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▪ **WIN TICKETS:** Have you ever wondered what it's like to be in a Broadway production? Press



Entertainment Editor John Gonzalez is looking for local high school and middle school thespians to help him interview the cast of "Beauty and the Beast" coming May 21-23 to DeVos Performance Hall. You also could win tickets to the show! For details, go to his "Going Gonzo" blog. Find it at [blog.mlive.com/goinggonzo](http://blog.mlive.com/goinggonzo).

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**GONZO'S GUIDE**

**Crib Full of Blues benefits In the Image**



**John Gonzalez**

In the Image, a nonprofit agency that helps families in need, is hosting "Crib Full of Blues," featuring blues guitarist Carolyn Wonderland and blues singer Guy Forsyth at 6:30

p.m. Thursday in McFadden's, 58 Ionia Ave. SW. Special guest is Little John the Leprechaun. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. More information at [intheimage.org](http://intheimage.org) or on my "Going Gonzo" blog, [blog.mlive.com/goinggonzo](http://blog.mlive.com/goinggonzo).

— Press Entertainment Editor  
John Gonzalez

**YOUR LIFE LINES**

**ON STAGE**

**'Talent' finalist at Van Singel**

Singer and pianist Eli Mattson, who finished second on the third season of "America's Got Talent," will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Van Singel Fine Arts Center, 8500 Burlingame Ave. SW, in Byron Center.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students in high school and younger, available at the box office noon-5 p.m. weekdays, by calling 878-6800, or at [www.vsfac.com](http://www.vsfac.com). More info: [elimattson.com](http://elimattson.com).

**TUNE IN TONIGHT**

**Depp, 'American Masters' open The Doors**

Actor Johnny Depp narrates the "American Masters" presentation "The Doors: When You're Strange" (9 p.m., PBS). Fans of the dark and eccentric psychedelic band should enjoy the wealth of rare period footage of The Doors from their formation in 1965 to lead singer Jim Morrison's death in 1971.

**Other highlights:**

- Young Africans inspire the disabled with their unique compositions in the documentary "Music by Prudence" (8 p.m., HBO2).
- A surprise double elimination precedes the finale of "America's Next Top Model" (8 p.m., CW), a two-hour presentation.
- The top three emerge on "American Idol" (9 p.m., Fox).
- Too much fun on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC).
- Veronica becomes a hero to two trapped kids on the season finale of "Mercy" (9 p.m., NBC).

— Kevin McDonough,  
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# A MOVABLE FEAST

## HEAT UP YOUR NEXT GET-TOGETHER WITH A PORTABLE PIZZA OVEN



**SUE DOW**

GET FRESH WITH SUE CHEF

**G**et Fresh with Sue Chef is all about local food. So, when I went in search of a wood-fired pizza oven, I was thrilled to find a unique, hand-crafted oven anyone can use, manufactured in the nearby community of West Olive.

Forno de Pizza is owned by Hugo Laranja, who spent his early years in Brazil. His dream of providing an affordable, well-built wood-fired oven to those who enjoy cooking and entertaining outdoors spurred his invention.

**How it started**

He tells his story like this: "As a young kid, wood-fired cooking was just another weekend fun and delightful experience, either at home with my family or at a friend's house. After designing and building my own home, I decided to add an outdoor kitchen where, of course, I wanted a pizza oven. After years of research, shopping and investigating, I decided I could better build one with my own two hands; thus, the creation of Forno de Pizza; 'forno' meaning oven.

"The inventing process took more than seven years and a lot of patience from my family. I was constantly drawing — I even remember using my kids' crayons — especially when I had the sudden inspiration to create a portable oven.

"What resulted was a wood-fired oven that looks nostalgic, can cook a pizza in two minutes and can be relocated, whether you move or want to bring it to a tailgate.

"You also can cook anything you can think of — bake, smoke — whatever you can imagine. I'm pleased to say all of my ovens still are designed and created right here in West Michigan."

**Functions like a grill**

I love that the Forno de Pizza is portable. Much like a common outdoor grill, it is on wheels and ignites with a propane gas tank or can be hooked up to natural gas to get the wood burning and the temperature to the right level (up to 1,000 degrees). Laranja's banana, cashew and dulce de leche dessert pizza, a recipe from his native country, is his favorite. I never thought of putting banana on a pizza. It's definitely a delicious dessert pizza.

For more information about purchasing or renting an oven, or rental complete with oven operator at your next event, go to [fornodepizza.com](http://fornodepizza.com).

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**Personal touches:** Hugo Laranja drizzles olive oil on a pizza, above, to be baked in his Forno de Pizza, a portable pizza oven he designed and created.

**Light the fire:** The wood-burning oven, at right, can be hooked up to a propane tank or a natural gas line.

**The finished product:** A pizza is sliced fresh from the outdoor oven, below.



## Izzo can do no wrong

A moment in Tuesday night's "Izzo Goes to Broadway" show at DeVos Performance Hall gave people one more reason to think Michigan State University Coach Tom Izzo is a god.

As Izzo exited the stage after a musical number, from the darkness the audience heard him say, "I gotta quick change now."

Oops. That microphone was supposed to be off.

As the audience laughed, Broadway performer and narrator Merwin Foard, still on stage, looked up to the ceiling and delivered the perfect ad-lib: "Lord, you sound just like Tom Izzo."

And the crowd went wild. Director Greg Ganakas said at the afterparty it wasn't in the script and pulled over Mike Brand, executive



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director of the Wharton Center in East Lansing, where the show played last year, to confirm it.

"His mic was still hot," Brand said, adding Foard's hilarious comeback was

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**Song and dance man:** MSU men's basketball coach Tom Izzo, center, performs Tuesday at DeVos Performance Hall.

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