

Show delights, telling in song about growing up

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Growing up is a common theme for books, movies and plays.

What a pleasant surprise to come across a play that depicts all areas of growing up, the fun times as well as the agonizing ones, from the pre-teen years to young adulthood.

The Southfield Civic Theatre and Crossroads Productions, Ltd., are presenting Douglas Berry's original musical, "Under My One Most Favorite Tree," at the Southfield Civic Center.

Performances, which began last weekend, continue at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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"Under My One Most Favorite Tree" is a musical revue about the pain and joy of growing up. Six very talented, attractive young people comprise the cast representing people throughout America — indeed, the world — who have become, or are in the process of becoming, adults.

This two-act musical is an hour and a half of enthusiastic singing and dancing.

The cast appears to be having a fantastic time with what it's doing. The members (Sheri Akey, Daniel Gurman, Deborah DeCoco Sekerak, Tia Graziano, Robert Lambert and Richard Wilson) work so well together they all seem to be the best of friends.

CAST MEMBER Deborah DeCoco Sekerak choreographed this production.

Although much of the dancing is really just fluid blocking, some of it is truly impressive and fun to watch.

One number, "I Know a Dancer" (choreographed with Richard Wilson), is a beautifully done

B'ham singles club holds Halloween party

The Community House Singles Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for a Halloween party.

The activities will include a dance band, bobbing for apples and a kissing booth.

Refreshments will be served as part of the \$8.50 per person ticket price. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Community House, 380

South Bates, Birmingham.

The singles club will also sponsor an election party beginning at 8 p.m. Nov. 4. The \$1 per person cover charge will cover light snacks. A cash bar will be available. Participants may watch election returns on several TV screens.

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