

OCC presents musical 'Hair'

Solo parts have been cast for the revival of the 1968 rock musical "Hair," to be staged in April by Oakland Community College.

The show, featuring 27 singers and a 16-piece orchestra, has been in rehearsal since October at the campus on Center Street in Royal Oak. Musical Director Jean Fleury of Birmingham has announced soloists.

The opening number "Aquarius" will be sung by Marilyn White of Pontiac. Jim Lisoski of Oak Park will play Berger and also will double in the role of Claude. Others learning the part of Berger will be Gary Siebenschuh of Royal Oak and Harry Weiss of Clawson. Jerry Bishop of Birmingham and Joe Neal of Madison Heights will share the part of Claude with Lisoski.

OTHER MALE solo parts include Wool and Hud. Wool will be played on alternate nights by Mike Fitzpatrick of Troy and Jerry Boy of Ferndale.

The role of Hud was originally written for a male singer, but two females will alternate as Hud in the OCC production, according to Tom Keef of Birmingham, artistic director. Michael Jefferson of Pontiac will share the role with Intita Durely of Oak Park and Linda Wilson of Detroit.

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Elizabeth Bishop of Birmingham, the company's choreographer, will do double duty for some performances as either Sheila or Crissy. Sharing the part of Sheila will be Karen Dameron of Royal Oak. Kathy Jankowski of Madison Heights also will play Crissy.

Ms. White also will learn the part of Dionne, which she will share with Terrie Estes of Detroit. Ms. Estes also will play Jeannie, together with Mary Lynn Leising of Clawson.

THE COMIC role of Margaret Meade's "Alter Ego" will be sung by Kevin Smith of Royal Oak, and a revitalized Abraham Lincoln will emerge in the persons of Oak Park's Intita Durely or Janice Harris of Ferndale.

Lynn Dickinson of Birmingham and Joe Neal will sing the second-act duet, while Hazel Park residents Robert Lett and Irene Zagar keep the show moving as stage manager and property coordinator, respectively.

The show opens April 18 in the Center Street Theatre of Oakland Community College. For reservations of information, call 548-1252 ext. 58.

Special group will perform

Something Special, a five-piece band, will debut April 14 at Dewey's in the Michigan Inn, Southfield. The group will appear through April 26.

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Something Special will perform Monday-Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There is no cover charge. The Michigan Inn is located at 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive next to the Northland Theatre.



Cast members of Oakland Community College production of the musical "Hair" include (from left) Barbara Connel, Jerry Hoy and Liz Bishop.

Theater festival slated

The third annual Attic Theatre Performing Arts Festival will be April 27 through May 24 in Detroit. It will feature 17 Southeastern Michigan individual and group artists in original productions and shows new to the area.

A new feature of the festival this year will be free outdoor performances in Hart Plaza and Harmonie Park.

Also, workshops for festival participants and public workshops will be held in conjunction with the event.

The festival will have 6 and 8:30 p.m. and midnight shows, plus a Family Series at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. on the weekends. For a complete schedule contact the Attic Theatre, 525 E. Lafayette, 963-7750.

The festival will kick off with "Joe Hill: The Man Who Never Died," the story of the labor leader, which is being produced jointly with the Attic and the UAW, at 8:30 p.m. April 30.

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