



Heidi Flynn and William Ryan sing in Metrorep's cabaret, "His and Hers," at Win Schuler's in Ann Arbor.

## upcoming things to do

### • METROREP'S CABARET

Three area residents are appearing in the Metropolitan Repertory Company production of "His and Hers," a cabaret entertainment continuing through mid-June at Win Schuler's Lounge in Ann Arbor. They are Heidi Flynn of Birmingham, William Ryan of West Bloomfield and David Mayer of Bloomfield Hills. Performances are at 9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays in the show subtitled "A Musical Battles of the Sexes." Singers Flynn and Ryan are supported by Mayer at the piano. For more information call 769-9400.

### • POP JAZZ

Vocalist Laura Thompson offers pop jazz at the piano from 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays-Saturdays at the Golden Gate Lounge at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

### • THOUSAND CLOWNS

"A Thousand Clowns" by Herb Gardner opens Friday at Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 26. The comedy under the direction of Celia Merrill Turner features an adult 12-year-old boy contrasted with a child-like writer of TV comedy. For tickets at \$6 call 644-4418.

### • TOP 40

Visitor, Top 40 dance band, will appear from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through June 19 at Yesterday's in the Sheraton-Southfield, 17017 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. There is no cover charge.

### • BARN THEATRE

Augustin Daly's melodrama "Under the Gaslight" opens Friday at the Oakland University Barn Theatre on campus near Rochester. A signed performance for the hearing impaired will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Other curtains are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and June 11 and 18, 6 and 9:30 p.m. June 12 and 19 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and June 13 and 20. For ticket information call 377-2000.

### • SUMMER NIGHTS

The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will play from 6-11 p.m. every Friday night in June when the Troy Hilton Inn presents "Caribbean Summer Nights" outdoors in the hotel's tropical courtyard. Crowds will be dancing to the music of the band, which performs calypso, reggae, rock and jazz music using empty oil drums of various depths. Guests also can participate in limbo contests, sip exotic drinks and eat charcoal-grilled island specialties. Partygoers must be 21. Cover charge is \$5. Food and drink tickets will be sold separately.

### • AT TWENTY'S

Robert McCarty and Gary DeVar, pianist and singer/mime, appear from 7-9 p.m. Mondays at Twenty's Cafe, 280 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Other attractions this month are the Ed Bengas Woodwind Ensemble, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays; Shawn Wygant, pianist, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Joe LoDucca, classical guitarists, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays; Joe LoDucca Plus One, jazz guitar and bass duo, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and June 23; Dennis Tini Plus One, jazz piano and bass duo, 8 p.m. to midnight June 11 and 18; Dennis Tini Plus One, jazz piano and bass duo, 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday and June 26; and Dave Janeway Plus One, jazz piano and bass duo, 8-11:30 p.m. June 12 and 19.



Trumpet star Donald Byrd (right), along with saxophonist Larry Nozoro, appear at the opening of Pjazz on Wednesday at the Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit.

# Area men opening new nightclub in Detroit

Two Birmingham men are among three partners who have created Cheeks nightclub, opening at 9 p.m. Friday on Eight Mile Road just east of Schaefer in Detroit.

Renovated at a cost of \$150,000, it is located in facilities that once housed the Sidney Hill Men's Club.

Partners in Cheeks are Richard C. Rollins, Birmingham tax attorney; Gary Fried, Birmingham businessman; and Sanford Shapiro, who recently returned to Detroit after being affiliated with Studio 54 in New York City and Studio One in Los Angeles. Shapiro has been apparel director of the 1972 and 1976 U.S. Olympic teams.

Opening night will feature an on-site hot air balloon, a searchlight and limo service for dignitaries. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Greg Lawrence, morning announcer on radio station WLBS, and a night of dancing and entertainment with Lawrence spinning the records.

CHEEKS WILL be open Wednesday-Sundays. Seating capacity is 600. Valet parking is available. An outside courtyard with pool and garden area is surrounded by 20 Cinzano umbrellas. The club has a mirrored interior, carpeted walls and a high-tech decor. Entertainment will be at three bars — a circular bar in the main room, a smaller piano and jazz bar, and an outside bar in the courtyard. Cheeks will offer a full wine list as well as liquor.

"We think the opening of an elegant

and sophisticated nightclub will be a shot in the arm to the city," Rollins said. "We're proud to be part of a

project that will not only mean more jobs but also create a positive image for our area."

## Brookside Jazz presents concert honoring Denio

The Brookside Jazz Ensemble will present a spring concert 8-6 p.m. June 13 at Cranbrook School's Performing Arts Center, 550 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets, which include refreshments, are \$6.50 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 645-3500 or 682-5391.

This year's concert will be given in honor of Brookside School headmaster John Denio, who, after 20 years in that position, will step down in June. As part of the farewell tribute, several of Denio's favorite songs will be played including "Here's That Rainy Day," "The Singing Oyster" and "Fringe Benefit."

Special guests for the ensemble's 23rd benefit will be Ursula Walker, John Trudell and Jack Brokensha, along with featured soloists Richard Bolter on the trombone, Robert Mojica on the trumpet, Thomas Poeger on the saxophone and John Hammer on the keyboards.

The band, directed by co-leaders Kurt Neumann and Craig Strain, will combine past and present jazz styles and songs.

Proceeds from the benefit concert will go to Brookside School, location of the band's weekly rehearsals. Brookside, an independent school for students in junior kindergarten through fifth grade, is part of the Cranbrook Schools.

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