

Summer theater marks anniversary

The Cherry County Playhouse will open its 1979 season June 26. The opening will mark the 25th anniversary of the star system summer theater in Traverse City.

The season opener will be the world premiere of a comedy by George Tricker and Neil Rosen, appropriately titled, "Silver Anniversary." Running through July 1, the play is a satire on society overly concerned with sexual performance and lampoons such contemporary institutions as the encounter group.

"Silver Anniversary" is the first full-length play Tricker and Rosen have written for the legitimate stage. For the past several years their comedy work has been seen on such television shows as "Welcome Back, Kotter," "Love Boat" and most recently, "The Rogers." The star for "Silver Anniversary" is to be announced.

From July 3-15 the playhouse will present Karen Valentine in the romantic comedy "Two for the Seesaw." Miss Valentine co-starred on "Room 222"

Theater

and is currently featured on several television game shows.

SHE PLAYS a young girl from the Bronx whose romance with a midwestern lawyer results in a humorous conflict between social classes.

The third production of the 1979 season will star Ted Knight of the "Marty" Tyler Moore Show in "The Impossible Years." This Bob Fisher and Arthur Marx comedy tells the story of a family dealing with the perplexities of adolescence.

Playhouse producer Pat Paulsen will star in the fourth production July 24-Aug. 5. Paulsen will play a variety of roles in Neil Simon's comedy "California Suite."

Comedian Dick Shawn will be the fifth celebrity star at the playhouse. Shawn will bring his one-man "The Second Greatest Entertainer in the Whole Wide World" to Traverse City

from Aug. 7-19. The evening of comedy in two acts has Shawn playing a spectrum of characters from a has-been comic to a Las Vegas performer. His topics range from contemporary satire to a spoof of Othello.

Closing the 25th anniversary season will be Broderick Crawford starring in "Born Yesterday." The Academy Award-winning celebrity who became popular with television audiences in "Highway Patrol" will recreate his role of Harry Brock in this comedy about politics and big business.

"Born Yesterday," by Garson Kanin runs Aug. 21-25.

PERFORMANCES AT the Cherry County Playhouse are Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 6 and 9:45 p.m.; Sunday at 7:30 p.m., with a Thursday matinee at 2 p.m.

In addition to the usual season tickets offered for evening performances, the playhouse is making the series available to matinee audiences through season subscriptions for the first time this year.

Season ticket information is available by calling the playhouse at (616) 947-9560.

Musical duo appears at Schuler's Ha'Penny

Nixon and Mitchell, a musical duo, is entertaining in Win Schuler's Grate Steak and Seafood lounge, Ha'Penny, through June 16, in West Bloomfield.

Ken Mitchell and Jocelyn Nixon have played throughout the area, most recently at The Grate Steak and Seafood in Rochester, Archibald's in Birmingham, and Brew and Kangaroo in Dearborn.

Mitchell was once with the group Sierra and also has toured the state fair

circuit all over the country. Mitchell and Ms. Nixon are vocalists and play acoustic guitars.

The couple present renditions of Eric Clapton's "Lay Down Sally," "Masquerade" by Leon Russell, and many others. Nixon and Mitchell appear at the Ha'Penny five nights a week. Tuesday-Thursday, they entertain from 6-11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m.-midnight.

Black Sheep slates benefit

"The Best of the Black Sheep," a benefit performance featuring members of the Black Sheep Repertory Theater, will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2.

Proceeds from the benefit will be used to improve the theater facilities. Donations are tax deductible.

Tickets are available by calling the Black Sheep Repertory Theater in Manchester at 428-9280 or 428-9287.

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ON THE TOWN

Detroit Film Theater shows Bolivian film

"Chuquibambilla," a 1977 Bolivian film directed by Antonio Egguino, will open another weekend of international films shown by Detroit Film Theater.

There will be showings at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25, in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the museum ticket office or at the door.

Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 adventure-thriller "North By Northwest" will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May

26. Cary Grant, James Mason, Eva Marie Saint and Martin Landau star in a plot that moves with laser speed from New York's Plaza Hotel to the face of Mount Rushmore.

On Sunday, May 27, Detroit Film Theater presents a double-feature, Orson Welles' "The Immortal Story" and "F for Fake," at 7:30 p.m. only. "The Immortal Story" stars Jeanne Moreau and Welles in the story of an old millionaire attempting to relive his youth.

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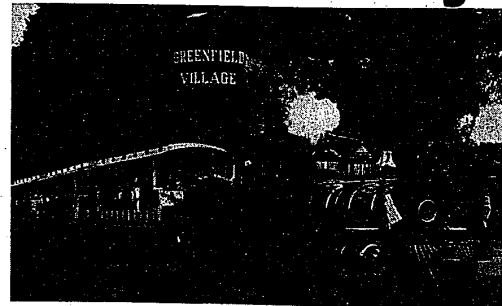
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