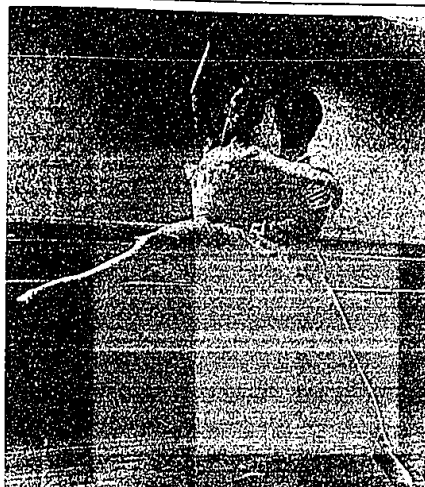




Amy Vreel is the Snow Queen and James Dunne is the Cavalier and the Snow King in the Oakway Symphony Orchestra production of "The Nutcracker Ballet." The ballet will be performed with the Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, directed by Rose Marie Floyd. The performance will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Guest artist Dunne has been a lead dancer with major ballet companies and has danced in Broadway shows. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For further information call 476-6544.

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- AT FOLKTOWN**
Ray Kamalay and Joel Mabus will appear in concert at Folktown at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Southfield Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Building on Civic Center Drive just east of Evergreen. Kamalay and Mabus are Lansing entertainers, who are appearing in a joint concert for the first time in this area. Admission is \$4.50.
- EARLY CLOSING**
"Shot Thru the Heart," the new musical at the Birmingham Theatre, will close a week early after the Sunday, Dec. 11 performance. Tickets for Dec. 14-18 performances may be exchanged for an earlier performance or a refund. For further information, call 644-3533. The show is closing early because of needed revisions for a four-week engagement in Boston, opening on Christmas.
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
The Academy Singers from the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts will present its sixth annual Christmas Concert and Recital at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Oakland University's Varner Hall on campus near Rochester. Academy students have recorded four show albums and have performed numerous concerts and shows throughout the United States. Admission is \$3, \$2 for students and senior citizens.
- DANCE MUSIC**
Rumplesitakin will play Top 40 music for dancing Mondays-Saturdays from Monday, Dec. 12, through Saturday, Dec. 31, at Yesterday's in the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel. Silk will offer dance music the same dates at the Troy Hilton Inn.
- WILLINGHAM SINGS**
Wayne Willingham, doing pop, oldies, trivia and singalongs, is appearing through Jan. 7 at Win Schuler's, 6056 W. Maple at Farmington Road, West Bloomfield.
- MYSTERY CONTINUES**
"Catch Me If You Can," a whodunit starring WJR host Jimmy Launce, continues Fridays-Saturdays at Somerset Dinner Theatre at Somerset Mall in Troy. A buffet dinner by Alfredo's at 7 p.m. is followed by an 8:45 curtain. For reservations, call 643-8865.
- MIKE BINDER**
Young comic Mike Binder, who is originally from Birmingham, performs through Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Comedy Castle at John Laifrey's, 4818 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Binder has been seen on the TV show "Dinner." For reservations, call 549-2323.
- YOUNG ARTISTS**
Deadline for entering Oakway Symphony Society's Young Artist Competition is Saturday, Dec. 31. Prize money totaling \$5,000 is being provided by a grant from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts. The competition, to include all instrumental, piano and vocal soloists, is open to residents and students of Oakland, Wayne, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties. Instrumental and piano applicants must not reach the age of 25 before Feb. 19, 1984, with vocal applicants not to exceed the age of 30 years before the above date. Auditions will be held Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 21-22, at Madonna College in Livonia. Winners will appear as soloists with the Oakway Symphony on Feb. 19. For Rules of Competition and Application

forms, write Oakway Symphony Inc., P.O. Box 171, Farmington 48024.

TOURING SHOWS
Crossroad Productions Ltd., a professional theater organization, has announced its fifth season of touring educational productions. The company, now headquartered in Redford, is a Michigan non-profit organization and a member of the Southfield Chamber of Commerce. A new series of "Contemporary Social Dramas" joins the company's continuing series of "Family Classics" and other productions. For more information call the 24-hour Hotline at 337-4860.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The Madonna College Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, just west of Levan, Livonia. The chorale is a mixed ensemble under the direction of John Redford, professor of music at Madonna. The program will consist of traditional carols as well as a major work, "A Christmas Cantata," created by Daniel Pinkham. A brass ensemble composed of Eastern Michigan University students will accompany the cantata. The Madonna Chamber Singers also will sing. Soloists will be Louise Fisher of Livonia, Christine Hughes and June Anthony of Redford and Donna Niefert of Garden City. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS
A production of "Holiday Musical Cabaret" will be presented by the Spotlight Players at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Westland Center Auditorium on the mall's lower level, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. The cabaret is a collection of favorite holiday entertainments featuring song, dance and dramatic readings. Included are the song "New Deal for Christmas" from "Annie," dancing to "Babes in Toyland" and the story of "Silent Night," plus other numbers. The story, written by Debra Pollock-Swain, is about a traditional family gathering on Christmas Eve. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.75 for children 12 and under.

YOUTH SYMPHONY
The Michigan Youth Symphony will celebrate its 33rd season with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The free performance will feature 75 young musicians from throughout the state. Ranging in age from 10-18, they will present a program of symphonic music that includes Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," "Coriolan Overture" by Beethoven, "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun" by Debussy featuring 15-year-old Kirsten Agresta on the harp and "The Hary Janos Suite" by Kodaly.

COMEDY NIGHT
Four Detroit-area comics will star at Comedy Night IV at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Four members of the Detroit Comedy Society will perform. They are Bill Thomas, Sheila Ray, Tim Lilly and Van Ganser. This is the fourth comedy night sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Last Drop Coffeehouse. Tickets are available at the Student Activities Office and at the door for \$4.50. The Comedy Night will be in a nightclub-like atmosphere. Because alcohol will be available (at additional cost) to those over 21, no one under 18 will be admitted.

Series accents holiday season

The Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra, with Carl Daehler as music director, will continue a series of holiday concerts at 8 p.m. tonight and Friday, Dec. 9, at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor. Tickets at \$11 may be reserved by phoning 996-0968.

The seasonal music will include Orchestra Suite No. 2 in B Minor by Bach, "Sleighride Symphony" by Leopold Mozart, "March of the Little Lead Soldiers" by Peltre, "Spectre" by Paulus, Symphony No. 10 "Allegria" by Haydn and a medley of Christmas carols to sing.

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