

SRT plans 'Beauty and the Beast'

Familiar fairy tale "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented as the first offering of the season by the Southfield Repertory Theatre's Young People's Theatre.

The SRT production is an all-new version by Ellen Stuart with original music by Nancy Keel. Supported in part by the Southfield Arts Council, the city of Southfield and the Michigan Council for the Arts, SRT was first organized in 1974 and has presented a number of productions in theatre and children's drama. Performances of "Beauty and the Beast" are scheduled for 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen.

Appearing in the new offering are Barbara Bean, Mark Halpin, Jack O'Reilly, Valerie McKinna and Catherine Cytkowski.

Also featured are Nancy Keel, Ken Straus, David Bernstein, Jim Moran and David Kosara.



Michael Burden, as the Count, offers a rose to the beauty, played by Barbara Bean.

Program will view slavery

By AL LETRICK
TV-Radio Writer

"Roots," the multi-part special featured locally on Channel 7 this week, seems to have spawned a renewed interest in slavery.

"The Fight Against Slavery," a six-part series co-produced by BBC-TV and Time Life Television, makes its Detroit television premiere Sunday, February 6, from 9-11 p.m. on Channel 2 and will run for the next four Sunday evenings.

The episodes dramatize the story of the fight against slavery and the slave trade in the British Empire. The story begins in 1750 when shipping slaves to the American colonies and the rest of the new world was at its height. It ends with the emancipation throughout the British Empire in 1834, almost 30 years before Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

The series was written by Evan Jones, a descendant of slaves and slaveowners. It was produced by Christopher Ralling, whose "Search for the Nile" won two Emmys and a Peabody Award. More than 60 characters are depicted in "The Fight Against Slavery." All are based in real people whose lives were affected by the slave trade.

"SLAVERY," the program notes, "has been called the greatest crime in the history of the world; but all whites were not guilty and all blacks were not innocent. It was a crime against itself."

The series begins by detailing the horrors of a typical slave crossing the Atlantic from Africa to the West Indies.



Up and away

"Studio See," a weekly television magazine for children, debuts at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, on Channel 58. Using portable video equipment, the show's film crew moves around the country catching young people in interesting enterprises. The program is designed for young people ages 10 to 15.

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