



Marquee Weekends: Fall 2009

September 18, 19 & 20

October 2, 3 & 4

November 13, 14 & 15

Entertainment:

1. **Farmer's Market on Fulton Street**
 - a. Open 8am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday
2. **Dr. Grins Comedy Shows**
 - a. Rotating local, regional and national stand-up acts perform weekly, Thursdays-Saturdays.
 - b. SHOWTIMES: Fri 8pm & 10:30pm/sat 8pm (non-smoking) & 10:30pm
 - c. TICKETS: \$10 (\$5 on thu); Advanced ticket sales at etix.com or The B.O.B. host stand
3. **Friday Nights at the GRAM (5 to 9 p.m.)**
 - a. Includes a cash bar, dinner and appetizer options that can be enjoyed in the café or in the lobby and auditorium area, Museum Store specials, and gallery viewing all evening long. Music plays in the Museum Lobby.
 - b. Free for members, \$5 for non-members
4. **Salsa Night at Pietro's from 9:00pm to 1:00am**
 - a. Description: "Every Saturday night local folks and people from Colombia, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela, El Salvador and other countries, gather at Pietro's to dance and enjoy every Saturday night full of the Caribbean rhythms. Bachata, Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Reaguetton and more! Pietro's is offering some specials to make your evening more pleasant. Food specials all night - drink specials specific time (9pm to 10:15pm)."
 - b. Non-smoking; Full bar so 21+ please
 - c. \$8.00 cover charge
 - d. Location: Pietro's Italian Restaurant 2780 Birchcrest Dr SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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All Weekend:

1. GRAM Presents...

a. **Father and Son: Eliel and Eero Saarinen at Cranbrook from 10:00am to 5:00pm**

- i. Description: "Eliel Saarinen (1873–1950) was born and educated in Helsinki, Finland, where he established an international reputation as an architect and designer, combining the traditions of Finnish wooden architecture with Jugendstil. In 1923, he moved to the United States with his wife Louise Gesellius, a sculptor, and their two children, Pipsan and Eero. They settled in Chicago where Eliel worked on plans for the design of the Chicago lakefront and served as visiting professor at the University of Michigan. In 1925 George Booth asked him to design the campus at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where Saarinen became President in 1932. On exclusive loan from the collection of Cranbrook Art Museum, furniture and drawings by father and son represent the close creative relationship between Eliel and Eero Saarinen and the extraordinary talent of both men, leaders in a brilliant era of modern international design."

b. **A Gift of Art: The Legacy of Mabel Perkins from 10:00am to 5:00pm**

- i. Description: "Mabel H. Perkins (1880-1974) was an international art collector whose generosity was crucial in building the collection of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Between 1947 and 1973 she gave the Museum nearly 300 prints, including etchings, engravings, woodcuts, and lithographs by a range of artists. Her mother Mrs. Cyrus E. Perkins was co-founder and first president of the Grand Rapids Art Museum, and was an important influence on Mabel Perkins' love of art and her desire to share her interest with the public. This exhibition, drawn entirely from the Mabel H. Perkins Collection, includes sixty important works dating from the sixteenth to the twentieth century chosen for their outstanding quality. The exhibition is made possible by Wege Foundation."

c. Admission: GRAM Members - Free

Adults - \$8.00

Senior Adults (62 and over) - \$7.00

College Students with ID - \$7.00

Youth (ages 6-17) - \$5.00

Children under 6 - Free

Friday nights at GRAM: Free for members, \$5 for non-members

2. **Leonardo da Vinci's Machines in Motion at the Public Museum in Grand Rapids from 9:00am to 5:00pm**

- a. Description: "Leonardo da Vinci was a genius whose impact on the world is recognized to this day. Get inspired by his brilliance all over again at an unprecedented exhibition of da Vinci's inventions available for viewing - as well as touching, feeling and strapping."
- b. Location: Grand Rapids Public Museum 272 Pearl St NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

3. **Chicago showing Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm; Sunday at 2:00pm**

- a. "Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Revival & based on the play Chicago by Maurine Dallas Watkins, Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse"
- b. Description: "In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess" Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of an "American Dream" of fame, fortune and acquittal. This sharp edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse."
- c. Location: Grand Rapids Civic Theatre

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4. **Grand Rapids Symphony presents '80th Season Opening Night' from 8:00pm to 10:30pm (on Friday & Saturday ONLY)**
 - a. The first concert of the 2009-2010 Richard and Helen DeVos classical series with conductor David Lockington. This concert will include:
 - DUKAS, The Sorcerer's Apprentice
 - RAVEL Une barque sur l'ocean
 - DEBRUSSY, La Mer
 - TCHAIKOVSKY, Symphony No.
 - b. Single Tickets start at \$18 and will go on sale in August.
 - c. Location:
 - DeVos Performance Hall
 - 303 Monroe Ave NW
 - Grand Rapids, MI 49503
5. **West Michigan Fall Bridal Show (Friday from 5:00pm to 9:00pm; Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm)**
 - a. Description: "Say 'I Do' to the most complete Bridal Show in West Michigan! Plan your wedding all under one roof! See www.kohlerexpo.com for more detailed information."
 - b. Location: DeVos Place 303 Monroe Grand Rapids, MI 49503
6. **Smokey Joe's Cafe at Circle Theatre at 8:00pm (Friday & Saturday ONLY)**
 - d. Description: "In an idealized '50s setting, the classic themes of love won, lost and imagined blend with slice-of-life emotions. Winner of the Grammy for Best Musical Show Album, SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ, isn't just great pop music-it's compelling musical theatre."
 - e. Tickets go on sale to the General Public: Monday, August 24 @ noon.
 - i. General Public Ticket Price: \$25 each; Groups of 20 or more: \$20 each
 - f. Location: 1607 Robinson Rd SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Saturday, September 19

1. **Eastown Street Fair 2009 from 9:00am to 10:00pm**
 - a. Description: "For more than 30 years it is the one, the only and the original Eastown Street Fair. End the summer with a celebration of music, art, food, and fun. Get ready for the best free music line-up you can see in West Michigan. Hear it all on our big outdoor stage at the end of Wealthy St. and our indoor stage at Billy's. While you can still be outside and party it's the Eastown Street Fair. Before downtown...there was Eastown! "
 - b. Location: Wealthy Street & Lake Drive SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506
2. **Recovery Palooza 2009 from 11:00am to 3:00pm**
 - a. Description: "Join us for a groovy time as we celebrate National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month at the 4th Annual Recovery Palooza 09. Includes live entertainment, fun family activities, food & beverages, great information, face painting, fun and celebration. Everyone is welcome!"
 - b. Location: John Ball Park Picnic Area 1300 Fulton Street West Grand Rapids, MI 49504
3. **Jake's Music Festival at 6:00pm**
 - a. Description: "Jake's Music Festival features some of the best local bands and performers in West Michigan. This is the fifth year for this concert which benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Great music supporting a great cause."
 - b. Location: Wealthy Street Theatre 1130 Wealthy St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506
4. **Berlin Raceway Championship Night at 7:00pm**
 - a. Description: "Championship Night – Fireworks - LM-50/SS-30/PS-25/4C-15/YG All division autographs - 6 p.m. start"
 - b. Tickets: Adults: \$12
Kids (Under 13): \$5.00

Kids (Under 6): Free
Pits (14 and over) \$25.00

c. Location: Berlin Raceway 2060 Berlin Fair Drive Marne, MI 49435

5. River City Improv at 7:33pm

a. Description: "River City Improv exists because we enjoy entertaining audiences using comedic improvisation. Our shows weave skits, games and songs with audience suggestions to create unique entertainment experiences for each show. Occasionally we will throw in a piece of non-improvised sketch comedy or a dance number, just to keep our audiences guessing."

b. Tickets: \$8/person

c. Location: Ladies Literary Club 61 Sheldon Blvd SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sunday, September 20

1. Fulton Street ARTisans Market from 11:00am to 3:00pm

a. Description: An open-air Artisans Market, hosted by the Midtown Neighborhood Association, will begin again Sunday, June 14th, 2009. The Artisans Market features local art, photography, handmade jewelry, and many other unique 'finds' created by West Michigan artists. The Artisans Market provides a family friendly atmosphere in the heart of the revitalized east Fulton and Uptown business districts, providing ample on-site parking and close proximity to nearby downtown; make the Artisans Market a destination spot for Sunday afternoons.

b. Location: 1147 East Fulton (just west of the corner of Fulton and Fuller)

2. Sunday Night Funnies starting at 8:00pm

a. Description: "Karaoke from 6-8pm featuring the Big Al & John Brown show, followed by **Sunday Night Funnies** beginning at 8, featuring many of West Michigan's best stand-up comedians, hosted by Brian B."

b. Free admission!

c. Location: Radisson Riverfront 270 Ann St NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Weekend of October 2, 3 & 4

All weekend:

1. **Ethel Merman's Broadway**
 - a. Performances: Friday, October 2 at 8:00pm; Saturday, October 3 at 2:00pm & 8:00pm; Sunday, October 4 at 3:00pm
 - b. Location: DeVos Performance Hall 122 Lyon St Grand Rapids, MI 49503
2. **ArtPrize starting at 9:00am**
 - a. Description: "ArtPrize is a radically open competition. Open to any artist in the world who can find space. Open to anybody in the city who wants to create a venue. Open to a vote from anyone who attends."
 - b. Location: Downtown GR
 - c. Website: <http://www.artprize.org/>
3. **The GRAM presents...**
 - a. **American Impressionism: Paintings from The Phillips Collection from 10:00am--5:00pm daily**
 - i. Description: "Duncan Phillips (1886-1966) was among the early collectors of American impressionist paintings, acquiring most of the works in this exhibition directly from artists he had come to know. The fifty-four paintings included in the exhibition feature the pioneers of American impressionism -- Childe Hassam, Theodore Robinson, John Twachtman, J. Alden Weir, William Glackens, and Maurice Prendergast. These artists created a new interpretation of America's landscape and cities."
4. **Stand Thou Still: Performance by AQ Theatre at The Studio Theatre (Time TBA)**
5. **Homecoming weekend at Aquinas**
 - a. Website: <http://www.aquinas.edu/homecoming>
 - b. Complete schedule of events: <http://www.aquinas.edu/homecoming/schedule.html>
6. **Pulaski Days 2009**
 - a. This year's theme: "There's Nothing Like a Polka"
 - b. Location: Various West Side Halls/Pulaski Square Grand Rapids, MI 49504
7. **The Grand Rapids Ballet Company presents The Prodigal Son (Time & Dates TBA)**
 - a. Description: "Described as the most emotionally stirring performance in recent GRBC history, this iconic Balanchine ballet returns to the Peter Martin Wege Theatre to open the 2009-2010 season."
 - b. Location: Peter Wege Theatre 341 Ellsworth Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 - c. Website/ticket information: <http://www.grballet.com/>
8. **Grand Rapids Symphony's Rising Star Violinist plays Mozart at 8:00pm (Friday & Saturday only)**
 - a. Description: "Come support our rising stars with conductor David Lockington, and violinist Michi Wiancko. This concert will include: MOZART, Violin Concerto No. 5 & BEETHOVEN, Symphony No. 8"
 - b. Tickets go on sale in August; \$24/person
 - c. Location: St. Cecilia's Music Center 24 Ransom NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503
 - d. Website/ticket information: <http://www.grsymphony.org/>
9. **Chicago showing Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm; Sunday at 2:00pm**
 - a. "Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Revival & based on the play Chicago by Maurine Dallas Watkins, Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse"
 - b. Description: "In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess" Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of an "American Dream" of fame, fortune and acquittal. This sharp edged satire features a dazzling score that sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse."
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Friday, October 2

1. Taylor Swift and Kellie Pickler at 7:30pm

- a. Description: "One of the most anticipated musical experiences of the year, Taylor Swift's FEARLESS TOUR will feature an incredibly theatrical presentation of graphics, sets and visual elements designed by Taylor herself."
- b. Location: Van Andel Arena 130 W Fulton Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- c. Ticket information: <http://www.vanandelarena.com/>

Saturday October 3

1. Homecoming activities at Aquinas

2. Pulaski Days Parade at 11:00am

- a. Description: "Enjoy the Parade on the West Side of Grand Rapids
Parade Route along Fulton Street beginning at Lexington and Ending at John Ball Park"

3. Berlin Raceway: Bus Mania at 6:00pm

- a. Description: "School Bus Races, Trash Can Bowling, Spectator Drags"
- b. Tickets are \$8/person
- c. Location: Berlin Raceway 2060 Berlin Fair Drive Marne, MI 49435

Sunday, October 4

1. Half Mile Motorcycle Swap Meet from 11:00am-4:00pm

- a. \$9.00 Adults/\$2.00 Children
- b. Location: DeltaPlex 2500 Turner Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49544
- c. Website/information: <http://www.deltaplex.com/>