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Feb. 1-8

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Thursday, Feb. 1

DRAKE BELL, musician and actor, 6 p.m., the Walden Galleria Mall, One Walden Galleria Drive. 681-7600

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, by Harold Pinter, presented by the Irish Classical Theatre Co., through Feb. 11, 625 Main St., Buffalo; \$ 853-4282

CROSSINGS, 11th annual International Women's Film Festival, Thursdays through March 1, the Market Arcade Film and Arts Center, 639 Main St., Buffalo. "Gravica: The Land of My Dreams" 2006, 7 p.m. Feb. 1. 829-3451

DANCE WITH THE JIM TUDINI BAND, 12-piece contemporary big band, 7:30-11 p.m., Mary Seaton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall, Symphony Circle, Buffalo; \$ 885-5000, www.bpo.org

FAMILIAR STRANGERS, "Featuring the Songs of Joni Mitchell," presented by MusicalFare Theatre, through Feb. 11, Daemen College, 4380 Main St., Amherst; \$ 839-8540, www.musicalfare.com

FAMILY PREPAREDNESS and Community Emergency Response Team Course, 6:30-9 p.m. through March 22, Charles E. Burchfield Nature & Arts Center, 2001 Union Road, West Seneca. Call 558-3325 to register.

Brash Don

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra principal cellist Roman Mekinulov will be highlighted when he performs Richard Strauss' "Don Quixote" with the orchestra this weekend. "Don Quixote" will also feature BPO principal violist Valerie Heywood. Maestro JoAnn Falletta will lead the orchestra and give a commentary to the work before the performances, which take place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 at Kleinhans Music Hall, Symphony Circle, Buffalo.

Also included on the program is Isaac Albeniz' "Suite Espagnola," a tonal carnival of Spanish effects. Following the Spanish zest, enjoy Strauss'



brash and beautiful setting of Cervantes' hapless "Don Quixote," featuring Mekinulov as the lovable, ever-inspiring tragic knight. Before intermission, Falletta will provide a commentary that musically introduces the most important characters in the story, providing a "map" before one hears the piece in its entirety. For tickets, call the BPO box office at 885-5000 or visit www.bpo.org.

FOUNDATIONS, presented by Subversive Theatre Collective with the Buffalo Ensemble Theatre, through Feb. 10, the New Phoenix Theatre, 95 N. Johnson Park, Buffalo; \$ 408-0499, www.subversivetheatre.org

GAMALON, 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, the Central Park Grill, 2519 Main St., Buffalo. 836-9466

I SWEAR I CAN FLY, with solo performer and playwright Francine Conley, presented by Theatre Plus, Feb. 1-17, the Alleyway Theatre, One Curtain Up Alley, Buffalo; \$ 852-2600 www.alleyway.com

THE RUTH FERNANDEZ SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP, 45th annual Chanukah Bazaar, 4:30-6 p.m. Feb. 1; 9 a.m.-noon Feb. 4; 4:30-6 p.m. Feb. 8, Temple Beth

Zion Broder Center, 700 Sweet Home Road; by appointment on Feb. 6, 805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.

SAXMAN SLIM, 7:30 p.m., Butterwood Desserts & Martini Bar, 5409 Main St., Williamsville. 204-0939

SECRETS OF BUFFALO: "Secret Guaranty, Renovation of Louis Sullivan's Masterpiece," with Harry Meyers, Hodgson, Russ, LLP, 10:30-11:30 a.m., the Jewish Community Center's Benderson Family Building, 2640 N. Forest Road, Getzville. 688-4033

SELECTIONS FROM ANNETTE CRAVENS "Modern Ceramics Collection," through Feb. 11, Sylvia L. Rosen Gallery, Burchfield-Penney third floor of Rockwell Hall, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo. 878-6012, www.burchfield.org

SESAME STREET LIVE, "Super Grover! Ready for Action," Jan. 31-Feb. 4, Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St., Buffalo; \$ (box office, 650 Main St.; Ticketmaster.com, 852-5000, www.ticketmaster.com)

SNOW, exhibits and activities that focus on science-based theme, through Feb. 25, the Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway. 896-5200, www.buffalomuseumofscience.org

STARTING HERE, STARTING NOW, revue by David Shire and Richard Maltby Jr., presented by O'Connell & Company, through Feb. 11, Cabaret in the Square Theatre, 4476 Main St., Snyder; \$ 839-3949

DANNY LYNN WILSON, 7:30 p.m., Taste, 634-3 Main St., East Aurora. 655-1874

WENDELL RIVERA AND FRIENDS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, Sole Restaurant, 5110 Main St., in the Tony Walker Plaza, Williamsville. 362-0358

DANNY LYNN WILSON, 7:30 p.m.,

Taste, 634-3 Main St., East Aurora. 655-1874

WINTER BLUES, presented by the Western New York Artists Group, through Feb. 16, Art Dialogue Gallery, One Linwood Ave., Buffalo. 885-2251

Friday, Feb. 2

BLACK WIDOW, 11 p.m., Macaroon's, 576 Dick Road, Cheektowaga. 681-7197, www.macaroonniteclub.com

BRONCO UNPLUGGED, 8 p.m., the Comfort Zone Cafe, 17 Main St., Hamburg. 648-5779

CHRISTINE WALSH: "Tangelment," Feb. 2-April 22, with opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 2, Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University, Lewiston. 286-8286, www.niagara.edu/cam

THE RONNIE DAVIS TRIO, jazz, 4-8 p.m., Midway Lounge of The Fairgrounds Gaming and Raceway, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg. 648-9733, Ext. 483

DEATH TRAP, presented by the Lancaster Opera House, Feb. 2-11, 21 Central Ave.; \$ 683-1776, www.lancopera.org

THE FOURTH WALL, by A.R. Gurney, presented by the Kavinoky Theatre, through Feb. 4, D'Youville College, 320 Porter Ave., Buffalo; \$ 829-7668, www.kavinoky.com

GOODBYE HOUSTON, with Everything and You, T-Ridd, For What It's Worth, 6 p.m., Club Infinity, 8166 Main St., Clarence; \$ 565-0110

GUSTO AT THE GALLERY, 3-10 p.m., the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, 1285 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo; free admission. James Joyce Birthday Celebration: art activity, 5-7 p.m.; Rince Na Tiama Irish Dancers, 5 and 9:30 p.m.; performance: James Joyce the Singer, 5:30 and 9 p.m.; performance by the Irish Classical Theatre Co., 6 p.m.; film: "Following James Joyce ... Dublin to Buffalo,"

What's Going On

Book club to meet Feb. 1

The Amherst Book Club will meet at noon Thursday, Feb. 1 at Fanny's Restaurant, 3500 Sheridan Drive. Dr. Bonnie Flickinger will review *The Da Vinci Code* written by Dan Brown. For more information, call 839-2904.

Weinburg Campus to hold open house

The Amherst Towne Apartments and Total Aging in Place program will hold an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at 461 Audubon Parkway in Amherst. For more information, call 250-3100. People in need of Medicaid managed long-term care can seek assistance from the TOTAL program. Seniors looking for low-income housing can visit a model apartment.

Womanfocus to begin Feb. 1 at library

Womanfocus is seeking women to join its monthly book club, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Eggertsville-Snyder Library, 4622 Main St. in Snyder. The nook "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith will be discussed. For information, call 884-3254 ext. 203.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit staff member

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at Amherst Central High School to benefit the Boccolucci Family. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under, and free for those under 2. Dessert will be available for purchase. There will be entertainment by "Toast," a basket auction and 50/50 raffle.

Beth Zion to host adult education course

Temple Beth Zion will host open classes from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 700 Sweet Home Road in Amherst. The following topics will be discussed: Jan. 31, Hinduism; Jan. 31, Buddhism; Feb. 7, Buddhism; Feb. 14, Judaism redux. Call 836-6565 ext. 12.

Free tax help offered at libraries

Free tax help will be offered for people 60 and older by certified volunteers from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Audubon Library, located at 350 J.J. Audubon Parkway; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at Clearfield Library, 770 Hopkins Road; from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Eggertsville/Snyder branch, 4622 Main St. and from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Williamsville branch, 5571 Main St. The program will be offered from Feb. 1 through April 13.

Come and See to hold meeting Feb. 1

Deacon Ted Pijacki will explore "Struggling with Change" at the next Come and See session at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at St. Benedict Church, 1317 Eggert Road in Eggertsville. For more information, call 834-1041.

Lecture to give history of WNY railroads

Joseph Kocsis of the Western New York Railway Society will speak about the history of WNY railroads. The event will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hall on Longmeadow Drive in Amherst. For more information, call 440-7385.

Mothers & More to have chocolate taste test

The Buffalo Chapter of Mothers and More will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 for a "Chocolate Taste Test" and Thursday, Feb. 22, to discuss "The Five Love Languages." The meetings will be held at Elderwood at Glenwood Village, 5271 Main St. in Williamsville. For more information, call 691-0005 or 839-2345.

Orchid Society to speak to Garden Club

A representative from the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society will introduce the Willow Ridge Garden Club members to the growing of orchids in the home. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Zion United Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Circle in Tonawanda. For information, call 837-4014.

Youth Board to hold 'Service to Youth' awards

The Amherst Youth Board will hold its "Service to Youth" Awards dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Classic's Banquet Center, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. The awards acknowledge the efforts of those who have devoted countless hours of service to the children and youth of the community, as well as recognizes those who have made outstanding financial contributions to the youth programs in 2006. For reservations, call 631-7215.

Panhellenic Group to meet at Family Tree

Marion Benner, President of the Greater Buffalo Alumnae Panhellenic Association, will conduct a meeting of all local delegates at noon Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Family Tree Restaurant on Bailey Ave. in Amherst.

Beechwood Service Guild to present musical

The Beechwood Service Guild will present "Interpretive Dancing" to residents of Beechwood at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit MOW

Amherst Meals on Wheels will benefit from a spaghetti dinner held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Amherst Senior Center, 370 JJ Audubon Parkway in Amherst. The event will be sponsored by Evans National Bank. The dinner is open to the public and available for \$6 pre-sale, \$7 at the door.

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