

Hellman drama offered

"The Little Foxes," a drama by Lillian Hellman, opens Friday at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township. The production marks the debut of Eileen Therese Weiss as guest director of the Will-O-Way Repertory Company. Miss Weiss is a graduate of Will-O-Way

theater

Apprentice Theatre and has appeared in more than 60 productions as leading lady over the last 10 years. Recently, Ms. Weiss created the role of Blanche in "A Streetcar Named Desire." Ms. Weiss' directing credits include "Finian's Rainbow" for St. Mary's of Royal Oak, performed at Oak Park High School.

"The Little Foxes" will be presented at 8:30 p.m. three weekends through June 28. For reservations call 644-4418.

The cast features Betty Hancock of Northville as the colorful Regina Giddens, originally performed on Broadway in 1939 by Tallulah Bankhead. Benjamin Hubbard, the scheming brother, is played by Steve Pytkonen of Southfield and the mean, weak brother Oscar by Harry Loucks of Bloomfield Hills.

Using Oscar's sly son Leo (Steve Lavender of Bloomfield Hills) to steal bonds belonging to Horace Giddens (George Martin of West Bloomfield) the Hubbard Brothers complete a business deal with William Marshall (Marshall Robbins of Birmingham) to build a cotton mill in their small Southern town. Horace discovers the theft and decides to punish his greedy wife Regina by not reporting the loss. The Hubbards represent the foxes who steal; the vines are the gentle folk of the world who suffer.

In the play, Lillian Hellman has painted the gentle character of Birdie Hubbard, piano-playing alcoholic, played in Will-O-Way's production by Celia Merrill Turner.

Mrs. Turner's real-life daughter — Tina Turner of Bloomfield Hills — will play the role of Alexandra, who is in danger of becoming "just like Birdie."



Poor Eliza

Kristin Reeves-Beauchamp is Eliza Doolittle and Andrew Barnicle is Freddy Eynsford Hill, in a scene from George Bernard Shaw's comedy "Pygmalion." The play about a poor flower peddler who is transformed into a lady will be revived June 25 at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre. Performances are at 8:30 p.m., through July 5. For more information call the box office 577-2972.



Betty Comden, who teams up with Adolph Green to write some of America's finest music and lyrics, will be honored at the Act of Faith Luncheon, Wednesday, June 18, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek by State of Israel Bonds.

Act of Faith Lunch features songwriter

Betty Comden, distinguished lyricist and writer, will be honored at the second Act of Faith Luncheon by Israel on Wednesday, June 18.

Act of Faith II, sponsored by the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds, will take place at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

Ms. Comden is half of the writing team of Betty Comden and Adolph Green. She will receive the Israel Cultural Award in recognition of her artistry and her friendship to the people of Israel and all others who strive for freedom and peace.

Comden-Green credits include the book and/or score and lyrics for "Bells are Ringing," "Auntie

Mame," "Applause," and "Singing in the Rain," to name a few.

The team has won many honors including Tony Awards, three Screen Writer's Awards and two Academy Award nominations.

Also to be honored is Betty Provizer Starkman of Birmingham, who will receive the 1989 Serigraph Award, created by artist Samuel Bak.

The event is culminated a month-long drive for bond re-investment and cash mobilization for Israel.

For more information and luncheon reservations, call the Israel Bond office at 557-2900.

Fireworks party slated at Plaza

"Fun, food, fireworks — and all that jazz!" That's how The Community House in Birmingham describes its upcoming trip to the Detroit waterfront to view the annual display of fireworks.

The event is scheduled for June 30, when a chartered bus will leave The Community House to take participants to the Detroit Plaza Hotel in the Renaissance Center.

The pool deck at the hotel has been reserved for the occasion, offering a view of the annual fireworks display from the open balcony as well as the glass dome. Hundreds of multi-color spectaculars are scheduled to be fired from a floating barge in the Detroit River.

In addition to the fireworks, a sit-down dinner will be served around the pool, featuring everything from a chicken in Dijon sauce to the entrée to a black-bottom pie for dessert.

PARTICIPANTS WILL have an opportunity to visit the adjoining game room at the pool deck with its variety of video games and pinball machines.

The all-inclusive entertainment package is priced at \$22.50 per person. (Note: A July 1 rain date is scheduled.) Reservations are being taken at The Community House, Bikes and Townsend, Birmingham, phone 644-5832.

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