

Nicole C. Mullen to perform at Frauenthal

(Submitted by the Muskegon Rescue Mission)

Dove Award-winning and Grammy-nominated Christian artist Nicole C. Mullen will appear in Muskegon on Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in a benefit show for the Muskegon Rescue Mission at the Frauenthal Theater.

Rescue Mission Executive Director Carla Skoglund commented, "We are so excited and grateful to have Nicole coming to perform for us. She is one of the top female vocalists in Christian music and many people have already told us how much they are looking forward to this show."



Nicole C. Mullen has performed at the local Unity Christian Music Festival twice, and is a favorite among area fans. Unity Festival Director Kevin

Newton commented that the mission could not have made a better choice. "Nicole is a tremendous performer, has an amazing voice and vocal talent, plus she is so personable and approachable. West Michigan loves this artist and I know it will be a wonderful evening."

Mullen has won accolades in the Christian music world for both her singing and songwriting. She is a two-time winner of "Songwriter of the Year" at the Dove Awards and has a total of 20 Grammy and Dove nominations to her credit. Hit songs such as *Call on Jesus* and *Redeemer* have established her as a top flight Christian artist. Still, awards are very low on her list of goals.

"My goal in life is to encourage those that are listening. I live in a hurting world, so I feel like it's part of my job to present hope," Mullen says. A busy wife and mother of three, Mullen only tours Thursday through Saturday, spending the bulk of her time at home; often her family accompanies her on the road. "My life is probably a lot more like yours than you think," she suggests. "The same struggles, the same joys; I experience them, too."

Tickets in advance of the show are \$20 per person for premium (main floor, rows C-S) seating; \$23.50 the day of the show. House seating tickets are \$15 per person; \$17.50 the day of the show. Ten or more tickets are \$17.50 for premium seating; \$13.50 for house seating in advance.

Tickets for the show are on sale now at all Startickets outlets, the Frauenthal Box Office, area Meijer stores, and Hage's Christian Supplies. •

Michigan Victory Games accepting participants

(Submitted by Michigan Disability Sports Alliance)

The Michigan Victory Games is a competitive sporting competition for athletes with physical disabilities. Participants for the 2009 competition are currently being accepted.

The 33d annual games will be held May 14 through 18 in East Lansing and will include track and field, cycling, power lifting, slalom, swimming and boccia competitions among other events.

Athletes must be at least seven years old and have a primary physical disability such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, stroke, or other physical disability to compete.

Stella Husch is the director of the games and is a certified recreational therapist. "The games provide athletes who have a physical disability the opportunity to compete against their peers and benefit from sports and competition just like athletes without a disability," she said.

A special single day event of track and field events is scheduled for May 16 for athletes who are curious but not ready to commit to the four-day event.

The Victory Games are organized by the Michigan Disability Sports Alliance (MDSA), a non-profit group run by volunteers who donate their time to promote competitive and recreational sports for athletes with physical disabilities.

Donations from the public are welcome and necessary to ensure the future success of the games. For more information, contact Stella Husch at (248) 922-1236 or shusch@striveonline.org or visit the website at www.michiganvictorygames.com. •

Arc hosting special education seminar

(Submitted by The Arc Muskegon)

The Arc Muskegon is hosting a special education seminar on Monday, March 30, 2009 from 7 to 9 p.m. at their office, 1145 E. Wesley Avenue. The seminar is geared toward parents/guardians who have students participating in special education.

The guest speaker is Mark McWilliams, Attorney at Law for Protection & Advocacy Services of Michigan. Mr. McWilliams will cover many aspects of the law, working together with schools and how to use the complimentary parent/advocate special education manual free to all registrants.

To register, please call the Arc at 777-2006 by March 27. There is no cost for the seminar, but registration is required. •

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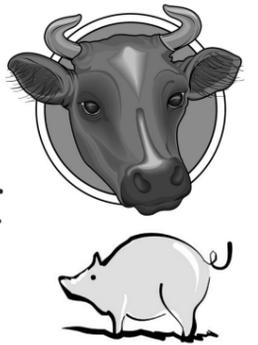
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