

Hillel benefit to star comedian

In January of 1971, a tall lanky unknown comedian made his television debut on the "Tonight" Show. Six years later, that same young man, David Brenner, won the Mase Comedy Award of the Year Award by the American Guild of Variety Artists.

Because of his popularity, Brenner has been swamped with requests for appearances in leading nightclubs, concert circuits, and television talk, variety and panel shows.

Brenner will headline Hillel Day's

School's March 26 benefit at the Ford Auditorium this year. Because he enjoys entertaining young people, he avoids using off-color material in his shows.

Appearing with the popular comedian will be Enzo Stuart, a noted singer on the concert circuit who appears in as many as 50 concerts each year. He has been an established star since 1961 and appears in television commercials and variety shows.

Hillel Day School, now of Farmington Hills, has focused on day school learning for Jewish children for nearly 20 years, beginning with two classrooms in northwest Detroit.

The school serves students throughout the metropolitan area from as far as Windsor and Ann Arbor. It is not an Orthodox school, but one that is appropriate for students of all persuasions of Judaism.

Hillel children are bilingual by the time they reach the third grade and receive instruction in both Hebrew and English.

Fund-raising committee includes: Susan Bindes, Arlene Klein, Charlotte Tessler and Carol Zamier.

Also: Arlene Tilchin, Susan Friedman, Alicia Nelson, Bluma Siegal, Lorella Littky and Mona Greenbaum.



DAVID BRENNER

Others are Arlene Stern, Nora Kanat, Ellen Kaplan, Judith Holtz, Sandra Schram, Anna Levin, Sandra Rosenberg, Randy Stern and Deverly Pierce.

And: Norma Goldenberg, Alice Gold-

berg, Susan Kutinsky, Gail Ellenbogen, Phyllis Beaver, Sharon Alterman and Barbara Morse.

Tickets are available at Hillel Day School, 3220 Middlebelt, or by calling 851-1294 or 851-2398.

'Shrew' opening with new music

"The Taming of the Shrew." Shakespeare's slapstick comedy about a man willing to woo and wed a wildcat wife out of a self-assurance that he can simmer her down, will be brought to the stage of "The Theatre" of the University of Detroit-Marygrove College.

The show opens Friday for a three weekend run. Dates and curtain times are:

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19, 8:30 a.m.; Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 7:30 p.m.

All performances will be held in the Theatre on the Marygrove College Campus, 8425 West McNichols at Wyoming, Detroit.

This sprawling tale of how the dauntless swaggoner meets his bride's fiery temper with a more blistering fire of his own, has long been one of William Shakespeare's more popular plays; one of the stage's most boisterous rough-and-tumble farces.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is directed by Dr. Arthur J. Beer, who has updated this production to feature a contemporary setting that includes motorcycles, mod boutiques, and special film sequences. In addition, a new musical score has been written for The Theatre's production, with music by BFA student Robert Beaupre

and lyrics by Director Beer.

RANCY GIANNETTI will be seen as Petruchio, who admittedly comes to Padua to "wive it wealthy" — and is not deterred from offering to marry an heiress, despite her reputation for a scolding tongue. Maria O'Donnell is featured as the hot-tempered Katherina.

Others in the cast of "Shrew" include Frank Marcello, as Baptista, Katherina's bewildered father, and Xanette Rubin as Bianca, Katherina's sweet young sister who is forbidden to accept any suitors until Katherina is unloaded upon some unsuspecting groom.

In the roles of Bianca's eager suitors are Michael Genesko as Lucentio; John Powers of Southfield as Hortensio; and David Rooma of Franklin as Gremio.

Featured as servants drawn into the hectic plot are Fred Berning as Tranio; Thomas K. Blochman, Jr. as Biondello; Ronald S. Merkin of West Bloomfield as Grumio; and Eric Johnson as Curtis.

There are nearly 20 other cast members, most of whom are students at the University of Detroit and Marygrove College.

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Room for Design

Tidbits of knowledge make decorating easy

Color is the dominant factor in creating a pleasant environment throughout your home. Many bare furniture legs give too much motion to a room and create the feeling that everything is walking. . . . Leave enough space between your coffee table and upholstered pieces so that occupants can leisurely cross their legs while sitting. . . . Ottomans and benches for the living or family rooms provide extra seating for company, yet are not space grabbers. . . .

Good-looking wood pieces, like worthwhile prints, need to be bordered by space in order to be set off. . . . Stereo cabinets placed under a gallery of paintings settle the problem of what to do with a large empty wall. . . . Odd numbers are more appealing than even numbers when arranging pictures and paintings on the wall. . . .

Only large objects should be placed on a mantel because no one enjoys looking at "pretties" that they have to strain to see. . . . Unframed mirrors are passe unless they occupy an entire wall space and thus become an architectural feature rather than a decorative one. . . . A king-size bed looks gigantic, but its wide expense can be visually reduced by using a printed bedspread. . . .

PROBABLY the most attractive position for the bed is the one in which it can be viewed head-on as you enter the room. . . . A living room generally does not call for patterned wallpaper because it is already filled with items that attract attention. . . . Books belong not only on bookshelves but are attractive accessories on tables, desks, benches and stools, a trick that gives character to a room. . . . Yellow gives us all the feeling of warmth and cheerfulness, while

blue is soothing and sometimes depressing if used excessively in one room. . . .

A favorite reading corner in a room may have two arm chairs facing each other with one common ottoman between them. . . . For the type of floor playing that goes on in a little boy's room, a blue pile rug or carpet should be used. . . . A bed without a headboard can look like a ghost with its head cut off, but throw pillows can add to the illusion of a back-rest. . . . Silk catches the beauty of color as no other fabric can, but you must pay for this spectacle and treat it lovingly. . . . When selecting fabric for slipcovers or re-upholstery, put it up to your cheek to test smoothness. . . .

If your windows are not too wide, the draperies can be a print, and the print can be repeated in one or more pieces of furniture or wallcovering. . . . Have some fun with wicker furniture in any room of the house for it is the humorous imp of the furniture world. . . . What is the first thing you see when you enter your front door and are you proud of it? . . . A bouquet of silk flowers, anywhere, will put spring air into the room. . . .

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