

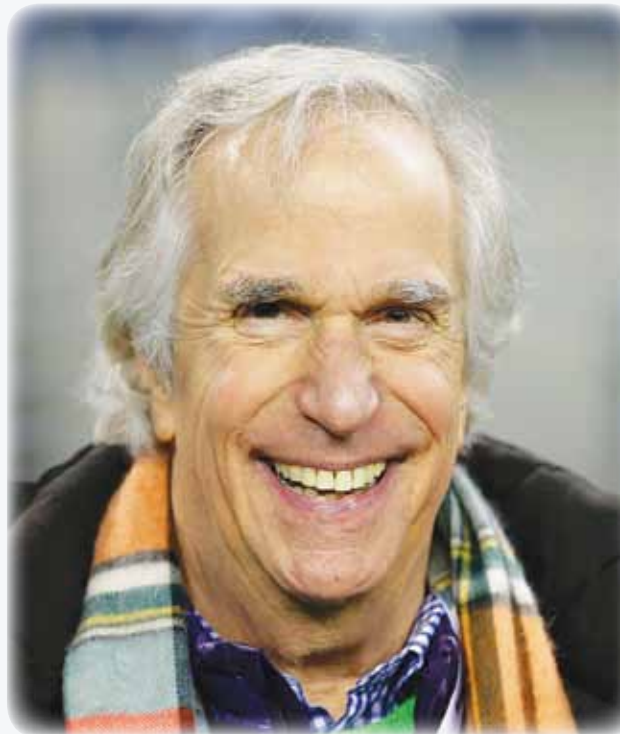
**DOWNTOWN**

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# MONITOR

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

## *Motor City Comic Con: 30 Years of Comic Books and Pop Culture*



Comic book and pop culture enthusiasts from across Michigan converge in Novi from Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19, for the *Motor City Comic Con's 30th Anniversary* — the largest ever.

The weekend features more than a million comic books for sale, along with 250 comic book creators, writers, illustrators and 50+ actors from TV and film who will greet fans, sign autographs, take photos, and host panels and Q & A's. Many fans come dressed in their pop culture best.

Among the dozens of celebrities attending the 30th MCCC event are Henry Winkler (shown, middle), *Fonzie*, from *Happy Days*; Kristian Nairn, Hodor from *Game of Thrones* (shown, above right); Billie Piper and David Tennant from *Dr. Who* (shown, right) and stars from *The Office*, *Sons of Anarchy*, *Star Trek*, and many more fan favorite shows.

A popular event is Saturday's *Cosplay Contest* where a mix of celebrity judges determine the best costume winners, presenting prizes and gift packages. Motor City Comic Con's annual Saturday night bash celebrates *Comic Con Weekend* with entertainment, refreshments, and light hors d'oeuvres for the public. Sunday is *Kid's Day* featuring kid-friendly activities.

This year's *Motor City Comic Con* is Friday, May 17, 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Complete information about the event, including ticket info, is available at [motorcitycomiccon.com/](http://motorcitycomiccon.com/).

*The Motor City Comic Con* takes place at the Suburban Collection Showplace, at 46100 Grand River in Novi.



## AROUND THE CITY

# 53rd Annual Flower Day at Eastern Market



The Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association, in partnership with Eastern Market, hosts its 53rd Annual Flower Day on Sunday, May 20 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This annual tradition draws thousands of flower enthusiasts to the Eastern Market. Expert flower growers from Michigan, Ohio and Canada will proffer their expertise in addition to a vast variety of flowers, plants, shrubs and the like. Buyers will also have free pick-up and drop-off services available for purchases at two locations in the Market. Everyone at the Market can also enjoy a wide variety of food and entertainment on the 53rd Annual Flower Day.

Since parking is oftentimes at a premium during Market special events, here is parking information for Flower Day: Russell Street will be closed at 4 a.m. Live trucks and media vehicles should enter from Riopelle and park in the lot behind Shed 3 between Adelaide and Division.

For more information, call (313) 833-9300, or see EasternMarket.com. For GPS and direction purposes, use the 2600 block of Riopelle as an address. Detroit's Eastern Market is located at 2934 Russell Street, at Gratiot, at the northeast corner of Downtown Detroit.

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Classic Cars can arrive at 6:30 p.m., doors open for theatre seating at 7:30 p.m., with the show at 8 p.m. To receive the Classic Car Night discount, reserve your tickets in advance by calling Meadow Brook Theatre Group Sales at (248) 370-3316.

MBT attendants will be in the parking lot to keep an eye on the cars during the performance. Meadow Brook Theatre is located on a dry campus, though, where alcohol is not permitted.

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University at Wilson Hall, in Rochester.



### Ramadan Fasting 5K Charity Run and Walk



On Saturday, May 18, area residents are invited to participate in the *Fasting 5K Run and Walk*, which will be at the end of a long 16-hour fast during Ramadan in Canton.

Ten cities and hundreds of athletes will embrace the spirit of the month by fasting, fundraising, and building community through this annual 5K event. The Detroit area Fasting 5K will be held in Canton, with a starting point at the Crescent Academy International located at 40440 Palmer Road in Canton. This fundraising event, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., is open to everyone in the community and will include participants from various faiths.

This year the Run will be partnering with IMANA on supporting their SaveSmile Surgical Mission projects. IMANA performs cleft lip surgeries on small children and youth in Khartoum, Sudan. IMANA Medical Relief has been undertaking this for 9 years now and has done 1,388 successful surgeries so far. It costs \$200 for materials and medicine for each cleft lip surgery, so \$10,000 provides about 50 surgeries. 30% of all donations from each city running the Fasting 5K will go towards the international charity partner IMANA, and their SaveSmile Surgical Mission.

Since its inception in 2013, Fasting 5K has raised over \$250,000 to support local charities based in the participating cities. Fasting 5K was created to further general acts of goodness during Ramadan, which is a holy month celebrated by the Islamic faith, where healthy Muslims forgo food and water. For more information or to register for the *Fasting 5K Run and Walk*, visit [Fasting5k.org](http://Fasting5k.org).

## SYMPHONIC NEWS



# Ruth's Music Notes

Ruth Crystal-Zaromp

The opera, *The Grapes of Wrath* (pictured), is currently showing at the Detroit Opera House.

The story of the *Grapes of Wrath* features the functioning of the people within the family and their close vicinity at times which are not of the best, but which hold them together through faith, work, and trouble. Hope is the guiding light, many times upheld by the constancy of the mother.

The opera *Grapes of Wrath*, composed by Rick Ian Gordon and words by Michael Korie, manages to convince us of its authenticity with the use of quite a few people onstage at the different times, clothes such as coveralls and housedresses, and some wooden tables and benches that are used to create trucks, automobiles, structures, etc.

The poverty is presented through the hard travels, difficult pregnancies, and streaming water that can serve as an instrument of torture and death as well as life-saving energy.

The music by Rick Ian Gordon is contemporary but tonal for most part and descriptive. Among the impressive musical moments was an uplifting segment depicting the drive towards the Promised Land of California. The cast in this production is excellent, one by one, such as Deanna Breiwick as Rosasharn and Michael Day as Al Joad. The little boy, Bennett Vesprint, who appears towards the end of the opera is impressive in his cry to help his



father. Opening night for the *Grapes of Wrath* took place this past Saturday. Additional performances will be at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, May 17.

Sunday's performance takes place at 2:30 p.m., May 19. *Go. You will be impressed.* Information can be found on MichiganOpera.org.

The Arbor Opera Theatre is presenting a special production of *Tales of Hoffmann* by Offenbach. These performances will be showing 7:30 p.m., May 17 through the 19th. Austin Stewart has been serving as leader of this company but will be leaving it at the end of this season. He strikes me as very talented and I personally want to see his production. For further information, check AOT.org.

The Broadway musical *Jersey Boys* is showing at the Music Hall on May 17th through 19th as well. Check [broadwayindetroit.com/shows/jersey-boys](http://broadwayindetroit.com/shows/jersey-boys) for further information.

The DSO Neighborhood series is featuring Mozart's "Great" *G minor symphony (No. 40)* and Schoenberg's *Chamber Symphony*.

On Thursday at the Berne Center, they will feature a work by Aulis Salinen (b.1935). At other locations on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, they will be featuring *Duet-Concertino for Clarinet and Bassoon* by Richard Strauss. For more information, check [dso.org](http://dso.org).

The Birmingham Temple Vivace Music Series is presenting husband and wife Drake and Alta Dantzler in a program titled *Journey*



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Back for a second exciting appearance with the *Vivace Music Series*, the Dantzlers are both faculty members at Oakland University. Alta Dantzler, mezzo-soprano, has performed in more than 50

productions of European and American operettas. Tenor Drake Dantzler was recently hailed in Opera News as "a real find."

The Birmingham Temple is located at 28611 Twelve Mile Rd. between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Hills. To order tickets call Joyce Chersh (248-956-7111) or Ann Sipher (248-661-1348).



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**Detroit Premiere of Wynton Marsalis' Abyssinian Mass**



11 years after its original composition, The Carr Center and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist church will present the Detroit premiere of Wynton Marsalis' sweeping masterpiece, *The Abyssinian Mass* on Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

The event, titled *The Abyssinian Mass: A Gospel Celebration*, was commissioned by Harlem's legendary Abyssinian Baptist Church and written for a big band and 70-voice gospel choir.

"The piece itself is significant artistically, but because of the forces it takes to do it, it is not done regularly," said Oliver Ragsdale Jr., President of The Carr Center. "We have the ability to do a piece like this. It's a mobilizing piece for the community because it hasn't been done in Detroit before. It hasn't been done in Michigan before."

Four-time Grammy winner and Detroit's treasured gospel soloist, Karen Clark Sheard (pictured, left), will be a guest artist for the event alongside the Gathering Orchestra conducted by Rodney Whitaker (pictured, right), Carr Center Resident Artist in Jazz and Head of Jazz Studies at Michigan State University.

Whitaker was a member of the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra under Marsalis' leadership for a number of years, and he continues to work hand-in-hand with the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer.

Carr Center Artist-in-Residence Damien Sneed (pictured, center) will lead a mighty, multi-generational choir of more than 70 performers from churches within the Detroit community.

Tickets for The Carr Center's *The Abyssinian Mass: A Gospel Celebration* are \$30 for General Admission and \$15 for Students and Seniors. To purchase tickets, see [thecarrcenter.org](http://thecarrcenter.org). For more information, call (313) 965-8430 or see [thecarrcenter.org](http://thecarrcenter.org). Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2080 W Grand Blvd. in Detroit.

# SHOWINGS

## Works By Sarmad Al Musawi at Canton's Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present *Self-Platform*, a special exhibition of paintings and sculptures by artist Sarmad Al Musawi on display now through May 29.

Sarmad hails from Baghdad and is a graduate of the Faculty of Fine Arts at Baghdad University. Known for elegant and powerful work, Sarmad has exhibited around the globe in Jordan, Morocco, Sweden, Abu Dhabi and the United Emirates. This exhibition will be Sarmad's first solo exhibit in the United States.

This current art exhibit is free and open to the public: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. For more information about this latest exhibit call (734) 394-5300 or see [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org).

For more about the artist and his works see [wsarmadarts.com](http://wsarmadarts.com).

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.



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The Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) and Michigan Humane Society (MHS), in collaboration with more than 40 local animal welfare organizations, will co-host the spring 2019 *Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo*, presented by Purina, on Friday, May 17, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption to loving homes at one of the nation's largest off-site companion animal adoption events.

The DZS's Berman Academy for Humane Education will continue its mission of "helping people help animals" by demonstrating to attendees how they can help their companion animals thrive. Volunteers from the DZS and MHS will show guests how to provide their pets opportunities to express natural behaviors through special toys and treats. Staff will also demonstrate how a "catio", or cat patio, allows cats to experience the outdoors while keeping birds and other wildlife safe.

To underscore the dangers of leaving pets unattended in a vehicle, a car will be on display equipped with a thermometer so guests can see firsthand how quickly the inside temperature rises compared to the outdoor temperature. Literature will be available to inform guests how to keep dogs safe in these instances, including what to do if they see a dog locked inside a hot car as well as a list of local shops and restaurants that allow dogs indoors.

*Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo* will be held outdoors under tents in the Detroit Zoo's front parking lot beneath the landmark water tower. There is no charge for admission or parking for the adoption event; regular admission and parking fees apply for those visiting the Zoo. Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group. Adopters must present a valid driver's license or state ID card. All animals will have received a medical checkup and age-appropriate vaccinations. A get-acquainted area will be available to provide guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting. For health and safety reasons, all current companion animals should be left at home. For more 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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## LIVE THEATRE

### Closing Weekend for Village Players 96th Season

The Village Players of Birmingham closes its 96th season with the classic musical comedy *Guys and Dolls*, running for three last performances May 17-19, at the Village Players of Birmingham.

Gangsters and gamblers, pretty missionaries and showgirls are set against the picturesque backdrop of New York's Broadway. *Guys and Dolls* is based on the stories of Damon Runyon and features one of the greatest musical scores in American musical theatre, with classic standards that include: *Bushel and a Peck* and *Luck, Be a Lady*.

All the big money gamblers are in town and they're depending on Nathan Detroit to set up *The Oldest Established Permanent Floating Crap Game in New York*. The only problem is he needs

\$1000 to put the game together. Throw in Miss Sarah Brown, who is short on sinners at the mission she runs; the slick Sky Masterson, who accepts Nathan's \$1000 bet that he can't get Sarah Brown to go with him to Havana; Miss Adelaide, who wants Nathan to marry her; and Police Lieutenant Brannigan, who always seems to appear at the wrong time; mix in a half dozen showgirls and you have a smash hit musical.

Show dates and times are May 17 & 18 at 8 p.m. and May 19, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$21, available online at [birminghamvillageplayers.com](http://birminghamvillageplayers.com) or by calling (248) 644-2075.

The Village Players Theatre is located at 34660 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.



Damon Runyon's infamous characters come to life for one last weekend as Village Players of Birmingham perform *Guys and Dolls*. (Pictured, left to right: Sky Masterson (Don Bischoff), Sarah Brown (Megan Welenc), Nathan Detroit (Mitch Master), and Miss Adelaide (Jennifer Jones)).

### Funnyman is Serious Business at Northville's Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre will present *Funnyman* by Bruce Graham, which takes a serious look behind the scenes of a celebrated comic's life.

It's 1959, and Chick Sherman's funnyman career is beginning its decline into irrelevancy. That all changes when an experimental playwright specifically requests his talents, teaching Chick that not everything in life has to have a punchline.

*Funnyman* runs Thursdays through Sundays, May 30 - June 30 with a Wednesday matinee on June 12. The production is directed by Tipping Point's Producing Artistic Director, James R. Kuhl,

"*Funnyman* is a beautifully balanced play that will give an audience just about everything they're looking for," said Kuhl.

Previews on May 30 & 31 offer tickets for \$26 and include a talkback with Kuhl. Tickets for opening night on June 1 are \$47 and include a catered reception after the performance.

For information, see [TippingPointTheatre.com](http://TippingPointTheatre.com) or call the box office at (248) 347-0003. The Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville.



### Midwest Premiere of Williston at Detroit Rep Theatre

The Midwest Premiere of *Williston* by Adam Seidel will take place on Thursday, May 30 at 8:30 p.m., at the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Opening Night guests are invited to join in a champagne toast in the DRT lobby gallery after the show with the cast and crew.

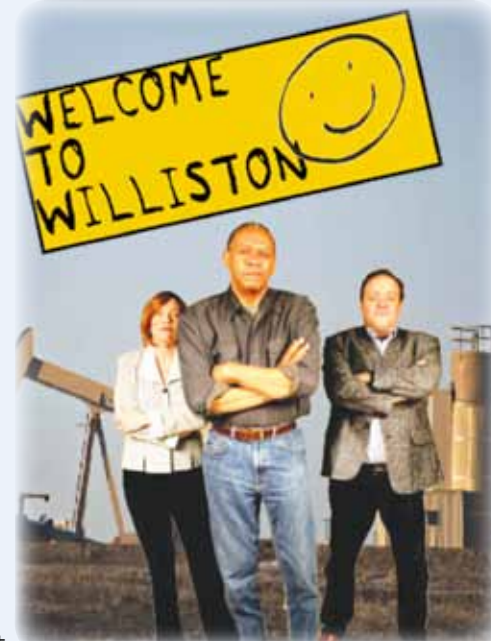
Here's the story: three leasing reps travel to Williston, North Dakota to get mineral rights to the last big piece of undeveloped land. Leasing reps negotiate with land owners on behalf of oil companies for leases to develop the land. They typically operate on commissions which are a percentage of the leasing price. Leasing reps are also referred to as *landmen*.

*Williston* is a darkly funny and scintillating exploration of how business corrupts people and the fine line between commerce and conscience. With highly relevant themes of environmental issues, Native American land, protest, and patriarchy, this play has a strong message and contains strong language.

*Williston* is directed by resident company member Casaundra Freeman. This will be her directorial debut at the Rep, but her acting work is familiar to audiences across Southeast Michigan. She last appeared on the Rep stage in *Countdown to the Happy Day*, for which she won numerous awards.

Tickets are \$17 advance or \$20 day of performance, available at [detroitreptheatre.com](http://detroitreptheatre.com) or by calling (313) 868-1347. *Williston* will run Thursdays through Sundays until June 30. For more information, see [detroitreptheatre.com](http://detroitreptheatre.com).

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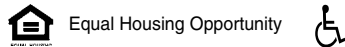
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