

# 'Summer Puppet Shows' taking reservations

Group reservations are open for Detroit's Youtheatre's "Summer Puppet Shows," which will feature the return of Chicago's Melkin Puppet Theatre for two weeks in mid-July at the Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall.

Summer, nursery and church school groups, as well as individual families, may reserve seating by calling the art institute ticket office at 453-2730, during business hours, seven days a week.

Tickets at \$2 (\$1.50 each in groups of 10 or more) may be purchased through the ticket office and at the door.

Two different programs will be offered throughout the two weeks, at 9:40 and 10:40 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays. No performances will be given Sundays-Mondays.

**SCHEDULED ARE:** "Three Fairy Tales" (Goldilocks and the Three Bears, "Chicken Little" and "Little Red Riding Hood") on July 12-15, 15-16, 20-21, for children 3 years of age and older; "Dragon Feathers," tales of famous dragons across the ages, July 14, 19 and 22-23, for youngsters 5 years of age and older.



Rebecca Watson and Thomas St. Charles, both of Birmingham, play a rejoicing father and daughter, as the mortgage is paid off, in "Our American Cousin" at the Henry Ford Museum Theater.

## upcoming things to do

- FOLK DUO**  
Gemini, a musical folk duo featuring Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Between them, the twin brothers play guitar, violin, pennywhistle and a variety of percussion instruments such as the bones and lumberjack. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students.
- OPERA HOUSE**  
Harry Carlson of Birmingham stars as Capt. von Trapp in "The Sound of Music." Rodgers and Hammerstein musical playing 10 performances at the historic Crosswell Opera House in downtown Adrian. Performances continue at 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through July 3. For ticket information, call 517-263-5974.
- FRISCO'S PENTHOUSE**  
Sociable ones may mix and mingle Wednesdays at Frisco's Penthouse in the Orchard Mall on Orchard Lake Road just north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Happy hours are 3-7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres are available. Cocktail dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no cover charge.
- HOUSE BAND**  
The Sheraton-Southfield has introduced its new house band, Merge, featuring vocalist Kathy Parker. The group performs both Top 40 and jazz sets in Yesterday's lounge. Merge plays jazz 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays and 8:30-9 p.m. Fridays. Top 40 dance music is provided 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 8-11 p.m. Thursdays and 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays.
- MUSICAL 'PIPPIN'**  
The Roger H. Hirsch musical "Pippin," with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through Aug. 27 at Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road between Telegraph and Lahser roads in Bloomfield Township. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and children under 12. For reservations, call 644-4418.
- THEATRE CLASSES**  
Registration began Monday for summer theater classes at the Academy of the Arts at Lycee International, 2600 Evergreen, Southfield. The academy offers a professional training program for students preparing for a career in the theater. Classes for high school students and adults begin June 27. Classes include Character Study, with Bethany Carpenter; Acting Fundamentals; and Method Act-
- ing, taught by Divina Cook. For more information, call 642-1326.
- AT HURLEY'S**  
Kickback, a group of four musicians and vocalists, will appear nightly Mondays through July 16 at Hurley's in the Northfield Hilton, Troy. Featured are Dana Robbins on saxophone, flute and keyboards; Dale Robbins on electric and upright bass; Richard Simpson on percussion; and Michael Talley on keyboards and guitar. The group plays a wide variety of music, from jazz to ballads to hot funk.
- BIG BANDS**  
Lovers of the Big Band era, swing and close dancing are being invited to join in an evening of nostalgia Mondays through Aug. 29 at Somerset Mall in Troy. Dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues until 10:30 in the mall's east wing. The Hal James Orchestra plays this Monday. The mall will be closed July 4, and Dick Murphy's Big Band follows July 11.
- ORGAN MUSIC**  
Stan Zimmerman returns to play favorite show tunes at the Allen Organ, answering requests 2-9 p.m. Friday and 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Somerset Mall in Troy. He will be playing a home organ touted as having the sound of a pipe organ.
- HOLLY HOTEL**  
TAP, Ltd., billed as Michigan's largest touring company, has marked its first anniversary presenting live entertainment at the Holly Hotel in Holly. Starring in "An Evening with Oscar," on the new theater level, are Rebecca of West Bloomfield, Ron Carter of Pontiac and Mary Frankfurth of Highland. The show plays at 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. Ticket price of \$16 includes wine, cheese and crackers during the performance. For more information, call 534-5208.
- COMIX BOOKS**  
Comix Tree and Sports Collectables will present a one-day comic book show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at VFW Post 2845, 24222 W. Nine Mile, just west of Telegraph, in Southfield. Guest personalities include Frank Brunner, who is working on the comic book "War." Admission charge is \$1.50.
- CENTER STAGE**  
The Edge plays Top 40 dance music at 8:30 tonight through Saturday at Center Stage, 3940 Ford Road, Canton. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for men; \$1 for women. Every Thursday-Saturday DJ Bobby G keeps the dance floor jumping between sets.

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