

At Marliner's Ark

John Anderson, formerly of the Merrie Melodie Theatre, is appearing at the console of the Merrie Melodie Theatre Organ, now at the Marliner's Ark Restaurant, 1002 M. Main, Rochester. He plays for dinner Friday-Saturday evenings. Anderson operates Merrie Melodie Tours, which plans tours for senior citizen groups. One of the new tours will include lunch at the Marliner's Ark, along with a theater organ program. A sing-along will be featured, in addition to Broadway show tunes. The Marliner's Ark offers seafood from a chef formerly associated with Joe Muer's in Detroit. A special lunch menu will be served to senior groups on the tour.



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upcoming things to do

MEADOW BROOK

Saxophone soloist and bandleader Larry Elgart will perform in a multi-media show at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at Baldwin Pavilion on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Elgart's "Hooked on Swing" album has sold three million copies worldwide and "Hooked on Swing II" went platinum with one million copies in June. Singer-songwriter Sheena Easton will sing "We've Got Tonight" and her other hits at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29. The Manhattan Transfer, six-time Grammy winners, will present its vocal harmonies at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30. Ticket information is available at the festival box office, 377-2210.

AT BOBLO

The Islanders perform three shows daily at Boblo's Carousel Theatre. Joanne Wilson and Brian Schulz, who are members of the Islanders song and dance troupe, won a national "Dance Fever" competition Aug. 13 in Los Angeles and came in second in the semi-finals. Wilson and Schulz also have worked together as members of the Meadowbrook Estate show group at Oakland University. The Islanders' shows at Boblo Island amusement park are at 1, 3 and 4:45 p.m. daily, plus a fourth show at 7 a.m. Saturdays.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Fantasy and merriment surround a 16th century village celebration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Clarkston. Festivities continue weekends through Sept. 24-25, including the three-day Labor Day weekend. The site has been expanded this year to include 30 new shops, new food areas, simultaneous chess (more than two people play at once) and a horse arena for quintaine competition — a Renaissance sport involving horseback riders spearing a ring held by a mechanical knight.

JAZZ CLUB

Alexander Zonjic and his Quartet will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Sept. 3 at Alexander's, a new jazz club at 4287 Woodward at Canfield, Detroit.

CAUCUS CLUB

Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson, husband-and-wife team, continue from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. through Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Caucus Club, 150 W. Congress in the Penobscot Building, Detroit. Both began their careers at early ages, she at 11 and he at 15. Vocalist Walker has recorded with James Tatum and performed at local jazz functions. She appeared with George Benson at Detroit's Montreux Festival. Budson composes, arranges and orchestrates for big bands and specializes in jazz and pop keyboard work on commercials and recordings.

PTP SEASON

A six-play professional season for its 1983-84 year is being offered by the Professional Theatre Program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Featured are four Michigan Ensemble Theatre productions and two Best of Broadway shows. The season opens with "The Rivals" on Oct. 5-6, "Dillsey" follows Jan. 24-29 and Feb. 2-9 and "Miss Julie" on March 7-11 and 13-18. "Children," the season's final production, will open March 21. For further information, call 763-5315.

MURDER MYSTERY

"Murder at 8," first in a series of 1 Love a Mystery evenings, will be held Friday, Sept. 16, at the Dearborn Inn on Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Cock-

tails will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 and a murder mystery, which the audience helps to solve, at 8 p.m. There will be a cash bar. Presented by the Michigan Mystery Writers, a one-act mystery will be staged, then evidence will give the diners clues to the identity of the murderer. Mystery writer Loren Estleman will lead the play as moderator. Guests are being encouraged to dress as their favorite characters from detective fiction. Reservations deadline is Sept. 6. For further information, call Helen Esper Olmsted at 532-3882.

GRAND EVENT

Two romantic films, both photographed on scenic Mackinac Island, will be screened at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor's Civic Auditorium. "Somewhere in Time" stars Christopher Reeve, who travels back in time to find a beautiful actress in 1900, played by Jane Seymour. Christopher Plummer plays her manager. "This Time for Keeps" features Esther Williams in water ballet choreography. The film also stars Lauritz Melchior, Jimmy Durante and Johnny Johnston. Admission is \$3 in advance, \$3.50 at the door. For further information, call the theater at 668-9397.

AMEN CORNER

A three-act play by James Baldwin entitled "Amen Corner" is being presented by Northstar Theater of Pontiac. Performances continue at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Eagle Theater, 13 Saginaw, in downtown Pontiac. Tickets at \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for children are available at the Eagle Theater or by calling Northstar Theater at 668-9391.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Auditions for The Kenneth Jewell Chorale's coming season will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, and Thursday, Sept. 1, at Westminster Church, 1757 Hubbard, Detroit. Interested singers are requested to prepare an audition solo from the standard oratorio, opera or art song repertoire. Appropriate sight-reading material will be required. An accompanist will be provided. Appointments for audition times may be made in advance by calling 626-6097. The chorale has been performing in the Detroit area since 1962. This season the chorale will appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and other area ensembles and orchestras, the Windsor Symphony Orchestra and on concert series in the tri-county area.

CLOSING WEEK

"Hotel Brel," Phil Marcus Esser's new musical review, enters its final week, with performances at 7 p.m. (dinner show \$18.50) and 10:30 p.m. (show only, \$8) Friday-Saturday, Aug. 26-27, at the Book Cadillac Hotel in downtown Detroit. The revue stars Esser, Barbara Bredius and Kathleen Kelly. For reservations call 961-2267.

OPEN AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's first fall production "40 Cats" will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, and Thursday, Sept. 1, at Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, in Plymouth. Eleven parts are available for men and women of all ages. There are several openings for technical people, including a producer. For more information, call Robin Galick at 261-2875.

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