

2023-24 GROUP OUTINGS

The Encore

SE MICHIGAN'S PREMIER PROFESSIONAL MUSICAL THEATRE



7714 Ann Arbor St. Dexter, MI 48130 | www.TheEncoreTheatre.org

ABOUT THE ENCORE

The Encore Musical Theatre Company is Southeast Michigan's premier professional musical theatre, committed to producing high-quality musicals and live music performances that entertain, inspire, and bring communities together.

Recognized by the performers' union, *Actors' Equity Association*, The Encore is a not-for-profit professional musical theatre located in historic Dexter, Michigan. Our mission is to create the highest quality theatrical productions with an emphasis on musical theatre, utilizing both nationally and locally sourced professional artists to bring stories to life in our uniquely intimate space.

The Encore was founded in 2008 by Broadway actor Dan Cooney and local residents Anne and Paul Koch. All three shared a love for the charming "Village of Dexter" and a belief that what would make it even more vibrant was a theater.

Over the past 15 years, the Encore has produced over 190 productions, concerts and other special events, including many Golden Age classics, powerful contemporary musicals, new works, and diverse concert offerings. In our 15-year history, we have played host to many Broadway and award-winning artists including Tony Walton (Tony, Emmy and Oscar winner), Jeremy Jordan (*Newsies*, *Smash*, *Supergirl*), Kahil El'Zabar (legendary modern jazz multi-instrumentalist), Kathie Lee Gifford (*Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee*, Daytime Emmy winner), John McDaniel (*The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, Emmy and Grammy winner), Telly Leung (*Aladdin*, *Glee*), Jessica Grové (*The Wizard of Oz*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*), Erika Henningsen (*Mean Girls*), Gary Adler (*Avenue Q*, *Alter Boyz*), Aaron LaVigne (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), Janet Allard (Playwright, Fulbright Fellow), Niko Tsakalacos (Composer/Lyricist), Larry Gatlin (*The Gatlin Brothers*), Conor Ryan (*Moulin Rouge*), Ali Ewoldt (*The Phantom of the Opera*), Hugh Panaro (*The Phantom of the Opera*) and many others.

The Encore is home to a successful Summer Theatre Program that began in 2010, educating children ages 5-18 each summer. The popular program has grown to over 150 students yearly, and provides a nurturing and safe space for children to create, explore, make lasting friendships and build their confidence.

Thanks to a great deal of community support, The Encore continues to thrive and contribute significantly to the economic and cultural richness of Dexter and Southeast Michigan.



You Will Positively Feel the Difference!

- The Encore is a professional musical theatre company featuring **Broadway actors** in many of our performances!
- We offer a unique **intimate theatre space**. With just over 200 quality seats—your experience is up close and personal.
- Once you arrive, you become members of our extended family. We'll give you **an experience that you and your friends will long remember**.
- You can choose from **evening or matinee performances** of some of the best-loved musical theatre productions.
- We provide distinctive **live music** entertainment celebrating your favorite artists in our uplifting and rewarding **Tribute concerts**.
- We offer **services tailored to your group**—advanced reservations for priority seating, group discounts, assisted listening devices, wheelchair accessibility, clean and ample restrooms, a complimentary ticket for your bus driver, and a very warm welcome!

**Join us to experience the thrill of The Encore this season —
You'll be glad you did!**

*E-mail or telephone Cheryl Willoughby to schedule your personalized visit.
EncoreGroups@theencoretheatre.org | 734.268.6200*

**Aubree's – Pizzeria & Grill - \$**

Website: aubrees.com | Distance: 0.5 mile
8032 Main Street, Dexter, MI | 734-424-1400

Chela's – Authentic Mexican - \$

Website: chelas.co/dexter | Distance: 1 mile
7065 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, MI | 734-580-2149
(Closed Sundays)

Riverview Café – Family Diner - \$

Website: dexterriverviewcafe.net | Distance 0.5 mile
8124 Main Street, Dexter, MI | 734-388-6028
(Open 7am - 3pm)

Dexter's Pub – Steak Burgers, Ribs & Seafood - \$\$

Website: dexterspub.com | Distance: 0.5 mile
8114 Main Street, Dexter, MI | 734-426-1234
**Proud Sponsor of The Encore's Tribute Concert Series*

La Marsa – Mediterranean - \$\$

Website: lamarsacuisine.com/locations/dexter | Distance: 1 mile
7049 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, MI | 734-580-2342

Metzger's – Traditional German - \$\$

Website: metzgers.net | Distance: 4 miles
305 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-668-8987

The Fillmore – American Seafood & Pasta - \$\$\$

Website: fillmorebarandgrill.com | Distance 0.5 mile
7954 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, MI | 734-426-3727

Weber's – Prime Rib & Seafood - \$\$\$

Website: <https://www.webersrestaurant.com> | Distance: 6 miles
3050 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-665-3636

The Chop House – Prime Steaks, Poultry & Seafood - \$\$\$\$

Website: thechophouserestaurant.com | Distance: 8.5 miles
322 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-669-8826
(Dinner only starting at 5pm)

Gandy Dancer – American Seafood, Steak & Pasta - \$\$\$\$

Website: gandydancerrestaurant.com | Distance: 8.5 miles
401 Depot Street, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-769-0592

We recommend dining reservations be placed at least 3 weeks in advance.

Meet & Greet with Actors After the Show (Free)

E-mail: encoregroups@theencoretheatre.org
7714 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, MI | 734-268-6200

University of Michigan Museum of Art (Free)

Website: umma.umich.edu | Distance: 9 miles
525 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-764-0395

University of Michigan Museum of Natural History (Free)

Website: lsa.umich.edu/ummnh | Distance: 9 miles
1105 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-764-0478

Matthaei Botanical Gardens (Free)

Website: mbgna.umich.edu | Distance: 16 miles
1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-647-7600

Nichols Arboretum (Free)

Website: <https://mbgna.umich.edu/nichols-arboretum> | Distance: 10 miles
1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI | 734-647-7600

Historic Gordon Hall Tour and Dexter Area Museum - \$

Dexter Area Historical Society Website: dexterhistory.org | Distance: 0.5 mile
Museum: 3443 Inverness, Dexter, MI | 734-426-2519
E-mail: DexMuseum@aol.com

Yankee Air Museum - \$

Website: yankeeamuseum.org | Distance: 25 miles
47884 D Street, Belleville, MI | 734-483-4030

Mindo Chocolate Makers Tour & Classes - \$\$

Website: mindochocolate.com | Distance: 5 miles
11061 Trinkle Road, Dexter, MI | 734-660-5636
E-mail: info@mindochocolate.com (Maximum 20 participants)

Speckles + Splatter Art Studio: Canvas and Pottery Painting - \$\$

Website: specklesandsplatter.com/parties | Distance: 40 miles
22471 Michigan Avenue, West Dearborn, MI | 313-254-2939

Detroit Institute of Arts - \$\$\$

(Gen. Adm. free to Macomb, Oakland & Wayne County residents)
Website: DIA.org | Distance: 49 miles
5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI | 313-833-7900

The Henry Ford - \$\$\$

Website: thehenryford.org | Distance: 43 miles
20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI | 313-982-6001

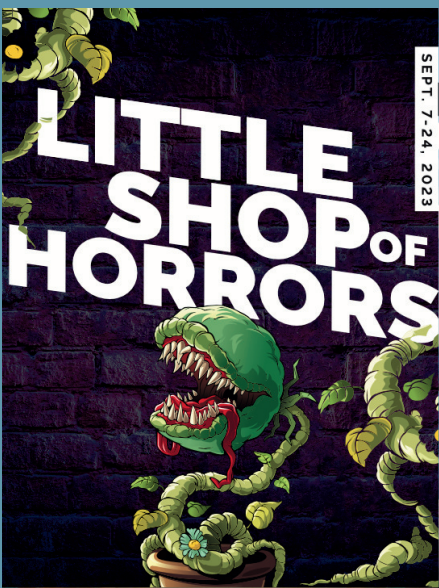


Mindo Chocolate Makers in Dexter offers tours and chocolate-making classes

2023-24 MAIN STAGE

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

SEPT. 7-24, 2023



IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

NOV. 30-DEC. 17



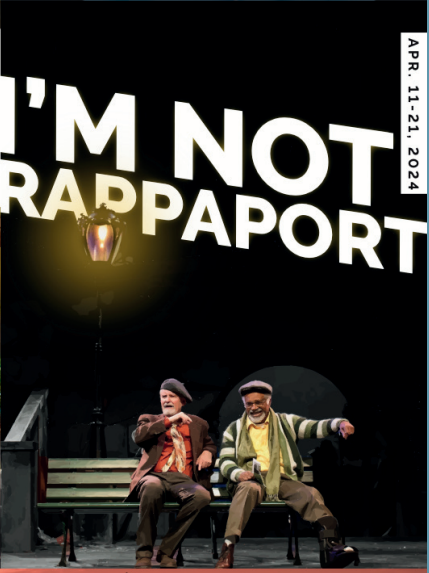
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FEB. 15-MAR. 3, 2024



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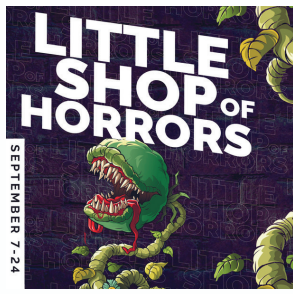
APR. 11-21, 2024



RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S OKLAHOMA!

JUNE 6-30, 2024





SEPT. 7 - 24, 2023

Little Shop of Horrors is a deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical that has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for over 30 years. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and The Beast*, and *Aladdin*) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world.

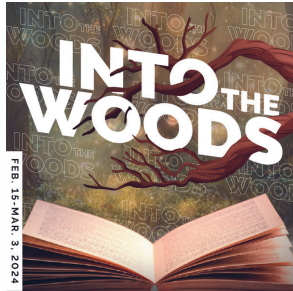
RUN TIME APPROX. 2:30 (incl. intermission)



NOV. 30 - DEC. 17, 2023

A perfect way to kick off the holiday season! Based on the classic film with a dazzling score by Irving Berlin, featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

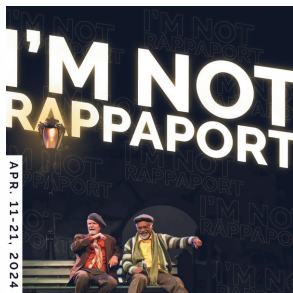
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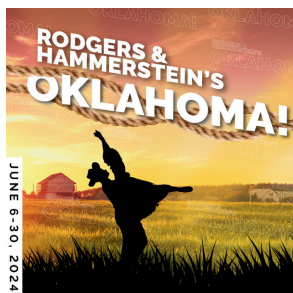
James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take us on a journey Into the Woods with a Tony Award-winning modern twist on the classic tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel, all tied together by an original story involving a baker and his wife, their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch who has put a curse on them. Audiences of all ages are sure to enjoy this musical favorite!

RUN TIME APPROX. 2:45 (including intermission)



APRIL 11 - 21, 2024

Stars of *The Love Boat*, **Fred Grandy** and **Ted Lange** (Gopher and Isaac), reunite on The Encore's stage in this Tony Award winning play by Herb Gardner. The play takes place in 1982 in New York's Central Park. Two octogenarians meet regularly, determined to fight off all attempts to put them out to pasture. Nat is a cantankerous Communist whose daughter is urging him into the old folk's home. Midge, an apartment superintendent, spends his days in the park hiding in the past and from his disgruntled tenants. RUN TIME APPROX. 2:15 (incl. intermission)



JUNE 6 - 30, 2024


A classic American musical that first debuted on Broadway in 1943, and has remained popular ever since. With an unforgettable score by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, this Tony Award-winning show explores themes of love, loyalty, and the pursuit of the American dream. Featuring lively dance numbers and unforgettable songs such as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" and "People Will Say We're in Love", *Oklahoma!* is a must-see musical!

RUN TIME APPROX. 2:45 (incl. intermission)

2023-24 TRIBUTES


SEPT. 28-
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FRANKIE VALLI
AND THE
FOUR SEASONS



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PAUL SIMON
& GARFUNKEL



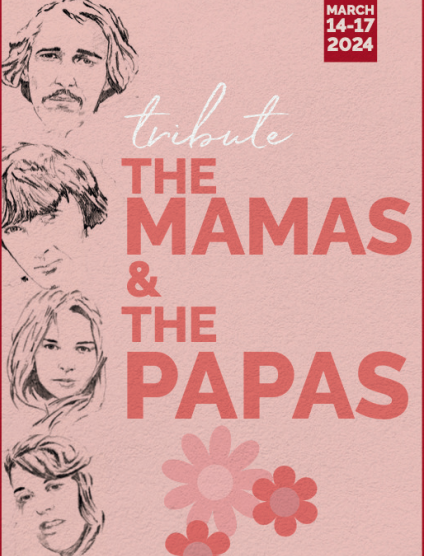
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STARRING
TAMMY MCCANN



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2024

tribute
THE MAMAS & THE PAPAS



MAY
2-5
2024

tribute
CLASSIC ROCK 2.0



The Encore's Tribute Series is sponsored by:





SEPT. 28 - OCT. 1, 2023

Join us as we kick off our Season 15 Tribute Concert Series with the ultimate homage to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. With hits like Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man and more, you're certain to be taken on a trip down memory lane with "The Jersey Boys"!

RUN TIME APPROX. 1:30 (no intermission)



JAN. 11 - 14, 2024

Prepare to be transported through the decades as our talented artists take the stage to perform a selection of Paul Simon's most iconic songs including "Graceland," "You Can Call Me Al," "Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes," and "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard". In addition to Paul Simon's solo catalog, we'll also pay homage to the unforgettable partnership with Art Garfunkel with their most cherished hits, such as "The Sound of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Mrs. Robinson," and "Scarborough Fair/Canticle."

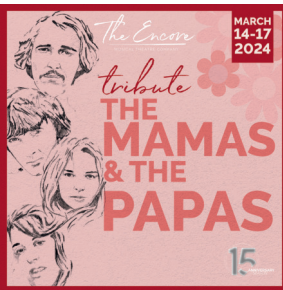
RUN TIME APPROX. 1:30 (no intermission)



MARCH 8 - 9, 2024

Star jazz vocalist, Tammy McCann, takes us on an unforgettable musical journey in celebration of the indelible mark left by female jazz musicians throughout history. Through the magnetic presence of Tammy McCann and her dedication to honoring these trailblazers, the concert serves as a powerful reminder of the invaluable contributions of women in jazz, inspiring audiences and fostering a deep appreciation for their extraordinary talent.

RUN TIME APPROX. 1:30 (no intermission)



MARCH 14 - 17, 2024

This tribute concert will showcase an incredible lineup of talented musicians paying homage to the timeless music and harmonies that defined The Mamas & the Papas' legacy. Fans can expect to hear their beloved hits like "California Dreamin'" and "Monday, Monday" performed with passion and authenticity. The concert promises to be a nostalgic journey celebrating the influential sound of one of the greatest groups in music history.

RUN TIME APPROX. 1:30 (no intermission)



MAY 2 - 5, 2024

A highly anticipated sequel to Season 14's most popular tribute concert, *Tribute to Classic Rock 2.0* is the ultimate celebration of the music that defined generations and continues to inspire millions worldwide. Get ready to embark on a nostalgic journey through the golden era of rock as we pay homage to the legendary bands and timeless anthems that shaped music history.

RUN TIME APPROX. 1:30 (no intermission)

SPECIAL EVENT VENUES...

The Encore offers multiple space rental options for your special event. A truly novel, reasonably priced venue for a broad variety of small to medium sized events.

Business Meetings
Business Recognition Events
Organizational Fundraisers
Wedding Receptions

Bridal/Baby Showers
Holiday Parties
Celebrations
Reunions

...and more!



- **Convenient Location**
Easy access to I-94, US-23, and M-14
- **Reasonable Prices**
A great value for premium space/service options
- **3 Space Rental Options**
To accommodate gatherings of 10 to 100
- **Main Stage Production Pairing**
Include a show for the ultimate event
- **Tribute Concert Pairing**
Add a concert for an interactive experience

Amenities

- Free off-street parking
- Barrier-free access
- Blackout shades
- Food & beverage area
- Convenient setup/breakdown
- Accessible bathroom facilities
- Dry-erase whiteboard
- Face masks and hand sanitizer

E-mail or telephone Cheryl Willoughby
EncoreGroups@theencoretheatre.org | 734.268.6200

Venue Options

Premier All-Inclusive Venue: 100 person capacity / approx. 2,000 sq. ft.

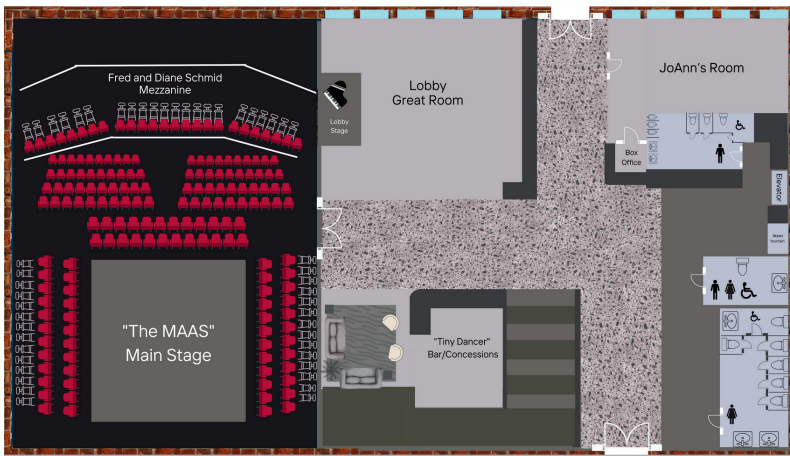
- Includes *JoAnn's Room* & *Great Room* PLUS lounge & bar area
- 4 wireless microphones, 4 microphone stands, portable speakers
- *Great Room Stage* for awards, announcements, and entertainment
- 72" wall-mounted Smart TV with VGA & HDMI ports

Lobby Great Room Venue: 70 person capacity / approx. 1,200 sq. ft.

- 4 wireless microphones, 4 microphone stands, portable speakers
- *Great Room Stage* for awards, announcements, and entertainment
- 72" wall-mounted Smart TV with VGA & HDMI ports

JoAnn's Room Venue: 20 person capacity / approx. 480 sq. ft.

- Private space for small gatherings and confidential meetings



Additional Amenities & Special Services

- **Encore Ticket Packages:** provide an exclusive bonus to attendees, or employee recognition gifts
- **Live Entertainment in Lobby Great Room:** cocktail pianist
- **Catering:** use one of our recommendations, or bring in your own
- **Flowers:** add a festive element to your event
- **Gift Baskets:** a nice way to say thank you, or show your appreciation
- **Digital Baby Grand Piano** (Lobby Great Room) or
- **Upright Piano** (JoAnn's Room)



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