

Energetic cast enlivens 'Annie Get Your Gun'

By HELEN ZUCKER

There's no business like show business.

Despite a pint-sized stage, the Paradise Dinner Theatre production of "Annie Get Your Gun" is wonderfully alive. The energetic cast is directed by Edgar A. Guest III. Super muses Barbara Anne Gowans, Stephen Boegehold and Eleanor Struble who never miss a beat, do justice to Irving Berlin's wonderful songs.

The deft script, by Herbert and Dorothy Fields, is as fresh and funny as ever.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is performed Fridays and Saturdays, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Paradise Restaurant, 17639 Woodward, north of 58 Mile Road.

NANCY GURWIN is clearly the spring being this delightful production. Ms. Gurwin brings relish, great vitality and professional skill to the role of Annie Oakley.

She sings, moves and acts with a fine-edged momentum that gives the show its brisk pace. Ms. Gurwin wouldn't have any problems appearing at the Fisher.

As Annie, Ms. Gurwin displays finesse and stamina, plus a sense of humor. I particularly liked Ms. Gurwin's rendition of "Moonshine Lullaby," "I Got the Sun in the Morning," and the hilarious duet with Frank, "Old Fashioned Wedding."

The truth is, I liked everything Ms. Gurwin did. I even forgot about the blue eye shadow Annie Oakley wears when she first shoots her way out of the woods.

As Annie becomes an international celebrity, Ms. Gurwin simply gets better and better.

Ms. Gurwin gives us an Annie who is a generous-hearted, unspoiled, natural talent, a shrewd lady with her feet on the ground. Understanding show business completely, Annie gives her title to the man she wants. We know — and she knows — that she's the best shot, but she gets what she wants at the finale and we are glad for her. (Feminists notwithstanding.)

NORRIS ANDERSEN as Frank Butler, "The Best Shot in the World," does a bang-up job. Andersen carries himself well; he's a great bank of man.

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He looks very pleased with himself when all the town girls, and later the N.Y. debutantes, fall all over him.

It's pleasant to see a male lead who not only looks the part, but who has a really good voice. Frank, the womanizer, wants to marry a "pink and white kitten," and Andersen is quite moving singing "The Girl That I Married" and that great song, "They Say It's Wonderful." He's bewildered and funny in the duets, and his voice lends resonance to the show stopper, "There's No Business Like Show Business."

Phil Jakey is marvelous as Chief Sitting Bull. The Chief breaks his vow, "No red meat, no get wet, no put money in show business" the moment he sees Annie do her motorcycle feat.

Chief Sitting Bull adopts Annie in the thorough way he does everything. The final wisdom, "You no get man with gun," belongs to him. Jakey's phlegmatic face serves him well. He keeps his cool through a highly dramatic "Ceremonial Dance."

Congratulations to choreographer Dennis East and his dancers, the work on the Indian stamping grounds and the crowd scenes in the Waldorf Ballroom are handled neatly.

Lili Kaufmann is a bouncing, blonde, bundle of energy as hateful Dolly Tate. She's consistently amusing as Frank's assistant, shouting "Hi-Yup!" as she places the guns, as the wicked lady trying to steal the keys to a Kansas side box, as the overwedded, bewigged lady at the ball.

BILL HOFFMAN brings grace to the role of Col. William F. Cody. He lends poetic charm to the role of a traveling show manager. Slight, dapper, we believe he is the legendary Buffalo Bill.

Bill Bradley as Cody's rival, Major Gordon Lillie (Pawnee Bill), is a burly foil. Bradley looks like Robert Morley trying to sell us tickets to a Kansas side show instead of a trip to England.

Bradley exudes snake oil charm. When Cody and Pawnee Bill merge at the finale, we breathe with relief.

formed at 8 p.m. each evening with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at the Professional Theatre Program Ticket Office in the Michigan League, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Joe Lannen is good as Charlie Davenport, the hotel owner who doesn't "want to lose his spoons and soap." Driven mad by actors, he sets up Annie's first shooting match, and manages to speed all the show folk out of town.

James E. Sterner is loud and convincing as Mr. Wilson. Rennie Kaufmann is very good as Mac. The kids in this production are especially good.

Kerry Cannon is clearly having the time of her life playing Nettie, Annie's smart little sister. Jody Eisenstein is adept as Jessie, and Todd Cherkasky shines as Little Jake, Annie's brother who learns to read while attempting to teach Annie.

STACY WHITE is cute as the Sky Girl who follows Frank about town. Helen Slaven as Mrs. Schuyler Adams and Carol Lemper as Mrs. Sylvia Potter-Porter do a nice job. So does Dave Clark as the maddened train conductor.

The set designs, by Jan Cable — drawings on backdrops — were fun. I liked the New York Harbor drawing, all twinkling lights. Lighting by Max Wolf, Mark Hamill and Alice Flis, was effective.

Costumes by Nancy Brasser were neat.

The meal served before the show included good minestrone soup, salad, excellent spaghetti and sauce, tender veal scallopini or a choice of veal parmesan or white fish, fresh bread sticks, green beans and all the coffee you'd like.

Cocktails can be ordered before the show, during intermission and after the curtain. All in all, a very pleasant way to spend a Friday or Saturday night.

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'Gonzo Theatre' opening soon

"Gonzo Theatre," an original music satire, will open Stouffer's Showcases, a new dinner theater at the Northland Inn in Southfield.

The show is done in the style of TV's "Saturday Night Live" and Chicago's Second City Company. Performances will be given Fridays and Saturdays beginning Nov. 15 for an indefinite run.

Cocktails will be served starting at 6:30 p.m., dinner from 7:30-8:30, with "Gonzo Theatre" at 9 p.m. Dinner-theater tickets include gratuity. Reservations and further information are available by calling 559-4700.

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Gordon MacRae appears in revue in Ann Arbor

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This production follows the Best of Broadway Series sell-out opener "Dancin'."

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