

# Show lives up to expectations



Caren Hebenstreit of Sterling Heights (left) plays Sarah Brown and Cecil Orman of Birmingham is Miss Adelaide in Farmington Players production of "Guys and Dolls." (Photo by Pat Boardman)

Familiarity doesn't always breed contempt. In the case of a popular musical like Frank Loesser's "Guys and Dolls," it means the pleasure of anticipating favorite songs and unforgettable characters.

The current production by the Farmington Players boasts exceptionally skillful performances blended into a fun evening.

"Guys and Dolls" continues its run at the Farmington Players' Barn Theater at 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through Nov. 22.

Based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, the plot focuses on Broadway's sailors and sinners, as the Save-a-Soul mission tries to make some inroads amongst the gamblers and

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other sleazy Broadway types.

JONNY KATZ brings a special warmth to his portrayal of Nathan Detroit, the persistent entrepreneur who runs "the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York." Nathan is a plucky survivor, rebounding from the pressures of the police, his fiancée, and a visiting hood from Chicago.

Katz's Nathan is a lovable rascal, with most of the hard edges rubbed off. As Miss Adelaide, Nathan's long-suf-

fering fiancée, Ceci Orman achieves perfection. Her nasal twang and dumb-bled sense of bewilderment are comic gems but never overplayed.

Throughout a 14-year engagement Adelaide has tried to reform Nathan and get him to the altar. Recently discovering that her chronic cold may be psychosomatic, she sings the humorous "Adelaide's Lament." "For want of a hand of gold, a person can develop a cold," Ms. Orman even sneezes flawlessly.

Handsome Norman Colborne is a refreshingly polished Sky Masterson, the gambler who takes on a bet to seduce one of the mission's "dolls." Colborne's charm makes it feasible that the girl will fall head-over-heels for him.

AS SARAH, the mission "doll," Caren Hebenstreit does a fine job of capturing the character's frustrations, confusion and vulnerability.

Though Ms. Hebenstreit's voice is a little harsh on the high notes, she and Colborne team for pleasant renditions of the romantic ballads "I'll Know" and "I've Never Been in Love Before." Ms. Hebenstreit nicely conveys Sarah's new-found exuberance in "If I Were a

Bell" and pairs with Ms. Orman for a lively "Marry the Man Today."

In the plum role of Nicely-Nicely, James Trick is outstanding, and he receives able support from Mason Weaver as his sidekick Benny Southstreet. Trick has a strong stage presence and a smooth delivery, while Weaver excels at deft facial expressions.

Trick belts out a memorable "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat," and teams with Weaver and others in "Fugue for Tinklers." "The Oldest Established" and the title song. The latter is a comic triumph for Trick and Weaver.

Director June Payne and musical director Louise McCall have achieved fine work from the principals and the spirited and harmonious chorus. Pacing is hampered by awkward entrances and exits on the small Farmington stage.

Choreographer Susan Froberg turns out pleasing production numbers of "A Bushel and a Peck" and "Take Back Your Mink."

Only the skimpy sets and the low-budget costumes for the dancers diminish an otherwise first-rate production.

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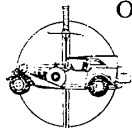
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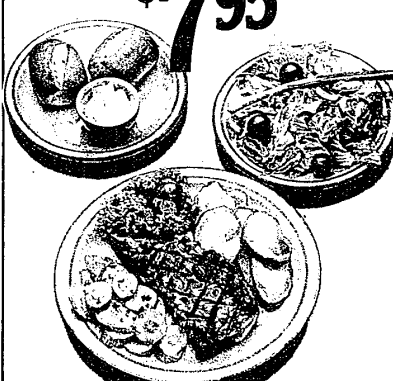
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