



Holiday happenings

Saturday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art. Admission \$3.

A rod puppet production of "Hansel and Gretel" by Bob Brown Puppet Productions for the Detroit Youththeatre for ages 3 and above is Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art. Admission \$3.

Sara Crewe's Christmas Surprise is a musical riches-to-rags-to-riches story for ages 5 and older. A special Brownie-Girl Scout salute. Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art. Admission \$3.

The Prince Street Players present "Sleeping Beauty" at the Detroit Institute of Art 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 27-30. Admission \$3.

"The Wizard of Oz" is the holiday offering at the Henry Ford Museum Theater with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman and Cowardly Lion at 2 p.m. Dec. 3, 10, 17, 26-31.

● THE PLAY'S THE THING

"Scapin," Moliere's riotous comedy, will be staged by the Actors Alliance Nov. 18-Dec. 18 at Lycee International. Evergreen at 13 Mile in Southfield. Curtain at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$8 Fridays, \$9 Saturdays and \$7 Sundays.

The world premiere of the musical "Shot Thru the Heart" runs Nov. 16-Dec. 18 at the Birmingham Theatre. The acclaimed drama "Agnes of God" runs Dec. 28-Jan. 22. For information on times and ticket prices, call 644-3533.

Sceorge, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit come alive again in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 1-25. For ticket information, call 377-3300.

A darker vision takes over at the Meadow Brook Dec. 29-Jan. 22 when the theater presents Eugene O'Neill's masterpiece "Long Day's Journey into Night."

The Spotlight Players present a "Christmas Cabaret" Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 offering a variety of Broadway show tunes. Curtain at 8 p.m. at John Glenn Auditorium, 36105 Marquette, Westland. Tickets, adults \$4, students and senior citizens \$3. For information, call 595-6117.

The musical "Chicago" continues at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 2-3. For reservations and information, call 522-8057.

Anton Chekhov by way of Neil Simon is offered in the Will-O-Way production of "The Good Doctor" beginning for 14 performances on Dec. 2. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Special holiday performances are planned at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 28 and 29. Tickets are \$5, senior citizens \$3. For information, call 644-4418. Will-O-Way is at 775 Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

● NOEL NIGHT

Wednesday, Dec. 7, is the date for this annual Cultural Center event. The Detroit museums offer a variety of festive evening activities. The Detroit Institute of Art features the Chorus of the Archdiocese of Detroit in the Great Hall at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Three selected choirs will perform in Kresge Court at 7, 8 and 9. Tony O'Brien will give an organ recital in the auditorium at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30. Self-

guided tours of the galleries are available and children under 12 are invited to shop for presents at the museum store. The Detroit Historical Museum will feature the St. John Presbyterian Male Choir, the Cornerstone Choir and the First Christian Reformed Choir. The puppet Mona from television's "Hot Fudge" will entertain children. Craft demonstrations and letters to Santa Claus will be other features. Some free refreshments will be served. Other Cultural Center museums will also participate.

● AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

A Victorian Santa Claus will greet visitors to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Dec. 3-31. Cartoonist Thomas Nast, writer Clement Moore who wrote "The Night Before Christmas" and Sarah Rorer, food editor of the Ladies' Home Journal in the 1890s, will also come magically to life to explain the beginning of some happy Christmas traditions. In Greenfield Village, the many historic buildings will be appropriately decorated to fit the different periods presented. Candy making, cooking, decoration, Christmas card printing, choirs and the Wright Brothers preparing for their historic day at Kitty Hawk all will be part of the fun. Admission. The village also offers special Yuletide Evenings from Dec. 1-31. Advance reservations are required.

The Troy Museum buildings will be decorated for the season. An 1820s' log cabin and an 1840s' farmhouse will be appropriately presented. An exhibit of antique toys will be displayed. Visitors are invited to decorate the museum tree at the annual Hanging of the Green, noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.

Farmington Community Center and Farmington Historical Museum will hold an open house 1-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, with holiday entertainment and refreshments in the two historical homes that have been decorated by professional florists to appear as they may have looked in the Christmas season of the late 19th century. Tickets are \$3, \$1 for children, for both houses at either door. The community center is on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. The museum is on Grand River west of Farmington Road.

Greenmead, Livonia's 100-acre historical site at the corner of Eight Mile and Newburgh, will hold a Victorian Christmas. Hill House Museum and several restored buildings will be decorated and open during the season. Special holiday hours run from Dec. 3-28. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. by appointment. For information, call 477-7375. Donations \$1 adults, 25 cents for children 10-18.

● YULETIDE SETTINGS

A Christmas Walk through seven homes in Farmington-Farmington Hills begins with tea and a boutique shopping in Farmington Center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Maps are provided with tickets for \$7 donation at the center from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Walk is sponsored by Hill and Dale Garden Club to support garden therapy lessons in 28 special education classrooms.

The elegant Meadow Brook Hall is decorated for a Victorian Christmas by various in-

The jolly gentleman from the frozen north will have elegant surroundings this year. Santa Claus is taking residence at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court cafe.

Activities for Santa at his new home are part of a score of area festivities for the year-end holidays.

After receiving the keys of the city from Detroit Mayor Coleman Young at the annual downtown parade, Santa Claus will host "Breakfast with Santa" 9:45-11 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, through Dec. 23. The program is especially for families with preschool children. The breakfast includes a fruit-topped "Wassail Waffle" with milk at \$2.50 for children under 12 and filled Danish and coffee at \$1.75 for adults. Advance registration is required and may be made by calling the Art Institute ticket office, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 832-2730.

Weekend visitors of all ages may "Snack with Santa" on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Cookies, milk and other snacks will be available, as well as soup and sandwiches, salads, hot menu selections and desserts, at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$5.

● HAPPY FEET

Rochester holds its 32nd annual Christmas parade beginning 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4. Christopher Rush, national poster child for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is the parade marshal for "It's a Small World." Floats, clowns and marching bands will move down Main Street. Sponsored by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

Garden City welcomes St. Nick 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, with its annual parade from Middlebelt and Maplewood down Middlebelt to Ford, west to Merriman and south into City Park where Santa will receive the keys to the city. A Santaland in City Park is sponsored by the Jaycees through December.

● O, HOLY NIGHT

The Cranbrook Institute of Science presents "Holiday Skies and the Christmas Star" at the planetarium beginning Dec. 3 Saturdays and Sundays and weekdays Dec. 26-30. For information, call 645-3134. Admission.

● THE YOUNG AT HEART

The annual Christmas Carnival at Cobo Hall runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 9-18. Animated figures, decorated trees, reindeer and playground equipment create a fantasyland. A variety of entertainment is presented throughout the period. Admission is free.

The Detroit Youththeatre presents master puppeteer Paul Vincent-Davis' production of "Beauty and the Beast" for ages 8 and above.