

# Robert Goulet booked for 6 shows

The Robert Goulet Show will be presented in six performances beginning May 24 at the Birmingham Theatre.

Goulet will appear at 8 p.m. May 24-26 and at 7 and 10:30 p.m. May 28-29. Guest will be Bob Melvin. The Birmingham Theatre box office is open daily Monday-Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Further information is available by calling 644-3534.

Goulet will be the second attraction under the Birmingham Theatre's new live entertainment policy. Comedian David Brenner will appear May 18-20 as the theater's opening attraction.

Since his 1960 Broadway debut, Goulet has established himself as one of America's most popular performers. He has achieved fame in the recording field, television, theater and nightclubs.

Goulet received his first major break by winning the role of Sir Lancelot in the Lerner-Loewe Broadway musical "Camelot."

RECENTLY, HE returned to that show, this time playing King Arthur. It ran for seven weeks at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, Los Angeles, breaking all box office gross records and making it the most successful play in the 38-year history of the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera and in the history of musical theater in Los Angeles.

In 1967, Goulet again turned his energies toward the Broadway stage as the star of "The Happy Time." His performance in that show earned him a Tony award as best actor in a Broadway musical, 1967-68.

Currently, Goulet performs 18 weeks annually at the Las Vegas hotels with which he has a long-term contract.

Born Nov. 26 in Lawrence, Mass.,



ROBERT GOULET

Goulet and his family moved to Edmonton, Alberta, in Canada shortly after his father's death when Goulet was 13 years old. It was in Canada that he was first exposed to the theater.

He was a bashful youngster. However, his family, recognizing that he had a fine singing voice, encouraged him to sing.

WHILE STILL a schoolboy in Edmonton, Goulet enjoyed a brief stint as a disc jockey. He continued singing and made numerous appearances on local shows.

Awarded a singing scholarship to the Royal Conservatory of Music, he moved to Toronto, where his professional career began, doing bit parts on television, in the theater and musicals.

## Concerts

In the winter of 1954-55, he sought work in New York. It was a bleak winter and a bleak experience. The only job he managed to get was selling stationery in a department store. He returned to Toronto.

In 1961, Goulet made his American television debut on the Ed Sullivan show. A year later, an animated feature film "Gay Purr-ee" was released, featuring his voice with that of Judy Garland.

IN 1964, he made his first U.S. television appearance on a dramatic program on the "Kraft Suspense Theatre" segment, "Operation Greif." His performance in that role won Goulet recognition from television critics and was instrumental in earning him the starring role in his own ABC-TV series "Blue Light."

Goulet later starred in a television special of the Lerner-Loewe musical classic "Brigadoon," which won five Emmy awards. In 1967, he starred as Billy Bigelow in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" and followed in 1968 with a starring role in Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate." All three of the musicals subsequently appeared on TV.

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Michigan restaurants are taking a major step toward energy and water conservation with the adoption of a "water on request only" policy by the Michigan Restaurant Association, headquartered in Southfield.

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"The policy does not 'demand,' but strongly encourages the serving of water on request only, in members' restaurants," said Henry A. Montague, president of MRA.

"It's the energy savings that are most important in Michigan, where water itself is plentiful. But consider that takes energy to purify the drinking water, freeze the ice, run the dishwasher and heat the water it uses. Nationwide, that's a considerable savings in both energy and water, itself," Montague said.

MRA is also making available, at cost (seven cents each), table tents to publicize the policy in restaurants. The table tents are available to members and non-members alike by phoning (313) 645-9770, or writing the Michigan Restaurant Association at 3016 Southfield Road, Southfield.

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