

#### **Opening at Hilberry**

"The Dutchess of Malfi," John Webster's drama of clandestine love, set against a background of political corruption and intrigue, opens Wednesday, April 25, at 8:30 p.m. at Wayne State University's Hilber-ry Theater in Detroit. Barbara Acker is the Dutchess and Geoffrey Beauchamp is her husband Antonio. "The Dutchess of Malii" will con-tinue in repertory through May 19. For ticket information, call 577-2972

### Sunday buffet marks Easter

A traditional Easter Sunday buffet friend, will give Easter baskets to all will be offered by Wicker Works in the young celebrants. Northfield Hilton Inn, Crooks Road and

Northield Hilton Inn, Crooks Road and 1-75, Troy: The selection of Easter dishes are sleamed round of beef au jus, roast embellished, with au gratin potatoes, green peas, crippy salad, assorted breads, dessert and beverage. The dinner tab is priede for adults and for children under 12. A six-foot Easter Bunny, remindful of Harvey, Jimmy Stewart's mythical



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Auction dollars reach all-time high Channel 56 has just completed its most successful auction ever, raising an all-time high of \$676,609. That was \$38,112 more than last year's record

Film offers psychodrama The station suffered a loss of about

The station suffered a loss of about \$25,000 work of auction sales Thurs-day night, when a windstorm caused a power loss during prime time. Despite this sethack, the station came just short of its announced \$700,000 goal. "The generosity of thousands of busi-ness donors in this area was one of sev-eral key elements in the success of the 11th annual auction," said Auction Manager Steve Futernick. Just more han 8,200 litems were donated to Chan-nel 56 — a record high, with almost German director Rainer Werter Fassbinder's 1977 psychodrama "Chi-nece Roulette" will be shown by De-troit Film Thestero Priday, April 13. Two showings will be offered, at 7 Arts audiorium. Tickets may be par-chased in advance from the museum ticket office (83:24730) as well as at the

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door. Called "... fascinating ... hypnot-ic ... " by the New York Times, "Chi-ness Roulette" deals with the delight of a tyrannical teenage girl in manipulat-ing her self-absorbed, adulterous par-'By Strouse'

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half coming in during auction week

"Our good friends in the other De-troit media did an unprecedented job of helping us relay the message of the critical need for donations," added Futernick.

THE CHANNEL 56 Auction is the fourth biggest public TV auction in the country, with only New York, Boston and San Francisco raising more mon-ey, "The extremely hard work of our hundreds of volunicers is intrinsic to our success," Potternick said. On hand to bring the fund-raiser to a close were General Chairman Joan Hicks, official host Marc Avery and a group of volunteers.

Hicks, official and group of volunteers. Mrs. Hicks, who has been a volunteer with the acution since its start 11 years

ago, has been general chairwoman for the last two years,

Noting the success of this year's auc-tion, Mrs. Hicks said, "We added some new and very successful elements to this year's auction, including industrial items, high fashion and a well-received Art Day guided by community art experts."

Next year's auction general chairwo is Barbara Hechtman, this year's vice chairwoman who has headed up the go-getters operation for two years. She has been volunteering for the auction the last six years.

Money raised by Channel 56 during the annual auction represents about 20 per cent of the station's operating budget of more than \$3 million.



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