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## Symphonic

### Love is in the air

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Pops Conductor Marvin Hamlisch is saying Happy Valentines Day with a romantic evening of music and dance this weekend at Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo.

Hamlisch directs the orchestra with special guests in "Love is in the Air — A Valentine Special" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10.

Special guests include Anne Runolfsson, soprano, and Doug Labrecque, baritone, in a program that celebrates the most romantic songs and music ever written.

Also joining Hamlisch will be the Philharmonic chorus, under the direction of L. Brett Scott. Following the performance, concertgoers will continue the romance by enjoying a Sweetheart's Dance in the Mary Seaton Room with live music provided by the Main Event.

For tickets, call 885-5000 or visit [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org).



**BPO Pops Conductor  
Marvin Hamlisch**

#### fri. 9

★ **Winter Youth Concert** The Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra presents its Winter Youth Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at Orchard Park Middle School auditorium, 60 South Lincoln Ave., Orchard Park. Works by Haydn ("Symphony No. 97"), Gounod, Prokofiev ("Lt. Kije") and Kabalevsky ("Comedians Suite") will be performed. Call 559-4000 or visit [www.orchardparksymphony.org](http://www.orchardparksymphony.org) for more information.

#### sun. 11

★ **Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Sergio & Odair Assad** will play as part of the Slee Visiting Artist Series beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Lippes Concert Hall in Slee Hall, UB north campus, Amherst. Call 645-2921 or visit

[www.slee.buffalo.edu](http://www.slee.buffalo.edu) for more information.

★ **An Afternoon with Dr. Seuss** A performance based on "Green Eggs and Ham" with guest artist soprano Maria Jette and child soprano Annie Kahane under the baton of Robert Franz, starting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Kleinhans Music Hall, Symphony Circle, Buffalo. Call 885-5000 or visit [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org) for more information.

#### mon. 12

★ **Heroes and Legends**, presented by the WNY Chamber Orchestra beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12 at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane, East Aurora. Call 673-3463 or visit [www.wnyco.org](http://www.wnyco.org) for more information.

## High-flying drama

Solo aerial performer and Buffalo native Mara Neimanis will explore the mystery of Amelia Earhart in "Air Heart," from Feb. 8 through 17 at the Alleyway Theatre, Buffalo.

Produced by Theatre Plus and directed by Bryce Butler, Neimanis will be center stage — actually above center stage on a 12-foot tall spinning steel plane sculpture.

In 1937, Earhart disappeared in the midst of the most dangerous flight of her career. The legendary aviatrix comes to life in this one-woman aerial theatre performance that combines circus arts with drama to explore Earhart's whirlwind life and final flight. Neimanis reaches for the heart of this 70-year-old mystery in an athletic performance.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 4 and 8 p.m. Saturdays at 1 Curtain Up Alley, Buffalo.

Tickets are \$24 general, \$12 for students, and are available online at [www.alleyway.com](http://www.alleyway.com), at the box office 45 minutes before each performance or by phone at 852-2600, Ext. 0.



**Mara Neimanis** flies into the Alleyway Theatre in Theatre Plus' "Air Heart."

## Family Activities

#### Feb. 9

★ Basketball entertainers **The Harlem Globetrotters** will dazzle and dazzle Buffalo starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at HSBC Arena, 1 Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo. Call (888) 223-6000 or visit [www.hsbcarena.com](http://www.hsbcarena.com) for more information.

★ Albright-Knox Art Gallery **Family Night** Free activities for families beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the gallery, 1285 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo. Activities include art, music and movement dance for young children and performances. Call 882-8700 or visit [www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org) for more information.

#### Feb. 10

★ **Victorian Valentine's Day** Enjoy an afternoon of light refreshments, children's crafts, valentine candy history and crafts, and seasonal entertainment starting at noon Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst. Call 689-1440 or visit [www.amherstmuseum.org](http://www.amherstmuseum.org) for more information.

★ **Winter Weather Walk** How can you tell if snow will be good for packing? What's a wind chill? Learn winter weather facts and folklore starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. Advance registration is required. Call 683-5959 or visit <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/reg9/reinstein/calendar.html> for more information.

#### Feb. 11

★ **Family Valentine's Day at the Buffalo Zoo** Enjoy animal demonstrations and enrichment activities, and you may decide to make a Valentine's Day card for a family member, friend or even your favorite animal at the Zoo. Includes animal enrichment activities and the chance to make Valentines for your favorite animals at the Zoo starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Call 995-6133 or visit [www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org) for more information.

★ **Cross Country Ski Tour** Bring your skis for a guided skiing tour of the woods in winter starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Rein-



The Dodge Sling Shot is one of the concept cars that will be at this year's Buffalo Auto Show.

## Cool city, hot cars

The Niagara Frontier Automobile Dealers Association's Buffalo Auto Show shifts into gear from Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Buffalo Convention Center.

The theme of this year's event is "Cool City, Hot Cars," which will highlight Buffalo and its hot cars.

Events include:

- NASCAR legend Bobby Allison Day on Wednesday, Feb. 7, with Allison on hand from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Castle Booth, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Buffalo News Booth, and noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday with a meet and greet and book signing.
- Meet the Buffalo Sabres Superstars Paul Gaustad and Thomas Vanek from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, and Derek Roy from 7 to 8 p.m.
- The kids can meet Spider Man from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Also, the Mascot Matinee will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, featuring Sabre Tooth and Buster Bison.
- NFL Hall of Famer and former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly's custom built chopper, signed by Kelly.
- Daily concept prototypes and new production vehicles.
- Moms and daughters will enjoy the Miss America Beauty Detail Shop.

Other exciting attractions include the Kustom Workz Tuner Room, the NFL Experience, vehicles and systems on display designed to help people with special driving needs and much more.

Buffalo Auto Show hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$7 single discount and \$20 "Family 4-Pack" tickets at Tops Markets. Children under 5 receive free admission. For more information, visit [www.buffalautoautoshow.com](http://www.buffalautoautoshow.com).

stein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. Advance registration required. Call 683-5959 or visit <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/reg9/reinstein/calendar.html> for more information.

★ **Sunday Family Walks** Walk through the woods as naturalists help you seek out the natural wonders that abound at Beaver Meadow, 1610 Welch Road, North Java, starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Free with no registration required. Call 1-800-377-1520 or visit [www.buffaloudubon.com](http://www.buffaloudubon.com) for more information.

#### Feb. 14

★ **Valentine's Day Snowshoe Walk** Celebrate Valentine's Day with a snowshoe walk in the woods for an adults-only event starting at 6:30 p.m. at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. Advance registration required. Snowshoe rental is \$2 per pair/free for FORNP members. Call 683-5959 or visit <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/reg9/reinstein/calendar.html> for more information.

## Festivals

#### Feb. 11

★ **Winterfest 2007** — Presented by the Village of Williamsville Youth and Recreation Committee starting at 1 p.m. in Glen Park, Glen Avenue, Williamsville. The event will feature hay rides, petting zoo, snowshoeing, sledding and snow sculpture contest. Call 632-4120, x3002, or visit <http://village.williamsville.ny.us/default.htm> for more information.

#### Feb. 11

★ **Clarence Winterfest** — Celebrate the second annual Clarence Winterfest beginning at noon on Sunday, Feb. 11 at Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St., Clarence. Events include hay rides, sledding, street hockey shoot-out, snowman-building contest, petting zoo, dog sledding demos, ice skating and a bonfire. Call 631-3888 or visit [www.clarence.ny.us](http://www.clarence.ny.us) for more information.

#### Feb. 9 & 10

★ **Alden Winterfest** — Celebrate the third annual Winterfest in Alden with various activities, including ice skating, snowshoeing, moonlight cross country skiing, bonfire, snowball dance, chili cook-off, Chinese auction, pancake breakfast, art show, demos, snowmobile rides, pie eating contest, family swim, hockey shoot-out, box races, euchre tournament, washers tournament, 5K running race and much more. Call 937-9216, x10, or visit [www.aldenny.org](http://www.aldenny.org) for more information.

## Announcements

• The Kavinoky Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. Auditions will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 13, at the theatre, located at 320 Porter Ave., Buffalo. All roles are being sought. Actors are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue (utilizing an English accent) and will be asked to read selected scenes from the script. Performances will take place April 27-May 27. Appointments are required and can be obtained by calling Joe Demerly at 829-8141.

• Tickets are now on sale for Blue Man Group, "How To Be A MegaStar Tour 2.0," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, HSBC Arena, downtown Buffalo. Tickets are \$85 and \$49.50, and are available at the HSBC Arena box office, Tickets.com (1-888-223-6000, [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com)).

• Tickets are now on sale for Bill Joel, 8 p.m. April 10, HSBC Arena, Buffalo. Tickets are \$86.50 and \$51, and are available at the HSBC Arena box office, Tickets.com (1-888-223-6000, [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com)).

• Submissions for The Charles E. Burchfield Nature and Arts

Center's "It's All in the Close-Up" photography contest are due Monday, Feb. 12. Photographs must represent the creativity of the "close-up" photo while exploring nature, a child's small hand, or the dart on a dart board. Visit [www.thebnc.org](http://www.thebnc.org) or call 677-4843 for applications.

• Studio Arena Theatre has announced that "Time for Love: The New Richard Maltby & David Shire Musical" will replace "Pump Boys and Dinettes" as the seventh and final show of the 2006-2007 season. The change is a result of Studio Arena's long-standing relationship with Tony Award® winner Richard Maltby. Last season Maltby brought "Ring of Fire" to Studio Arena.

• Tickets are still available for Simple Gifts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at The Riviera Theatre, 67 Webster St., North Tonawanda. Simple Gifts is a trio of female musicians from Pennsylvania who play 12 instruments. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for ages 5-16, and free for ages 4 and under, and are available by calling 213-0554 or 692-2413. A free "Meet the Artists & Instruments" reception takes place following the concert. There will also be a free "Join the Band" workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at Dwyer's Irish Pub, next door to The Riviera Theatre. Advance registration is required for the workshop by Feb. 16 by calling 213-0554.

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