

JANUARY

Jan. 8-9, 15-17 — Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," 7 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Ohio State University Founders Auditorium, OSU Mansfield Theatre and Mansfield Youth Theatre. Dancing flatware, menacing wolves and singing furniture fill the stage in this beloved fairy tale about very different people finding strength in one another and learning how to love. 1680 University Drive, Mansfield. www.mansfield.osu.edu/theatre/.

Jan. 15-16, 22-24 — "Sylvia," Mansfield Playhouse. Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after 22 years of child-rearing in the suburbs. Greg's career is winding down while Kate's career is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park, bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her nametag. Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. The kicker — Sylvia is played by a human actress. 95 E. Third St., Mansfield.

Jan 21 — Fox's Table, Renaissance Theatre, live-on-stage, mouth-watering celebration of food and wine, hosted by Galion's galloping gourmets, Bill and Amy Fox, and assisted by French cuisine connoisseur Terri Bergman. Demonstrations of cooking techniques, discussion of wine pairing and review of innovative new recipes, and you get to taste the results. January features starters and appetizers. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Jan. 23 — Big Air competition, Snow Trails Winter Resort, at the base of the competition slope. Contestants will launch into the air, performing multiple tricks and spins, while spanning a 50- to 60-foot gap, all taking place under the lights. Open to all skiers and snowboarders. Registration: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the information desk in the main lodge. Entry fee \$10. Practice 3-5 p.m. Helmet and signed waiver (by parent or legal guardian if under 18) mandatory. Participants must have a lift ticket. (800) 332-SNOW or www.snowtrails.com.

Jan. 23 — Parrots of the Caribbean, Renaissance Theatre. Jimmy Buffet tribute band returns to throw the biggest beach party of the year. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Jan. 30 — Sogbety Diomande's West African Drum & Dance, Bellville Opera House, drumming, dance and performance-West African style. Master drummers and dancers from the Ivory Coast will teach and perform. West African drum class 1 p.m., West African dance class 2:30 p.m. Sogbety Diomande's West African Drum and Dance Company performance 4 p.m. Events are \$10 each for adults, \$5 for students 13-college, children 12 and under are free. Doors open at noon. Register early by calling (419) 522-5058. 142 Park Place, Bellville.

Jan. 30 — Cinderella Royal Ball, Richland Academy. Bring your prince for an enchanted evening, including a royal dinner, photos with your prince, dancing and more. (419) 522-8224 or www.richlandacademy.com. 75 N. Walnut St., Mansfield.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 5-6, 12-13 — "Opal's Baby," Mansfield Playhouse. Lovable and zany Opal Kronkie is visited at her tumbledown home on the edge of the city dump by Norman, who thinks Opal is a rich eccentric. When Norman announces that he too is a Kronkie, Opal takes him and his whole family in. Norman then confides that his daughter-in-law, Verna, is pregnant (abetted by a well-placed pillow). Opal decides to leave all her worldly goods to the "baby," and the others have to settle for petty thievery while they figure out how to get around their lie. 8 p.m. \$10. (419) 522-8140 or www.mansfieldplayhouse.com. 95 E. Third St., Mansfield.

Feb. 11-14 — "Barefoot in the Park," Ohio State University Mansfield Theatre. 7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. (419) 755-4276 or e-mail fahey.9@osu.edu. 1680 University Drive, Mansfield.

Feb. 12-13 — "Romeo and Juliet," Renaissance Theatre. Robert Wesner debuts his world premiere adaptation of Shakespeare's timeless tale, inspired by Prokofiev's sweeping, heart-breaking score. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

Feb. 18 — Fox's Table, Renaissance Theatre. Live demonstrations of exciting cooking techniques, discussion of wine pairing and review of innovative new recipes. Soups and salads. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West,

Mansfield.

Feb. 19-20, 26-27 — "Murder At Rutherford House" dinner theater, Ohio State Reformatory. It is the fifth anniversary of the death of Lord Rutherford. Lady Rutherford is throwing her annual dinner in commemoration of the event. What have you observed? Have you a clue to the killer? Clues seem to be everywhere. The Silver Sleuth Award is given to the guest who best explained the who, why and how of the murder at Rutherford House. Ticket sales start two weeks in advance of the production; \$50 per person. No reserved seats. (419) 522-2644 or www.mrps.org. 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield.

Feb. 19-20, 26-28 — "Let's Murder Marsha," Mansfield Playhouse, a comedy that is broad, fast and nonstop. (419) 522-8140 or visit www.mansfieldplayhouse.com. 95 E. Third St., Mansfield.

Feb. 19 — Second City, Renaissance Theatre. Legendary comedy troupe returns to Mansfield with an all-new evening of sketch comedy and improvisation. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

Feb. 25-28 — "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Renaissance Theatre and Mansfield Symphony. Off-Broadway's longest-running musical celebrates the modern-day suburban mating game as it explores the joys of romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws. Intended for mature audiences. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, 44902. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Feb. 26 — Aged to Perfection III, Renaissance Theatre, an intimate evening of exquisite wines and delectable hors d'oeuvres with entertainment by The Unforgettable Marvelenes. You will enjoy a selection of seven wines, and then you can dance the night away on-stage to the music from golden era of rock. Your favorite wines will be available for purchase by the bottle. Proceeds benefit The Renaissance. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

MARCH

March 6 — The Majesty of Mozart: "Mass in C minor," Renaissance Theatre. The Mansfield symphony and chorus will perform Mozart's most ambitious and elaborate work for choir and orchestra. Also featured: Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major." (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

March 7 — "Peter and the Wolf," Renaissance Theatre. Join Maestro Robert Franz and members of the Mansfield Symphony for Sergei Prokofiev's whimsical masterpiece. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfield-tickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

March 12-14 — Home Show, Richland County Fairgrounds. Ideas for home improvement; specialists, builders, remodelers and more can help with your plans. 5-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. www.midohiohomeshow.com. 750 N. Home Road, Mansfield.

March 13, 27 — Ghost Hunt, Ohio State Reformatory. Admission price is \$65 per person, which includes access to the building 8 p.m.-dawn and a late dinner of pizza and soda. Water, soda, coffee and hot chocolate available throughout the evening. Overnight paranormal investGhost hunts are sold out at 100 people. For ages 21 and over. The building contains hazards including, but not limited to: steep steps, uneven surfaces and lead-based paint. It is not recommended for pregnant women. (419) 522-2644 or www.mrps.org. 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield.

March 18 — Fox's Table, Renaissance Theatre, hosted by Galion's galloping gourmets, Bill and Amy Fox, assisted by French cuisine connoisseur, Terri Bergman. Featuring entrees. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

March 19-21, 26-28 — "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Mansfield Playhouse, musical production of the biblical story of Joseph, son of Jacob. (419) 522-8140 or www.mansfieldplayhouse.com. 95 E. Third St., Mansfield.

March 19 — "The Wedding Singer," Renaissance Theatre. It's 1985, a time when hair was big, collars were up and a wedding singer was the coolest guy in the room. Based on the hit movie starring Adam Sandler. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield.

ATTRACTIONS

Carousel Magic!, 44 W. Fourth St., Mansfield — Craftsmen use time-honored techniques to carve and finish wooded carousel horses. Tours pertaining to history, styles and construction of carousels. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (419) 526-4009.

The Infield, Lexington — Family entertainment center featuring a quarter-mile go-kart track, miniature golf, batting cages, video game arcade, kids' race track and play area and restaurant. Open April-October 11 a.m.-10 p.m. six days a week. (419) 884-4386.

Fowler Woods State Nature Preserve, six miles northwest of Olivesburg on Olivesburg-Fitchville Road just south of Noble Road — Old-growth woods with spring wildflowers.

Kingwood Center, 900 Park Ave. West, Mansfield — A 47-acre display garden and cultural center. Historic mansion and landscaped grounds, renowned for the formal gardens and floral displays. Free, self-guided tour. (419) 522-0211.

Living Bible Museum, 500 Tingley Ave., Mansfield — From Creation to the judgement throne, 26 life-sized dioramas are accompanied with special effects and an audio text. Ohio's only wax museum. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily April-December, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday January-December. Also includes Diamond Hill Cathedral, non-denominational services at 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Life-size wax re-creation of the last supper. (419) 524-0139.

Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Road, Lucas — Estate of Pulitzer Prize-winning author/conservationist Louis Bromfield. The 32-room home is open for guided tours year around. Special events and festivals are scheduled throughout the year. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 1-March 31 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 1-Oct. 31. (419) 892-2784.

Mansfield Art Center, 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield — Features newest works in all media by contemporary Ohio artists. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. In January-February open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends only. (419) 756-1700.

Mansfield Fire Museum, 1265 W. Fourth St., Mansfield — A museum of fire-fighting history with reproductions of a turn-of-the-century fire station. Open 1-4 p.m. Sunday. (419) 529-2573.

Mohican Canoe Livery & Fun Center, Loudonville — Canoe, kayak, raft or tube on the Mohican River. Go-kart, adventure golf with 36-hole challenging course, camping. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday April 1-Nov. 1. (419) 994-4097 or (800) 662-2663.

Oak Hill Cottage (Shane's Castle), Mansfield — Built in 1847, the house is the boyhood home play site of author Louis Bromfield. His memories of the home was the basis for "Shane's Castle" in the 1924 novel "The Green Bay Tree." Open 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Ohio Genealogical Society Library, 713 S. Main Street, Mansfield — A 30,000-volume research library for local history and family history in Ohio, including census, Bible records, obituaries, First Families of Ohio, and manuscript resources. Volunteers are on duty to assist in compiling family history. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (419) 756-7294. Library catalog online: www.ogs.org.

Plymouth Area Museum, Plymouth — Information on the first 1910 Plymouth car and the Silver King tractor. Open 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday Memorial Day-Labor Day and seasonal hours Thanksgiving-Christmas. Other times by appointment. (419) 687-5411.

Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield — The historic theater is home to the Miss Ohio Scholarship Pageant, the Renaissance Broadway Series, the Summer at the Renaissance Series and the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra's concert season. (419) 522-2726. www.rparts.org.

Richland B & O Bike Trail, Mansfield — This popular 18.3-mile bike trail was built on a railroad track of the former Baltimore & Ohio Railway. It passes through the communities of Mansfield, Lexington, Belleville and Butler and traverses some of the most scenic parts of North Central Ohio. Open year round.

Richland Carousel Park, Mansfield — First new hand-carved, wooden carousel to be built since the early 1930s. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (419) 522-4223.

Richland County Museum, Lexington — An 1850s schoolhouse. On display are tools, clothing, children's toys, furniture and paintings. Open 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday May-October. (419) 884-2230.

The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield — This castle-like prison was built in 1886. Three major motion pictures have been filmed on the location, including "The Shawshank Redemption" in 1993. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is now in the process of being fully restored. Open 1-4 p.m. Sundays May-October.