



Jim Storer and Dierdre Madsen appear in the Actors Alliance Theatre production of "Story Theatre," a holiday show designed for the family, with performances through Sunday at Lyceum International, 30800 Evergreen, Southfield. For ticket information call 642-1326.

upcoming things to do

- DANCE DETROIT**
Pending settlement of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra strike, Dance Detroit, Marygrove College's resident ballet company, is scheduled to appear with the DSO in all 14 of its "Nutcracker" performances. Marygrove College's own benefit performance will be presented on opening night, Wednesday. Among other performances of the "Nutcracker" with Dance Detroit and the DSO will be a benefit on Dec. 28, sponsored by Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary and the DSO. For ticket information about the Marygrove opening night benefit, call the college at 862-8000, Ext. 233. For tickets to the Children's Hospital benefit, call the hospital at 494-5376.
- AT FOLK TOWN**
Chuck Mitchell will perform in concert at Folk Town at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Southfield Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Bldg. In the heyday of folk, Mitchell played at such clubs as Jolt, Mitchell and the Retort and was a favorite at the Raven Gallery. Since moving to Iowa and the closing of the Raven, Mitchell performs "rarely in the Detroit area. Admission is \$5.
- DANCE BAND**
Visitor, Top 40 dance band, will begin a two-week engagement Monday at Fanny's at the Troy Hilton Inn, 1455 Stephenson. The group will appear through Jan. 1. There is no cover charge.
- CHILDREN'S CONCERT**
Gemini, a folk duo with twin brothers Sander and Lasz Slomovits, will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday in Room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center. Parks and Recreation Building. A stageful of instruments and matched voices are the duo's main attraction. The concert is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of Southfield Parks and Rec. Admission is \$2.
- WAGON WHEEL**
Paradise, playing Top 40 and light rock 'n' roll, appears tonight through Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, Rochester Road at Big Beaver, Troy.
- BLUES BROTHERS**
An evening entitled "A Star Is Born" kicks off the new singles program at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. A cabaret will be followed by "The Blues Brothers in Concert" at 9 p.m. and dancing to the music of disc jockey Roy Mason of WJZZ radio. Prizes will be awarded by Jack Carter, star of "Oliver!" at the Birmingham Theatre. Admission is \$5. For more information call Bruce Tabashnick at the center, 681-1000, Ext. 219.
- FILM THEATRE**
"Daddy Long Legs," starring Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron, will be screened at 8 tonight in the new 70mm Asta Building on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. General admission is \$2; \$1 for OCC students.
- MOUNTAIN JACK'S**
The Ron Code Show has returned through Jan. 29 to the lounge of Mountain Jack's, 2360 Rochester Road, Troy. Shows are from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. A New Year's Eve show will feature Code's comedy and songs. A four-piece jazz-pop band, Four Miles to Midnight, appears from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sundays-Tuesdays.
- COMEDY CASTLE**
Comix Thom Sharp is appearing tonight through Sunday, Tuesday through Dec. 23 and also Dec. 26 at the Comedy Castle at Maxmillian's Restaurant, 4616 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharp has appeared on the "Tonight" show, Dick Purtan's show and Kelly & Co. He also was seen in the movie "Body Heat." For more information and reservations call 549-

'Ballerinos' return for dance program

For the fourth straight year, those knobby-kneed, big-toed, hairy-chested "ballerinos" of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, return to Detroit's Music Hall at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 23 with their humorous program of dance.

Ticket prices range from \$10-\$17.50. For further information call the box office at 963-7680. Tickets also are available through all CTC Outlets.

This year's performances will offer two separate programs including "The Mocha Slave," "Pillars of Virtue," "Lamentations of Jane Eyre" and "The troupe's signature piece, "Dying Swan."

Following yet another national and international tour, this all-male ballet company, affectionately known to its numerous fans as Trocks, will bring its skills in dance and satire to entertain audiences of both dance lovers and haters. Among their spoils are those of such choreographers as George Balanchine, Martha Graham and Fokine.

The heroic program biographies of such stars as Tamara Boumdivyeva, Nadia Doulafayeva and Igor Teuplez (read aloud).

The comedy continues through moulting swans, missed leaps and teetering toe dancers. The show often ends with a highly competitive, eventful, multi-curtain call.

The Trocks was created by artistic director Natch Taylor and Peter Anastos in 1974. The troupe's performances in various Greenwich Village lofts earned it theater engagement, which led to world tours spanning five continents. More recently the dancers have been featured on network television with Shirley MacLaine (on her Emmy-winning special), with Dick Cavett and on "Real People."


"What better way to end one dance season and welcome another than with the splendid antics of this fine company," said J. Roland Wilson, producing director and general manager for the Music Hall.

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