

Princess does 'Evocations'

"Evocations," an evening of dramatic vignettes, poetry and prose, will be presented by Her Serene Highness Princess Grace of Monaco at 8 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater.

Reserved seating tickets for main floor and loge and for the balcony may be bought only through the art institute ticket office (832-2730).

Appearing with Princess Grace will be English actor John Westbrook, known throughout Europe for his Shakespearean interpretation, his symphonic

narratives and his three seasons as featured soloist with New York's prestigious Ars Musica.

Prior to her marriage to Monaco's Prince Ranier, the princess, then Grace Kelly, appeared on the legitimate stage, in films and on television.

SIR ALFRED HITCHCOCK, the late director, influenced and helped established her Hollywood career. Box-office giants of the 1950s Ray Milland, William Holden, Bing Crosby, James Stewart, Cary Grant and Frank Sim-

tra, numbered among her many costars.

Since 1976, Princess Grace has participated in rare performing arts presentations for the public. Celebrating the bicentennial of the United States, she took part in the Edinburgh International Festival in a selection of American poetry.

In 1977, she was featured in a recital program given as tribute to William Shakespeare at Stratford-Upon-Avon. Her readings of poetry, a collection entitled "Birds, Beasts and Flowers," toured several American cities in 1977.

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Master criminal Dr. Fu Manchu (Peter Sellers) seems to have found the right formula for his youth elixir.

the movies
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Fu Manchu role doesn't reveal Sellers at best

Peter Sellers' last completed film, "The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu" (PG), is one of the least memorable, one of the most lackluster films he ever made.

Fortunately, it is dwarfed by an impressive body of distinguished film roles that have brought good cheer to millions of people. Sellers' versatile comic talents have reached out to international audiences who found common ground for laughter in his engaging performance.

"Fu Manchu" seems to have drawn on many of these past performances. Consisting of gimmicks and plays that have worked elsewhere, it is, nevertheless, a weak and trite film.

It lacks cohesiveness and is devoid of any vitality. For whatever reasons of urgency, the film has the slap-dash look of an ill-thought-out, hurriedly assembled project.

SELLERS APPEARS in multiple roles, as he has done in many previous ventures, but in "Fu Manchu" none of them click. The closest he gets to shaping a comic character is in the person of Noyland Smith.

Smith is a dotty, retired Scotland Yard detective pressed back into police work to capture the wily Fu Manchu.

The role is played with an exaggerated gravity that normally would act as a counterbalance for the wilder characterizations, but the wilder characterizations simply aren't forthcoming.

As the evil doctor, Sellers busies himself with some tired bits of Orientalism and a running gag. The 168-year-old Fu needs jolts of electricity to keep him staggering around until his henchmen secure the ingredients of the elixir vitae that will keep him alive for another year.

Since the ingredients include two matched diamonds, one which must be stolen from the Tower of London and one from a Russian exhibition on display in the United States — the FBI and Scotland Yard are both involved in the case.

A COMBINATION of bad judgment and poor material are evident as Sid Caesar lamely tackles the role of the FBI agent who talks and dresses like a mobster.

Other supporting players fare somewhat better, particularly Helen Mirren as a British constable who impersonates the Queen in an attempt to lure the gang into a trap. She is captured instead and falls in love with Fu, and the two of them discover their mutual taste for old English music hall songs.

Ms. Mirren and Sellers create some occasional bright moments, but they are overshadowed by the general listless quality of Pier Haggard's direction, the torpid tempo and the abysmal ending, which seems headed straight for "Disasterpiece Theatre."

It's a disappointing finale to the work of a gifted actor, but perhaps one of the reasons it appears so impoverished is that we have come to expect so much of Sellers.

As the mad scientist, the dowdy president and the stiff-upper-lip British officer in "Dr. Strangelove;" as the bumbling detective in the "Panther" series; and, especially, as Chance the gardener in his recent success "Being There," Sellers demonstrated a boundless talent for comic invention. He could breathe life into dozens of unique personalities, but was himself imitable.

He will be missed.

what's at the movies

NEW RELEASES

- AIRPLANE (PG).** A picture that takes off. This spoof of all those "Airport" movies is one of the zaniest films around.
- THE BLUE LAGOON (R).** Lush photography but silly story of two shipwrecked youngsters who grow up uninhibited on tropic isle.
- THE BLUES BROTHERS (R).** A film that's as unoriginal and dreary as it is expensive (very) with one meatball scene after another and enough car crashes to make AAA go belly up.
- BRUBAKER (R).** Serious drama with Robert Redford as reform warden fighting corruption on state prison farm.
- CADDYSHACK (R).** Chevy Chase and other comics in misadventures of caddies at a stuffy country club.
- CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (PG).** Added footage and some judicious editing improve an already good product, Spielberg's science-fiction adventure of aliens contacting Earth.
- DRESSED TO KILL (R).** Horny murder mystery with more than a passing resemblance to Hitchcock's "Psycho."
- THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (PG).** "Star Wars" sequel unites original cast in continuation of battle against the evil empire.
- FAME (R).** Lots of young talent in vibrant musical about students at New York's School of Performing Arts.
- THE FIENDISH PLOT OF DR. FU MANCHU (PG).** Not very funny or very fiendish, but Peter Sellers' last film does include an occasional flash of comic genius that reminds us of what a gifted actor he was.
- THE FINAL COUNTDOWN (PG).** Kirk Douglas in action drama of a warship that goes through a time warp to the hour before Pearl Harbor.
- HERBIE GOES BANANAS (G).** Herbie, the Volkswagen bug, returns to the screen in a new adventure.
- HONEYSUCKLE ROSE (PG).** Willie Nelson is the center of attention in story about a country-western star who forgets he's married whenever he's on tour, which is most of the time.

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