

## IN BRIEF

### LMC holds inaugural Madrigal Feast

**BENTON HARBOR** — Lake Michigan College presents its inaugural Fine and Performing Arts Madrigal Feast at 6:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday in Room F-117 of LMC's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The event features a banquet, ornate costuming and a variety of vocal and instrumental performers, actors and dancers. Participating ensembles include the LMC Chamber Players directed by Christina Gibson, the String Ensemble directed by Beth Oeseburg, the LMC Concert Choir and Voices LMC directed by Dan Hendrickson, theatrical skits directed by Calvin McClinton, and a dance ensemble directed by Elizabeth Andrews.

Tickets are \$30.

For more information, call 927-1221.

### Western Brass Quintet plays South Haven gig

**SOUTH HAVEN** — The Western Brass Quintet performs at 8 p.m. tonight at the Listiak Auditorium, South Haven High School, 600 Elkenburg St., as part of the South Haven Performance Series.

Founded in 1966, the quintet, a resident faculty ensemble in the School of Music at Western Michigan University, is one of the oldest brass chamber music ensembles still active in the United States today.

Its repertoire includes premiere works such as "Landscapes" by the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa, "Masques" by Ramon Zupko and "Nodding Music" by Elgar Howarth.

Admission is free.

For more information, visit [www.southhavenperformanceseries.com](http://www.southhavenperformanceseries.com).

### 'Nuncrackers' comes to Barn Swallow Theatre

**EDWARDSBURG** — "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Barn Swallow Theatre, 22334 U.S. 12.

The play features those irrepressible nuns from Mount St. Helen's Little Sisters of Hoboken preparing for their very first televised Christmas concert.

The cast includes Reverend Mother Sister Mary



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Members of Studio Dance Theatre will present "The Nutcracker" on Saturday in Stevensville.

Regina (Janet Pietrzak); Sister Mary Hubert (Mary Geminder); Sister Robert Anne (Cheryl Steele), Sister Mary Paul (Shelby Guarino); Sister Mary Leo (Michelle Gruver) and Father Virgil (Patrick Doyle).

Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

For more information, call 445-2511 or visit [www.barnswallowtheatre.com](http://www.barnswallowtheatre.com).

### Paw Paw Players stage 'Best Christmas' play

**PAW PAW** — The Paw Paw Village Players stage "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Charley and Mary Burkett Center for the Performing Arts, 404 E. Michigan Ave.

In this comedy, a couple struggles to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman siblings — probably the most inventively awful children in history.

Tickets are \$10, \$6 for students age 17 and younger.

For more information, call 657-7529 or visit [www.pvp.org](http://www.pvp.org).

### Studio Dance Theatre stages 'Nutcracker'

**STEVENSVILLE** — Studio Dance Theatre will perform the full-scale Tchaikovsky ballet "The Nutcracker" at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday at Lakeshore Community Auditorium, Lakeshore High School, 5771 Cleveland Ave.

Guest artist Michael Kelly will dance as the Nutcracker Prince with Jordan Moyer portraying Clara, Kraig

Kirkdorfer as Drosselmeyer, and Audrey Ballard as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Teacher Steve Adler also will return to the cast of 65 dancers this year.

Studio Dance Theatre was founded in 1975 by Rhonda Rabbers and is open by audition to all experienced dancers.

Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

For more information, call 429-5711 or visit [www.dancearts-sdt.com](http://www.dancearts-sdt.com).

### SMC's holiday concert takes place Saturday

**DOWAGIAC** — Southwestern Michigan College's annual Holiday Choir Concert takes place at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Dale A. Lyons Building Theater, 58900 Cherry Grove Road, on the Dowagiac campus.

David Carew will direct SMC's Concert Choir, Select Voices, Men's Ensemble and Show Choir in a program that includes "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; "Deck the Halls in 7/8," by James McKelvy; "I Wonder as I Wander," arranged by John Rutter; "Somebody Talkin' 'bout Jesus," a spiritual arranged by Stacey V. Gibbs; "Ave Maria," by Franz Biebl; and "Jamaican Noel," arranged by Kirby Shaw.

SMC's Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Flute Choir and Tuba Quartet, directed by Jonathan Korzun, will perform an up-tempo swing arrangement of "Let It Snow"; "Little Drummer Boy" inspired by Ray Charles' rendition; and two Leroy Anderson holiday favorites, "Sleigh Ride" and "A Christmas Festival."

Admission is free.

For more information, call 800-456-8675 or visit [www.swmich.edu](http://www.swmich.edu).

### Southshore Band plays annual holiday concert

**BENTON HARBOR** — The Southshore Concert Band presents "A Majestic Christmas" at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The program will feature variations of classical and new carols.

Admission is free.

For more information, visit [www.southshoreconcertband.com](http://www.southshoreconcertband.com).