

Dinner theater comedy draws audience laughs

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greet the audience who stay behind, at Alfred's cocktail lounge. She is dark-haired and fresh-faced.

ROBERT JORDAN directed the Jimmy Launce Production presented by Alfred's.

The dinner buffet that precedes the show includes relishes, salads, vegetables including a mixture with sliced zucchini, entrees such as pasta in sauce, spicy chicken and rolled beef.

Dessert is cheesecake with strawberries. Everything, from Alfred's Restaurant upstairs at Somerset Mall in Troy, is distinctive and good.

The play's single set is the guest cottage where the couple rendezvous; the bed is prominent for that's where the action takes place. The painting lovers talk in that charming, glib stage manner where nitty-gritty is inoffensive. With dinner theater, the scene is almost in your lap, and a few bold lines were cut from the script, we're told.

2 area actresses cast in play 'Idiot's Delight'

Two area residents are appearing in the University of Michigan department of theater and drama production of "Idiot's Delight."

Lynn Fontanne. It was popularized by the 1939 movie starring Clark Gable and Norma Shearer.

They are Lori Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias E. Hoffman of Birmingham, and Jane Kinsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinsey of Farmington Hills.

"Idiot's Delight," the Robert E. Sherwood Pulitzer-Prize winning comedy, opens the 1979-80 Guest Artist Series. Performances continue through Sunday, Oct. 21, in the Power Center for the Performing Arts. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

"Idiot's Delight" originally was staged in 1936 with Alfred Lunt and

THE STORY centers around the plight of an unlikely group of Alpine resort hotel guests whose passage into Switzerland is delayed by the onset of a second world war.

Guest artist-in-residence Philip LeStrange plays the role of Harry Van, an American song and dance man who manages an all-girl touring troupe. Tickets are available at the Professional Theater Program ticket office in the Michigan League, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. weekdays, and at all Hudson's ticket outlets. For more information call 764-0450.



40-carat handshake

Nancy Brassert (Anne) and John Shirk (Peter) meet with a handshake, as Gertrude Thomsen (Maud) looks on approvingly in this scene from "40 Carats," which opens Friday, Oct. 19, at St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook's playhouse in Bloomfield Hills. The play will continue Saturday, Oct. 20, and the following weekend, Oct. 26-27. For ticket information call 644-0527.

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