIVE THEATRE



Was 'True West' Best When it was Fresh?

By Paul Arlon

I'm a fan of live theatre in general. I'm a fan of Northville's Tipping Point Theatre, in particular. This well thought out stage attracts some of Greater Detroit's top talent, almost always. And, again, almost always, the productions chosen for this theatre's season have been provocative, funny, and entertaining. Like I said, almost always.

I'm fairly suspicious of the term 'classic,' when applied to a play that's 35 years old. Much-honored playwright Sam Shepard's 1982 play, *True West*, has been deemed as such, an American Classic. Well, yeah, you could call it 'classic.' But, you could also call it 'outdated.'

Here's the set-up: Austin (played by the Tipping Point's Artistic Director James R. Kuhl) is a Hollywood screenwriter, who takes advantage of his mother being on vacation, to stay at her house while he finishes his latest movie script.

Seemingly out of nowhere, his estranged older brother, Lee (played by local favorite Ryan Carlson), a petty criminal, low-level burglar, and chain beer drinker, also shows up at the house. These two polar extremes haven't seen each other for five years, but when meeting here, fall into the same childhood relationship that they'd had their whole lives - Lee beating up on the passive Austin.

In their time apart, Austin, an Ivy League graduate-turned screenwriter, has established a success-



Ryan Carlson and James R. Kuhl as Sibling Rivals

ful film script career. Lee, on the other hand, has spent the intervening estrangement living off small crimes and drifting through the surrounding desert badlands. In the simplest terms, Lee is an aggressively manipulative miscreant, and his brother, Austin, is a follow the rules conformist trying to get one more win from his stalled writing career.

Enter Austin's agent and producer, Saul (Andrew Papa) who, while meeting Austin to take gauge of his script, meets Lee, too. Lee, always on the make for a quick score, interlopes into Austin's script deal and steals away Saul's interest, turning Austin's deal into his own. This does nothing for a rekindling of brotherly love between the two. The new deal on the table has Austin helping Lee to write a script that Saul will produce. And, now the crux of the story takes precedence over each character's actions - drunkenness. Alcohol becomes a central Austin longing for the life of a drifting petty thief.

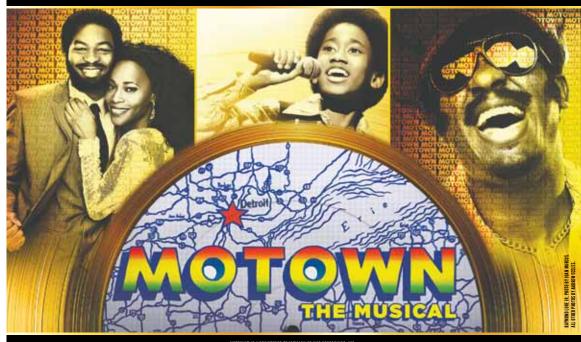
Am I amused by this? Not really. While some believe this to be funny stuff. I do not. Point of fact. I think the use of drunken behavior to drive a story is an unfortunately easyto-use dramatic device. I can't fault the actors. at all. James R. Kuhl and Ryan Carlson are terrific, Andrew Papa as Saul, and the minor appearing Brenda Lane as Mom, are really good, as well. Directed by Hillary Bard, there is nothing about the technical attributes of this play that I can fault.

But, I'll be honest, maybe it's just me, but Sam Shepard wrote the play in 1982, and in 2017, I don't find the play or its unsettled resolution as entertaining as I might have thirty-five years ago.

True West runs through Sunday, April 23, with no show on Easter. Tickets are \$30 to \$35, from tippingpointtheatre.com, (248) 347-0003, or at the theatre box office. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays at 3 p.m at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (except for April 16, Easter), and a special Wednesday matinee on April 12 at 3 p.m. The Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St., in Northville.

figure in the story, with each brother now switching mindsets to become the other – Lee as the deal-making writer, and

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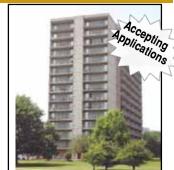


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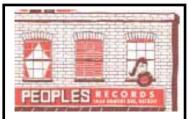
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