

# THIS & THAT



ENTERTAINMENT PICKS WITH JEREMY D. BONFIGLIO

## Kids on Stage brings 'Madagascar' to the mall

Kids On Stage presents "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr." at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday and March 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday and March 26 at the **Kids On Stage Theatre** in **The Orchards Mall**, 1800 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor.

Based on the DreamWorks animated motion picture, "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr." follows Alex the Lion (**Dakota Shapiro**), the king of the urban jungle and the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the Zebra (**Hannah Bogner**), Melman the Giraffe (**Breanne Blackwell**) and Gloria the Hippo (**Kiana Bartloff**) – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins – to explore the world, landing in King Julien's (**Mya Dixon**) Madagascar. **Doug Fordyce** directs.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more info, call 313-2796 or visit [www.dougskids onstage.com](http://www.dougskids onstage.com).

## Vocalist Erin McDougald celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Jazz singer and improvisational vocalist **Erin McDougald** and her renowned band of **Kevin O'Connell**, **Kurt Schweitz** and **Benjamin Johnson** will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an 8 p.m. Friday concert in her debut at **The Acorn Theater**, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks.

McDougald has been compared to late song stylist Anita O'Day. The native of Delaware, Ohio will present her musically adroit concept of drinking songs, Gaelic traditional tunes, blues, jazz standards and obscurities, her original music, and some interpretive adaptations ranging from heavy metal to classical compositions. She has produced four recordings since 2000, among them "Blue Prelude" and "The Auburn Collection," and is the creator the FGP JazzSeries in Chicago, which brings a live audience into the studio to be part of the recording process.

Tickets are \$25-\$35. For more info, call 756-3879 or visit [www.acorntheater.com](http://www.acorntheater.com).

## SDT presents 'Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs'

Studio Dance Theatre presents "Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs" at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday at **Lakeshore Community Auditorium** at **Lakeshore High School**, 5771 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville.

The Stevensville-based troupe will present the well-known story through the eyes of its choreographers **Rhonda Rabbers**, **Sarah Rabbers-Hannich** and **Carolyn Rabbers**.

Studio Dance Theatre consists of 46 dancers from across Southwest Michigan. In this production, **Camille Thrum** of Stevensville is dancing the role of Snow White with **Rudolf Davis** of Coloma as the Prince. The Seven Dwarfs are **Elise Bradford**, **Mazie Clark**, **Claire Duris**, **Becca Ferragut**, **Charley Kracker**, **Hailey Mabry** and **Kellen Reeve**. **Vera Tikhonova** of St. Joseph dances the role of the old beggar woman/witch while **Rabbers-Hannich** portrays the Evil Queen and **Carolyn Rabbers**, the Mirror.

Tickets are \$15, and \$8 for students and seniors. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

For more information, call 429-5711.

## LMC celebrates 'The Art of Beer'

Twenty-two brewers from across Michigan will be serving close to 100 beers, ciders and meads when **The Art of Beer Festival** opens its annual event from 5-9 p.m. Saturday in **Grand Upton Hall** of the **Lake Michigan College Mendel Center**, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor.

**Rachel Borovik**, who goes by the stage name Rachel B, will perform. The Traverse City native released her debut album, "I'm The Boss," in March 2016, which drips with a style she calls "soulful pop," derived from her influences of jazz and Motown.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 beer tastes, \$10 in food, a collectible festival pint glass and the evening's entertainment. There are \$20 designated driver tickets available that include two non-alcoholic beverages, \$10 in food samples, a collectible festival pint glass and entertainment.

For more information, call 927-1221 or visit [themendelcenter.com](http://themendelcenter.com).