

Show delights, telling in song about growing up

Because of mechanical problems, a portion of the following review was omitted in the Oct. 30 issue. The review is being repeated in its entirety.

By JODY A. CUMMINGS
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-teens to the aging adults.

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.

"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.

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The cast appears to be having a fantastic time with what it's doing. The members (Shari Akoy, Daniel Guman, 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 ballet piece, utilizing

two cast members to create a well-done mirror image.

This is a show for every age group, from early adolescence onward. There is the young boy whose "friends" throw him over for a horror movie, young girls' pajama parties, first cars and first loves.

Writer/director Berry has not, however, forgotten the pain. His characters also sing of the loneliness and insecurities we all face at one time or another. From the poignancy of "It's for You" to the humor of "The Pizza Cantata" to the beauty of "I Know a Dancer," Berry has created images familiar to all of us.

Enjoyable though this production may be, there still is room for improvement. It takes time to warm up to the show; the audience is not immediately captivated.

ALSO, THERE IS almost no dialogue; it is simply a collection of musical scenarios. What could have made this truly delightful would be the omission of some of the slower, duller pieces and the insertion of short introductions to the songs.

Only one number, "Gonna Buy Me A Dog," has such an introduction and this greatly helps set the mood for the song.

Musical continues at Studio Theatre

"Two by Two," the last work of Richard Rodgers, continues through Nov. 23 at Oakland University near Rochester.

The musical adaptation of the story of Noah and the Ark is being presented in the Studio Theatre of Varner Hall.

Performance dates and times: Nov. 15, 22 at 6 and 9:30 p.m.; Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Nov. 19 at 1 p.m.; Thursday-Friday and Nov. 20-21 at 8 p.m.; and Nov. 23 at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

"Two by Two" is offered by the commercial music program of the OU Department of Music. The story concerns Noah and his wife and their misadventures during the flood. Passengers on the ark include Noah, his wife, their sons and their wives, and a lone Gentile.

SRT slates opening show

"Alice in Wonderland" kicks off the seventh season for the Southfield Repertory Theatre.

The production, adapted directly from Lewis Carroll's classic story, is scheduled for four performances at 1 and 8 p.m. Nov. 22-23 at the Parks and Recreation Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, Southfield.

This fanciful romp through wonderland is taken by a curious little girl

whose father, Miss Pryce, is a charter member of the Meadow Brook Estate and is one of three recipients of the Department of Music's Distinguished Musicianship Awards. Last fall, she played Lili Vanessi in the OU production of "Kiss Me Kate."

Her sister, Tami, portrays Goldie, the Gentle Passenger. Tami is a sophomore commercial music major and a member of the Meadow Brook Estate. Her past credits include roles in "Bye, Bye, Birdie," "Guys and Dolls" and "Celebration."

"Two by Two" has music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Martin Charnin. The book is by Peter Stone from "The Flowering Peach," a story by Clifford Odets.

Tickets are \$3.50 general admission and \$3 for OU students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call 377-2000.

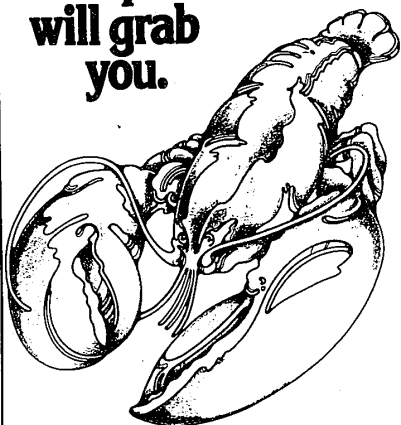
who finds fun and adventure among all the characters who live there.

Admission will be \$3 for children and adults, with special rates available for groups and senior citizens.

The Southfield Repertory Theatre is supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts, the Southfield Arts Council and the City of Southfield.

For further information on the production or theater call Southfield Parks and Recreation at 344-9693.

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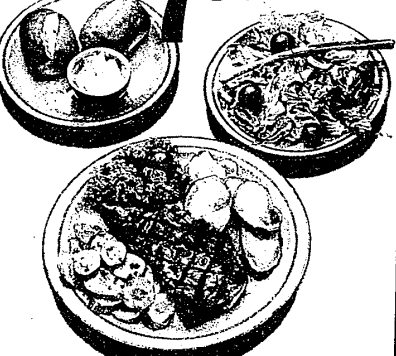
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