

Play 'Doorbell' opens Detroit Repertory year

The Detroit Repertory Theatre's second play of the season will be the first production ever assembled for the brand new play, "The Doorbell."

"The Doorbell" will open Jan. 11 and run every Thursday-Sunday until March 4. Fund-raising groups wishing to "Own a World Premiere" by purchasing the Repertory production for a night are being asked to select a convenient date as soon as possible.

The Detroit Repertory Theatre has become known as the king of group sales among metropolitan-area theaters. Groups have raised more than \$50,000 for charitable causes at the Repertory over the last two years.

The intimate 150-seat theater has a

lobby with 30-foot cocktail bar. The lighted enclosed parking lot puts each theatergoer only a few steps from the door.

"The Doorbell" is a modern mystery, full of intrigue and suspense. The play is a "What is it?" melodrama better than a "Who dun it?"

Three veterans of the repertory company make up the cast. Barbara Busby and Dee Andrus play two middle-aged women, Melba and Judith. Robert Williams plays Mr. Winter. Artistic Director Bruce E. Millan is the director of the production.

For information call 668-1347 or write the Detroit Repertory Theatre at 13163 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit 48238.

Bugs Bunny, Batman star on stage



Bugs Bunny and friends go on with their live stage show, "The Bugs Bunny Follies."

Overture, curtain, lights. This will be it, the nights of nights.

There'll be no more rehearsing or nursing a part. They'll know every part by heart.

So on with the Bugs Bunny Follies they will go, Jan. 10-14 at Cobo Arena.

Featured in the two-hour live stage show are Bugs himself and his buddies—Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Road Runner, Speedy Gonzales, Elmer Fudd and Tweety and Sylvester. Special guests are the dynamic duo of Batman and Robin, who battle some perplexing criminals with the aid of the audience.

All characters, with the exception of Batman and Robin, are the voice of the extraordinary Mel Blanc. For 39 years, Blanc has been the voice of these and dozens of other Warner Brothers cartoon characters.

The Bugs Bunny Follies is the creation of Roger Hess, presented by

Roger Hess Productions. The show is one of several Hess presentations, others being Wonder Woman, Popeye, and Flash Gordon.

The show is designed for adults as well as children, with a mixture of singing, dancing, comedy and a tremendous amount of audience participation. Through the use of highly sophisticated rear screen projection, large cartoon-type color visuals set the changing scenes.

Tickets for the Bugs Bunny Follies are on sale at the Cobo Arena box office or by mail order by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Cobo Arena, 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit 48226.

Performance times are: Week nights at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. For further information, telephone 696-7000.

Piccolo Opera offering play

The Piccolo Opera Company, directed by Marjorie Gordon, will present "Hansel and Gretel" in Troy. The performance will take place at Athens High School Auditorium on Feb. 17 at 1 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door and through Troy Adult Education Department.

The cast consists of Lynda Weston,

Elsie Inselman, Geraldine Montross, Eleanor Felver and James Berg, with David Wilson at the piano. Ballet and chorus will be included.

The Piccolo Opera Company has been touring the schools of the Greater Detroit area for many years. This season they will perform in more than 15 schools. Inquiries may be made by calling Marjorie Gordon at 861-6930.

Magic sings in hotel lobby

The spirit of Christmas will be much in evidence at Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy, when Magic, a group of 20 singers from Troy Athens High School, performs in the lobby of the hotel today 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Their repertoire includes Christmas songs in addition to all types of music from madrigals to pop selections.

Northfield management anticipates

that not only Northfield guests away from home but also Troy Athens faculty, students and their families will attend the recital.

Magic has performed at Greenfield Village, Somerset Mall, the Chamber of Commerce dinner and other Troy civic functions. In the future they plan to compete throughout the country.

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