



Villain Lillian Hitchcock is Stiffstep and Linda Sklarén (foreground) plays Prince Fairyfoot in AAUW production coming to The Community House in Birmingham. (Photo by Linda Solomon)

Children's series presents fantasy

Live stage productions make up the Children's Show Series at The Community House in Birmingham. First play in the 1979-80 series, which includes six separate plays, will be presented Saturday, Nov. 3, at The Community House, Bates and Townsend.

The AAUW (American Association of University Women) is producing the first show "Prince Fairyfoot," which will be presented at two separate performances: 1-2 p.m. and again from 3-4 p.m. Tickets are available at The Community House. Season tickets are also available, covering all six shows.

"Prince Fairyfoot" will take children to the land of Big Feet and the land of Tiny Feet in a story of a handsome prince, of dwarf-like people, of suspense, excitement and a never-never land.

Theater

AAUW members in the cast of "Prince Fairyfoot" include Lillian Hitchcock as Lord Stiffstep, Donna Domalske as Fleecefoot, Linda Sklarén as the Prince and Villagers Dorothy Decker and Donna Rhinehart. Others are Pat Sullivan as Queen Hammerhead, Charlene Lobb as Princess Maybloom, Nancy Lee Pawcett as Rough Ruddy, DeeDee Baldwin as Robin Goodfellow and Sue Mitchell as The Guard.

For further information call The Community House, 644-5832.

Comedy offered in 'Private Lives'

Comedy comes to the University of Detroit, in Noel Coward's "Private Lives," performed by the campus Theater Company, at 8 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, Nov. 2-4 and 9-11, in the Studio 100 Theater.

The play centers on Elyot and Amanda, victims of an unsuccessful marriage, who meet again as they start honeymooning with a new set of spouses. The flame of their old attraction flares up once more and they elope.

Although they are deliciously happy to be together again, their tendency to squabble also re-asserts itself. One of the high points of this brittle comedy is the scene in which the deserted spouses, pursuing the errant pair, come upon them in the midst of a remarkable furniture-smashing, free-for-all fight. The run-away lovers tumble over sofas and roll on the floor in a desperate battle sure to amuse their audiences.

"There is a real value in performing the show in Studio 100," said Dr. Arthur Beer, of the university. "The play is termed an intimate comedy and we're performing it in an intimate space. The audience close to the actors will enjoy the nuance of gesture and expression, so that they will be able to appreciate and enjoy it more than if it were in a larger space."

Reservations and ticket information is available at the Theater Company box office at 927-1130.

Contest underway for playwrights

A musical playwrighting competition that offers one of the biggest grants available to young playwrights, lyricists and composers is under way at the University of Michigan.

Applicants are being sought nationwide for the David B. Marshall Award in Musical Theatre, said Jean Galan, general manager of the University's Professional Theatre Program.

Up to \$2,000 is promised by the competition, with possible production at the University and consideration for professional production of winning plays.

Deadline for submission of scripts is Jan. 31, 1980. Winners will be announced in June. Only original, full-length scripts will be considered. No reader's fee is charged.

The award, now in its third year, is named for U-M alumnus David B. Marshall and established by a gift from the Contempo Communications Foundation for the Arts, Inc.

For further information, including application forms, write: Marshall Award, PTP Office, U-M, Michigan League Building, 227 S. Ingalls, Ann Arbor 48109, or telephone (313) 763-5213.

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