

## IN BRIEF

### Mannheim Steamroller Christmas visits LMC

BENTON HARBOR — The latest incarnation of Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis will be performed at 4 p.m. Sunday at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Mainstage, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Founded by Davis in 1974, Mannheim Steamroller is known for its mix of Renaissance instruments with rock 'n' roll beats. In 1984, Davis turned that mix onto Christmas classics like "Joy to the World," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen."

This year marks the 29th anniversary of his Christmas concert tours. Although Davis no longer performs with the group, he still directs and co-produces two six-member Christmas ensembles of Mannheim Steamroller that perform from mid-November to late December.

Tickets are \$52-\$72, but at press time only a few single tickets remained.

For more information, call 927-1221 or visit [www.lmcmainstage.org](http://www.lmcmainstage.org).

### Don Middlebrook gig raises money for LHS

STEVENSVILLE — Trop rock singer-songwriter Don Middlebrook performs from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at 5 O'clock Sports Bar & Restaurant, 5000 Red Arrow Highway, during a fundraiser for the Lakeshore High School Color Guard.

Middlebrook, a Haslett resident who spends six weeks a year working in Key West, Fla., is an authority on the tropical rock musical genre that people often associate with Jimmy Buffett. He's recorded 11 CDs, including his recent release "The Key West Connection."

Middlebrook is donating \$2 of every CD sale to the Lakeshore Color Guard, which is raising money to travel to Normandy, France, in June 2014 to participate in the 70th D-Day anniversary ceremonies.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

For more information, call 426-4096 or 921-2072.

### Registration open for CMW's 'Music Man Jr.'

STEVENSVILLE — Registration is now open for Children's Music Workshop's production of "The Music Man Jr.," which will be performed April 11-13 at Lakeshore Community Auditorium at Lakeshore

High School, 5771 Cleveland Ave.

Based on a story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey, "The Music Man Jr." follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize.

Cast member orientation/audition prep is 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville. Rehearsals are held Saturdays at St. Paul's. Jennifer Bomar is directing.

Participants in grades 1-12 are encouraged to participate, but cast size is limited. Registration is \$190. Registration forms and financial assistance scholarship forms are available online.

For more information call 422-2930 or visit [www.cmwonline.org](http://www.cmwonline.org).

### Box Factory seeking entries for exhibition

ST. JOSEPH — The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., is seeking entries for "Shoot: An All Photography Juried Show," which will be exhibited in all three galleries Jan. 17 through March 1.

Photographers in Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana are eligible to enter the competition. Photos must fit into the categories of either still life, scenic, people, animals or abstract. Prizes of \$200 each will be awarded for best in each category. Marc Ullom, a professional photographer and instructor at Andrews University and the Academy of Art in San Francisco, will be the judge.

Registration is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 4 and Jan. 11; 1-3 p.m. Jan. 6-10; and 4-8 p.m. Jan. 10. The entry fee is \$20 or \$15 for Berrien Artist Guild members. Photographers may enter one or two photos. Awards will be presented at the opening reception on Jan. 17.

For more information, call 983-3688 or visit [www.boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://www.boxfactoryforthearts.org).