

Local performers take to stage

"Same Time Next Year" will be performed by Janus Productions, a Birmingham dinner theater group, at the Alger Theater, Detroit, starting Friday, July 27 at 8 p.m.

"Same Time Next Year," written by Bernard Slade, will run for three weekends: Friday and Saturday July 27-28, Aug. 3-4 and 10-11. Mary Geiger and Steve Pew, of Birmingham will co-star. Dick Charlton is the director.

"This is one of the best comedies to come out of Broadway in some time,"

said Charlton. "We selected this show not only because it's topical but because it contains a lot of good comedy and a lot of real warmth."

The play is about two people, each married to someone else, who meet by accident at a California resort. They have an affair but don't want a chance meeting to change their lives, so they agree to meet once a year at the same resort.

Their meetings take place over 24

years, and each time they meet their attitudes and life-styles reflect changes occurring from the Eisenhower period to post Vietnam.

"A Thurbur Carnival" was the first show that Janus Productions put on with the cast of Mary Geiger, Fran Loud and Dick Charlton. Then came "Plaza Suite," performed at the Sussex House in Southfield and directed by Chuck Campbell, who has remained with the group.

"We're an interchangeable group,"

said Campbell. "If one of us is not in the show, they are either directing or running around back stage or working on the next show or all of the above. We have worked at about nine country clubs in the area and two dinner theaters."

Besides performing, Loud specializes in lighting, sound and staging. Geiger has worked dinner theaters, benefits and television.

Phone 884-6509 for further information.

Community House helps to conserve

The Birmingham Community House is offering special events that include transportation, thereby saving individuals the necessity of taking separate cars.

As part of their "outreach programming," the Community House continues to take music lovers to Meadow Brook

Music Festival to enjoy music under the stars. The entertainment packages include reserved pavilion seating at Meadow Brook as well as round-trip transportation from Birmingham.

Reservations are still being taken for the Friday, July 20, concert at Meadow Brook that features music made fa-

mous by Glen Miller, with Tex Beneke and his orchestra. Also appearing will be Ray Eberle, the Modernaires and Paula Kelly.

Oscar Peterson and Count Basie are in the musical limelight on Friday, Aug. 17, and on Wednesday, Aug. 22, "Four Girls Four" will be center stage

front at Meadow Brook, bringing the talented Margaret Whiting, Rosemary Clooney, Helen O'Connell and Rose Marie to do the entertaining.

Interested persons can make reservations at the Community House. For further information, call 644-9832. Reservations are limited.

Oleta Adams at Michigan Inn

Oleta Adams is appearing at Dewey's Michigan Inn in Southfield, now through Saturday, Sept. 1. Ms. Adams is backed by a drummer and bass guitarist. She sings contemporary and soul mu-

sic and plays the piano. Ms. Adams performs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays. The Michigan Inn is located at 16400 J.L. Hudson Dr., next to the Northland Theater.

'Chinatown' to open

Gregg Zellen of Orchard Lake plays the part of Slavin Payne, a mischievous servant, in "A Trip to Chinatown."

The play, written by Charles Hoyt and first produced in 1891, begins at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20 at the Henry Ford Museum Theater, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

It will run on Friday and Saturday evenings until Saturday, July 28.

The first musical comedy in this country, "A Trip to Chinatown" has been performed 657 times.

Ben Gay, Payne's wealthy employer, is played by Robert Bryson.

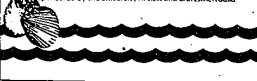
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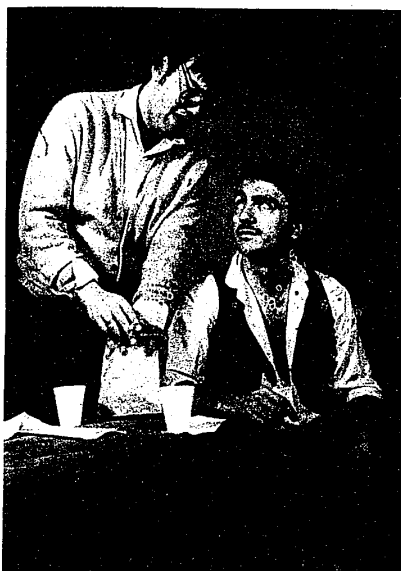
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'Buffalo' opens at Hilberry

"American Buffalo" by David Mamet opens Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Hilberry Studio Theater for a two-week run. "Buffalo" is the story of three small-time thieves and their plan to steal a valuable coin collection. Jim Birdsall plays the part of Don, and Mark Robbins (seated) plays the part of Teach. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Contact the theater box office, Cass and Hancock, Detroit, 48202, for ticket information, or call 377-2972.

Director to assume new post Aug. 15

J. Roland Wilson of Ann Arbor has been appointed the producing director of Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

Wilson, who has been general manager of professional and university theater programs at the University of Michigan since 1972, assumes his new post Aug. 15.

As Music Hall's producing director, Wilson will be responsible for developing and booking the theater's programming and will oversee Music Hall's public relations and subscriptions.

Wilson, who is also a lecturer in

Michigan's communication department, was born in St. Louis, Mo., and received an A.B. in English literature at Regis College, Denver. He has an M.A. from the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

He served for two seasons as general manager of the Westport Country Playhouse in Connecticut, and for four seasons he directed and managed the Professional Theater Program for the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Wilson is on the board of directors of the Association of College, University and Community Arts Administrators.

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