

# Wiggle Club hosts puppet show



Kathryn Heard of Rochester appears as charming Alison Ames, Greg Hoenstine of Bloomfield Hills as the apologetic porter and Eileen Weiss, actress and drama teacher in residence at Will-O-Way, as the possessive wife Diane in "A Touch of Spring."

The Detroit Institute of Arts Youthatre, nationally recognized for its high standard of professional performances, is 10 years old and announces its 10th season of Something Every Saturday attractions, October through May in the museum auditorium.

Season opener on Saturday will be a special Wiggle Club show for the very young (3 to 8 years). It's "Tubby the Tuba," performed by Poco Puppets of New York, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"Each performance in the 34-week Youthatre season is representative of the finest in professional and emerging arts available for young people in America today," comments Youthatre Director Mickey Miners.

Special musical plays, puppet and variety shows will include "Peter Pan," "Peter Pan Book," "Peter and the Wolf," "Treasure Island," "Alice in Wonderland," "The Nutcracker," "The Wizard of Oz," a magic show, Indians east and west, fables, folktale, and Ishangi, African folk specialist and historian.

Matinee will screen the classic shuddery antics of Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney with the favorites of three generations — Frankenstein, The Wolfman and Dracula, topped off with the most popular of all time, King Kong, "The Phantom Creep," starring Bela Lugosi. Admission is 25¢ at the

Special Scout, Brownie, Camp Fire, Indian Guide and Maiden Salutes will highlight selected Saturdays throughout the season, with lobby displays and young audiences behind the scenes, with young questions answered by a Youthatre guide.

Specialty type discount tickets will be offered again this year. For youngsters 3 to 8 years, membership in the Wiggle Club includes admission to five shows specifically chosen for the "under 6 set," membership cards, official certificates, but also graduation certificates for those reaching 5 years of age.

Children under 5 will not be admitted to other than Wiggle Club shows. For families with young ones ages 6 to 12, the Youthatre offers a discount Season Pass at \$15 good for 10 admissions to any choice of shows.

Magic Carpet service will again transport young theatregoers and their adults to the Detroit Institute of Arts auditoriums. Shows from Southfield and Westland shopping centers, Macomb and Pontiac Malls for only \$1 per person, including round-trip charter transportation and Youthatre admissions.

A DDETROIT YOUTHETRE birthday party completes the full course of theater experience for all youngsters, age 3 to 12 years, with tickets to the show of their choice, a birthday announcement sign in the lobby with the child's name, a sign for the child's name on the show bags, invitations, party favors, and a gift, compliments of the cast.

Detroit Youthatre makes its home in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium on the eastside of the Museum campus. Youthatre performances are approximately one hour in length.

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## Curtain Time

PRIVATE LIVES Noel Coward comedy starring WJR personalities Jimmy Launce in 2 week runs Fridays and Saturdays at Somerset Diner Theatre at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. at 11:30 p.m. Buffet dinner every Friday and Saturday. Reservations and tickets at Alfred's Restaurant or by calling 643-8865.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM musical comedy at cocktail theater in the round) in Pontiac Bloomfield Sheraton at 100 Woodward. Pontiac Chuck Keeler of Bloomfield Hills is a merry Pseudolus the Greek who has come to bring the ancient Rome. Performances each Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m.

Drinks served in the theater. Dinners available in the Chateau Louis Restaurant. Reservations by calling 338-4131.

GOD'S FAVORITE new comedy about trials of a modern-day Job presented by First Theater Guild at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1649 W. Maple, Birmingham. Senior citizens matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday. Information by calling 644-4421.

A TOUCH OF SPRING comedy by Samuel Taylor opens Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Belanger House, 1601 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Show continues Oct. 8 and 15-16. Call 644-4149 for reservations.

Four Lads to star at Belanger House

The Four Lads will star in dinner and cocktail shows being introduced Monday at The Belanger House on Twelve Mile and Main in Royal Oak.

Tickets are on sale for Monday's dinner show, which includes a 7 p.m. prime rib dinner and chocolate cake at 8:30 p.m.

A cocktail show at 11 p.m. includes the show and two cocktails.

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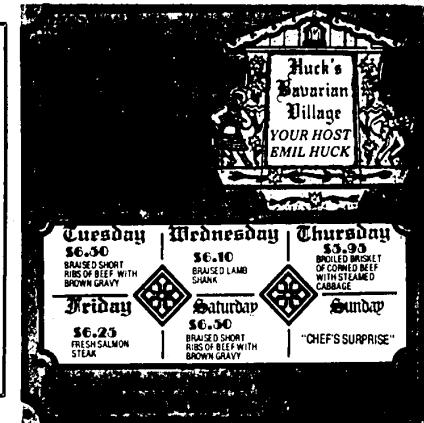
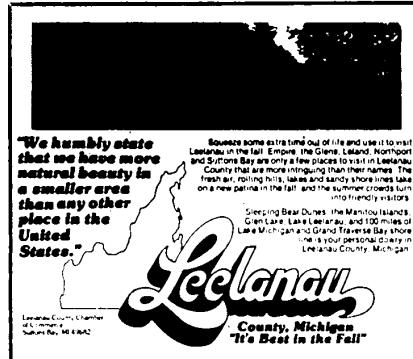
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