

Fun for Republicans

Live theater, concerts keep night scene active

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Where do you go for fun? In south Oakland County, the summer season is filled with outdoor music. There's legitimate theater, too. And for more music, area night spots feature Detroit's best in jazz, pop, country and classical.

Meadow Brook Music Festival at Baldwin Pavilion on the Oakland University campus in Rochester continues the third week of its 17th season. The spectacular wooded setting centers around an open-air pavilion, while up on the hill more concertgoers gather to picnic and listen on the grass.

Thursday and Saturday nights offer classical concerts. Italian conductor Gaetano Delogu conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in music by Ros-

sin, Liszt and Tchaikovsky, with pianist Earl Wild as guest soloist at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Soviet violinist Gidon Kremer is soloist at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, again with Gaetano Delogu conducting the DSO in works of Schumann, Berg and Hindemith.

YOUNG PEOPLE are not neglected in the classics, with a children's concert at Meadow Brook at 11 a.m. Saturday. Along with Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," (and DSO flutist Eric Monroe conducting the Oakland Youth Symphony), there will be farm animals to pet from Upland Hills Farm.

Jazz-lovers have a fabulous opportunity to hear three of the all-time great jazz bands at 8:30 p.m. Friday when drummer Buddy Rich and his band, Woody Herman and His Thundering Herd and Larry Elgart and the Elgart Orchestra get together at Meadow Brook.

For more about these concerts, call the box office at 377-2101.

Other concerts in a popular vein are scheduled at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston, continuing its ninth season. Kenny Loggins and Firefall appear at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; composer and vocalist Barry Manilow at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Tuesday.

Pine Knob's pavilion and grass seats attract a crowd as colorful as the performers, a contrast to Meadow Brook's more sedately suburban audience. Free outdoor concerts include the Good Old Boys with country western music at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Jaycee Park in Troy; the 1st Marine Band - President Lincoln's own - on the In the Park series at 8 p.m. Thursday in Shain Park, Birmingham; and Eric Rosenow and his Continentals, Stan Adams and his Orchestra, with continental and polka music, at 7 p.m. Sunday in the "Sun Bowl" at Prudential Tower Center in Southfield.

IN THE THEATER world, vocalist/actress Peggy Lee stars as the narrator who also sings Stephen Sondheim Broadway show hits, in "Side by Side by Sondheim" at the Birmingham Theatre.

The pre-Broadway run of this musical revue, also featuring four other fine voices, continues through July 20. For tickets call 644-3533.

Laughter fills the air at the Comedy Castle at Friday's in West Bloomfield. Young, professional comics are featured Wednesdays-Saturdays, and the current star is one of Detroit's own talents, Thom Sharp.

A comic whose delivery is as incisive as his name, Sharp moved to Los Angeles three years ago and has appeared on Martin Mull's "America 2Night" and "Fernwood Tonight," "Merv Griffin," "Make Me Laugh" and the "Tonight" show.

There's one show at 9 p.m. Thursday and two shows, at 8:30 and 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday. For more information or

reservations call the nightclub at 851-3252.

Children will be entertained with fantasy when a puppet theater production of "King Arthur's Legends" is presented at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday in Studio Theatre of Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus.

The show is offered by the School of Performing Arts and the Theatre Arts and Summer Arts programs. Performances continue July 22-23, 29-30 and Aug. 5-6, 12-13.

Tickets are available at the door; for details call 377-2000 or 377-3016.

THEATER COMBINES with a buffet from Alfred's restaurant, at Alfred's Dinner Theatre, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at Somerset Mall in Troy. "Under the Yum Yum Tree" a satire is presented by Jimmy Launce Productions.

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