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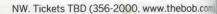
"Island Reflections: The Contemporary Art of Curaçao" celebrates the art and culture of the island of Curaçao by focusing on 10 studio artists who live and work on the small Caribbean island located just off the coast of Venezuela. The exhibit opens Aug. 19 at Depree Art Center and Gallery at Hope College in Holland.

Curator Susan Wilczak first traveled to Curaçao in January 2010 and returned a year later to attend an art exhibit at the Curaçao Museum.

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The artists' reflections are a result of the diversity of the history of the island: Dutch influences, multicultural influences, slavery, politics, religion, trade, industry, natural environment and island life itself.

Wilczak said the exhibit will "enhance the efforts of Hope College to bring diversity to the College and to the community."



Aug - HOPE SUMMER REPERTORY THEATRE Thru Aug 11, "Return to the Forbidden Planet an intergalactic comedy. Thru Aug 12, "Childre of Eden," a Biblical musical adventure. The Aug 13, "I Remember Mama," a Norwegian family relocates to San Francisco. All three: DeWit Theatre, 141 E 12th St, Holland. Aug 1-10, "Guy on Ice," comedic musical. Knickerbocker Theatre Holland. All shows 8 pm. \$20-\$26 adults, \$17, \$24 seniors, \$10 children 18 and younger (but office, 616-395-7890 or www.hope.edu/hsrt).

Thru Aug 7 - "FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE": Mass Street Warehouse presents a musical of high energy jazz and dance. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. 40 Culver St, Saugatuck. \$36.50-\$39.75 adults, \$3 \$36.50 seniors and students, \$26 Sun matrix (269-857-4898 or www.masonstreetwarehouse org).

Aug 11-27 - "SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR": Circle Theatre presents a romantic comedy about love affair between two people, married to other who rendezvous once a year. 7:30 pm, 5 pm Sun Aquinas College PAC, 1607 Robinson Rd SE. \$2 (456-6656, www.circletheatre.org).

Aug 12-28 - "THE 39 STEPS": Mason Street Warehouse presents a fast-paced production with more than 150 characters in a comedic who dunit. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. 400 Culver St, Saugatud \$36.50-\$39.75 adults, \$33-\$36.50 seniors at students, \$26 Sun matinee (269-857-4898 www.masonstreetwarehouse.org).

Aug 12-28 - "BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLL STORY": The story of the three years in which he became the world's top recording artist, will more than 20 of his greatest hits. 7:30 pm, 2 pm Sun. Red Barn Theater, 3657 63rd St at Blue Str. Hwy, Saugatuck. \$25 (269-857-5300 or redbar saugatuck.com).

Aug 20 - RIVER CITY IMPROV: Calvin Collegalumni improv team weaves skits, games at songs with audience suggestions. 6:30 pm door open, 7:33 pm show. Gezon Auditorium, Calv College, 3201 Burton St SE. \$9 (at door or Calv box office). www.rivercityimprov.com.

Aug 25-28 - "HALCYON/ENDYMION": State Turn Players present two one-act musical based on Greek mythology, written by Joel Schindlbeck and Christian Vigrass. 8 pm Thu-State 3 pm Sat and Sun. Dog Story Theater, 7 Jeffers Ave SE. \$12 adults, \$8 students and seniors (89 1252 or www.dogstorytheater.com).

Aug 31-Sep 4 - SCOTT NEVIN'S ONE NIGH STAND: Standup comedian presents insorthollywood gossip, personal anecdotes and vox impressions. 8 pm, 7 pm Sun. Mason Stre Warehouse, 400 Culver St, Saugatuck. \$36.5 \$39.75 adults, \$33-\$36.50 seniors and student \$26 Sun matinee (269-857-4898 or www.mass streetwarehouse.org).

Museums & Attractions

Aug - AIR ZOO: More than 50 rare aircraft, plexhibits, educational activities, full-motion figsimulators, 4-D Missions Theater, Magic Plans Space Ball, Zero G, Michigan Space Scient Center. 9 am-5 pm Mon-Sat, noon-5 pm Sun. 68 Portage Road, Portage, (269) 382-6555, wairzoo.org. See website for admission prices.

Aug - BINDER PARK ZOO: Aug 6-7, Repl Weekend. Aug 7, Breakfast for the Animals. A 13, Savanna M Play Day: bage Overnight Safa on a Summer natural, lush Wild Africa ext pm Sat, 11 am seniors, \$10.99 Division Dr, B binderparkzoo

Aug - BLAND Grand Rapids town GR (\$3). (\$3). Aug 25. Wild Foraging tems, trails, r Buildings (log schoolhouse). pm Mon-Fri. Tr Hillburn Ave NV center.org. Fre

Aug - CAPPON Restored Capp home of Holla Holland. Tiny of early settler pm Fri and Sat Museum. (616) org.

Aug - COOPE 2-Sep 30, Quilt Annual Tractor tractors from : 100-year-old ba pm Tue-Sat. \$ 3-18, under 3 fr 8555, www.coc

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Aug - DEGRA/ for kayaking & Bees (\$3). Aug 27. Hypertufa includes Interp mals. SkyWato cies. Trails ope Tue-Fri, 10 am holidays. 600 0 1057. www.deg

Aug - FREDER TURE PARK: A exhibits includ farm Garden, 3 nature trail, tra has sculpture carnivorous pla and gift shops. Tue, 11 am-5 pr students with 1000 East Beltl gardens.org.

Aug - GERALD exhibits include White House Ov House. 9 am-5 p college student