



Nancy Gurwin becomes "Funny Girl" in the musical hit presented by her own dinner theater production company.

'Funny Girl' next at dinner theater

Nancy Gurwin Productions announces the opening of "Funny Girl," the smash Broadway musical comedy hit about the rise to stardom of the legendary Fanny Brice, on Friday, Sept. 14, in the Mediterranean Room at the Paradise, 17630 Woodward, Detroit.

The music is by Jule Styne, composer of such famous musicals as "Cyrano" and "Bells Are Ringing," and the lyrics are the work of Bob Merrill ("Carnival" and "New Girl in Town"), with book by Isobel Lennart, screen writer of such memorable hits as "Anchors Aweigh" and "Please Don't Eat the Daisies."

"Funny Girl" will star Nancy Gurwin as the great Ziegfeld Follies comedienne Fanny Brice. Ms. Gurwin's most recent stage triumphs have been her critically acclaimed performances in the lead roles of the musicals "I Do! I Do!" and "Once Upon a Mattress."

Nancy Gurwin is executive producer

of her own dinner theater company, and "Funny Girl" is the company's eighth production and the biggest enterprise to date.

"FUNNY GIRL" ran more than three years on Broadway and was subsequently made into a movie, which earned an Oscar for Barbra Streisand who re-created her original stage role. Some of the show's memorable hit songs are "People," "Sadie, Sadie" and "Don't Rain On My Parade."

"Funny Girl" is directed by Edgar A. Guest III, under the musical direction of Martin Mandelbaum and choreographed by Dennis East. The show will be performed every Friday and Saturday night through December with a special New Year's Eve performance. Opening night is sold out. Advance reservations are being requested. Dinner is at 7 p.m., show at 8:30. For reservations, call 869-3988.

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Caribbean cruise announced for spring

A Caribbean cruise in March may be far from the minds of many at the height of the summer vacation season in Michigan. But for those who are looking for a spring vacation package which will offer the economy of group rates, August is the time to start planning.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, now taking reservations for its March 22-29 Caribbean Cruise, will present an evening on dry land Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to set the mood for those who want to plan that spring trip now.

At a wine and cheese party at its Drake House headquarters (6485 W. Maple), the department has scheduled a film highlighting cruise activities, both aboard the TSS Festival and at the ports-of-call.

The Tuesday evening event is open without charge to those potentially interested in signing up for the cruise. Answering questions on the cruise package will be Patty Riney, West Bloomfield parks and recreation tour

coordinator, and a representative from the Bloomfield Travel Service, which is handling arrangements for the trip.

THE PARKS and recreation Caribbean cruise will depart from Miami on March 22 aboard the TSS Festival. Cost of the package will be \$925 per person based on double occupancy (inside or outside cabins).

It includes round trip air transportation Detroit/Miami via Delta Airlines, all transfer fees and taxes, air-conditioned staterooms with 24-hour room service, seven meals and snacks daily including two late night buffets. A deposit of \$200 is due by Friday, Aug. 24, for those wishing to reserve passage for the trip, which will call at three ports: San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.

In addition to the many facilities and activities provided by the Carnival Cruise Lines, West Bloomfield will hold its own on-board bridge tournament. ACBL certified bridge program director Rosemary Casper, who has led

department-sponsored bridge clubs for the last five years, will run the tournament. (Mrs. Casper will provide background on game-loving cruise members who do not consider bridge their forte.)

The TSS Festival, billed as "the ship of the '80s" by the Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines, is the fifth largest passenger ship in the world. She is fully stabilized for smooth sailing. Completely refurbished in 1978 to suit the tastes of today's cruise enthusiasts, her facilities include the Fantasee disco as well as the more traditional night clubs and lounges, gymnasiums, saunas and two outdoor pools.

PASSENGERS ON the TSS Festival cruise will gather for a full briefing on each port-of-call before docking. Arrangements for tours may be made on-board, with members of the Festival staff accompanying many of the tours. All, or part of the day on your own, is always an option.

Two full evenings at the first port-of-call, San Juan, Puerto Rico, offer an opportunity to sample the vibrant nightlife, cabarets and elaborate casinos for which the city is famous. During daylight hours there is time for visiting the battlements of Castillo El Morro and other historic landmarks as well as shopping at Old San Juan's famous Fortaleza Street and elsewhere.

A full day at St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands offers time to tour this beautiful island with its Old Fort Christian and Bluebeard's Hill and Castle. Shopping on the duty-free island features jewelry, perfume or liquor. The scuba diving enthusiast might consider a few hours in a wet suit off the coast of St. Thomas.

Complete information on the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation film presentation and on the March Caribbean cruise is available from Mrs. Riney at the department office (661-2240).

'Cycle' shown

"The Cycle" will be shown by the Detroit Film Theater at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. The film will be shown in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium.

The film, a 1977 Iranian release directed by Darius Mehrjui, was only recently allowed inside or outside of Iran. "The Cycle" tells a story of government and cultural corruption.

During its New York run, "Film Comment" described "The Cycle" as "a masterpiece from one of the great, humanist directors of world cinema."

Ingmar Bergman's 1956 "The Seventh Seal" will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Winner of the Cannes Film Festival International Jury Prize, the film deals with Europe, the Crusades, and a knight's brushes with death.

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