

Dinner starred with fine musical

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Review

As a total package, an evening of dinner theater at the Machus Red Fox Restaurant in Bloomfield Township is rather spectacular.

The current Theatre of the Arts presentation of "I Do! I Do!" is virtually flawless, but the gourmet dinner fare is definitely the star of the show.

Rather than the mediocre buffet table offered by many metropolitan area dinner theaters, Machus Red Fox offers top-quality food and attentive, gracious service. Tables are for separate dining parties, so patrons are not forced to share large tables and struggle through small talk with total strangers.

The ambience in the small downstairs dining room is almost as plush as in the main dining room. Fresh flowers adorn each table, and the lighting is subdued but comfortable. The small stage and large bar nearby sever the room in two, and with only six or eight tables on each side dining seems intimate.

ON OPENING NIGHT Friday, Rebecca Wheeler, the show's musical director, provided soothing dinner music that complemented rather than drowned out conversation.

Following cocktails, dinner begins with beef consommé. Prepared with grated cheese and crostons, this normally mundane soup takes on a whole new character. Next comes a generous plate of the famous Machus salad accompanied by garlic toast. A mushroom quiche follows.

For the entrée, diners have a choice of roast duckling with orange sauce or beef tournedos topped with berraise sauce and asparagus. Each entrée is

accompanied by a stuffed potato. A wide choice of desserts includes varieties of French pastry and tarts.

Cocktails are available during the intermission, and champagne is served following the performances.

"I Do! I Do!" is a musical bonbon perfectly suited to the dinner theater format. Subtitled "A Musical About Marriage," the two-character show illustrates that while marriage is not all roses, large doses of love, patience, understanding and humor make it turn out worthwhile.

WITH BOOK and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, "I Do! I Do!" relies heavily on musical numbers—the dialogue merely bridging the gaps.

The show follows the married lives of Agnes and Michael from their wedding night to the birth of their two children, through the children's adolescence and marriage, and finally to the couple's old age. There are some rocky moments in between, but their marriage endures.

Claudia Hill and Mark Vondrak are first-rate as Agnes and Michael. Their voices are strong and pleasantly natural, and both project an easy charm. They chat amiably with the audience before and after the show and sing a few numbers from amid the dinner tables.

Among the memorable numbers are the amusing "Nobody's Perfect," the haunting "My Cup Runneth Over" and the catchy "Together Forever." Vondrak's "It's a Well Known Fact" and Hill's "Flaming Agnes" are both audience favorites.

Houseman troupe slated

The John Houseman Acting Company will perform in repertory at the Birmingham Theatre, Oct. 26-31.

The classically trained young actors will perform "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare, "The Other Half" by Elinor Jones and "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh.

Tickets include general admission and student prices.

The Birmingham Theatre will open its first season of dance with the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. The highly acclaimed dance group will perform Oct. 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 8 p.m.

Ringling Brothers Circus due to play Cobo Hall in Detroit

The 107th edition of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, in its only Michigan appearance, will open for 24 performances at Detroit's Cobo Arena on Wednesday, Oct. 4. It will run through Oct. 15.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME in several

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