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## Entertainment briefs

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Anti-Freeze Blues Fest schedule set

FERNDALE - The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., has announced the performers for the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival held Jan. 2-3, 2009.

On Jan. 2, the Siegel-Schwall Band headlines, with Jeff Grand/Jim McCarty/Bobby East, Cee Cee Collins with RJ's Rhythm Rockers, Mike May & The Messarounds, and the winner of the Detroit Blues Society Blues Challenge electric competition opening.

John Hammond tops the Jan. 3 bill, which also includes the Thornetta Davis Band, Johnnie Bassett, The Rumpshakers, and the winner of the Detroit Blues Society Blues Challenge acoustic competition.

Tickets are \$25 each night and go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday. Call (248) 544-3030 or click [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

'Illustration Nation' documentary debuts

ROYAL OAK - Native Detroit artist Matt Busch will debut his new independent movie, a documentary titled "Illustration Nation," at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main St.

The film follows the adventures of Busch as he travels around the world while on a promotional tour for the New York Times best-seller "You Can Draw Star Wars." He is mostly known for his vibrant paintings, and has been called the "Rock Star of Illustration." Aside from all the books, magazines, and posters from a "galaxy far, far away," he has also worked on numerous Hollywood properties like "Lord of the Rings," "Night of the Living Dead" and "Indiana Jones."

Admission is \$9.25. Short films and animations will begin at 7 p.m. with the movie following at 7:30 p.m. A meet and greet with the cast will commence after the screening in the Main Art's side lobby, followed by an after-party at Mr. B's on Main St.

"Illustration Nation" is not suitable for children.

Call (248) 263-2111 or click [www.MattBusch.com](http://www.MattBusch.com).

Celebrating a decade of hilarity

TROY - Detroit Actors Guild is celebrating 10 years of producing "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" with performances Nov. 21 at Andiamo's Celebrity Showroom in Warren and Dec. 5, 13, 19-20 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," which opened in New York in 1988, is an interactive comedy experience where the Nunzio and Vitale family members, played by professional actors, bring every patron into the action. After the ceremony, the characters intermingle, hobnob and reveal family secrets to the guests. As the action ensues, audiences enjoy a traditional Italian wedding dinner, complete with a toast to the bride and groom, and then dance to a live band.

Andiamo Celebrity Showroom is at 7096 E. 14 Mile Road in Warren. For tickets, call (586) 268-3200.

The San Marino Club is at 1685 E. Big Beaver Road, between Rochester Road and John R, in Troy. For tickets, call (313) 885-3032.

Ticket prices range from \$63-\$65 per person and include show ticket, champagne toast, Italian supper, a piece of wedding cake and entertainment. Doors open at 7 p.m. and showtime is 7:30 p.m. Information about the show is available at [www.tonytinadetroit.com](http://www.tonytinadetroit.com).

Blues Society announces awards

ROYAL OAK - The Detroit Blues Society has announced its award winners in the Lifetime Achievement and Blues Horizon categories. These awards are given annually to those individuals that have made meritorious strides in keeping the blues alive in Detroit.

The Lifetime Achievement Award has been given since 1992 and is the highest musical honor given by the DBS. The 2008 winners of the lifetime achievement awards are Thornetta Davis and the late Sippie Wallace.

The Blues Horizon Award has been given since 2005 and is the highest non-musical honor given by the DBS. It is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to Detroit blues during their careers in the business. The 2008 winner of the Blues Horizon Award is Oak Park's Mark "Paz Man" Pasman, host of the "Motor City Blues Project" show airing 9 p.m.-midnight Sundays on WCSX-FM (94.7).

The awards will be presented at the Detroit Blues Society monthly meeting on Jan. 10, 2009 at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Click [www.dbsblues.com](http://www.dbsblues.com).

Young artist competition set

EAST LANSING - Young pianists are invited to compete in the Michigan Music Teachers Association Piano Concerto competition on Feb. 1, 2009 on the campus of Michigan State University.

The competition is open to pianists ages 18-under. Contestants will compete in three categories: elementary (grades 1-6), junior high (grades 7-9) and senior high (grades 10-12). Each category winner will be invited to perform for the MMTA Fall Conference and will receive a cash prize. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 17.

The winner of the senior high division will perform with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at its concert on May 10, 2009. Judges will also select two outstanding pianists, grades 10-12, and two alternates to represent MMTA in the Michigan Arts Festival Auditions.

Applications can be downloaded from the BBSO's Web site at [www.bbsso.org](http://www.bbsso.org).

The BBSO also sponsors a competition for young string artists in partnership with Wilson Violins and BASF, The Chemical Company. Details are on the BBSO Web site. Entries must be submitted by Jan. 5, 2009.

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