

2019-20

MUSIC HALL

SEASON



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A LETTER FROM
THE PRESIDENT
AND ARTISTIC
DIRECTOR

Question:

WHAT MAKES A CITY GREAT?

Answer:

WELL, IF GREAT CITIES ARE MEASURED BY THEIR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, THEN DETROIT TOPS THEM ALL!

No matter how high the skyscraper, how bustling the streets, or even how strong its economy, a great city is defined by its culture. Think of Detroit's great Symphony Orchestra, Museums, Opera Company, Dance Companies, Music Concerts of every genre, Broadway, spoken word and even its amazing collection of murals. The Detroit Theatre District alone has three stadiums and seven theaters essentially adjacent to each other and has over 40 million visitors a year!

The Music Hall Center has over 250,000 visitors annually and has presented more artists of world renown than perhaps any theater in America. Its six performing arts education programs throughout Detroit Public School Community District impact over 22,000 students every year.

However, to have these great cultural institutions, you need great partners, particularly corporate partners. The logos on the right are not simply corporate advertisements; they represent the kind of partnerships that are required for a robust cultural scene and we love every one of them like family. I want to dedicate Music Hall's 91st season to those corporate and individual sponsors and partners who truly care about our city. Those who make the connection between a healthy Music Hall and a healthy city.

Cheers to the collaborators! Cheers to the sponsors! Cheers to the individual supporters who make all of this abundance possible. May we all work together and bring Detroit to highest heights. As always...

I'll See You Downtown,

Vince



MUSIC HALL FAMILY OF SUPPORTERS

2019 MUSIC HALL

SEPTEMBER

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BILLY COBHAM
CROSSWINDS PROJECT
Featuring Randy Brecker

NOVEMBER

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BODYTRAFFIC

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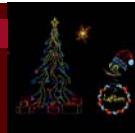
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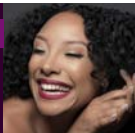
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BILAL

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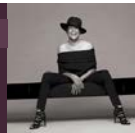
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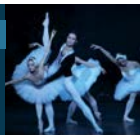


THE JUNGLE
BOOK

SEASON AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

31



RUSSIAN NATIONAL
BALLET
Swan Lake

APRIL

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JAMES "BLOOD"
ULMER

FEBRUARY

14-16



THE NEW
COLOSSUS

APRIL

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MOON MOUSE:
A Space Odyssey

APRIL

21-26



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PURPLE

MARCH

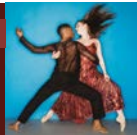
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THE NAKED
MAGICIANS

MAY

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BALLETX

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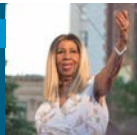
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OMAR SOŞA &
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JUNE

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DETROIT MUSIC
WEEKEND

MARCH

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PARSONS
DANCE

JUNE

14



COMPLEXIONS
CONTEMPORARY BALLET:
'Wake'

MUSIC HALL

BRO
AD
WAY
Series





AUGUST WILSON'S 'JITNEY'

Jitney is the eighth play in August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle. It takes place in The Hill District of Pittsburgh in 1977, in a gypsy cab station, during Pittsburgh's period of so-called "urban renewal." Over the course of the play, the characters come in and out of each other's lives and pose questions about how they can heal past wounds and leap into a less-than-certain future. Please join us for this amazing story.

MUSIC SERIES
NOVEMBER
12-16
VARIOUS TIMES

MAIN
STAGE

BROADWAY SERIES

FEBRUARY

14-16

VARIOUS TIMES

MAIN
STAGE



THE NEW COLOSSUS

12 actors' ancestors. 12 languages. 12 different eras. A single narrative about escaping an oppressive homeland. Directed by Tim Robbins, *The New Colossus* is an homage to the strength, resilience and dignity of the immigrants and refugees who risked it all to find a better life and shares a title with the sonnet written by poet Emma Lazarus for an exhibit in 1883 to raise funds for the Statue of Liberty. Although the Statue was not conceived as a symbol of immigration, Lazarus' poem turned Liberty into a welcoming mother, a symbol of hope to the oppressed of the world.

BROADWAY SERIES

MARCH

6-7

VARIOUS TIMES

MAIN
STAGE



THE NAKED MAGICIANS

It's a fantastic time to find out why good magicians don't need sleeves and why great magicians don't need pants. This comedic duo has become "the hottest ticket in town" for reasons that you can only imagine and experience for yourself. Please join us downtown at Music Hall and get ready for some real Abracadabra! Don't miss it!



BROADWAY SERIES

APRIL

21-26

VARIOUS TIMES

MAIN
STAGE

THE COLOR PURPLE

With a soul-raising, Grammy®-winning score of jazz, gospel, ragtime and blues, THE COLOR PURPLE gives an exhilarating new spirit to this Pulitzer Prize-winning story. Don't miss this stunning re-imagining of an epic story about a young woman's journey to love and triumph in the American South. Experience the exhilarating power of this Tony-winning triumph that New York Magazine calls "one of the greatest revivals ever."

All dates are subject to change

MUSIC HALL

DANCE
Series





DANCE SERIES

NOVEMBER

22
8 PM

MAIN
STAGE

BODYTRAFFIC

"One of the most talked-about companies nationwide" (L.A. Times) BODYTRAFFIC was named one of the Dance Magazine's 25 to Watch and has skyrocketed to international acclaim. Virtuoso, stylized, confident, with a diverse repertoire of some of the world's most sought-after choreographers. This company has taken its place on the international touring scene. Come on downtown and join us for BODYTRAFFIC.

DANCE SERIES

JANUARY

31

8 PM

MAIN
STAGE



RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET

Swan Lake

The Russian National Ballet has been bringing timeless ballet classics to the stage of North America since 1999. Founded in Moscow during the transitional period of Perestroika in the late 1980's, the company used their newfound creative freedom, influenced by the political movement, to invigorate the tradition of Russian Ballet with new developments in dance from around the world. Come join us.

DANCE SERIES

MARCH

28

8 PM

MAIN
STAGE



PARSONS DANCE

Known for its remarkable athleticism and stunning ensemble work, Parsons Dance delivers positive life-enriching experiences to audiences worldwide. Flawlessly fusing the gestures and movements that comprise contemporary dance with the discipline and precision of a classical company. Parsons Dance is always a favorite that can bring exuberance, joy and passion to any stage. Please come join us at Music Hall.

DANCE SERIES

MAY

3

7PM

MAIN
STAGE



BALLETX

BalletX produces original choreography that expands the vocabulary of classical dance for all audiences. The company unites distinguished choreographers with an outstanding company of world-class dancers to forge new works of athleticism, emotion, and grace. The company is committed to producing new works of the highest quality and integrity that bring the combined visions of choreographers and dancers to life.

DANCE SERIES

JUNE

14

7PM

MAIN
STAGE



COMPLEXIONS

'WOKE' is a physical reaction to the daily news. A bold and dynamic socially conscious one-act ballet featuring the full company that examines our humanity in conjunction with today's political climate. This work is inspired by the enlightened awareness and challenging moral compass of today's generation. There has never been a better time to join us at Music Hall for this amazing performance.

All dates are subject to change

MUSIC HALL

MUSIC
Series





MUSIC SERIES

OCTOBER

26

8 PM

MAIN
STAGE

SHELÉA: NATURAL WOMAN

*A night of soul from
Aretha to Adele*

Finding her inspiration from Whitney Houston at an early age, Sheléa learned what it was all about to be a soul singer. So much so that Stevie Wonder took her the rest of the way. With a wide spectrum of hits from Aretha to Adele, Sheléa is the epitome of soul with a voice to prove it. Come join us at Music Hall!



BILLY COBHAM CROSSWINDS PROJECT

Featuring Randy Brecker

Billy Cobham is generally acclaimed as "fusion's greatest drummer". He was inducted into the Modern Drummer Hall of Fame in 1987 and the Classic Drummer Hall of Fame in 2013. As 2019 marks Billy Cobham's 75th birthday, Music Hall is celebrating his long continuous career as well as his birthday. Please join us for his Crosswinds Project featuring trumpeter, Randy Brecker.

MUSIC SERIES

SEPTEMBER

28

8 PM

MAIN
STAGE



NATIONAL ARAB ORCHESTRA

Leaders in Arab music, education, outreach, and performance, the NAO returns to the Music Hall stage with another incredible evening featuring guest artists Amir El-Saffar and Hamad Al-Saadi. Their dedication to sharing and preserving classical and contemporary traditions of Arab music translates to an unforgettable globe-trotting experience on the corner of Brush & Madison.

MUSIC SERIES

OCTOBER

12

8 PM

MAIN
STAGE



MUSIC SERIES

OCTOBER

25
8 PM

MAIN
STAGE

INCOGNITO

with Maysa and Marion Meadows

These Londoners will be bringing the Funk from around the globe and the UK Singles Chart, straight to us. Maysa has become one of the greatest soul-jazz singers of today and the latest in a distinguished line of vocalists. Plus, soprano saxophonist Marion Meadows will lead us down his eclectic musical path to show Detroiters, and Music Hall, what it's all about.



MUSIC SERIES

APRIL

10
8 PM

MAIN
STAGE

BRIT FLOYD

Formed in Liverpool, England in 2011, BRIT FLOYD is the ultimate Pink Floyd tribute band. Their stunningly amazing live shows emulate and recreate the music and sounds of one of the top British bands of all time. From *The Wall* to *The Dark Side of the Moon* and more, experience this amazing Pink Floyd journey right here at Music Hall.

All dates are subject to change

MUSIC HALL

FAMILY

Series





Page Turner Adventures:

THE MIXED UP FAIRY TALE

This incredibly engaging show gets children involved right from the audience and has an amazing way of inspiring them to become a part of it. Kids leave with the emboldened thought that "every day is an adventure", so they truly can take something home with them that is a life lesson. Bring the kids downtown for this wonderfully and inspiring afternoon of adventure!

MUSIC SERIES

OCTOBER

6-7

4 P M

11AM MONDAY SHOW

MAIN
STAGE

FAMILY SERIES
NOVEMBER
24-25
4 P M
11AM MONDAY SHOW

MAIN
STAGE



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

"In the light of the moon", this beautifully animated story has a way of capturing the imagination of children all over the world. Originating in 1969, it's won numerous children's literature awards over the last 50 years and continues to be "one of the greatest childhood classics of all time." Share The Very Hungry Caterpillar story with your family at Music Hall as the holiday season gets underway.

FAMILY SERIES
DECEMBER
15-16
4 P M
11AM MONDAY SHOW

MAIN
STAGE



A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS

Brighten your Holidays with this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope set to timeless Holiday classics. A Very Electric Christmas tells a story that connects kids of all ages with Santa's helpers, caroling worms, dancing poinsettias, Nutcracker soldiers, mischievous mice and an evil Rat King. This delightful Holiday production will warm even the smallest of hearts here at Music Hall.

FAMILY SERIES

JANUARY

12-13

6 P M

11AM MONDAY SHOW

MAIN
STAGE



THE JUNGLE BOOK

The enchanting story of Mowgli, an orphaned boy, guided by his animal guardians through a journey of self-discovery. Based on Rudyard Kipling's collective works and Walt Disney's 1967 animated film, this live theatrical production captures all the love of the original film. Please join us at Music Hall for The Jungle Book.

FAMILY SERIES

MARCH

1-2

4 P M

11AM MONDAY SHOW

MAIN
STAGE



MOON MOUSE: *A Space Odyssey*

Lightwire Theatre proudly presents a cosmic adventure about celebrating differences. Marvin the Mouse longs to have adventures and be the hero. As he retreats to his science books and a world of fantasy, he embarks on a space adventure of a lifetime in his homemade rocket where he meets a strange cast of misfit creatures. Bring the family down to Music Hall for this amazing adventure.

All dates are subject to change

MUSIC HALL

JAZZ CAFE

Series





MUSIC SERIES

DECEMBER

19

8PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE

BILAL

Known for his amazing wide vocal range and work across multiple genres, Bilal has been a sensation both nationally and internationally. He also has an extensive list of collaborations with stars such as Kendrick Lamar, Common, Erykah Badu, Jay-Z, Beyoncé, The Roots and many more. Come join us at Music Hall for the one and only Bilal.

JAZZ CAFE SERIES

DECEMBER

21

8 PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE



BETTYE LAVETTE

Bettye LaVette is no mere singer. She is an interpreter of the highest order. Whether the song originated as country, rock, pop, or blues, when she gets through with it, it is pure R&B. Now, at 73 years old, she is still performing with the ferocity of a woman half her age. Join us for an amazing night with Bettye LaVette.

JAZZ CAFE SERIES

MARCH

11

9 PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE



OMAR SOSA & YILIAN CAÑIZARES

Aguas - All About Jazz

Pianist Omar Sosa and violinist-vocalist Yilian Cañizares have come together to create *Aguas*, a beautiful and very personal album. Featuring their compatriot, percussionist Inor Sotolongo, *Aguas* reflects the perspectives of two generations of Cuban artists living outside their homeland. The material on *Aguas* is an inventive and engaging mix of the artists' Afro-Cuban roots, Western classical music, and jazz. Come join us.

JAZZ CAFE SERIES

APRIL

4

8 PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE



JAMES "BLOOD" ULMER

James "Blood" Ulmer is a truly original artist. Cited by many as an avant-garde guitarist, he is actually an authentic blues guitarist, drawing upon the full spectrum of African American music, from free jazz, soul, and be-bop, to avant-garde and rock. In addition to being a great guitarist, he is a stunning baritone vocal stylist whom we can't wait to see here at Music Hall.

JAZZ CAFE SERIES

EVERY
WEDNESDAY

6 PM

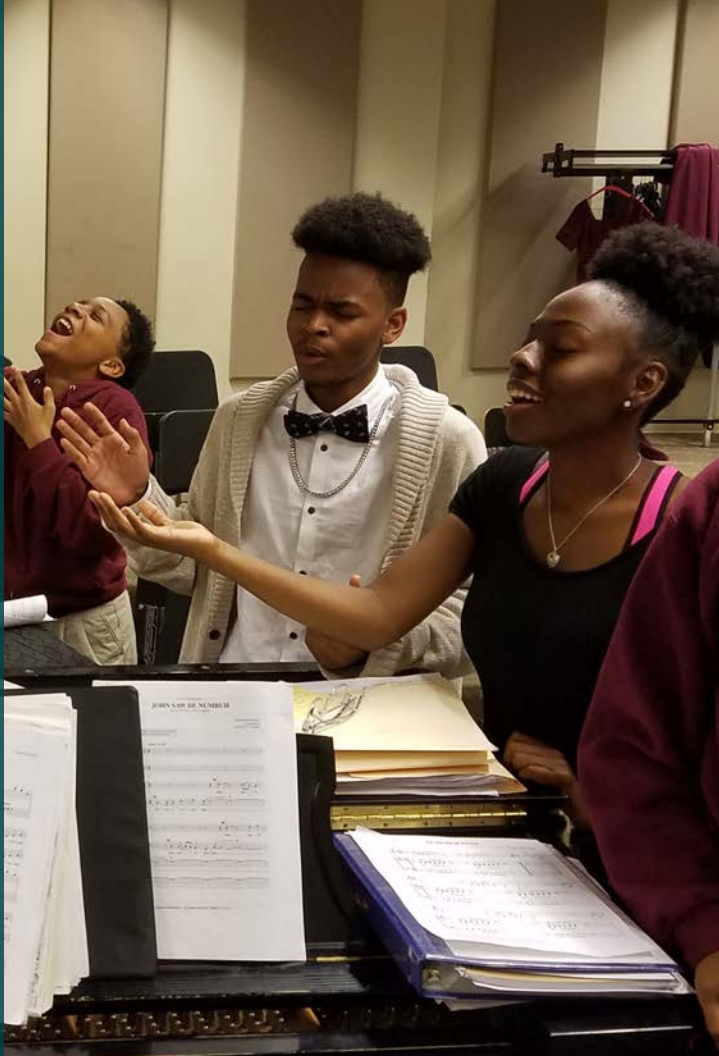
ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE



GWEN FOXX

GWEN FOXX consolidates Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, and Classical standards. An exhilarating song stylist, and captivating actor, GWEN FOXX is one of the hottest talents in the entertainment industry. She's your favorite chocolate candy, a beautiful sunset with your lover; a stroll in the moonlight, a bouquet of roses that will have your eyes dancing with her sensuous and rhythmic movements. Spellbound and breathless, you await the next intensified explosion of excitement from stage.

All dates are subject to change



EDUCATION

Detroit kids, parents, educators, and administrators all know it, and it's time to spread the word -- Music Hall teaches kids!

For over a decade, our teaching artists have built a steady presence in Detroit's schools, bringing lessons in music, theater, and dance to students across the city. From beginner-level overviews to the high polish of advanced instruction, our educators reach an average of 22,000 students each year! Ranging in age from 3-18, the students gain exposure to the art forms that have put their city on the map, and for those who seek it -- a path to further study that can take them all the way to a professional career.

We applaud the leadership of the Detroit Public Schools Community District for making sure that students have access to the performing arts -- a discipline proven to bring countless benefits to developing minds -- and thank them for making it possible for us to work with their students!

Jazz for Young People – introduction to the what, who, where, when, and why of the jazz form

Jazz Vocal Education – pre-professional level vocational instruction for talented teens

Theater for Young People – classic children's literature via a page-to-stage journey that brings kids from the classroom into the heart of the theater

Contemporary Dance Master Classes – up-to-the-minute movement ideas for Detroit students from our globetrotting touring artists

High School Assemblies – musical theater productions for teens that dive deep into the complexities of some of today's pressing issues

Sunday Evening Jazz Jams – all ages and skill levels mixing it up in a classic mentor-mentee format that is as old as jazz itself

DPSCD Cultural Pathways Program – NEW! District schools specially selected for additional arts instruction

DPSCD Cultural Passport Program – NEW! Field trips to see a work of theater and visit Music Hall's educational Gallery of Archives

The School @ Marygrove – NEW! Introductory choir, band, and music theory for incoming freshmen at Detroit's innovative new academy on the Marygrove campus





SPECIAL EVENTS

Producers make it happen. In theatre as in life, producers are the entrepreneurs and innovators who lead the way. At Music Hall, the producers are the special group of supporters who dedicate time and financial support to our mission of presenting cutting edge, often avant-garde, diverse programming from around the world. We often work together, plan fundraising events together, and personally meet and welcome the artists who perform at Music Hall to Detroit. It is our collective task to take care of the cultural well-being of our community, and I hope you will consider joining our group of very cool people. It's fun, it's exciting, and... it's important!

PRODUCER EVENTS

October 11 - 13, 2019 (By Invitation)

14TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE PRODUCER NYC
THEATER WEEKEND

November 12, 2019

BROADWAY IN DETROIT, AUGUST WILSON'S 'JITNEY'

January 31, 2020

RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET – SWAN LAKE

March 11, 2020

OMAR SOSA VIP PARTY 7PM IN ARETHA'S JAZZ CAFE

**CHAIRMAN'S CLUB PRODUCER - \$10,000
ANNUALLY**

- 1 reserved complimentary parking space in the adjacent lot for all Music Hall shows
- 2 tickets in the Chairman's or President's Box to ALL non-benefit
- Music Hall produced shows with complimentary beverage service (premium main floor seating for 4 when box is unavailable)
- Exclusive invitation for our annual NYC Theater Weekend
- Private invitation to special performances
- Invitations to "Meet the Artist" receptions
- Complimentary Producer events
- Exclusive "Chairman's Club Producer" pin
- 20% discount on Music Hall merchandise *

**PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE PRODUCER - \$5,000
ANNUALLY**

- 4 premium main floor tickets to ALL non-benefit Music Hall produced shows and special performances
- Exclusive invitation for our annual NYC Theater Weekend
- Invitations to: "Meet the Artist" receptions
- Complimentary Producer events
- Exclusive "President's Circle Producer" pin
- 20% discount on Music Hall merchandise

**CORPORATE COUNCIL PRODUCER - \$2,500
ANNUALLY**

- 4 tickets to all non-benefit Music Hall produced shows
- Invitations to: "Meet the Artist" receptions
- Complimentary Producer events
- Exclusive "Executive Producer" pin
- 10% discount on Music Hall merchandise

PRODUCER - \$1,000 ANNUALLY

- 2 complimentary tickets to 3 selected Music Hall events
- Complimentary Producer events
- Invitations to: "Meet the Artist" receptions
- Exclusive "Producer" pin
- 10% discount on Music Hall merchandise

**MUSIC HALL MEMBERSHIP - \$100 OR BY SPECIAL
TRUSTEE INVITATION**

- 2 tickets to a Music Hall produced show
- Discounted tickets offers

All memberships include:

Annual season brochure, Music Hall e-newsletter and your name listed appropriately in season programs

Music Hall is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Approximately one-half of your contribution will be tax deductible. For more information, please call Latasha Burnett in our development department at 313.887.8510 or by email at latashab@musichall.org





ONGOING

SUNDAY
AFTERNOONS

4 PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE

PUPPETART

Music Hall is proud to partner with PuppetART again for the 2018-19 season. Entertaining and educating children and adults in downtown Detroit for over twenty years, PuppetART is an exquisite company of European-trained artists whose puppet productions reflect a skill and sophistication that give life to a repertoire of fairytales and folklore from around the world. Check our online calendar for Sunday afternoon dates!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - KOLOBOK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 - SLEEPING BEAUTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - BANANA FOR TURTLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - GOLDBLOCKS



ON-GOING

SUNDAY
EVENINGS

6 PM

ARETHA'S
JAZZ CAFE

JAM SESSION WITH SCOTT GWINNELL

In Aretha's Jazz Café, we are committed to the development of 21st century young jazz talent. The Sunday evening Jam Sessions, led by renowned musician and educator Scott Gwinell, are an open invitation to mix it up, free of charge and open to all ages and ability levels! Vocalists and instrumentalists -- drop in, learn, teach, and contribute to keeping jazz in the present tense.

All dates are subject to change



MAIN STAGE

Oh, the tales these boards could tell! Music Hall's Main Stage has felt the taps of Fred Astaire and the delicate pointe work of the Russian National Ballet. They've hummed with the keys of Count Basie and felt the pulse of Billie Holiday's microphone. The melodies of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the arias of Michigan Opera Theatre, have reached up to the rafters. It's been 91 years of amazing and starting now, we're onto the next 92!

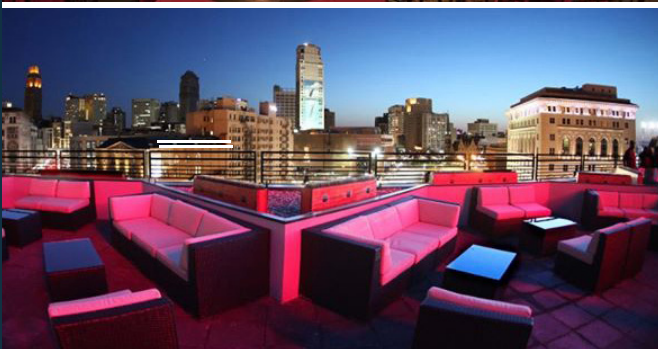
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ARETHA'S JAZZ CAFE

The MetroTimes readers say 'Best Jazz Club'. We say 'Thanks, we think so too!'. Home to phenomenal jazz from around the world since it was opened in 2008 (because an acoustically perfect room should never be a coatroom) the Jazz Café is also your spot for soul, blues, rock 'n roll, folk, and just about every sound under the sun (plus comedy on Wednesdays, because the world can always use a laugh). Detroit's pipeline of up-and-coming talent is in residence here, so drop in early to say you saw them 'when'.

www.jazzcafedetroit.com



3FIFTY TERRACE

At seven stories up, 3Fifty Terrace is your downtown headquarters for the best breezy views of Detroit's bustling downtown. With 10,000 square feet of unique open-air rooftop space to host your night out or special event, it's a very popular spot so book soon and arrive early!

www.3FiftyTerrace.com



Music Hall

CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Detroit's Leading Not-For-Profit Cultural Center

The historic Music Hall, through its presentations and productions [including commissions of original artistic work], provides Southeastern Michigan with high quality performing arts programs and education that reflect the diverse mix of cultures that make up our community. Music Hall is Detroit's "People's Theater" - the place for high quality but non-elitist performing arts and education with an emphasis on dance, theater, and music (particularly jazz). Music Hall aims to be the most accessible, inclusive, and culturally diverse performing arts institution in the country. Music Hall is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.