



# HOWMET PLAYHOUSE

2011 SUMMER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

ALL SHOWS AT 7:30 PM

*\*July 29, 2:00 p.m. matinee*

- July 1 ..... THE TRUTH IN JAZZ ORCHESTRA
- July 7-9 ..... ALWAYS ... PATSY CLINE
- July 14 ..... GUEST ARTIST
- July 15 ..... SHIVAREE
- July 16 ..... PROOF
- July 21-23 ..... ANYBODY FOR MURDER?
- July 28-30 ..... ALICE IN WONDERLAND
- August 4-6 ..... 'ART'
- August 11 ..... SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!
- August 12 ..... LOCALLY BUZZED: THE GREAT MICHIGAN BEER MOVIE
- August 13 ..... ASPARAGUS! STALKING THE AMERICAN LIFE
- August 18-20 ..... BOEING-BOEING
- August 25-27 ..... JAKE'S WOMEN

*Stay tuned for these upcoming events at the Howmet Playhouse!*

## First Fridays MI Music Concert Series

7:30 p.m. \$10/\$5

*Supporting Michigan's Music Scene throughout 2011*



**Friday September 2:**

Drew Nelson

**Friday October 7:**

Gasta and the Carl Webb Band

**Friday November 4:**

Neil Jacobs and Folias

## Summer 2011 Fine Arts Festival Ticket Prices

*In 2011 we are again offering patrons the opportunity to save money on tickets while also supporting the Playhouse with their purchase of Flex Passes. The Flex Pass functions as the Playhouse version of a season pass with benefits! It can be used as you choose for you, your family members, and friends, in any combination of performances. How convenient!*

- The **Full Flex Pass** is \$180 for TWELVE tickets — TWO FREE tickets — that can be used for any combination of performances for you and your friends.
- The **Mini Flex Pass** is \$90 for SIX tickets — ONE FREE ticket — that can be used for any combination of performances.

*In either case Flex Passes give you the ease of knowledge that you can choose the shows you want to see and still have plenty of summer left to spend it as you choose, be that lazing at the beach, spending time with family, reading or relaxing. We simply ask that you spend a portion of your summer with us, enjoying the high quality entertainment that you've come to expect from the Howmet Playhouse Summer Fine Arts Festival.*

## Single Ticket Prices - \$18 • Student \$14

Buy your tickets online at: [www.howmetplayhouse.org](http://www.howmetplayhouse.org)



## THE HOWMET PLAYHOUSE

304 S. MEARS AVE., WHITEHALL, MI 49461

231-894-4048



### The City of Whitehall Box Office

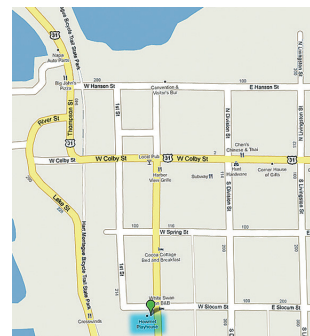
*(City Hall, 405 E. Colby Ave)*

Open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5 pm. You may purchase tickets in person or by calling 231-894-4048.

### The Howmet Playhouse Box Office

*(at the Playhouse, 304 S. Mears Ave)*

Open from 4-7 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning June 28th and 4 pm on Festival performance evenings.



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FRIDAY, JULY 1, 7:30 P.M.

## *The Truth in Jazz Orchestra*

Fronted by West Michigan's legendary drummer Tim Froncek, the *Truth in Jazz Orchestra* is 16 of the area's top musicians playing charts from the classic era of the big bands and today's best charts from the hottest jazz composers. Kick up your heels and help us kick off our Summer Fine Arts Festival with West Michigan's premier big band in style!

THURSDAY, JULY 7 — SATURDAY, JULY 9, 7:30 P.M.

*A Special Engagement of Muskegon Civic Theatre's*

## *Always ... Patsy Cline*

*by Ted Svinidley • Directed by Mike Vogas*

Join us for this special engagement of Muskegon Civic Theatre's production of *Always ... Patsy Cline*. Originally performed in January 2011 to sold-out audiences, the show features local actresses Margot Van Oordt and Kim Harsch as Patsy Cline and her friend, Louise Seger, along with the renowned Oat Bran Boys and friends as Patsy's band. The show is based on the true story of how Louise met and befriended the young singer in a Houston honky-tonk in 1961 and corresponded via letter with her until Cline's untimely death in 1963. You won't want to miss this story of deep friendship and the wonderful tunes that made Patsy Cline a country music sweetheart.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 7:30 P.M.

*CMU's University Summer Theatre*

## *Guest Artist*

*by Jeff Daniels*

Pulitzer-prize winning and alcoholic playwright Joseph Harris arrives in Stubenville, OH, to write a play commissioned by a local theater and is met by a callow intern. Set in a small town bus station, *Guest Artist* delivers a funny and touching story about a young playwright's struggle when he meets his aging, washed-up playwrighting idol. *(Not suitable for young audiences.)*

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 7:30 P.M.

*CMU's University Summer Theatre*

## *Shivaree*

*by William Mastrosimone*

*Shivaree* tells the heartwarming story of Chandler, a young, sheltered hemophiliac, and his first experience with love as he meets and falls for a free-spirited belly dancer. Against his mother's will he escapes for his first adventure into the world. Join the talented students from CMU for this charming romantic comedy from the talented pen of William Mastrosimone (*Extremities, The Woolgatherer*). *(Not suitable for young audiences.)*

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 7:30 P.M.

*CMU's University Summer Theatre*

## *Proof* by David Auburn

*2001 Tony Award Winner, Best New Play*

Robert was a brilliant mathematician who literally changed his field when he was in his 20's. When he slipped into dementia in his later years, Catherine, his mathematically gifted youngest child, abandoned her studies to care for him. Now with Robert's death, Catherine's world is reeling. *Proof*, winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, is a provocative, and surprisingly funny adult drama about life, loss and love.

*(Mature language; not suitable for young audiences.)*

## Michigan Music and Documentaries August 11-13

Tickets for each evening of the "We ♥ Michigan Weekend" are \$9.50 to celebrate the Playhouse's 95th Anniversary!



Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m.

**WE ♥ MI SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!**

**WKND** Cool down on a hot August night with the sweet jazz stylings of Rachel Davis and Shout Sister Shout. "The quintet is a tribute to the smoky, sophisticated sound of 1930s and '40s jazz, with plenty of influence from Cole Porter, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole Trio and Sarah Vaughan, and it's a trip to hear Davis channel those old greats. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have a bunch of guys playing the heck out of vintage instruments as backup."

*The Metro Times- Detroit, MI • www.shoutsistershoutmusic.com*

Friday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.

**WE ♥ MI LOCALLY BUZZED:**

**WKND THE GREAT MICHIGAN BEER MOVIE**

Travel with seven West Michigan friends throughout our beautiful state as they visit 50 of our best craft and micro breweries and interview the brewers and Michigan beer enthusiasts along the way. You'll be amazed at the economic impact the craft brewing industry has in Michigan and will walk away proud to be a Michigander. This film was an entry in Art Prize 2010 in Grand Rapids. *www.locallybuzzed.com*

Saturday, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

**WE ♥ MI ASPARAGUS! STALKING THE AMERICAN LIFE**

**WKND** For 30 years, Oceana County Michigan has been the Asparagus Capital of the World. Now its spear-struck residents and family farms take on the U.S. War on Drugs, Free Trade and a Fast Food Nation, all to save their beloved roots. Produced by locals Anne de Mare and Kirsten Kelly, it has won five festival awards. *www.asparagusthemovie.com*

THURSDAY, JULY 21 — SATURDAY, JULY 23, 7:30 P.M.

## *Anybody for Murder?*

*by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner • Directed by Debra Freeberg*

This murderous farce promises big laughs as six people on a Greek island plot to get the best of one another. Poison, wigs, a row boat, a million-dollar inheritance, a mistress, an unknown cousin and her lawyer husband, and the mystery writer-next-door will surely have you in stitches and asking the question, "Anybody for Murder?"

THURSDAY, JULY 28 & SATURDAY, JULY 30, 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY JULY 29 - 2:00 P.M. MATINEE

## *Alice in Wonderland*

*by Anne Coulter Martens • Directed by Cindy Beth Davis-Dykema*

Enjoy the White Lake Youth Theater program and see the incredible talents of local area youth! Their performance of *Alice in Wonderland* is sure to have you rooting for Alice to defeat the Queen of Hearts. Don't be late for this very important date!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 — SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 7:30 P.M.

## *'Art'* by Yasmina Reza

*1998 Tony Award Winner, Best New Play • Directed by Tom Harryman*

Join us in welcoming back the gentlemen from last year's cast of *Moonlight and Magnolias* in this year's presentation of the Tony-Award winning show 'ART'. Connect with three friends as they discuss the merits of a single piece of art and begin to unravel their fragile friendships. This is one show you won't want to miss. *(Mature language; not suitable for young audiences.)*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 — SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:30 P.M.

## *Boeing-Boeing* by Marc Camoletti

*2008 Tony Award Winner, Best Revival of a Play • Directed by Mike Vogas*

Revived on Broadway in 2008 in a Tony-winning production, this 1960's French farce features self-styled Parisian lothario Bernard, who has French, German and American fiancées, each beautiful airline hostesses with frequent layovers in Paris. Unexpected delays bring all three to Bernard's apartment at the same time, and he and his friend Robert must juggle them all at once. Featuring an all-local cast, you'll leave wanting more!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 — SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 7:30 P.M.

## *Jake's Women* by Neil Simon

*White Lake Dramatic Club production • Directed by Chris Beaman*

This Neil Simon play is the second show produced by the revived White Lake Dramatic Club. Join Jake, a novelist who is more successful in fiction than in reality, as he struggles to keep his marriage together and resolve his internal conflict over the memory of his dead wife. Jake daydreams about the women in his life, and is occasionally interrupted by the women themselves. Featuring an all-local cast, it's the perfect way to end your summer!