

The J. Geils Band known for exciting live shows

By NICK CHARLES

The wild men of rock, known as The J. Geils Band, will let out their screams and shouts Friday, Saturday and Monday in Detroit's Cobo Arena.

The J. Geils Band started in small Boston clubs in the late '60s. The group's first album was released in 1970, and now J. Geils is known as one of the most exciting live bands.

With a name like "Love Stinks," it's obvious that the latest album is not packed with romantic interludes.

Lead vocalist and madman Peter Wolf, who is from the Big Apple, also handles half of the band's songwriting responsibilities.

KEYBOARDIST Seth Justman is the other gentleman responsible for songs like "Just Can't Wait," "Takin' You Down" and "Tryin' Not To Think About It."

J. Geils' latest vinyl Frisbee deals with this sophisticated concept: "Lucki-

ly Helen found out, before she made a fool of herself, that the girls men while at aren't the ones they bring home to meet mother."

Wolf and Justman carry insanity to extremes with the bizarre story (not song) called "No Anchovies, Please." This is a complex, intricate story written only for the type of people who live to watch Sir Groves Ghastly and name the "Jaws" soundtrack as their favorite album.

The band gives the song "Night Time" its distinctive style. A driving beat, walling harmonica and the unforgettable vocals of Wolf take over the Feldman/Goldstein/Gotthehrer composition.

If the J. Geils Band was an army there would be no question that harmonica player Magic Dick would be its secret weapon.

Magic Dick, who hails from Massachusetts, gets his influences from the Chicago blues scene.

LEAD GUITARIST J. Geils is also influenced by the blues. He went to Boston to attend school, as did Justman, and soon dropped out to pursue music, as did Justman (imagine that). Bassist Daniel Klein went from New Jersey to Boston to attend school. As fate would have it, he became a roommate of J. and Dick.

In case you wondered, the guy behind the drums is Stephen Bladd. Originally from Boston, Bladd is known as a master of many drumming styles.

Wolf and Justman decided they might as well write a song called "Desire" since everyone else is, but to make it more original they added, "Please Don't Turn Away," in parentheses.

Wolf's personal advice to his listeners is to "brush your teeth with rock and roll." Well, one thing for sure is that when the band comes to Detroit, it will play "Till the Walls Come Tumblin' Down."



The J. Geils Band consists of (from left) Daniel Klein, J. Geils, Seth Justman, Magic Dick, Stephen Bladd and Peter Wolf.

La Gala de Cuisine featuring 37 master chefs

Thirty-seven master chefs again will prepare the finest dishes when the second La Gala de Cuisine is held from 3-7 p.m. May 4 at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills.

Chefs from 37 top restaurants and clubs in the Detroit area will try to top their offering of last year. The event will be held at the Eliel Saarinen-designed quadrangle and dining hall at Cranbrook School.

Dishes will range from hors d'oeuvres and entrees to desserts, cheeses and fruit.

Specialties will include quail, lobster bisque, Greek salads, French and

Italian entrees, sauerbraten, roast rack of lamb perillade, salmon enroule and pike dumplings and filet mignon.

Desserts will vary from frothy tortes, flans and mousses to fresh fruits dipped in chocolate and melt-away pastries.

NEW THIS YEAR will be a special coffee corner featuring espresso, cappuccino and hot spice Viennese. Also new will be giant ice carving demonstrations.

In addition to complimentary wine and champagne, there will be a cash bar and continuous entertainment.

Tickets, \$50 per person (\$40 tax deductible), are available by calling Gloria Siegel at 642-8339. Proceeds are for Cranbrook School's enrichment program.

Participating chefs will include

Heinz Mengasser, Money Tree; Philip Pencho Velez, retired from London Chop House; Daniel Hagler, Detroit Athletic Club; Samir Eid, Phoenixia; Stelios Manos, Grecian Garden; Milos Cibulka, Golden Mushroom; Mark

Carter, Sydney's of Troy; Michael Agius, Plum Hollow Golf Club; Carol Haskins, Great Dane; and Roy Schwartz, Pontchartrain Wine Cellars.

Other chefs are David Meir, Coopers Arms; Richard Zimmerman, Meating Place; Peter Larco, Larco's Inn; Lawrence Werner, 220 Merrill Street; Lamber Bepe Van Dael, Franklin Hills Country Club; Vito Diaz, Jim's Garage; and Bonnie Fishman, Bonnie's Patisserie.

Mime Ensemble does show on American sayings

The Mime Ensemble, a troupe in residence at Oakland University, will present "Idioms," a show based on American idiomatic sayings, starting Friday in the Barn Theatre on campus near Rochester.

Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and April 11-13, with 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. shows Sunday and April 13. For ticket information and group sales, call 377-2000.

"In a Pig's Eye," "You Bet Your Bottom Dollar" and "In the Dog House" are a few of the sayings that get the Mime Ensemble treatment in this new show. The group is under the artistic direction of Thomas A. Aston, founder of the company.

The ensemble has toured Michigan cities under a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. A recent film created at Henry Ford Hospital won the National Golden Eagle Award for excellence in the non-theatrical division.

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