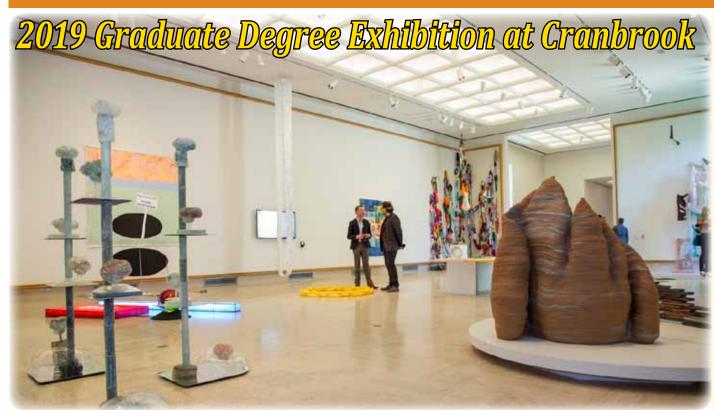
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Thursday, May 9, 2019

Cinetopia: Greater Detroit's International Film Festival



# SHOWINGS



On display, now through Sunday, May 12 in the Upper Galleries see the most innovative work from the next generation of architects, artists, and designers at the 2019 Graduate Degree Exhibition of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The Degree Exhibition showcases pieces that are the culmination of two years of studio work from a diverse group of 65 graduates as they launch their careers.

ArtMembers and children under 12 are admitted free to the Museum, while general admission entrance is \$10, with seniors 65 and older, \$8. Students with ID are \$6.

For information, see cranbrookart-museum.org, or call (248) 645-3319. The Cranbrook Art Museum is located on the campus of the Cranbrook Educational Community, located at 39221 Woodward Avenue, in Bloomfield Hills.



UHURU will present *Makings of You*, a traveling art series providing a mindful perspective of the human experience. The activated pop-up installation will be held at Annex Gallery, in Highland Park, on May 24-26, from 6-11 p.m.

The show will feature artworks from local and national artists, highlighting filmmaker Julia Yezbick, sculptor Nnenna Okore, portraitist Jared McGriff and one of Detroit's newest breakout sensations, Justin Jones. The exhibition also includes live performance, creative commerce and public programming led by community organizations, Healing By Choice, AfroFuture Youth and Flow Movement Studio.

Inspired by legendary singer-songwriter Curtis Mayfield, Makings of You divulges the intrinsic, yet nuanced nature of 'becoming' - reflecting upon who we are, where we come from, and where we are going.

Echoing on the spirit of mindfulness, Makings of You will host local practitioners available to provide onsite services, including reiki, energy healing and massage therapy. Guests can also personify their experience through immersive and experiential activities available throughout the show, including a manifestation photo booth, where dreams reach reality. As the first installment in the Makings of You series, Detroit presents a distinct urban landscape for insightful development.

Makings of You is a non-discriminatory, non-prejudice safe-space for all people seeking self-discovery, freedom and fellowship. All ages are welcome to attend. For more info and tickets see uhuru.us. Annex Gallery is located at 333 Midland, in Highland Park.



# SPRINGTIME IN THE D

# 3rd Annual Spring Into Corktown



The *3rd Annual Spring Into Corktown*, presented by the Corktown Business Association and the Corktown community, will happen throughout the neighborhood on Saturday, May 18.

The event starts with participation in the city-wide clean-up effort, Motor City Makeover, with volunteers cleaning specific locations, as well as planting flowers throughout the community. The staging and registration spot is The Farmer's Hand, at 1701 Trumbull, where coffee and bagels will be provided. Work is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, and in North Corktown as well as the Historic District. A limited number of hand tools will be available, but volunteers are encouraged to bring tools if they have them, along with sunscreen. Once the neighborhood is all spruced up, there will be a host of free events throughout Corktown:

Various fitness and activity classes for all ages will happen at Dean Savage Park [Porter and Trumbull] from 12 noon -5 p.m. From 12 noon - 1 p.m., Citizen Yoga. From 1 p.m. - 2 p.m, Motor City Street Dance Academy hip hop classes, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Pure Barre, barre class, from 3 p.m. on, True Body Fitness of Detroit, acro yoga. Other events and activities:

1 p.m. - Corktown Neighborhood Bicycle Tour, meet at Metropolis Cycles.

1 p.m. / 2 p.m./ 3 p.m. - check in @ Dean Savage Park for Corktown Walking Tours - led by Detroit Experience Factory, \$5 donation.

12-5 p.m., Free Kids Carnival at Harrison & Michigan Ave., sponsored by Bobcat Bonnie's.

A complimentary Shuttle with a Historical Tour is provided from 12 p.m. – 7 p.m., with stops at: McShane's; Progressive Pop-up at Bagley and Trumbull; Eldorado; PAL; Happier Camper Informational Booth; Dean Savage; Trumbull + Porter Hotel; Detroit Grooming Co.; Worker's Row House; The Gaelic League; Cadillac Square; Slows; Capitol Park; PJ's Lager House and Brooklyn Street Local.

Many other special events will happen around the neighborhood, from 1 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. including events at The Gaelic League and the Trumbull + Porter Hotel.

For information, see corktowndetroit.biz.

# Water Lantern Festival on Lake St. Clair



The *Detroit Water Lantern Festival* takes place starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at the Lake St. Clair Metropark.

Water Lantern Festival was Voted #1 Best Cultural Festival by *USA TODAY*. Water Lantern Festival is a floating lantern event held in cities across the U.S. and includes food, games, activities, vendors, music and thousands of lanterns that people adorned with letters of love, hope and dreams and then launch upon the water.

As the sun begins to set on the evening sky, Water Lantern Festival begins to shine with the launch of the lanterns onto the water. Attendees watch their unique lanterns drift out into the water as it joins other lanterns carrying their personalized messages and designs.

Water Lantern Festival began in 2018 with events in 34 cities with a combined attendance of over 130,000 participants. Water Lantern Festival for 2019 is even larger — with over 100 festivals being planned so far across the U.S and Canada.

Adult tickets start at \$25 and tickets for kids cost \$12. Each adult ticket comes with: Entry into the festival area; a Floating lantern; a Commemorative drawstring bag; a Marker to design your lantern; and an event Wristband.

The Lake St. Clair Metropark is located at 31300 Metro Parkway in Harrison Township.



# SYMPHONIC NEWS

# Ruth's Music Notes

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On this coming weekend, the DSO will be presenting the *Davidson Neighborhood Series* at various venues across Greater Detroit, once again, performing in Southfield, Macomb, and Beverly Hills on May 9, 10, and 12 respectively.

The program will feature Kensho Watanabe, conductor (served as Assistant Conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the '16-'17 season) and William Hagen, violin (performed as soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician across the United States, Europe, and Asia) who will perform Korngold's *Violin Concerto*.

In addition, the program will include Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8*. For additional information, check dso.org.

On Friday evening, May 10 at 7:30 p.m., Pro Musica ends its current season at the Max with *Joel Peterson's Ensemble*. Peterson is originally

from Detroit and his ensemble includes violinist Sonia Lee (pictured), violinist Mary Riccardi, violist Iames Greer (MOT), Abby Alwin (cello), Lisa Raschiatore (clarinet), Clem Fortuna (piano), and Zac Brunell (percussion). Lee is from Detroit and was only a teenager when she performed at Carnegie Hall. She then went on to debut with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and entered Juilliard. Lee then became the youngest principal violinist with the Toronto Symphony at age 21. Pro Musica promises that it's going to be a night to remember.

Tickets are available at the Max box office.

On May 11-19 at the Detroit Opera House, Michigan Opera Theatre will present *The Grapes of Wrath,* composed by Ricky Ian Gordon with a libretto by Michael Korie. Based on the classic novel by John Steinbeck, this contemporary production turns *Great American Novel* into

*Great American Opera.* The production concludes MOT's series of operas based on great works of literature.

Set during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, the story follows the Joad family on their quest for survival, traveling from drought-ridden Oklahoma to the farms of California. Along with hordes of other migrant workers, the Joads struggle to find work and living wages, constantly facing starvation and injustice.

MOT Principal Conductor Stephen Lord said the opera is a distinctly American story with music, sets and costumes reminiscent of the 1930's. The music echoes the opera's American story with elements of musical theater, folk and music from the time period.

"The rawness and the realism of this production make this novel come to life, bringing an historic American experience relatable to modern day patrons," he said. "It puts



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a lot into perspective. It's full of catchy tunes and lively choruses and is very memorable."

The opera features Katharine Goeldner as Ma Joad, Tobias Greenhalgh as Tom Joad, Deanna Breiwick as Rosasharn, Deborah Nansteel as Granma, Geoffrey Agpalo as Jim Casy and Michael Day as Al Joad. Grammy-winning conductor Michael Christie

makes his MOT debut and James Robinson directs.

The opera is sung in English with English supertitles projected above the stage. MOT will offer a free opera talk one hour before the performance.

Grapes of Wrath concludes MOT's opera series based on masterworks in literature following Hansel and Gretel, Candide and Eugene Onegin.



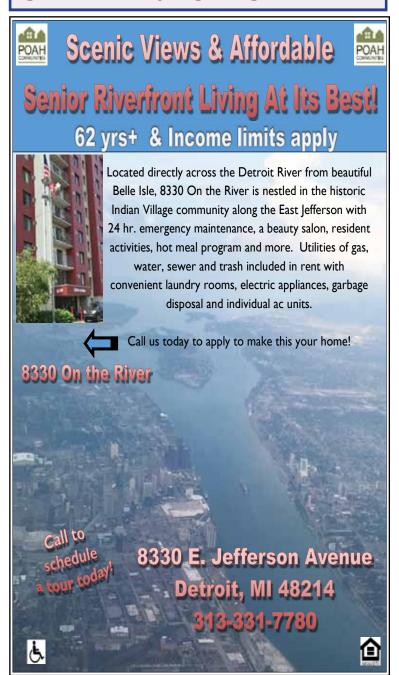
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# SPECIAL EVENTS



# May Music at Midday

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul continues its May Music at Midday organ recital series on Fridays throughout May at 12:10 p.m. These 30-minute recitals on the Cathedral's pipe organ are offered free of charge. Guided and self-guided tours are available before and after the performances.

For information call (313) 831-5000 or see detroitcathedral.org.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul is located at 4800 Woodward at Warren in Midtown Detroit.





The Detroit Theater Organ Society and the Sons of the Desert Dancing Cuckoos Tent presents at Michigan Avenue's historic Senate Theater, the 2nd Annual Laurel & Hardy Festival on Saturday, May 11, starting at 8 p.m.

The first screening of the evening will be the full-length feature *Block-Heads*. It's 1938, but Stan doesn't know the war is over; he's still patrolling the trenches in France, and shoots down a French aviator. Ollie sees his old chum's picture in the paper and goes to visit Stan who has now been returned to the States and invites him

back to his home. High jinks ensue.

Following will be a program of *Silent Shorts with live Mighty Wurlitzer* organ accompaniment by John Lauter: Putting Pants on Philip (1927); The Finishing Touch (1928); Two Tars (from 1928, this film is recognized as one of Laurel and Hardy's greatest).

Tickets for the Festival are \$10, with kids under 12, free. For more information, see dtos.org, or call (313) 894-0850. Safe, gated parking is available in the Senate's lot at Gilbert and Michigan Ave. The Senate Theater is located at 6424 Michigan Ave., west of Livernois, in Detroit.

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# SHOWINGS



# 82 and Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition at DIA

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The 82nd Detroit Public Schools Community District Student Exhibition is organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Public Schools Community District and is made possible by the Ruth T.T. Cattell Education Endowment Fund. For more information, see dia.org or call (313) 833-7900. The Detroit Institute of Arts is located at 5200 Woodward Ave. in Greater Detroit's Cultural District.



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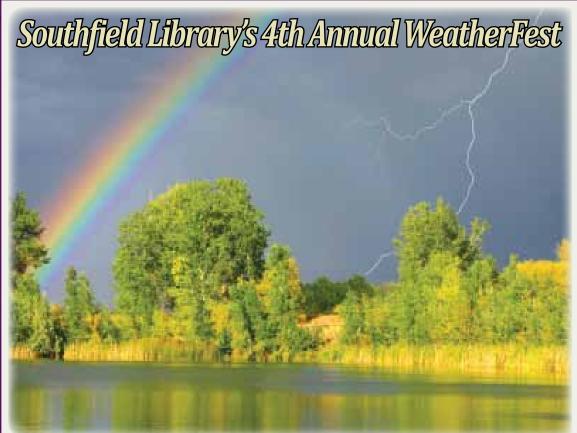
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The day will include local broadcast meteorologists from WDIV Channel 4, activities with the American Red Cross, Southfield Police and Fire departments, the Michigan Humane Society, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, the Dirt Doctors, and other surprise guests.

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# CINEMA CULTURE

# 8th Cinetopia Film Festival



Cinetopia Film Festival will run May 10-19, featuring 20 Michigan Premieres, 4 Midwest Premieres, and 3 U.S. Premieres. This year's festival will screen dramas, comedies, and documentaries culled from other world festivals, including Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, SXSW and Tribeca, in total bringing more than 60 films to the Detroit, Dearborn and Ann Arbor areas.

The Festival will host screenings at the State Theatre, and the University of Michigan-on campus in Ann Arbor; the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn; the Senate Theater and Cinema Detroit in Detroit; The Maple Theater in West Bloomfield, and the Emagine Royal Oak, in Royal Oak.

Cinetopia opens at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor on Friday, May 10, with a 5:30 p.m. kick-off party, and then an 8 p.m. Michigan Premiere of *Before You Know It* starring Alec Baldwin and Mandy Patinkin.

Writer and director Hannah Pearl Utt will host a O&A afterwards.

**Before You Know It** — Michigan Premiere.



Stage manager Rachel Gurner (Hannah Pearl Utt, pictured above, left) still lives in her childhood apartment along with her off-kilter actress sister, Jackie (Jen Tullock, pictured above, right); odd playwright father, Mel (Mandy Patinkin); and deadpan preteen niece Dodge, above the tiny theatre they own and operate. Level-headed and turtleneck-wearing Rachel is the only thing standing between her family and utter chaos. Then, in the wake of a sudden family tragedy, Rachel and Jackie learn their presumed-deceased mother is actually alive and thriving as a soapopera star. Now the sisters' already-precarious balance turns upside down, and Rachel must figure out how to liberate herself from her surreal situation.

Some other highlights of the 60+ films at the festival: **Fonotune** — U.S. Premiere (pictured, above).

In a dystopian world, people barely communicate and dread is in the air. Loner Mono makes an odyssey to see mysterious rockstar Blitz's final performance

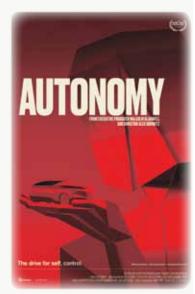
in the Big White Nothing, a desert surrounding the city.

On his journey, Mono makes tepid connections with teen-hooker Stereo, lo-fi cowboy Analog, and the sassy Bubblegum. They finally collide at a sound and sight showdown with the mythical Blitz.

Crossing Beyond — U.S. Premiere. (pictured, below) "Flowers bloom on every border," wrote Korean poet Ham Min-Bok, a metaphor which inspired acclaimed documentarian Yi Seung-jun to explore how the Olympic values reach across borders of all kinds to deliver hope.

Crossing Beyond follows a select group of athletes from diverse backgrounds - British snowboarder Billy Morgan, Ghanaian skeleton racer Akwasi Frimpong, ice hockey player Park Yoonjung and the unified Korean team, Austrian ski jumper Daniela Iraschko-Stolz, and Afghani Alpine skiers Sayed Alishah Farhang and Sajjad Husaini - as they navigate the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018. It tells the stories of athletes compelled to confront personal, social, political and geographical boundaries in the face of daunting challenges. Yi Seung-Jun captures the Olympic spirit and soul of this edition of the Olympic Games, celebrating their essence by asking deeper questions about the value of sport beyond the podium.

**Autonomy** — Midwest Premiere.



The festival concludes with the thought-provoking closing night documentary, *Autonomy* on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m, with a Q&A following with Eddie Alterman, editor-in-chief of *Car And Driver*.

With *Autonomy*, *c*elebrated journalist and author Malcolm Gladwell takes the first comprehensive documentary look at self-driving cars.

The film is a cinematic exploration of the world of automated vehicles—from their technical history to the personal narratives of those affected by them to the many unanswered questions about how this technology will affect modern society. Autonomy features interviews with industry pioneers and scenes with cutting-edge "AVs" in action around the world.

Immediately following the last film presentation, a block party at *Mcity*, the driverless car testing grounds on U of M's north campus in Ann Arbor, happens from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information on the 2019 Cinetopia Film Festival screenings, events, special guests, venues, showtimes, and tickets, see: cinetopiafestival.org/.



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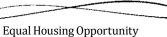
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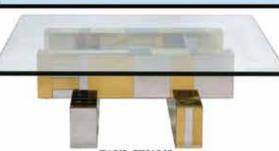
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