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Springfed Arts - Metro Detroit Writers

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Springfed Arts: Metro Detroit Writers

First Annual Townhall Festival at The Scarab Club

A Grassroots Fundraiser Event for
Springfed Arts: Metro Detroit Writers
Saturday November 18, 2006 4p.m. to 9p.m.

Come out for a fun and fulfilling evening of poetry, music, food and friends in your writing community!

SCHEDULE:

Just a partial list of our fun and affordable auction items:

- 5 poem personal critique from Jim Daniels!
- Junk Food Brand Warm-Up Suit from Gigi's Mode Boutique!
- An Altered Book by Linda Sienkiewicz!
- A feature to read your poetry at Lit Fest!
- Signed book and rare prints from Terry Blackhawk!
- 5 poem personal critique from M.L. Liebler!
- Gift Basket from Basket Creations!
- Hand-knitted Scarves by Karin Hoeffcker!
- 5 poem personal critique from Mary Ann Wehler!

MDW Fundraiser Schedule

4:00 Opening Remarks—Cheri L. R. Taylor & M.L. Liebler
50/50 Raffle!

4:10 First Live Auction

4:30 PoetryRebecca Vlasic
Karin Hoeffcker
Terry Blackhawk

5:30 MusicJohn D. Lamb

5:50 PoetryMary Jo Firth Gillette
Wardell Montgomery
M.L. Liebler

6:20 PoetryMary Ann Wehler
and Class

7:00 Music — *Free Element Unplugged*

7:30 Second Live Auction!

8:00 FEATURE — \$5.00 Open Mic Starring MDW members

9:00 Results of silent auction

9:15 Closing remarks

Please come out and share your talents, enthusiasm and writer's spirits at our first annual fundraiser! We will also have a bake sale and food table, drinks and silent auction items!!

We need **you** for our **feature** of the evening, our \$5 open mic!

Make a minimum contribution of \$5 and be a part of the night's FEATURED PERFORMANCE!

Read your poetry or prose! Sing us a song! Show us your talents!

It's a hometown fall festival and it's all about you, our amazing members!

For contributions or to volunteer contact: Cheri L. R. Taylor at Cherrion@aol.com or 734-459-2613

The Marygrove College Institute for Detroit Studies and English and Modern Languages Department are pleased to present

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR JEFFREY EUGENIDES

in a Defining Detroit event



Jeffrey Eugenides

Photo by Peter Burkhard

Marygrove College welcomes Detroit-area native Jeffrey Eugenides on Sunday, October 29, 2006, at 4 p.m. in the Madame Cadillac Building's Alumnae Hall, 8425 West McNichols at Wyoming in Detroit. Mr. Eugenides will read from his 2003 Pulitzer Prize winning novel *Middlesex*. A reception and book signing will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

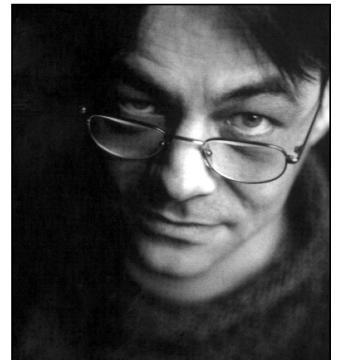
Jeffrey Eugenides received his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his MFA from Stanford. He has worked as a Detroit cabdriver, a busboy, a volunteer with Mother Theresa in Calcutta, magazine writer, and newsletter editor. His acclaimed first novel, *The Virgin Suicides* (1993), set in Grosse Pointe, became a major motion picture directed by Sofia Coppola and released by Paramount Pictures in 2000. Eugenides has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National

Endowment for the Arts, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. In 1991, an excerpt from *The Virgin Suicides* was awarded the Aga Khan Prize for fiction, and in 2003 *Middlesex* received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Defining Detroit is an interdisciplinary series that seeks to broaden recognition of Detroit's contributions to American culture. Marygrove joins *Detroit Stories*, a collaboration between Matrix Theatre Company, the Boll Family YMCA, InsideOut Literary Arts Project, Wayne State University Honors Program, Wayne State University Press, and Marygrove's Institute for Detroit Studies. For more information, call Frank Rashid at 313-927-1448 or visit www.marygrove.edu. Mr. Eugenides' appearance is made possible with the support of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Barnes and Noble College Division.

Acclaimed Irish Author Jamie O'Neill Visits Wayne State, Reading November 16 at 7:30pm

Award winning and internationally acclaimed Irish writer Jamie O'Neill will be this year's Wayne State University Philip J. Traci Memorial program's special guest. Mr. O'Neill has been hailed by The Sunday Times of London as "The next big thing." He has been written up and reviewed across Europe for his stellar books *At Swim, Two Boys*, *Kilbrack* and *Disturbance*. For more information on Jamie O'Neill, please visit his website at <http://www.iol.ie/~atswim/index.html> Mr. O'Neill will read at 7:30pm in The Bernath Auditorium of The David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the center of



Jamie O'Neill

Wayne State University's campus—just behind State Hall between Cass Avenue and the former Second Avenue. Free and Open to All. For more information, please call the English Department at (313) 577-2450. This reading is presented by The Department of English at WSU.

2006 Motown Literary Conference

The Essence of Motown Writers Alliance presents their 2006 Motown Literary Conference, November 10th through 12th, 2006 in Detroit, Michigan at Cobo Hall Center. The mission of this year's tour is: "To empower the reading community to make a positive change to literacy in Metro Detroit and educate writers in their literary endeavors." The conference will be a three-day conference, comprised of various events for readers, writers, authors and poets:

Friday evening is an Urban Affair Literary Feast at 6:30pm. Saturday is a Full Day of Writing, Publishing, Marketing & Promoting Workshops and an evening Extravaganza. Saturday will be a half day of workshops and brunch and panel talk. More information <http://EssenceofMotown.homestead.com>

Ferndale Beanery, Home of Great Poetry Readings

The Ferndale Cultural Commission, represented by Doug Davis, and Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers present Readings at The Coffee Beanery located at 22871 Woodward, north of 9 Mile. There is ample parking in back of the Beanery. Open mic follows the features. The following fine poets will be featured:

Saturday, November 12, from 2-4pm

Karin Hoeffcker teaches in Birmingham, Michigan. She was a finalist for the 2002 James Hearst Poetry Prize at *The North American Review*. She has earned multiple awards from the journal *Penumbra*. Her poetry has appeared in numerous other journals, among them *Across the Long Bridge*, *The Comstock Review*, *The MacGuffin*, *Mona Poetica*, *Passager*, and *Spire*. She is working on a novel.

Local nurse **Kathleen Walsh Spencer**, has been known to whisper poetry to patients to calm them through painful or frightening procedures. This poetic medicine is not surprising since the nurse is a poet. Spencer and thirteen other contemporary nurse poets are featured in the newly released book *The Poetry of Nursing: Poems and Commentaries of Leading Nurse*. Spencer's poems have appeared in *Intensive Care: More Prose and Poetry by Nurses* (C. Davis and J. Schaefer, editors), *The Clackamas Literary Review*, *Nimrod*, *Rosebud*, *Red Cedar Review* and many others.

Yvonne Lubov Rusiniak has read at numerous venues in the Detroit area. Author of two published books of poetry, *Exotic Tea* and *Jasmine Days*, the last being published with a grant from the American Poets Fellowship Society. Her work has appeared in various journals and the newspapers *The Michigan Chronicle* and *The Durango Herald*.

As an Instructor with the Detroit Recreation Dept. she conducted poetry workshops for children and teens.

December 9, from 2-4pm

Ken Meisel, **Jeff Vande Zande** and **Linda K. Sienkiewicz**. More info to come!
An open mic follows the featured readers so bring a poem! Come early for good seats and great coffee and sandwiches. Join the fun! For information call Doug Davis 248 988 1310.

Workshop Now Forming!

A published Troy writer with years of writing workshop experience wishes to form a new critique group for local prose writers to meet regularly for manuscript critiquing, information sharing and encouragement. If you're serious about your improving your writing, go to: www.tww.sharonmacd.com Sharon MacDonell

Mary Jo Firth Gillett wins Crab Orchard

Mary Jo Firth Gillett's full length poetry manuscript, *Soluble Fish*, won Crab Orchard's First Book Contest. She will receive publication, \$1000 prize money, and \$1500 honorarium to read at Southern Illinois U., probably in October or November of 2007. Way to go, Mary Jo!

Ongoing Calendar

Sunday, 2-4 pm 4th Street Writer's Workshop meets in downtown Royal Oak considering prose only. kimhaasdesign@comcast.net Kim Haas contact person. For further details please see: 4thstreetwriters.com

Sunday, 8-8:30 pm Open mic at Trixie's Cafe at 25925 Gratiot (by Frazho) in Roseville, MI. 16 yrs. and over. Infor. www.trixiescoffee.com 1 drink minimum

2nd Sunday, 5 pm Horizons in Poetry, 4723 3rd Ave. #3, Detroit 48201, Ron Allen (313) 833-7151.

2nd Sunday, 1:30-3:30 pm Your Poetry Group, Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. poetry & short short stories. Infor: Shirley Weimar, Shirleyw122@aol.com

3rd Sunday, 2 pm The Broadside Press Poets Theater at the 4731 Gallery, every third Sunday beginning at 2pm. The Gallery is located at 4731 Grand River, Detroit MI 48208 Information contact Brian Heath, Gallery Director, brian@isp-groupinc.com <http://www.ispgroupinc.com> or 313 516 6774

3rd Sunday, 7 pm Every 3rd Sunday from 1:45pm to 4pm - check out the merging of top Notch Poets and Master Storytellers at Cactus Pete's. Located at 9735 Conant Avenue, Hamtramck, MI between Caniff and Holbrook.

Fourth Monday, 7-9 pm The Rampant 'Riters meet at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3rd floor conference room, 32777 Five Mile Road (west of Farmington Road), Livonia. Events are FREE and all writers are welcome. rampamt_riters@yahoo.com or contact Marian Schulte at (248) 890-7838.

Last Monday, 8 pm Marye Miller's Poets and Writers Group, Royal Oak Barnes & Noble at Fifth & Main; Hostess is Marye Miller; open mic for info call Roberta Brown at 248-854-2375.

Every Tuesday, 8:30-11 pm, BYTETHIS Poetry Series at Beans & Bytes Cafe, 4200 Woodward Ave, Detroit MI. Featuring page & spoken word poetry, comedy, monologues, and music/singing. Only \$5 admission. Contact Nandi Comer at nandicomer@hotmail.com or Christina Archer at carcher@detroitpoetry.com

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm Poets & playwrights group meets at Wyandotte City Hall, 3131 Biddle, 2nd fl., Wyandotte. Call mono60@comcast.net or (313) 492-3080.

1st Tuesday, 7 pm Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 Main Street, Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. \$5 cover public; \$4 slammers. Infor. A2slam.com or (810) 231-5435.

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm Barnes & Noble, 6 Mile and Haggerty, featured reader & open mic. Contact Lauren Chiasson, barefootpoet@LaurenCpoet@aol.com or (248) 348-0696.

3rd Tuesday, 7-9 pm Poets & Writers Night, Borders, 4135 Miller Road, off I75 2 featured writers & Community Writers. Nancy Tucker. tucker@attglobal.net

1st Wed. 6-8 pm Ongoing writers' group, meets in Taylor at the New JFK library. Infor.(313) 274 4970

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 pm Writers' North, Petoskey Writers Group, Horizon Books, Petoskey. Contact Marla Kay Houghteling at (231) 526-4390.

3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9 pm Poetry Discussion Group, Barnes & Noble Saginaw on Tittabawassee (across from Meijer's. Bring 10 copies of poems. Call (517) 790 4062.

1st Thursday Open Mic at The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Contact: xeddietzx@lycos.com.

2nd Thursday, 7-10 pm (except Dec. & July) Rochester Writers' Group, fiction, non-fiction & poetry, Barnes & Noble, Rochester.

3rd Thursday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Gathering of Writers (The Poetry Tribe), Plymouth Coffee Bean, Contact Annie Horvath poetanne40@aol.com or rbschreiber@sbcglibal.net

3rd Thursday, 7 pm Peninsula Writers meet at Schuler Books, Grand Rapids. Guest speakers, writers link up with writing community. Call (800) 331-1721.

3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm American Christian Writers True Vine Christian Book Store 26441 Southfield Road Southfield (248) 426-2300 Pam Perry

4th Thursday, 7:30 pm Live Poets Society (Sept-June) Rose Room/Vanier Hall Wyandotte @ Huron Church Windsor, (519)-969-5174 Irvine Barat

1st Friday, 6 pm Detroit Unity Poets & Authors Society, Detroit Unity Temple, 17505 2nd Boulevard, Mildred Williams, (313) 521 5212.

Friday, 12-2 pm Ridgewriters (a writing workshop group) all genres, bring 10 copies. Welcoming Center in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 & 11 Mile Rds. 313-255-5048

3rd Friday, 7 pm Open Mic Poetry Black Star Community Bookstore 19410 Livernois Avenue Detroit (313) 863-2665 Ebony Roberts

4th Friday, 6:30-9:30 pm The Poets Follies, a poetry reading & discussion group. Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center, 1005 Maryland Ave. at Jefferson. Mariela Griffor at ag3260@wayne.edu or (313) 821 1848.

2nd Saturday The new Detroit Writer's Guild Membership Meetings at Conant Avenue United Methodist Church, 18600 Conant Avenue, Detroit, every second Saturday at 12 p.m. for the Board of Directors and at 2 p.m. for the general membership. Annual dues begin at \$50. For more information, call (248) 552-0582 or contact caneriver@ameritech.net

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