



Eric Tavaras is Cyrano and Maureen McDevitt is Roxanne in Meadow Brook Theatre's opening production "Cyrano de Bergerac."

upcoming things to do

• CYRANO OPENING

The largest cast in Meadow Brook Theatre history has been selected by Artistic Director Terence Kilburn for the costume-romance "Cyrano de Bergerac," opening the new season at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. The production continues a four-week run through Oct. 30. New York actor Eric Tavaras, who has appeared in many Meadow Brook productions, plays the title role. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-300.

• DINNER-DANCE

Tickets are on sale for a dinner-dance featuring South American cuisine on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The event is sponsored by the college's Board of Trustees. The menu features Smoked Texas Bar-B-Q Brisket of Beef, Baked West Virginia Ham and South-Style Fresh Catfish. Tickets at \$14.50 per person are available from the President's Office, 18800 Haggerty, Livonia 48153, phone 591-6400, ext. 213. Checks should be made payable to Schoolcraft College. Proceeds go to student scholarships.

• TRAIN EXCURSION

A 500-mile round-trip train excursion, a visit to the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and an Autumn Color Trip over the historic Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad will be combined Saturday, Oct. 23. When the Dayton Flyer excursion rolls through Ohio from metropolitan Detroit, it will mark the first visit of a passenger train to the rails of the DT&I in nearly 50 years. The trip is sponsored by the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. For more information, phone 599-7963.

• RIP'S MUSIC

Country Western night, with music by Billy Carter, is featured Wednesdays at Rip's Restaurant & Bar, 928 W. Huron, Pontiac. Norm Duffy is at the piano Thursdays-Fridays.

• APPLE FESTIVAL

The Old Village Association, a group of merchants in the Old Village section of Plymouth, will present the Apple Festival from 1-6 p.m. Sunday in the streets of Old Village. Entertainment, pony rides and hayrides will be available throughout the day. Arts, crafts and antiques will be offered for sale. An auction is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the Bandshell.

• WAGON WHEEL

Wild Child Factor plays Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 8 & 15-16, at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, Rochester at Big Beaver road, in Troy. Doug Thomas appears Sunday, Oct. 9 and 16; Tom Powers will perform Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 20-21; Charlie Springer, Sunday, Oct. 23, and Mike Irish, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28.

• PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Upland Hills Farm is holding its annual pumpkin festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays through October, on Lake George Road between Lakeville and Stony Creek roads (east of Lake Orion and Oxford and west of Rochester). After taking a hayride in a horse-drawn wagon to the pumpkin patch, visitors may choose their own Halloween jack-o'-lantern. Other activities include adults to feed, picnic grounds and a free big game contest. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. For more information, call 628-1611.

• GROUP RETURNS

Detroit Sound Company has returned to Be My Guest, 5905 W. Nine Mile, Farmington Hills. Included in the group's dance-oriented song list of "Be-My-Guest is 'Loving Time,' which was recently recorded in New York City.

• CHARLIE BROWN

A benefit performance of Charles Schulz' "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" will be presented by the Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at St. Dominic's Playhouse, 400 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds go to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Oakland Community College's Alumni Friends is sponsoring a benefit performance of "Charlie Brown" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Tickets are \$10

per person for non-members of the OCC Friends/OCC Alumni Association or \$5 for members. A wine and cheese afterward is included in the cost. For reservations, call 540-1803.

• BOAT SHOW

The 11th annual Great Lakes Boat Show continues from noon to 5 p.m. daily through Sunday, Oct. 9, at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens. More than 500 boats are featured in the full-mile-long display of new sail and power boats. In addition, there will be a Nautical Flea Market. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children under 12.

• BARBERSHOP HARMONY

Women interested in singing barbershop harmony are being invited to a guest night sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Gabriel Richard Building on the U-M Dearborn campus, 5001 Evergreen. The chorus will present a mini-version of its forthcoming show, "Stage Door Harmonies," to be held Saturday, Nov. 26, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

• LIVING HISTORY

Historic Ford Wayne will glow with lantern lights at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 and 21, when the fort presents its Civil War living history tours. Authentically outfitted narrators will conduct guided tours through the saltpetre, tunnels, casemates and bastions of Detroit's century-old citadel. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children and senior citizens. For reservations call 397-9360 or 833-9720.

• CONCERT DATES

Franken and Davis will appear at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Fort Center at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Other concert dates at the U-M in October include Chuck Mangione and the Chuck Mangione Quartet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Hill Auditorium; Joan Baez at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Hill Auditorium; and the Tubes at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Hill Auditorium. For more information, call the box office at 783-3071.

• TOP 40

Rumplestiltskin, a Top 40 dance band, is appearing through Saturday, Oct. 18, in Varsity's Lounge at the Sheraton-Scottfield Hotel in Scottsdale. The group performs starting at 9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

• MUSIC SERIES

The fourth "Village" music series will open with "Go for Baroque" on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College in Union Lake. Thomas M. Kuras, musicologist and lecturer, will be featured on the harpsichord, along with soprano and baritone performers. Admission is \$6.50 per person, \$4.50 for students and senior citizens. Coffee or tea is included. Reservations for table seating may be made by calling Community Services at 360-3119.

• HARVEST HOME

An old-fashioned Harvest Home Festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Troy Museum, 60 W. Waukegan, just west of Livonia. There will be 19th century music and apple bobbing, corn husking and all kinds of games for children. The Historic Village will feature craft demonstrators. In the main building will be a Country Store, gift shop, agricultural room and a Michigan Indians exhibit. Admission and parking is free.

• MULTI-ETHNIC EVENT

Mexicans, Hungarians, Arabs, Italians, Germans, Irish and Polish will all be celebrating soon to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday in Southwest Detroit. The multi-national event will be held on W. Vernor Highway at Springwells and Junction, in the shadow of the Ambassador Hotel. Featured will be clowns, mime, folk, ethnic music and dance, sidewalk sales, church, home and restaurant tours and a lantern walk through Historic Fort Wayne. Food will include burritos, piropo, cozzado, spit-roast, stunted and tabouleh. Among drinks available will be sangria, tequila, Irish coffee, Sliovits, schnapps and beer.

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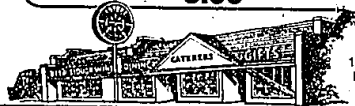
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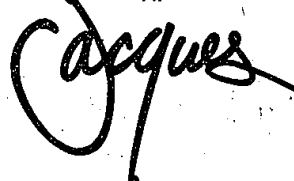
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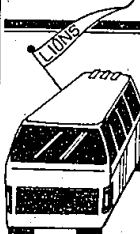
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