



Downtown Detroit



Comerica Park – Tigers Baseball

Oakland University's 2016 Social Guide for New Faculty (and Not-So-New Faculty)



Oakland University
Bear Lake



Saturday Morning at the
Eastern Market

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Welcome

So you just signed your contract to begin work at Oakland University, and the headlines in the National News are that “Detroit is Bankrupt.” Your friends and family back home, in sunny wherever, think you are crazy. Relax, you are not crazy, in fact, you have just moved to an amazingly rich, culturally diverse, exciting regional area with more things to do than you will have time to enjoy it. The Metro Detroit area is thriving with great restaurants, theater, bars and clubs, concerts and music, shopping, arts and culture.

We hope this guide will help you transition into the Metro Detroit area and help you take advantage of all that it has to offer. A huge thank you is extended to Jeff Chapman, Erin Meyers, Kristine Diaz, and Rebecca Mercado Thornton for organizing all of these lists by seeking input from faculty at OU.

My Top Ten List of Transitioning into the Oakland University Community and the Metro Detroit Community

1. Engage in the Oakland University Community. In addition to all the academic, research and service opportunities at Oakland, we are overflowing with social, recreational and cultural activities. The fantastic Recreation Center is free for all faculty. The Department of Dance, Music and Theater has ongoing events. Play a round of golf on one of the two golf courses. Enjoy a meal at Finnegan's (in the club house) and get a 10% discount. Attend an exciting Golden Grizzlies athletic event. See an outdoor concert at Meadowbrook. Visit the Meadowbrook Estate (how many other campuses can say they have a mansion on their grounds). Watch a play at Meadowbrook Theater. Visit the Art Gallery. Watch the deer roam the Oakland grounds.
2. Don't believe what you see on the news. Yes, Detroit may be bankrupt and may have a history of crime, but for those who live here, it is our best kept secret; Detroit is awesome. Enjoy and venture out into the Metro area. It is rich with culture, music, art, restaurants and beautiful sites. Explore. Investigate.
3. Be safe. Use common sense. Just as in any other large metropolitan urban area; walk with someone at night in areas you are not familiar with, lock your car, house and office, do not leave valuables in your car or office.
4. Connect up with colleagues and neighbors who know the area and can make recommendations for you about doctors, dentists, and hairdressers.
5. Parking, parking, parking. Good luck. Oakland University is a wonderful place to work, but up until two years ago has been a challenging place to park. The good news is parking is free for all faculty, staff and students. The bad news is that there has been limited parking and there are no assigned lots. This year we are thrilled that new lots and a new parking structure are now available. However, it may still be tight. So here are some suggestions: read the parking update in this guide, arrive early (by 8:00), once you park don't give up your spot as you may not find one again, take the Bear Bus around campus, bring a bike, carpool with colleagues or students, park far out and get some exercise. Plan to arrive long before your class or meeting to ensure that you can find a spot. When all else fails, do what we all do and "stalk" or follow people as they walk back to their cars and grab their spot. Seriously, be careful, courteous and patient.
6. Enjoy the deer, but be careful. Deer roam all throughout Oakland County. They can quickly run across any street (usually at dusk) and can cause great injury to you and your car (not to mention what happens to the poor deer). Michigan has a motto "Don't veer for deer" because you could hit someone else. My own motto is simply "Be very careful!"
7. Winter preparation. For all those coming from the warm south, you will need to remember a few things such as:
 - a. Take advantage of the weather. Learn to skate, ski or just read a book in front of a roaring fire.
 - b. You will need a shovel or a snow service if you own your own home. Some years you won't need to shovel much, other year's it can be a weekly event.

- c. Oakland University has a reputation for staying open no matter what. Seriously though, check the website...
 - d. Winterize your home. Check to make sure the furnace is working, the windows seal and you have no space for air to come in under your doors.
 - e. You will need a snow scraper in your car. You might want to even consider a remote car starter!
 - f. Do not put water in your car radiator or window washer. It will freeze and destroy your car! Use anti-freeze after October.
 - g. If you are driving far distances, snow tires are helpful. Many people change their tires, I, however, have found them to be a life saver.
8. Seek support. We are all here to support and help you as you make your transition into the Oakland family.
 9. Be patient. Change and transition takes time. In my personal experience, I say it takes up to 3 years to fully acclimatize to a new community before you fully feel comfortable and at home.
 10. Balance your life and time. First year in any job can be overwhelming. First year in academia can be stressful. Take time for yourself, take time for your family. Work hard and play hard.

Good luck to all on your journey.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything at ableser@oakland.edu or 248-370-2455 or drop by my office for some coffee (200D Elliott Hall).

Respectfully,
Judy Ableser, CETL Director

Don't Be Afraid of Detroit

The media tends to sensationalize all the negative aspects of Detroit and avoids highlighting the amazing things happening downtown. Even some local suburbanites watch the news too religiously and deduce that only crime happens within its limits, so they miss out on a lot of cool stuff. Don't miss out on cool stuff.

A brief history lesson to contextualize it all; the city suffered from two major race-related riots. One happened in 1943 and then a worse one in 1967. These riots, on top of, mass suburbanization, white flight, and redlining, left the city's largest population mostly too poor to leave it with a few loyalists, like myself, sprinkled in. The city, at its hay day contained almost 2 million people and was known as the "Paris of the Midwest." Now the city is teetering around 700,000 people and the neighborhoods (outside of downtown and midtown) are struggling. In downtown and midtown the rent is more than \$2 dollars per square foot, sadly, those areas are being gentrified.

But here's the thing; the city's local politicians and activists have been working on overdrive to try and clean up Detroit's image and you can be a part of that. How, you ask? Well, a) you can bear witness to these big changes and b) you can help us make these big changes.

Let's start with a week of things to do in Detroit that you don't want to miss.

- Saturdays you can experience the liveliest grocery shopping experience at the **Eastern Market**; live music, vendors, and pop-up restaurants. After the market you might feel like a little whiskey, check out the whiskey distillery, **Two James Spirits** in Corktown (the old Irish neighborhood).
- Sunday, you could take a stroll down the **Dequindre Cut** out to the Detroit River Walk and experience the sight of the Ambassador Bridge.
- Monday, you could go to **Campus Martius** and either ice skate in the heart of downtown or build a sand castle, depending on the season.
- On Tuesday, you can get your exercise on while you network at **Run This Town-Detroit**, which meets at 6:00pm at the carousel at that fancy river you went to on Sunday.
- Wednesday should be your meat day; first head to **Slow's BBQ**, get the ribs, but don't eat too much, because you're on a meat mission. After Slow's, head out of Corktown down Michigan Avenue towards downtown and get some **Red Smoke**, the less famous but more delicious BBQ over in Greektown. And if you're not too stuffed, walk over to Astoria's and get some baklava.
- On Thursday nights, especially on the first Thursday of every month, you need to send yourself to experience all that is **Cliff Bells**. Cliff Bells is a jazz bar designed to maintain its 1930's image with big maple pillars, and long booth style seating.
- Why the first Thursday? Simple, **Moth Story Slam** (you know, from NPR) happens then.
- Friday night is big game day. Depending on the season; **preseason Football**, **Tiger's baseball**, or **Red Wing's hockey**--downtown on those nights are contagiously exciting. But beforehand, do yourself a favor, and get dinner in **Mexicantown** or **Mexican Village**.

As I have said, awesome things are happening within the city and YOU (yes you!) can be a part of that. You could consider moving to Detroit, that would help. You could consider attending these events and places I mentioned, that would help. You could volunteer your talents. Your talents could be as simple as being an awesome mower (<http://www.mowergang.com>), or teaching folks to read (<http://readingworksdetroit.org>), or mentoring young women (alternativesforgirls.org), or brining better public transportation to the city (<http://www.fwrail.org/index.htm>), or if you just want my cousin to put you to work cleaning up the lawn of elderly person—just let me know.

Detroit is being monolithically represented in the national and local media. It has more than bankruptcy and crime to offer; rich cultural diversity, a huge fist sculpture (Joe Lewis's), music festivals at Hart Plaza, their own island (Belle Isle), interactive art projects, and many other hidden gems the news doesn't boast about. Don't be too scared to experience the Motown Magic for yourself.

Want to know more about the magic? Contact me over in Wilson Hall (248-370-2514) or check out a D:hive tour (<http://dhivedetroit.org>).



-Rebecca Mercado Thornton
Department of Communication and Journalism

Junior Faculty Social Hours – Fall 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Galina Tirnanic and Terressa Benz

Join other Junior/New/Emerging Faculty once a month for some social time on Friday evenings. The events alternate venues, with some close to campus and others in areas such as Royal Oak, Ferndale and Detroit. Junior Faculty Social Hour is a great way to connect with faculty in a less formal setting. Partners and loved ones welcome!

Fri, September 9th - Rochester Area

Red Ox Tavern

3773 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills (across from campus)

Fri, October 7th - Royal Oak

Blackfinn

530 South Main Street, Royal Oak

Fri, November 4th - Detroit

Ghostbar at the Whitney

4421 Woodward Avenue, Midtown Detroit (parking meters run till 10 p.m.)

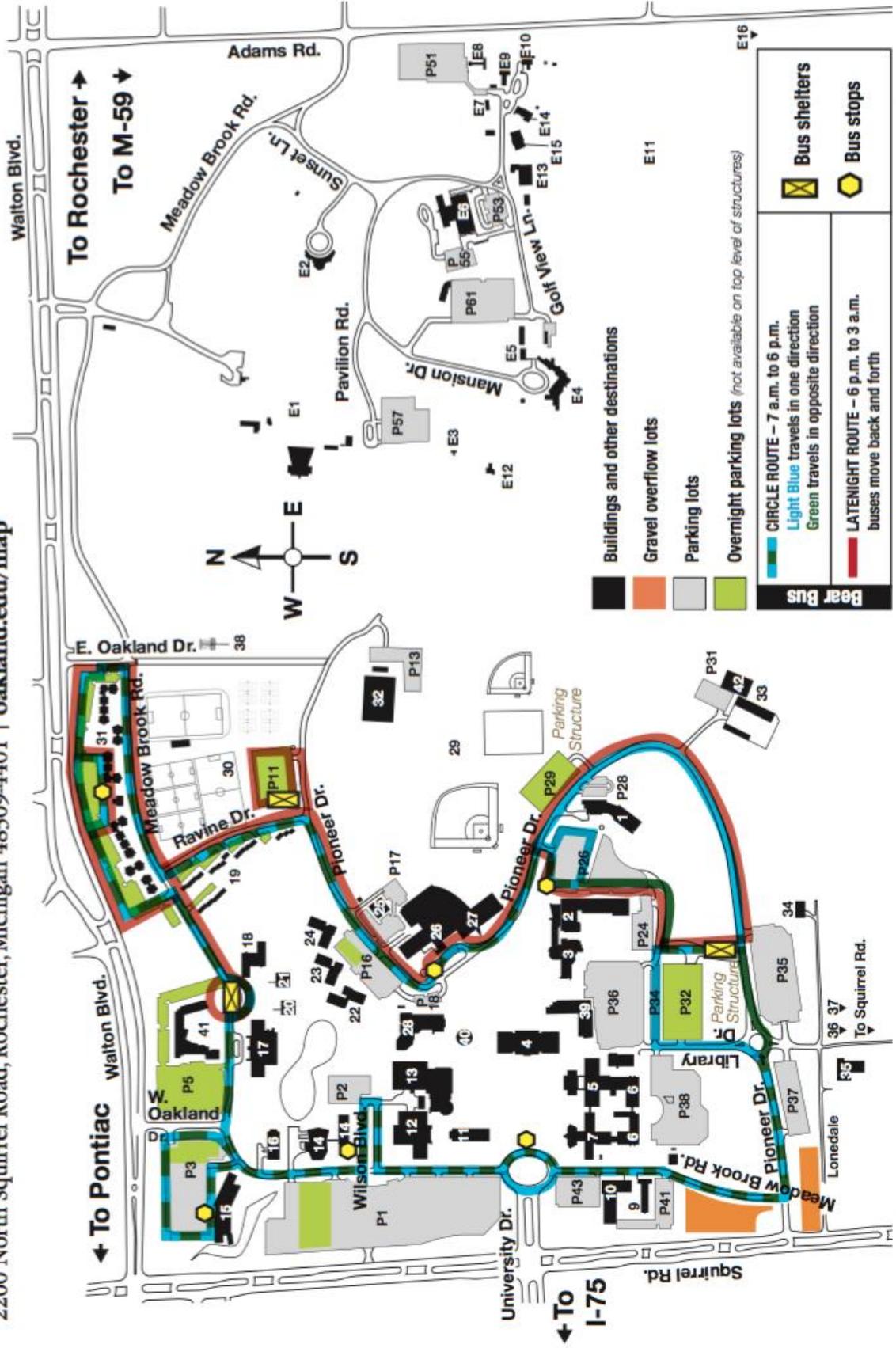
Fri, December 2nd - Ferndale

The Emory

22700 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY | 2015-16 Overnight Parking and Bus Routes

2200 North Squirrel Road, Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401 | oakland.edu/map



Building and grounds legend on reverse side | Bus routes, stops and parking designations are subject to change

Recreation Center

oakland.edu/campusrec

Access to the Rec Center is free for all faculty and staff, along with additional Employee Wellness Services like nutrition consultations and special programs. The Rec Center also offers group exercise classes and individual training for an additional fee.

Spring/Summer Hours		
	Recreation Center	Aquatic Center
Monday – Thursday	5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.	5:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.	5:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex			
	Rec Fields	Tennis Courts/Track	Disc Golf Course
Monday - Friday	Dawn – Dusk	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Dawn – Dusk
Saturday/Sunday	Dawn - Dusk	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Dawn - Dusk

Academic Hours (Starting Aug. 29)		
	Recreation Center	Aquatic Center
Monday – Thursday	5:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.	5:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. / 6-10 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.	5:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. / 6-8 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex			
	Rec Fields	Tennis Courts/Track	Disc Golf Course
Monday - Friday	Dawn – Dusk	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Dawn – Dusk
Saturday/Sunday	Dawn - Dusk	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Dawn - Dusk

OU Athletics – Golden Grizzlies

www.ougrizzlies.com

We have a wide range of Division 1 athletic teams, along with exciting club sports such as football and hockey. Due to our institution’s athletic excellence, we joined the Horizon League in 2013. Our men’s and women’s basketball teams are among the best in the country, often placing into the NCAA bracket.

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GOLDEN GRIZZLIES
THE OFFICIAL ATHLETICS SITE OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

MEN'S SPORTS

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BASKETBALL	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
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GOLF	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
SOCCER	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
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WOMEN'S SPORTS

BASKETBALL	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
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SOCCER	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
SOFTBALL	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
SWIMMING & DIVING	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
TENNIS	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
TRACK & FIELD	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics
VOLLEYBALL	News	Roster	Schedule	Statistics

GRADUATES AND CHAMPIONS

CHEER AND DANCE | Cheer | Dance | Mascot

OU's Music, Dance and Theater Events

SEASON-AT-A-GLANCE 2016-17

September

- 10 Regina Carter and the Oakland Jazz Quartet **Music**
- 16 David Gaines: A Little Business Under the Big Top **Theatre**
- 20 Ben Wendel Group featuring Aaron Parks, Joe Sanders and Henry Cole **Music**
- 24 Black and Gold: Performing Arts Extravaganza **Music Theatre Dance**
- 26 Adam Estes, saxophone **Music**

October

- 2 Oakland Symphony Orchestra **Music**
- 4 Oakland University Chamber Orchestra **Music**
- 9 Juilliard String Quartet with Tian Tian, piano **Music**
- 6-16 The Scarlet Pimpernel **Theatre**
- 15 Music, Theatre and Dance Day **Music Theatre Dance**
- 16 Oakland University Brass Band **Music**
- 19 Mary Vanhoozer-Rodriguez, piano **Music**
- 22-23 Eisenhower Dance in *On the Move* **Dance**
- 26 OU Bands Preview **Music**
- 28 Oakland University Jazz Band and the Scott Gwinell Jazz Orchestra **Music**
- 29 Celebrate Halloween with the Piano Faculty and Students **Music**
- 29 Ongi Suono Saxophone Duo **Music**

November

- 1 The AronBerkner Duo **Music**
- 4 World Music Concert with Paschal Yao Younge **Music**
- 5 Community Workshop and Concert with Paschal Yao Younge **Music**
- 6 Oakland Symphony Orchestra **Music**
- 7 Trombone Studio Recital **Music**
- 8 Tuba and Euphonium Studio Recital **Music**
- 9 Saxophone Studio Recital **Music**
- 10-20 The House of Bernarda Alba **Theatre**
- 12-13 American Songbook Series #4: The Songs of Jimmy Van Heusen **Theatre**
- 13 Heidi Grant Murphy, soprano and Kevin Murphy, piano **Music**
- 14-19 Company Class **Theatre**
- 15 Guitar Studio Recital **Music**
- 16 Oakland Jazz Singers and the Oakland Jazz Quartet **Music**
- 17 Clarinet Studio Recital **Music**
- 18-19 University Chorus and Oakland Chorale **Music**
- 20 Oakland University Chamber Ensembles Concert **Music**

- 20 Flute Studio Recital **Music**
- 22 Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band **Music**
- 28-29 bare: a pop opera **Theatre**
- 29 Oakland University Chamber Orchestra **Music**

December

- 1-3 Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company **Dance**
- 3 Opera Workshop **Music**
- 4 OU Jazz at Cliff Bell's Jazz Club **Music**
- 4-5 Alice **Theatre**
- 5 Percussion Ensemble Concert **Music**

January

- 12-15 The Magic Flute **Music**
- 14 OU Percussion Day **Music**
- 15 Clarinet and Saxophone Solo and Ensembles Day **Music**
- 19-22 The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase **Dance**
- 21 Dance Day **Dance**
- 22 Christopher O'Riley, piano **Music**
- 23 Jazz Double Bass Concert featuring Miles Brown and Jeff Pedraz **Music**
- 25 Oakland University Brass Band **Music**
- 28 Spirits Rising **Music Dance**
- 29 Piano Day **Music**

February

- 2-12 Rumors **Theatre**
- 3 Oakland University Jazz Band with Michael Dease, trombone **Music**
- 4 nOU Contemporary Music Concert **Music**
- 8 Lo-An Lin, piano **Music**
- 9 Oakland University Chamber Orchestra **Music**
- 11-12 American Songbook Series #5: The Songs of Irving Berlin **Theatre**
- 12 Oakland Symphony Orchestra: 20th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert **Music**
- 14 Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert **Music**
- 16 BFA Musical Theatre Senior Showcase **Theatre**
- 24 Kotaro Fukuma, piano **Music**
- 27 Oakland University Brass Band and Capital City Brass Band **Music**
- 28 Celebrate *Carnival* with the Piano Faculty and Students **Music**

March

- 1 Wind Symphony with Guest High School Band **Music**
- 3 Jonathan Retzlaff, baritone **Music**
- 4 Voice Day **Music**

- 6 Children's Concert: Regina Carter with the Oakland Jazz Quartet **Music**
- 11 Senior Dance Concert **Dance**
- 12 Imani Winds **Music**
- 13 Piano Ensemble Concert **Music**
- 14 Clarinet Studio Recital **Music**
- 15 Oakland University Jazz Singers and the Oakland Jazz Quartet **Music**
- 17-18 University Chorus and Oakland Chorale **Music**
- 20 Flute Studio Recital **Music**
- 23 Oakland University Chamber Orchestra/Keyboard Concerto Competition **Music**
- 23-31 A Chorus Line **Theatre**
- 24 Oakland University Jazz Band **Music**
- 26 Opera Workshop **Music**
- 26 String Studios Recital **Music**
- 27 Saxophone Studio Recital **Music**
- 28 Guitar Studio Recital **Music**
- 31 Oakland University Percussion Ensemble and World Percussion Ensemble **Music**

April

- 1-2 A Chorus Line **Theatre**
- 1 An Evening of Carnatic Music **Music**
- 2 Celino Romero, guitar and friends **Music**
- 5 Oakland Symphony Orchestra with Oakland University Symphony Chorus **Music**
- 6-9 Young Choreographers Forum **Dance**
- 7 Children's Concert with Ray Holman **Music**
- 7 World Music Concert with Ray Holman **Music**
- 9 Oakland University Chamber Ensembles Concert **Music**
- 9 OU Jazz at Cliff Bell's Jazz Club **Music**
- 9-12 Nightclub Cabarets **Theatre**
- 12 Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band **Music**
- 13-15 An Original Work **Theatre**
- 18 18th Annual MaTiDa Awards
- 19 Jeffrey Heisler, Faculty Saxophone Recital **Music**
- 21-22 Take Root in *Apartment 402* **Dance**

May

- 19, 21 Wiley and the Hairy Man **Theatre**

June

- 9 Wiley and the Hairy Man **Theatre**

MUSIC | THEATRE | DANCE
oakland.edu/mtd

Meadow Brook Hall

www.meadowbrookhall.org

480 South Adams Rd. Rochester, MI 48309

Open seven days a week, but see website for tour times and hours
(as they change each season)

(248) 364-6200

Meadow Brook Hall, housed on the Oakland University campus, holds the history of this university and the royalty that the auto industry produced. Matilda Wilson's estate, widow of John Dodge of the Dodge Motor Company and remarried to Alfred Wilson, is one of the most ornate and expansive in the country, the fifth-largest to be exact (and larger than the White House). **The house tour is free for OU students and \$10 for faculty.** Sometimes OU functions will be hosted in the mansion. The estate also hosts events such as Dinner with Hitchcock, Jazz in the Garden, and the Meadow Brook Ball.



OU 1 - Meadow Brook Estate. Photo credits by Oakland County.

Meadow Brook Theatre

www.mbttheatre.com

207 Wilson Hall Oakland University Rochester, MI 48309

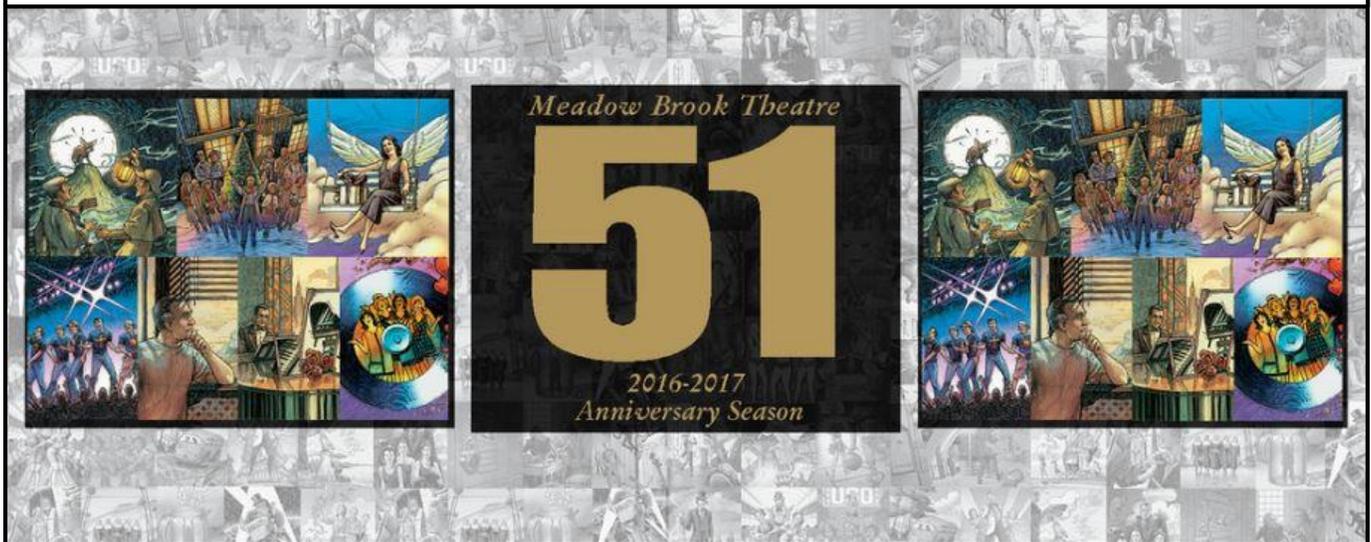
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

Box Office: (248) 377-3300

Founded on Oakland University's campus in 1967, Meadow Brook Theatre is Michigan's largest non-profit producing professional theatre. Meadow Brook Theatre offers award-winning productions, incredible intimacy, excellent sight lines, superior acoustics and much more. The 500-seat auditorium is housed within Wilson Hall, one of the academic buildings on campus. Special lectures and university events are also hosted within this venue.



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Oakland University Art Gallery

ouartgallery.org

For more than 40 years, the Oakland University Art Gallery (OUAG) has delivered diverse, museum-quality art to metro Detroit audiences. From September to May, the OUAG presents six different exhibitions – from cutting-edge contemporary art to projects exploring historical and global themes. The gallery also presents lectures, performances, tours, special events and more.

Sustaining a program focusing on the contextualization of contemporary art in Detroit is at the heart of our mission. Over the last decade we have produced over 50 publications, extending the range of our programming beyond the temporal run of each exhibition; this has created a prominent niche for the gallery. Exhibiting artists have gone on to participate in world-renowned invitationals such as the Whitney and Venice Biennials and have been represented at major art fairs as well as many other prestigious projects.

Oakland University Art Gallery is part of the Department of Art and Art History, College of Arts and Sciences and our mission is aligned with the academic identity of the department: Emphasizing excellence, Oakland University Art Gallery is dedicated to the enrichment of the individual through the intellectual and emotional enjoyment of the visual arts.

The screenshot shows the website for the Oakland University Art Gallery. At the top left is the logo 'ART GALLERY' with 'OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY' to its right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'home', 'about', 'exhibitions', 'press & events', 'memberships', 'publications', and 'contact'. The main content area features a large etching of a woman's face, identified as 'Gerald Brockhurst, Dorette, 1932, etching, Collection of Carl F. Barnes, Jr. and Anna M. Barnes.' To the right of this image is a section for an 'upcoming exhibition' titled 'WPA Prints from the DIA & Prints of Gerald Brockhurst' running from 'Sep. 9 - Oct. 9, 2016'. Below this is a smaller image of a man wearing a cap with a headlamp. At the bottom of the page, there are two columns of text: 'gallery hours' and 'directions and parking'. The gallery hours are listed as 'September through May, Tuesday—Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.', with special evening hours for performances. The directions section states the gallery is in 208 Wilson Hall and provides information about parking on campus.

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Gerald Brockhurst, Dorette, 1932, etching, Collection of Carl F. Barnes, Jr. and Anna M. Barnes.

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WPA Prints from the DIA & Prints of Gerald Brockhurst
Sep. 9 - Oct. 9, 2016

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September through May
Tuesday—Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

Evenings during special events & Meadow Brook Theatre performances
Wednesday—Friday: 7 p.m. through first intermission
Saturday and Sunday: 5 p.m. through first intermission

Closed Mondays and holidays

directions and parking
Oakland University Art Gallery is located on the university's main campus. OUAG is located on the main floor in 208 Wilson Hall, across the hall from Meadow Brook Theatre.

Oakland University does not require parking passes or stickers anywhere on campus, and free parking is available in lot P1 as well as other lots around the campus.

For directions and parking information please visit our about page.

OFF-CAMPUS SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

FAVORITE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO EXPLORE

Rochester

Rochester is small, but comfortable and relaxed. Downtown Rochester, four miles directly east of the OU campus, offers an array of excellent eateries, from bakeries (Home Bakery's cakes, Give Thanks' bread, Holy Cannoli's...well...cannolis) to restaurants (Kruse and Muer, the Meeting House, and O'Connor's pub) and nightlife (Fieldstone wine bar, next door to Main Street Billiards). The city's outdoor activities revolve around the scenic Paint Creek Trail, a 9-mile recreational path from downtown Rochester to Lake Orion.

Royal Oak

Royal Oak is the bustling, hip urban scene packed with cultural stops, from a cup of tea at Goldfish Tea and an indie movie at the Main Art Theatre to cozy bars and music theaters. It's people-watching central with plenty of outdoor seating available. Visit Metro Detroiters' most-loved boutiques, such as Leon and Lulu or Pitaya.

Ferndale

Downtown Ferndale lines up local music venues on the east side of Woodward (New Way Bar, the Magic Bag, the Loving Touch), which are surrounded by some of the best hip yet humble food stops, such as the Emory, Imperial, Flytrap, and One-Eyed Betty.

Birmingham

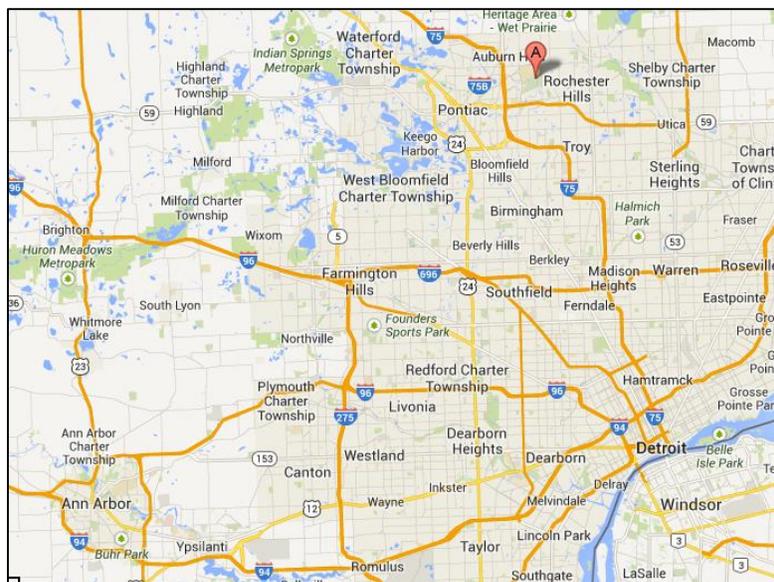
A tiny, affluent community just north of Ferndale, the downtown area packs in a variety of food, nightlife, and shopping experiences. It is the downtown shopping experience, featuring high-end boutiques, specialty shops and everything cutesy. "Old Woodward" features a park and beloved restaurants such Scallopini's and Luxe.

Ann Arbor

University of Michigan's college town is an hour drive from Oakland University. It's the city with so much to love: frequent art fairs, phenomenal food stops like Zingerman's, dozens of book stores, and diverse musical acts. It is one of Detroit's main cultural hubs, making it difficult to sum up tidily.

Windsor, Ontario Canada

Less than an hour away. Multicultural community. Great Chinese, Middle Eastern and Italian food and markets. Lovely sculpture garden walk by the river. Bring your passports!



OU 2 - Metro Detroit area, with OU pin (Google Maps)

RESTAURANTS

Campus Area

Brookshire Restaurant at the Royal Park Hotel 600 E University Dr, Rochester

<http://www.royalparkhotel.net/Dine/Brookshire-Restaurant>

While the venue alone is worth the stop, located within the luxurious Royal Park Hotel on Paint Creek, the food is superbly fresh and cooked with care. Available for breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner.

Half Day Café 3134 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills

<http://myhalfdaycafe.com>

A good sandwich shop located close to OU.

Kabin Kruser's Oyster Bar 306 S Main St., Rochester

<http://kruseandmuerrestaurants.com/our-restaurants/kabin-krusers-rochester/>

Great seafood, fish tacos and oysters in downtown Rochester.

Kruse and Muer

In the Village – 134 N Adams Rd, Rochester Hills

On Main – 336 S Main St, Rochester

<http://kruseandmuerrestaurants.com/>

A fantastic-everything restaurant particularly renowned for their seafood and pizza. Other locations in Troy and Lake Orion.

Penny Black Grill and Tap 124 W. Fourth St, Rochester

<http://www.pbrochester.com/>

House smoked BBQ, burgers and sandwiches. Great craft beer and cocktail list.

Rangoli Indian Cuisine 3055 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills.

<http://www.detroitrangoli.com/home/Rangoli.aspx>

The excellent and inexpensive lunch buffet (meat and veggie options) is not to be missed.

Take Sushi 1366 E Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills

<http://www.takesushimichigan.com/>

“Great lunch special, mostly sushi, but some Korean dishes like bibimbap.”
(Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Royal Oak/Ferndale

Anita's Kitchen 22651 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://www.anitaskitchenonline.com/>

Lebanese cuisine.

Blue Nile 545 W 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale

<http://www.bluenilemi.com/>

“Roll up your sleeves for delicious Ethiopian cuisine. This is a special treat for getting together with a small group of friends, hovering over a large platter of cooked vegetables and picking up food with spongy bread. Food adventure especially catered to a vegetarian diet.” (Christina Moore, Writing and Rhetoric)

The Fly Trap 22950 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

http://theflytrapferndale.com/The_Fly_Trap/daily_buzz.php

“Best of the brunch spots in Ferndale or Royal Oak. Incredibly reasonable prices for the high quality and creativity of the food.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

The Imperial 22828 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/imperial-ferndale>

“Open floor plan with collective seating to maximize the spirit of camaraderie, The Imperial is an excellent blend of traditional tacqueria and hipster bar, with amazing food and awesome drink selection at very affordable prices.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

Mae’s 24060 Woodward Ave, Pleasant Ridge

<http://maesdetroit.com/>

Another great brunch spot. Low-key but better than the average diner.

Pronto! 608 Washington, Royal Oak

<http://www.prontorestaurant.com/>

Brunch, sandwiches, desserts.

Red Coat Tavern 31542 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/red-coat-tavern-royal-oak>

Renowned for their burgers.

Toast 23144 Woodward Ave, Ferndale and 203 Pierce St, Birmingham

<http://www.eatattoast.com/>

Delicious spot for breakfast, brunch or lunch. Birmingham location also does dinner.

Detroit

Atlas Global Bistro 3111 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.atlasglobalbistro.com/index.html>

Eclectic, international menu and creative cocktails.

Bucharest Grill 2040 Park Ave, Detroit

<http://bucharestgrill.com/>

“Get your shawarma on” at this inexpensive and delicious handmade Middle Eastern/Eastern European food. Best shawarma this side of Romania.

Green Dot Stables 2200 West Lafayette, Detroit

<http://greendotstables.com/>

Range of meat and veggie sliders in a downtown pub.

The Polish Village Cafe, 2990 Yemans, Hamtramck

<http://www.thepolishvillagecafe.com/>

“Good and inexpensive Polish food.” (Dan Steffy, Mathematics and Statistics)

The Rattlesnake Club 300 River Place, Detroit

<http://rattlesnakedetroit.com/>

Seasonally-focused fine dining on the Detroit River.

Roast 1128 Washington Blvd, Detroit

<http://www.roastdetroit.com/>

“Celebrity chef Michael Symon’s place in the D. Delicious but ‘bougie,’ so be ready to drop some cash. More affordable and equally delicious is the stellar happy hour (M-F, 4-6:30) with select bites (that are way more than ‘bites’) for \$3-4 and drinks \$4-5 only at the bar. Get there early because the bar seating fills up fast for this incredible deal.”

(Rebecca Mercado Thornton and Erin Meyers, Communication & Journalism)

Sinbad's Restaurant and Marina 100 St. Clair, Detroit

<http://sindbads.com/>

A Detroit favorite since 1949. Nautical-themed pub on the Detroit River. Sinbad’s also runs a shuttle to every Red Wings home game.

Taqueria El Rey 4730 W Vernor Highway, Detroit

<http://www.taqueria-elrey.com/>

Great, inexpensive and authentic Mexican food in Mexicantown.

Taqueria Lupita's 3443 Bagley St, Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/taqueria-lupitas-detroit>

Mexicantown’s self-proclaimed “house of the original Mexican taco.”

Town Pump Tavern 100 W Montcalm, Detroit

<http://www.thetownpumptavern.com/TownPump/Welcome.html>

“Great spot for before/after a game at Comerica or Ford Field. Good burgers for meat eaters and vegetarians.” (Amanda Lynch, School of Health Sciences)

Traffic Jam & Snug 511 W Canfield, Detroit

<http://www.trafficjamdetroit.com/>

Eclectic menu of made from scratch dishes supported by in-house bakery, dairy and microbrewery. Holds the title of first brew-pub in Michigan.

Whitney 4421 Woodward Ave, Detroit

www.thewhitney.com/

“Elegant, classic restaurant located in a beautiful old mansion. A wonderful place to celebrate earning tenure.” (Judy Ableser, CETL)

Other Places around Detroit-metro

Chung Ki Wa Korean and Japanese Restaurant, 2101 15 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/chung-ki-wa-sterling-heights>

“I’m ethnically Chinese and was born and raised in Taiwan. After all the frustration of finding a good Chinese restaurant in the area, I decided to stick with this Korean restaurant, which comforts me with superb Asian food. Their free side dishes are the best - always fresh and with all kinds of varieties. My Korean friends told me that this is the best in town. I’m addicted to the restaurant. Try all traditional Korean dishes. Both dinners and lunches are good. I’ve not tried Japanese dishes, but people who did told me that they are amazing.” (Hsiang-Hua (Melanie) Chang, Modern Languages and Literatures)

Fuji Buffet 32153 John R Rd. Madison Heights

<http://www.fujibistro.info/>

“Whenever I have a friend in town, this is the must-visit in the area. What excites me most is the unlimited sashimi (of course, everything is unlimited) and green tea ice cream! I think it’s better than most fancy buffet in Las Vegas and better than mid-priced cruise buffet.” (Hsiang-Hua (Melanie) Chang, Modern Languages and Literatures)

Korea Palace 34744 Dequindre Rd, Sterling Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/korea-palace-sterling-heights>

“Korean restaurant, pretty laid back, I believe they have table top grill, service can be hit or miss, food is good.” (Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

La Botana Mexican Restaurant 5947 John R. Rd, Troy

<http://labotanamexicanfood.com/>

Cheap, delicious and homemade Mexican food.

La Marsa 3720 Rochester Rd, Troy

<http://www.lamarsacuisine.com/Locations/Troy.aspx>

Mediterranean/Tunisian cuisine.

New Seoul Garden 27566 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

<http://www.newseoulgarden.com/>

“Korean restaurant, a bit far away but my favorite Korean restaurant.” (Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Que Huong Restaurant 30820 John R Rd, Madison Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/que-huong-restaurant-madison-heights> and

Thuy Trang Restaurant 30491 John R Rd, Madison Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/thuy-trang-restaurant-madison-heights>

“Two Vietnamese places on John R Road in Madison Heights, very close to each other, I’ve heard that they are rivals to each other. Personally I like Que Huong better. Great Pho (after heavy drink night, this will soothe your stomach!), great bubble tea, be ready for the sodium and MSG attack though!).” (Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Recipes 2919 Crooks, Troy or 39297 Grand River, Farmington Hills

<http://recipesinc.com/index.htm>

Great brunch spot.

Satay House 31101 Dequindre Rd, Madison Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/satay-house-madison-heights>

“Malaysian restaurant, very cheap but great food, I love this place, great bubble tea.”

(Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Sammi 3634 Rochester Rd, Troy

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/sammi-troy>

Casual, inexpensive Korean food.

Tienda Mexicana 31642 John R. Rd, Madison Heights

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/tienda-mexicana-madison-heights>

“Cheap, delicious and ‘authentic’ Mexican food. Also a Mexican grocery.” (Ali Hoffman-

Han Cinema Studies)

Tomo 2959 E. Big Beaver Rd, Troy

Inexpensive Japanese and Korean food. Sushi bar.

Tomatoes Apizza 24369 Halsted Rd, Farmington Hills & 29275 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

<http://tomatoesapizza.com/>

“Two locations in Farmington Hills, and the pizza is definitely worth the drive. Their specialty is (comparatively) authentic Italian-style thin crust pizza, made in a brick oven, with limited toppings. The atmosphere is casual and family-friendly, and we've never had to wait for seating; they also have carry-out. For first-time apizza-eaters, I recommend the Naples Sampler, which has four of their most popular flavors; personally, however, I'm a devoted fan of the green pizza.” (Joanie Lipson Freed, English)

Union Woodshop 18 South Main, Clarkston

<http://www.unionwoodshop.com/>

“Excellent BBQ, worth the drive to Clarkston (15 minutes from campus), but beware the long waits on the weekends.” (Dan Steffy, Mathematics and Statistics)

Holly Hotel 110 Battle Alley, Holly

www.hollyhotel.com/

“One of my favorites. Beautiful old Hotel that has been converted into a gorgeous restaurant. Amazing high teas through the week. Comedy club on the weekends. Sunday brunch and fantastic dinners.” (Judy Ableser, CETL)

The Laundry 125 W Shiawassee Ave, Fenton

www.lunchandbeyond.com/

“Another must! Best breakfast and lunch menu ever. Come hungry. Great dinner menu too!” (Judy Ableser, CETL)

COFFEESHOPS

Bean & Leaf 439 S. Main St, Rochester, or 106 S. Main St, Royal Oak

<http://www.mybeanandleaf.com/>

“Both the Rochester and Royal Oak locations are nice independent coffee shops that don’t mind if you set up shop for a while. The Royal Oak location, in particular, is a regular haunt for OU faculty.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

Chazzano Coffee 1737 E. 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale

<http://www.chazzanocoffee.com/>

A great place to get very, very good coffee. Not a *lot* of space to sit down, for those of you looking for a place to grade for a couple hours, but excellent brew. “Possibly the best coffee roaster in the Detroit area.” (Dan Steffy, Mathematics and Statistics)

Dessert Oasis Coffee 336 S. Main St, Rochester

<http://dessertoasiscoffee.com/>

“A coffee shop in downtown Rochester that prepares good coffee and espresso with beans roasted in house.” (Dan Steffy, Mathematics and Statistics)

Great Lakes Coffee 3965 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.greatlakescoffee.com/coffeebar/>

BARS/NIGHTLIFE

Detroit

Atwater Brewery 237 Joseph Campau Ave, Detroit

<http://www.atwaterbeer.com/tap-room/>

Great microbrewery. “You can drink literally inside the Brewery (the down side is there's no food), but you can play cornhole!” (Amanda Lynch, School of Health Sciences)

Baker’s Keyboard Lounge 20510 Livernois Ave. Detroit

Oldest continually running jazz club in North America. A Detroit institution.

Fantastic jazz and great “old nightclub” feeling. (Judy Ableser, CETL)

The Bronx Bar 4476 2nd Ave, Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-bronx-bar-detroit>

Dive bar with great burgers.

Cafe D’mongo’s Speakeasy 1439 Griswold St, Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/cafe-d-mongos-speakeasy-detroit-2>

Only open Friday and Saturday nights for an old fashioned speakeasy/classic cocktail experience.

Cliff Bell’s 2030 Park Ave, Detroit

<http://www.cliffbells.com/>

“Excellent old-school saloon feeling: polished brass, deep-grained wood, and soft leather. Good bar and food, with regular live music, sometimes a full-on jazz concert with a cover charge, sometimes a pianist there to entertain you for free. Conveniently close to Comerica Park and Ford Field, the Fox and the Fillmore.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies) “They also host The Moth radio hour once a month.” (Amanda Lynch, School of Health Sciences)

Dirty Trick 2001 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/dirty-trick-detroit>

Dive-y bar a hop, skip, and jump away from Comerica Park, Fox Theatre and the Fillmore. Crowded on game days, but otherwise filled with regulars.

Level Two Bar & Rooftop 535 Monroe St, Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/level-two-bar-and-rooftop-detroit>

Dance club and bar inside Greektown casino.

Loco's Bar & Grill 454 E. Lafayette Blvd (Greektown), Detroit

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/loco-bar-and-grill-detroit>

Salsa Dancing on Saturdays

McShane's Irish Pub & Whiskey Bar 1460 Michigan Ave, Detroit

<http://mcshanespub.com/>

“Irish pub in the heart of Corktown, with a great beer selection and food. 7-day-a-week happy hour specials and a shuttle to Tigers’ games makes it a great choice for game days.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

Skybar 1150 Griswold, Detroit

<http://www.skybardetroit.com/>

“Cocktails and panoramic views of Detroit.” (Ali Hoffman-Han, Cinema Studies)

Sugar House 2130 Michigan Ave, Detroit

<http://www.sugarhousedetroit.com/>

“Neat cocktail lounge in Corktown with some very nice drinks. A great place to have a drink while you’re waiting 2 hours for your table at Slow’s BBQ.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

Woodbridge Pub 5169 Trumbull, Detroit

<http://www.woodbridgepub.com/>

Pub in the Wayne State U area. Very vegetarian- and vegan-friendly menu. Every Friday and Saturday nights bottles of the house wine are \$10.

Royal Oak/Ferndale and beyond

526 Main Dueling Piano Bar 526 Main St., Royal Oak

<http://www.526main.com/>

“I recommend making a reservation ahead of time because seating is limited.” (Nicole Asmussen, Political Science)

Kuhnenn Brewing Company 5919 Chicago Rd., Warren

<http://www.kbrewery.com/>

Brewery with highly rated beers.

The Oakland Art Novelty Company 201 W 9 Mile, Ferndale

<http://theoaklandferndale.com/>

“Don’t be fooled by the plain store front. The Oakland is a classic speakeasy star cocktail lounge with velvet couches and tasty (if expensive) drinks. No cell phones allowed!” (Erin Meyers, Communication & Journalism)

One-eyed Betty's Beer Bar & Kitchen 175 W.Troy, Ferndale

<http://oneeyedbettys.com/>

Hip restaurant with communal setting, good food, and a great beer selection.

Valentine Distilling Company Cocktail Lounge 161 Vester St, Ferndale

<http://www.valentinevodka.com/distillery.html>

“Valentine’s distills their own vodka (multiple flavors) and serves up classic and contemporary cocktails in their small and chic lounge.” (Erin Meyers, Communication & Journalism)

Woody's Diner 208 W. 5th St, Royal Oak

<http://www.woodydiner.com/> Salsa Dancing on Wednesdays and Thursdays

CONCERT VENUES

The Crofoot Ballroom 1 S Saginaw St, Pontiac

<http://thecrofoot.com/>

“Surprisingly under the radar, an excellent venue with an eclectic pull of NPR-hot indie bands and local acts.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

DTE Energy Center 7774 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston

<http://www.palacenet.com/venues-events/dte-energy-music-theatre>

Outdoor music venue; similar to Meadow Brook but a lot bigger. Great summer and fall shows with lots of big shows. Tailgating before the shows is mandatory!

Meadowbrook Music Festival 3554 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills

<http://www.palacenet.com/venues-events/meadow-brook-music-festival>

Outdoor music venue right on OU’s campus. Many great shows come through here in the summer. “There’s a trick to seeing show’s at Meadowbrook. You’re allowed to bring food to the show, so we always bring a picnic basket full of delicious food to a show. Rather than pay for the expensive seats under the pavilion, we bring a blanket and sit on the grass hill to the left of the seats. Great view, less expensive, good food. You still have to pay full price for the expensive beer, however.” (Jeff Chapman, English). “Park on upper fields on campus and walk to avoid paying parking charge and dealing with the post-show traffic.” (Erin Meyers, Communication & Journalism)

Royal Oak Music Theater 318 W. 4th St, Royal Oak

<http://www.royaloakmusictheatre.com/>

Intimate mid-sized venue. Great place to catch interesting indie acts.

St. Andrew’s Hall 431 E. Congress St, Detroit

<http://saintandrewsdetroit.com/>

Classic, intimate music venue right in the middle of the downtown Greektown district. Great place to catch indie acts.

Detroit’s Thriving Local Music Scene

For music by up-and-coming local artists and touring indie acts, the Detroit area proudly hosts a variety of genres, from rockabilly at the Berkley Front in Berkley to rock, pop, and surf at Small’s or the New Dodge Lounge in Hamtramck. Tune into Detroit’s music scene by checking out *The Metro Times*, available online but also free print stands everywhere in Metro Detroit.

GROCERIES/SPECIALTY & ETHNIC MARKETS

Trader Joe's 3044 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills

www.traderjoes.com

“Just across the street from the campus. Great shopping, fresh, frozen and organic. Famous for their 2 Buck Chuck wine” (Judy Ableser - CETL)

Whole Foods 2918 East Walton Boulevard, Rochester Hills

www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/rochesterhills

Full service, all-natural and organic grocery store.

Papa Joe's 6900 N Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills

www.papajoesmarket.com/index.php

Gourmet market offering a wide variety of unique gourmet products, fresh produce, and full catering services.

Eastern Market 2934 Russell St, Detroit

www.detroiteasternmarket.com

A Detroit institution open every Saturday. Huge fruit and veggie market with interesting people watching. Go early for parking.

Sugar Kisses 2688 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley

www.sugarkissesbakery.com

Vegan and gluten-free bakery.

Rochester Farmers Market corner of East Third and Water St, Rochester

www.downtownrochestermi.com/events/farmers-market/

Open every Saturday from May-October.

Royal Oak Farmers Market 316 East 11 Mile, Royal Oak

www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/portal/community-links/farmers-market

Excellent farmers market with lots of local produce and sundry. Open every Saturday year round (and also Fridays from May-Christmas).

The Western Market 447 W 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale

www.westernmarket.net/

“Great local market with plenty of basic supplies, an excellent deli and beer selection, great nursery, and lots of local-raised and organic goods.”
(Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe 3100 Woodward Ave, Detroit

www.yeoldebutchershoppedetroit.com/

Fine groceries in Detroit

Mexican/Latino Markets

E & L Supermercado 6000 W. Vernor, Detroit
<http://www.el-supermercado.com/>

Honey Bee Market La Colmena 2443 Bagley Ave, Detroit
<http://www.honeybeemkt.com/>

Asian and Southeast Asian Markets

H-Mart 2963 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy (formerly E-Mart)
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/e-mart-asian-grocery-troy>

“Biggest Korean grocery, it also has a food court where you can have a quick Korean fix.”
(Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Hanmi Oriental Mart 5060 Rochester Rd, Troy
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/hanmi-oriental-mart-troy>

“Korean grocery, a bit smaller than H Mart, but it is clean and closer to the campus.”
(Byungwon Woo, Political Science)

Fuji Market 31722 John R Rd, Madison Heights
<http://fujimk.com/>

“A great market to find Chinese and Asian ingredients. Located next to a Chinese restaurant, bakery and kitchen supply stores.” (Dan Steffy, Mathematics and Statistics)

Kim Nhung Superfood 30925 Dequindre Rd, Madison Heights
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/kim-nhung-superfood-madison-heights>

Spices of India Market 3067 E. Walton Blvd, Auburn Hills (next to Rangoli)
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/spices-of-india-auburn-hills>

OUTDOORS/RECREATIONS/THINGS TO SEE IN MICHIGAN

Oakland County Recreation website

<http://www.destinationoakland.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Good place to start for recreational options around campus. Check out their listing of hiking trails. If you are into walking, you won't want to miss all the great rails-to-trails paths like the Paint Creek Trail that snake through Oakland County.

Golf and beer.

Great state for golf courses and microbreweries. Two of the nation's best courses are on OU's campus.

Belle Isle

<http://www.detroitmi.gov/DepartmentsandAgencies/RecreationDepartment/BelleIsle.aspx>

Island in the Detroit River near downtown Detroit. The whole island is a park designed in 1883 by Frederick Olmstead, the same landscape designer who designed New York's Central Park. Don't miss the conservatory, a beautiful place to see exotic plants and get away from the cold winter weather. And the aquarium has opened again after years of being closed.

Critical Mass Bike Ride

<https://www.facebook.com/events/266419570038422/>

Join hundreds of other bicyclists for a very leisurely ride around Detroit's Midtown/Downtown areas. This happens the 4th Friday of each month and it's an absolute blast!

Running

"For runners, there are a variety of running clubs in different areas that are worth checking out. Many begin and end at a bar. I belong to the Detroit Threads running group based out of Hamtramck (we don't have a webpage but are on Meet-up.com and Facebook), but there is also the Downtown Detroit Runners (www.fitlink.com) and one in Royal Oak, which tends to be for more fit runners as I understand it. I found running groups a really good way to learn about Detroit (by running through it) in addition to meeting people and finding interesting bars." (Amanda Lynch, School of Health Sciences)

Run This Town

<https://www.facebook.com/Networkingout>

Meet up with other area runners for weekly group runs across the Detroit area.

Soccer

"For soccer players and fans, there is the Detroit City Football Club (<http://www.detcityfc.com>) which is definitely worth the price of admission for a game. If anyone lives in Detroit proper, there is the Detroit City Futbol league (<http://detroitcityfutbol.com>). I have not been able to get a spot on a team, but friends of mine play and really have a good time." (Amanda Lynch, Health Sciences)
If you want to play indoor soccer near campus, check out the complex at Ultimate Soccer. (<http://www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com/>)

PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

Sports. Sports. Sports.

“The Tigers at Comerica Park in April, the Lions on Ford Field in October, the Red Wings in the Joe in January. Possibly the best sports town in the country, the fan culture in Detroit is wonderful: enthusiastic without being aggressive, passionate without being annoying, and often enjoying the sweet Oberon of victory.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

Pistons (Basketball) The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

Just four miles north of Oakland University, the Pistons have a mix of new players and the return of veterans such as Chauncey Billups. Also look for other events at the Palace such as exhibits and big-name musicians.

Tigers (Baseball) Comerica Park, Detroit

As you drive south on I-75, you know you have really arrived in downtown when you see Comerica’s magnificent Tiger statues towering over the park and city. Built in 2000, the stadium is one of Detroit’s most refreshed, new venues. It includes a ferris wheel for the kids and a grand fireworks show every Friday night.



Detroit 1 - Comerica Park Entrance, by Greg Goodman

Lions (Football) Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions moved their home from the Silverdome in Pontiac to Ford Field in the heart of Detroit, just down the street. It is the newest Detroit sports venue, finished in 2002. The Lions are Detroiters’ favorite underdog team, a team always so painfully close to victory.

Red Wings (Hockey) Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

Joe Louis Arena, with its awkwardly high steps and stark gray façade is Detroit’s most historic sports venue, and soon to be replaced. It houses a hockey team with a long history of victory whose legacy is woven into the seams of the city. (Hey, hey, Hockeytown!) The inside is old, but functions as a walking museum of the Wings’ great history.

THINGS DO TO IN DETROIT

Detroit's *Hour Magazine* released "101 Things Every Detroiter Must Do" in 2013, which offers a fantastic glimpse into what this great city has to offer.

Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit

www.dia.org

"World-class art collection. Free to residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Free public tour Wed-Sun at 1pm. Be certain to see Picasso's *Melancholy Woman*, one of the museum's great treasures." (Jeff Chapman, English)

Detroit River Walk

<http://www.detroitriverfront.org>

Nice urban walking paths along the Detroit River in downtown Detroit. They've put a lot of effort into this area in the past years. It's very safe and very nice.

Garage Cultural 3439 Livernois & Otis, Detroit

<http://www.duranproductions.com/contactus2.html>

An art exhibit featuring artists from Southwest Detroit.

Good spots for kids

Robot Garage, 637 South Eton, Birmingham

<http://therobotgarage.com>

Booth Park, At intersection of North Old Woodward and Harmon, Birmingham

<http://ci.birmingham.mi.us/index.aspx?page=1521>

Rochester Municipal Park, 400 6th St, Rochester

<http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=196>

Motown Museum 2648 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

<http://www.motownmuseum.org>

Find out about Detroit's amazing music history. Ticket prices vary, very good tour included.

Slow Roll Detroit

<http://www.detroitbikecity.org/events/slow-roll/>

A bike tour with a bar/restaurant stop, happens every Monday night of the summer in Detroit.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit

thewright.org/

"A must for all in the Detroit Area." (Judy Ableser, CETL)

FESTIVALS

Arts and Apples, Rochester- Rochester Park- Sept. 9-11, 2016

www.artandapples.com

“One of my favorite art fairs in a lovely park setting by a stream.” (Judy Ableser, CETL)

Arts, Beats, and Eats, Royal Oak- Sept. 2-5, 2016

<http://www.artsbeatseats.com/>

A typical arts festival, though we’re sometimes hard-pressed to find the art. It’s not hard, however, to find overpriced food and beer. Still, it’s a good vibe.

Cinco De Mayo parade and celebration, Mexicantown

Concert of Colors, Detroit- July 17, 2017

<http://concertofcolors.com/>

Summer music festival in Detroit that celebrates cultural and racial diversity. “This is actually super cool and free, but not well attended, so bring yourself.” (Rebecca Mercado Thornton, Communication & Journalism)

DIY Street Fair, Ferndale- Sept. 16-18, 2016

<http://diystreetfair.com/>

“Usually the second week of September and accompanied by perfect walking weather, the DIY Festival brings together local craftspeople and business owners for a fair that includes homemade jewelry and knives, local beer tents, food galore, and a live music stage. It is sort of like ETSY was cut-and-pasted into a small town carnival: fun, easy, homey, and is not overwhelmingly large or expensive. Kind of like Ferndale.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

Dlectricity, Midtown Detroit- Fall 2017

<http://www.dlectricity.com/about/>

A neat art festival in midtown devoted to art made out of light.

Dally in the Alley, Midtown Detroit- Sept. 10, 2016

<http://dallyinthealley.com/>

“A truly, truly, truly great art and music festival held in the streets and alleys behind Wayne State University on the Saturday after Labor Day. It’s free and there’s a wonderful, funky mix of people. By far the best street festival I’ve been to here. Last year we ended up dancing into the street until early in the morning. People were crowd-surfing. So much fun.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

Movement Electronic Music Festival, Detroit- May 27-29, 2017

<http://movement.us/>

Venerable techno fest held in downtown Detroit in spring, if we’re allowed to call a techno festival “venerable.”

Noel Night, Midtown Detroit- Dec. 5, 2016

<http://midtowntdetroitinc.org/events/noel-night/schedule>

Winter festival in midtown.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Corktown- March 12, 2017

<http://www.detroitstpatricksparade.com/>

Thanksgiving Day Parade, Detroit- Nov. 24, 2016

<http://theparade.org/americas-thanksgiving-parade/parade-info/>

One of the grandest parades in the country each year.

SALONS/SPAS/BARBERSHOPS

Chop Shop 2980 12 Mile, Berkeley

<http://berkeleychopshop.com/>

“Absolutely fantastic barbershop. They specialize in vintage, period-correct haircuts for men, but they are unisex and of the highest quality. Plus, they’re cheap!”

(Jeff Chapman, English)

Flip 251 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale

<http://www.flipsaloninc.com/>

Steven B's Barber Shop 23263 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/steven-bs-barber-shop-ferndale>

“From the barber's pole over the door to the Pandora's mix playing inside, this place is homey, excellent, and very affordable.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

Tease Salon 38 North Main St, Clawson

<http://teaseclawson.com/>

\$40 for wash, cut and style.

Massage Envy 322 North Adams Road, Rochester Hills

<http://www.massageenvy.com/clinics/MI/Rochester-Hills.aspx>

HIDDEN GEMS

8 Degrees Plato Beer Company 611 W 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale

<http://www.8degreesplato.com/>

“Amazing local beer jovern, with an excellent state/local and national/international selection, with very friendly staff and regular weekly tastings.” (Hunter Vaughn, Cinema Studies)

\$2 Movie Theatre, Cinemark 16 28600 Dequindre Rd, Warren

http://www.cinemark.com/theatre-detail.aspx?node_id=1476&showtime_date=

“Although I hesitate to call this a ‘gem,’ but it is literally hidden behind a Pet Smart and you would never find it if you didn't know that is was there.” (Nicole Asmussen, Political Science)

Cooks Ice Cream and Dairy Farm 2950 E Seymour Lake Rd, Ortonville

<http://cooksfarmdairy.com/>

“Best homemade ice cream ever! Only operating dairy farm in Oakland County where you can thank the cows after ordering the best homemade ice cream ever” (Judy Ableser, CETL)

The Detroit Film Theater at the DIA 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

<http://www.dia.org/detroitfilmtheatre/14/DFT.aspx>

A beautiful place to watch beautiful movies: documentaries, dramas, film classics, and films connected to museum exhibits. Mark your calendar each year for their most popular feature, the Oscar-nominated Shorts, which they show leading up to the Academy Awards.

Feather bowling at Cadieux Café 4300 Cadieux Rd, Detroit

<http://www.cadieuxcafe.com/featherbowling/>

A Detroit classic! Grab some mussels and a PBR.

Friday Night Live! at the Detroit Institute of Arts

“The museum itself is a not-so-hidden gem, but every Friday night the DIA hosts musicians, and sometimes poets and comedians, in the Rivera Court for a free concert (with admission, which is free for residents of Macomb, Wayne, and Oakland Counties). They host the super-talented for everything from Mexican rap to blue grass and musical comedians—in front of Diego Rivera’s mural, *The Detroit Industry*.” (Christina Moore, Writing and Rhetoric)

Karaoke at Dino's 22740 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://dinoslounge.com/wp/>

“This is in our opinion the best karaoke around. It starts at 9 PM on Friday nights. It is totally unpretentious and everyone gets into it. Super fun. Grab tacos at Imperial and then wander over for karaoke.” (Jeff Chapman, English)

The Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://www.themagicbag.com/>

It's a movie theatre...but it's also a bar! Brew and View movies on Wednesday or Thursday nights (\$2 movies ... regular priced beer). Also live music and comedy shows.

Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum 31005 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills

<http://marvin3m.com/>

“Words cannot describe.” (Nicole Asmussen, Political Science)

Restaurant week deals.

Detroit Restaurant Week in April

<http://www.detroitrestaurantweek.com/>

Royal Oak Restaurant Week in March

<http://royaloakrestaurantweek.com/faq/>

You pay a set price and receive a prix fixe three-course meal. This is a good way to get in to Detroit and try some restaurants you wouldn't normally try (or couldn't normally afford to try).

Rust Belt Market for shopping 22801 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

<http://www.rustbeltmarket.com/>

Interesting marketplace in downtown Ferndale filled with various DIY craftspeople. A good place to look for a gift when you are stumped for what to get. It's only open on Saturdays and Sundays (and the occasional Friday) for the full market, though a mini-market with limited booths has sprung up during the week.

Secret Cinema at the Maple Theater 4135 W. Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills

http://themapletheater.com/MovieDetails.aspx?MovieType=ComingSoon&Movie_strID=3200000076

“Secret Cinema is the Maple Theater's film series with a twist - you won't know what you're watching until the lights go down! Curated by OU's Cinema Studies faculty and other local film critics and cinephiles, the series has been split into two nights: Old Hollywood and New Hollywood, on the first and third Thursdays of the month, respectively. The pivotal year of 1967 is the historical dividing line, so if you come on the first Thursday, expect to take a trip to the way way back. If you come on the third Thursday, buckle up for the wild worlds of 70's Hollywood and beyond. Tickets are only \$5 and the theater is usually packed. Post-screening discussions prove lively and thought-provoking.” (Ali Hoffman-Han, Cinema Studies)

SHOPPING

The Village of Rochester Hills 104 N Adams Rd, Rochester

<http://thevorh.com/>

A small outdoor mall that is equal parts dining and shopping, which also features a Whole Foods Market. See their website for community events and art fairs.

Great Lakes Crossing Outlets 4000 Baldwin Rd, Auburn Hills

<http://www.greatlakescrossingoutlets.com/>

A shopping mecca 6 miles north of Oakland University that houses restaurants, shops, and a movie theater. Great Lakes Golf & Sports, a golfing range with mini golf, is located across the street.

Somerset Collection 2800 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy

<http://www.thesomersetcollection.com/>

An elegant, three-level shopping mall with two sides joined by a skywalk. Features Nordstrom, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, and Saks Fifth. Also a great spot for lunch or dinner at fantastic restaurants like J. Alexander.

Lakeside Mall 14000 Lakeside Circle, Sterling Heights

<http://www.shop-lakesidemall.com/>

Its virtue is not only in its collection of stores, but also its location around dozens of other stores like Old Navy, Gander Mountain, and Hobby Lobby. Twelve miles east of Oakland University on M-59, and two miles west of The Mall at Partridge Creek. For a grown-up arcade experience, Dave & Busters is located two miles east.

The Mall at Partridge Creek 17420 Hall Rd, Charter Township of Clinton

<http://www.shoppartridgecreek.com/>

Built in 2007, this outdoor mall is dog-friendly and features outdoor concerts and beautiful fountains. Located two miles east of Lakeside Mall.

Twelve Oaks Mall 27500 Novi Rd, Novi

<http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com/>

A 180-store mall at the halfway mark between Rochester and Ann Arbor.

LIVE THEATER

Bonstelle Theatre 3424 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.cfpc.wayne.edu/theatreanddance/>

The Wayne State University-operated theater showcases their undergraduate acting company. Located in historic Midtown around WSU's campus. They often perform play classics from Shakespeare and the American canon.

The City Theatre 2301 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/city-theatre>

This 500-seat theater is located in the Hockeytown building in downtown Detroit. Features plays that are a slight side step from the Broadway plays and big features at the Fox and Fisher, such as Mitch Albom's *Ernie*, horror throwback *Evil Dead: The Musical*, and spoof *The Hungry, Hungry Games*.

Detroit Opera House 526 Broadway St, Detroit

<http://www.michiganopera.org/>

This home of the Michigan Opera Theatre is Detroit's opera and ballet venue, also featuring musicals.

The Fisher Theatre (Broadway in Detroit)

3011 W Grand Blvd, Detroit

<http://www.broadwayindetroit.com/>

Housed in the historic Fisher Building in Midtown, the theater regularly features Broadway plays.

The Fox 2211 Woodward Ave, Detroit

<http://www.olympiaentertainment.com/>

The ornate Fox is Detroit's most popular theater for the finest, biggest shows in the city. Located in downtown.

The Hilberry Theatre 4743 Cass Ave, Detroit

<http://www.cfpc.wayne.edu/theatreanddance/>

Like the Bonstelle Theatre, which is a mile down the road, the Hilberry is a student-run theater operated by Wayne State.

The Masonic Temple 500 Temple St, Detroit

<http://themasonic.com/>

The Masonic hosts diverse events, less mainstream than the Fox and Fisher. Features music and comedy acts. It also regularly hosts Detroit Roller Derby (<http://www.detroitrollerderby.com/>).

Take Advantage of OU's Discount Tickets

The **CSA** (Center for Student Activities) **Window**, located in basement of the Oakland Center, offers discount tickets to shows at

- The Detroit Opera House
- The Fisher Theatre (called "Broadway in Detroit Series")
- The Fox Theatre
- Detroit Tigers
- OU Music, Theater, and Dance

COMEDY CLUBS

Go Comedy! Improv Theater 261 E 9 Mile Rd, Ferndale

www.gocomedy.net

Metro Detroit's stop for improv, featuring a cast that performs Wednesday through Sunday two times each night.

Holly Hotel Comedy Club 110 Battle Alley, Holly

<http://www.hollyhotel.com/comedyclub.html>

The Holly Hotel features comedy shows on Friday and Saturday nights. Check their website for free ticket offers, such as a "buy one, get one free" promotion.

Joey's Comedy Club 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

<http://www.joeycomedyclub.net/>

Voted best comedy club by Metromix 2012, hosts an open mic twice a week, offers birthday specials, and gives you the chance to learn the art of stand-up in classes. Features a Dinner & Show package.

Laff Tracks Comedy Club

<http://www.lafftracksnovi.com/lafftracksnovi/>

Check their calendar for their frequent "Audience Votes" shows, which are \$5 at the door. Hosts open mic on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle 310 S Troy St, Royal Oak

<http://comedycastle.com/index.cfm>

The most popular comedy house in the metro Detroit area, Mark Ridley's always offers a balance of newcomers, local veterans, and national stars. Hosts open mic on Wednesdays.

GENERAL AREA INFO/GUIDES

Belle Isle to 8 Mile: An Insider's Guide to Detroit

edited by Andy Linn, Emily Linn & Robb Linn.

<http://www.belleisleto8mile.com/>

Comprehensive guide to Detroit restaurants, bars, attractions “from the essential to the obscure.”

D:Hive Detroit

<http://dhivedetroit.org/#home>

Offers tours of the city and loads and loads of information for people looking to move there. Their website has lots of information on lunch spots, events going on downtown, etc. They also have a very thorough restaurant and bar checklist:

<http://detroitexperiencefactory.org/resources/>

Eat It Detroit

<http://diningindetroit.blogspot.com/>

A food blog about the Detroit area that has many good reviews and lists.

Metro Times

<http://metrotimes.com/>

A great e-edition of the weekly events in Metro Detroit.