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THE ACADEMY of the Arts will offer a series of workshops for actors at the new theater center at Lyceum International on Evergreen at 13 Mile in Southfield.

The workshops will help students develop practical skills needed for the professional theater.

"Auditions Techniques" will be led by Jeff Nahan, artistic director of the Actor Alliance, professional theater company in residence. Students will develop two contrasting monologues and work on cold-reading techniques. The class will meet from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays beginning Oct. 30. Cost for the six-week workshop is \$50.

"Improvisational Theatre" will be led by Jonathan Round, Detroit performer and a graduate of Chicago's Second City Improvisational Theatre. Round is now appearing at the Soup Kitchen Saloon in Detroit with his own improvisation troupe, the Detroit Times.

Registration is still open for this intensive 60-hour workshop that meets twice weekly beginning in mid-October. Tuition is \$180.

The Actors Workshop is a class for students who have had some formal training and want to develop a sense of ease and freedom on stage. The class will emphasize character development through movement study. It is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Saturdays beginning Nov. 13.

Class instructor is Bethany Carpenter, featured performer in the upcoming production of "Story Theatre" at the Actors Alliance.

For more information on the Actor Training Program at the Academy of the Arts call 642-1328.

"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP," an original children's musical based on Noah's Ark, will be presented Saturday.

Performances will be at 11 a.m. at Andover High School, 4200 Andover, Bloomfield Hills, and at 2 p.m. at Southfield Civic Center, 28000 Evergreen, Southfield.

The production is the first in the children's performance series, *Lively Arts for Little Ones*. Tickets are

\$3.50 per child or adult at the door, or \$12.50 for the series of four shows.

Cast members Marc Von Drak, Colleen Downey, Sue Wiley and Debbie Maseles have sung in the Michigan Opera Theater, the Spoleto Festival and area dinner theaters.

The director, Ron Tatham, teaches vocal music in Waterford. The authors are Hedy Blatt and Marcia Fishman, both teachers, whose participatory theater style is designed to break down the barriers between actors and children. The lyricist is Steve Goldsmith and pianist is Jamie Clark.

"Don't Give Up the Ship" has been performed at the 1979 Meadow Brook Children's Festival, the Attie Theatre, the Jewish Community Centers of Metropolitan Detroit and Louisville and WDIV-TV's "Open Doors."

The watery adventure begins the series for children aged 3-10. Succeeding performances of *Lively Arts for Little Ones* feature folk-singer Ella Jenkins, the Others Things and Company, and Puppets. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

THE OAKLAND County Chapter of SPEBSQSA, an all-male group of barbershop harmony singers, will hold a "Men's Night" meeting for interested area singers at 8 p.m. Oct. 25 at the chapter meeting room in the Local 417 UAW Hall, 1640 Stephenson Highway, Troy.

The program will give guests an opportunity to sing barbershop harmony. All area men who like to sing and who can carry a tune are invited to attend.

The Oakland County Chapter is part of the largest men's singing group in the world. The 38,600-member organization of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., has 780 chapters in the United States and Canada.

These groups present concerts all year long. Local chapters appear at conventions and competitions

throughout North America and appear for many local organizations in their communities. The nonprofit organization raises funds each year in support of the Institute of Logopedics, its International Service Project.

THE GERMAN film "Despair" will be shown by Cranbrook P.M. Encore Cinema on Oct. 25-26 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets at \$5 for adults and \$3 for student and senior citizens are available at the door. Included in the admission are the film and its commentary, an open discussion and gourmet dessert with coffee served at 7:30 p.m.

"Despair" is directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder and stars Dirk Bogarde. The screenplay by Tom Stoppard is based upon Vladimir Nabokov's 1938 novel.

Discussion moderator will be Robert Eberwein, Oakland University associate professor who also is the English Department chairman.

Encore Cinema proceeds go to the scholarship funds of Cranbrook and Kingwood schools. For more information call 645-3635.

"THE PACIFIC Northwest" will kick off the 1982-83 Travel Film Series season at the Community House in Birmingham. The travelog will be personally narrated by Stan Midgley at 8 p.m. Nov. 5-6.

Tickets at \$3.75 each or \$3 for senior citizens (60 years or older) are available in advance or at the door. Bates and Townsend.

Preceding the travel film, a buffet dinner will be served featuring a variety of American-style dishes from 6-7:15 p.m. Dinner is priced at



Dirk Bogarde and Andrea Ferreol appear in "Despair," a German film to be shown Oct. 25-26 by Cranbrook P.M. Encore Cinema.

\$8.50 a person, including tax and gratuity. Reservations are necessary.

Stan Midgley, the originator of the "Chucklelogue," specializes in Canadian and American subjects, particularly the West. He has made numerous appearances in the Detroit area at the World Adventure Series and on the George Plerrot television show.

Midgley's humorous method of telling a story, combined with sound effects and music, have earned him the title "The Mark Twain of the Camera."

"The Pacific Northwest" will show autumn colors, with stops at

Yosemite Valley, Mt. Lassen, Mt. Shasta, Crater Lake, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and Mt. Saint Helena. Armchair travelers will see salmon fishing along the Rogue River, 120 miles, from Grants Pass to the ocean.

Olympia, the capital of Washington, the beaches of Olympic National Park, Victoria, Puget Sound and Mt. Ranier National Park will be featured in the film.

For ticket information call the Community House's Special Events Department at 644-5832.

FLAMING torches, gleaming swords, colorful costumes, music

and dancers will be featured at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 on the stage at Groves High School in Birmingham.

AGBU, Detroit AYK Chapter, will present the Vahakn Dance Group, directed by Harabed Kasarian, dance director and choreographer.

The Armenian General Benevolent Union, better known as AGBU, is a philanthropic organization.

Tickets range from \$7.50-\$10, plus a \$15 ticket that includes an afterglow reception. For tickets or more information call Margaret Mutafian at 645-0997, Hilda Misirlian at 642-7950 or the AGBU office at 659-3401.

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