

# Shows explore the past

Two special attractions which explore man's ancient past have been added to the University of Michigan Professional Theatre Program's (PTP) winter-spring season.

The two productions are "Dark Solstice," to be presented by the Facets Performance Ensemble of Chicago on Feb. 28, and the Alec McCowen production of "St. Mark's Gospel," featuring Michael Tolaydo. Curtain for each production is 8 p.m. to be performed on March 20, in the Power Center for the Performing Arts, on campus in Ann Arbor.

"DARK SOLSTICE" is inspired by ancient European Celtic myth. This Celtic tradition has had a significant impact on British literature, in this century the most notable representative being William Butler Yeats.

Probably the first written of the four major gospels, Mark's is a dynamic account of the life, times and travels of Jesus and the apostles.

The Facets Performance Ensemble, which originated the "Dark Solstice" production, has a reputation for close-knit ensemble and athletic prowess. The Chicago Daily News had described its performances as "mesmerizing."



## Starting here

"Starting Here, Starting Now," a musical revue featuring the songs of David Shirer and Richard Maltby Jr., opened Wednesday at the Wayne State University Studio Theatre in Detroit, for a two-week run. Included in the cast are (from left) Robert Stormont of Farmington, Dennis Green of Detroit and Sandy Frappas of Southfield. For further information contact the Wayne State University Theatre box office at 577-2972.



## Remember Pat?

You may remember Pat Paulsen from his television appearances on the "Smothers Brothers Show" or on the "Carol Burnett Show" or from his frequent guest spots on the "Tonight" show, or maybe you remember Pat because he ran for President. His show, which includes video "out-takes" from television shows, will be presented in being presented through Sunday, Jan. 27, at The Raven in Southfield. Also on the show is area professional Rick Reuther. For reservations call 557-2622.

## Candlelight suppers offered with exhibit

The Detroit Institute of Arts has scheduled candlelight suppers every Wednesday throughout the run of its current special exhibition, "Treasures of Ancient Nigeria: Legacy of 2,000 Years."

Reservations, including supper and personal audio tour of the collection, may be made through the art institute ticket office (832-2730). Service will be at either 6 or 6:30 p.m. for Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 5 and 12.

DRAWN FROM African recipes, altered slightly for American palates, the menu will include lightly spiced chicken, wine, dessert and beverage. Times may vary depending on availability of space in the museum's new dining location, Crystal Gallery.

Entrance will be through the theatre marquee doors on John R Street.

To be seen only in Detroit, San Francisco and New York, the Nigerian exhibition includes 100 works in bronze, stone, terra cotta and ivory. It is the

largest art loan ever made to the United States by and African country. Rivaling the craftsmanship of Renaissance Europe, and pre-dating that period by some 1,600 years, the exhibit includes a pair of bronze leopards valued at \$2 million.

NINTH CENTURY works unearthed from excavated tombs of ancient African kings, and portrait heads as old as the Golden Age of Greece are featured.

The exhibition will be open daily, during regular museum hours, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is priced per person, senior citizens and students; children under 12 years, accompanied by an adult, free.

For candlelight supper reservations and information, call the art institute ticket office at 832-2730.

"Treasures of Ancient Nigeria: Legacy of 2,000 Years" is presented for U.S. tour with the assistance of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Mobil Oil Corp.

## Tweeny's packages night of 'Cafe and Symphony'

"Cafe and Symphony" will be a special Saturday night dinner, concert and afterglow.

The evening will begin at Tweeny's Cafe in downtown Birmingham. A special symphony dinner of salad, hot appetizer and choice of entree will be served at exactly 5:50 p.m. Chartered SEMTA coaches will transport patrons to Ford Auditorium for the concert, then back to Tweeny's for an afterglow featuring a buffet of pastries.

THE CONCERT will feature the Detroit Symphony Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Raymond Leppard. The program is: Telemann, Concerto for three oboes, three violins, bassoon, cello and bass; Pachelbel, Canon for strings; Bach, Brandenburg Concerto

No. 1; Corelli, Concerto Grosso in D for strings; Albinoni, Sonata a cinque in A for strings; Vivaldi, Concerto in G minor for three oboes, bassoon, two horns, violin, strings and continuo. This will be the DSO's first performance of the well-loved and frequently recorded Pachelbel Canon.

COST FOR THE complete evening is priced per person. To accommodate season ticket holders and small appetites, patrons can reserve by individual element; dinner, bus, concert and afterglow are all priced separately.

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