

# 14-year-old actor gets his first professional role



With acting now part of his busy schedule, 14-year-old Larry Schwartz has little time for hobbies like chess.

## auditions

The Actors Alliance Theatre Company of Southfield will hold auditions at 7 tonight for its production of "Story Theatre" by Peter Sills.

The company is looking for eight people — four men and four women from ages 18-50. Performers who play

instruments should bring them. People auditioning should be prepared to sing and dance, as well as act.

The Actors Alliance is a professional resident theater company at the Academy of the Arts at Lyceum International, Evergreen and 13 Mile roads.

## Director Hasnain returns for season's opening play

Arif Hasnain, who directed last season's production of Shakespeare's "Othello" for the Meadow Brook Theatre, has returned to direct the Bard's "Macbeth."

Meadow Brook's opening production of "Macbeth" will begin a four-week run at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 7 on the Oakland University campus near Rochester.

Hasnain was associate director of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival during the 1977-78 seasons. Stratford theatergoers may remember his production of Ibsen's "Ghosts," which starred Margaret Tyzak and Nicholas

Pennell. As artistic director of the Manitoba Theatre Centre from 1975-80, Hasnain staged Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" and "Midsummer Night's Dream," as well as many other classical and modern plays including "The Sea Gull" and "The Crucible."

Most recently, he directed "The Glag Game" at the Merrimack Regional Theatre of Massachusetts.

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**L**ARRY SCHWARTZ is one Bloomfield Hills resident who has not only found his place on the stage of life but on many other stages around the Detroit area as well.

The 14-year-old son of Robert and Sandra Schwartz has traded baseball diamonds and video games for the stage of the Attic Theatre in Detroit's Greektown.

He is making his professional debut in the Attic Theatre production of William Finn's "March of the Falsettos," the contemporary musical comedy continues through Oct. 30.

"March of the Falsettos" centers around a character named Marvin, who leaves his wife and son for a lover. Schwartz plays the son, Jason, who is caught in the middle of all the family problems.

"THE ACTORS SING all their lines," Schwartz said, "so you might call it a light opera. However, the music is fast-paced and the lyrics are quite upbeat."

In many ways, this show is a new experience for Schwartz. It is his first long-run play, lasting seven weeks as opposed to the two-night productions he has appeared in at Detroit Country Day School in Beaubien Beach, the French Woods Institute of Performing Arts Summer Camp in New York.

It also is his first venture into the world of adult and professional theater.

"There is quite a difference in working with professionals," he said. "They are much more exacting and demand-

## entertainment

ing I like that. It's a real challenge."

Not only is Schwartz a veteran of many amateur performances, but after appearing in such shows as "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Oliver," he decided to specialize in musical comedy.

HE EXPLAINED his fondness for doing musicals by saying, "It's really all rather simple. I love to sing, I love to act and I am very fond of music. Putting all three together, you have

musicals. It's all very natural for me." Schwartz started at Cranbrook School this fall, where he is taking college preparatory courses along with all the acting and theater he can squeeze into a busy schedule.

"This will leave little time for my hobbies, which mostly consist of playing the piano and some activities at Temple Beth El. Of course, there are the performances of the play at the Attic as well," he said.

## Benefit night features play

A benefit performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be presented by St. Dunstan Players at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in its theater on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

The performance is sponsored by the American Association of the Deaf. Proceeds will go toward schol-

arships for women graduate students in the field of their choice.

The play is open to the public but reservations are required. An afterglow will follow the program.

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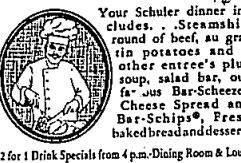
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