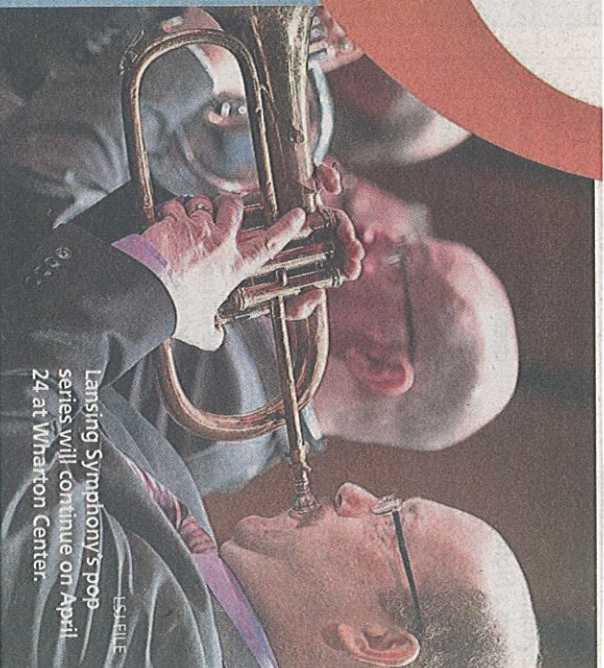


# THINGS TO DO IN LANSING IN APRIL

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**S**pring is here! It's about time, huh? This April, unpack those spring clothes and make a point to get out. From America's favorite pastime to dinosaurs for the kids, here are 10 events this month that really make April pop.



Lansing Symphony's pop series will continue on April 24 at Wharton Centre.

## Capital City Film Festival

There's plenty of filmmaking talent in Michigan, and the Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) strives to highlight that homegrown know-how, plus feature groundbreaking independent films from all over the world.

The festival runs from April 9 through 12 this year. It all starts with a special, free Red Carpet Premiere Party on April 9 at The Beer Grotto in Lansing, giving attendees the chance to walk down the red carpet with the filmmakers, musicians and artists that are part of this year's festival.

Films will be shown at various locations around Lansing the full weekend. New this year is a free show Saturday at the Lansing Center with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra providing the music for highlights from silent films. Show details: Capital City Film Festival, April 9 through 12, films shown at various locations around Lansing. For the full lineup, visit [www.capitalcityfilmfest.com](http://www.capitalcityfilmfest.com). Film prices vary, but the all-access pass is \$50 and includes all film screenings, concerts and parties, available via [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

## Dinosaurs for the kids

Dr. Sampson, spunky host of Discovery Channel's "Dinosaur Planet" and PBS' "Dinosaur Train," will be in town April 17 at the Kellogg

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Friedland will write a check to Fenner Nature Center estimated from the value of all the scrap metal collected. The drive is in conjunction with Fenner's Earth Day Festival on April 18. Details: Fenner Nature Center's Scrap Metal Drive, 8 a.m. to sunset April 18 and 19, Fenner Nature Center parking lot, located at 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., free.

## Lansing Symphony pop series

"Spectrum: The Music of Motown" is the latest in the Lansing Symphony

Orchestra's pop series. The show, on April 24, will pay tribute to the legacy of Motown and R&B with timeless tunes such as "Stand by Me," "My Girl," "Just My Imagination" and "I Heard It Through the Grapevine." Get your groove on.

Show details: Lansing Symphony Orchestra's "Spectrum: The Music of Motown," 8 p.m. April 24, Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall on the campus of MSU, tickets \$47, \$35, \$20 and students \$42, \$30, \$20 via [www.whartoncenter.com](http://www.whartoncenter.com).

## Modern Mythos art exhibit

MICA Gallery in Old Town, Lansing, hosts an

exhibit with Michigan artist Bradon Badeau's work through April 29. Badeau is a contemporary figurative artist known for his spectacular oil painting. His work is imaginative, realistic, but with a touch of the supernatural.

Show details: Bradon Badeau exhibit at MICA Gallery, open through April 29, Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, 1210 Turner St., Lansing, regular hours 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the gallery will be closed on Easter Weekend, April 4 and 5, free.

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