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# One-time soap-opera star works with local theater

TELEVISION VIEWERS have seen actress Laurie Logan on the soap operas "Search for Tomorrow" and "As the World Turns." Now local audiences will have the chance to see her as a producer and lecturer for Southfield-based Crossroads Productions, Ltd., during the 1982-83 season.

Crossroads Productions is a professional touring theater performing throughout southeastern Michigan. The company offers a wide variety of shows and services for almost all ages

and interest levels.

Logan, who recently won critical acclaim for her performance in the Atlantic Theatre's "Watch on the Rhine," is the producer and developer of many works for young audiences.

She is currently adapting Shel Silverstein's touching story, "The Giving Tree," for Crossroads Productions. Her other shows for the company include "The Bremen Town Musicians" and "Just So Stories."

LOGAN ALSO will be conducting a

workshop program for teens and adults

entitled "Shakespeare's Women." A one-woman presentation, this educational entertainment features Logan portraying several of the Bard's most famous female characters.

Discussions of each scene and the role women play in Shakespeare's shows are included in the presentation.

Theater, especially children's theater, has much value today, especially with the mechanical media that children are accustomed to, Logan believes. "To have the experience of live theater supplies a different aspect. I think that it is important to expose children to live drama at an early age," she said.

A resident of Troy, Logan was director of a professional children's theater in Florida before coming to the Detroit area a year ago.

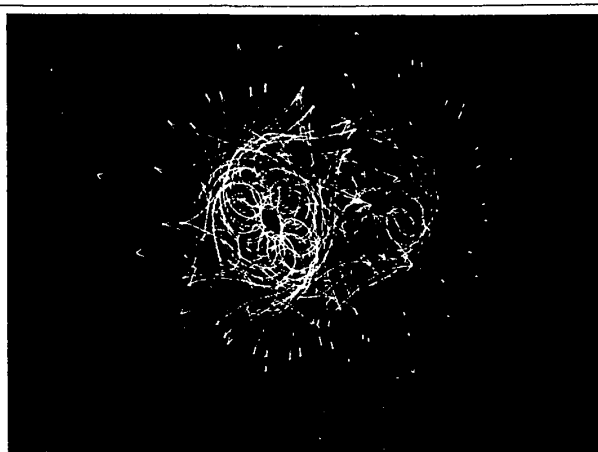
While in Florida she appeared in the film "Absence of Malice." She thinks the experience of working with actress Sally Field and producer-director Sydney Pollack was well worth the long night hours of rehearsal. "Sally Field is wonderful to work with, very warm and friendly, a competent professional actress," she said.

CROSSROADS MANAGING Director Donald V. Calamia has been pleased with Logan's previous work for the company.

"In the two shows she has directed so far, Laurie has shown that she is a hard-working, dedicated and highly talented individual who really knows how to get what she wants out of her performers. She really is a major asset to the company," he said.

In addition to providing entertainment and education to schools, libraries and civic and social groups, Crossroads Productions may help organizations raise funds. Workshops and guest speakers also are available in many areas of theater, ranging from puppetry to careers in television acting.

For more information about the programs offered by Crossroads Productions, call 569-0940 during regular business hours.



Specular four-color light patterns are synchronized to rock music in "Lasera" at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

## Museum's light show has audiences beaming

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

the first such show to be offered in the metropolitan area.

One of the entertainment hits of the summer, playing to sell-out crowds, is "Lasera," a laser light concert at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

The show is presented under the museum's planetarium dome, where patterns of red, blue, yellow and green lights from a krypton laser are projected against either a black or star-filled "sky."

The starry backdrop is most spectacular, with the lights playing dramatically against the circled ceiling. Laser shows are especially effective, it seems, in planetariums, and this is

Rock radio station WRIF has provided the musical selections that fill concert-goers ears with blasts of sound from such bands as Aldo Nova, the Police, Alan Parsons Project, Pink Floyd, Devo, Genesis, the Cars, and the Electric Light Orchestra.

IMAGES THAT flash overhead are coordinated to the music, and the combination is enough to make you think you're in outer space. Songs provided by the bands (in the order named above) are "Fantasy," "Don't Stand So Close to Me," "Pyramania," "Hey You," "Whip It," "Abacab,"

"Movin' in Stereo" and "Fire on High."

The audience, seated in circular rows of seats, ranges from children to grown-ups, not just rock-oriented young people.

Fans of classical music can take heart, however. "Lasera" continues into the fall season, and a light show paired with the classics is planned for this winter.

Comfortable theater seats in the planetarium make it easy to relax while viewing the colorful display. The 35-minute show passes quickly. When the lights go on, you're back in the real world again and ready to em-

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