

stage

NOW PLAYING

Here are major area offerings in theater, dance and comedy at a glance. For details on tickets and curtain times, refer to the calendar, which begins on Page 14.

COMEDY: JACKIE FLYNN

This sarcastic comedian has been featured on HBO, Showtime, Comedy Central, and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," and he's also appeared in several Farrelly Brothers films, including "Stuck on You," "Shallow Hal" and "There's Something About Mary." At the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Aug. 20 and 21.

MUSICAL: "I MARRIED AN ANGEL"

The Comic Opera Guild presents this little-known Rodgers and Hart show about a man who wishes to marry an angel, then realizes he should be more careful with wishes. The show features the songs "Spring Is Here," "I'll Tell the Man in the Street," and the title song (among others), and the show will be presented in semi-staged concert form. At U-M School of Music, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, Aug. 20-22.

PUPPET SHOW: "THE SWEET FROG CONSPIRACY"

A marionette show featuring Ypsilanti's legendary Sweet Frog in a story of intrigue for all ages. At Dreamland Theater, 44 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Aug. 20-22 and Aug. 28. Information: (734) 657-2337.

PLAY: "THE SHAKESPEARE VARIATIONS"

A full, uncut, five-act Shakespeare tragedy on the Kerrytown Concert House stage? They said it couldn't be done — so the Brass Tacks Ensemble didn't bother. Instead, they're offering a sketch revue inspired by Shakespeare: 10 tragedies, 10 sketches. At Kerrytown Concert House, Aug. 19-21.



"I Married an Angel": Aug. 20-22 at U-M School of Music.

TREETOWN PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL: "A NEW BRAIN"

Gordon Michael Schwinn, an aspiring stage composer, collapses into a plate of ziti while lunching with a friend. Gordon had been reluctantly engaged in composing a song for a children's television show that features a man dressed as a frog (Mr. Flungeel), and the specter of this large, green character and the unfinished work haunts him throughout his medical ordeal. At Performance Network, Aug. 26-29.

PLAY: "THE IMAGINARY INVALID"

infectious. His passive-aggressive style keeps the audience off balance and on their toes. At the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, Aug. 27-28.

PLAY: "DUCK HUNTER SHOOT'S ANGEL"

From the pen of Mitch Albom, Michigan's own best-selling author and award-winning columnist, this new comedy, commissioned by the Purple Rose Theater Co., centers on a jaded New York City-based tabloid journalist covering the story of two Alabama poachers who claim to have shot a celestial being. At the Purple Rose Theatre Co., Chel-

ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) strikes people of every age and background. Chris Rice battles ALS with courage and help from MDA.

ALS DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES



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