



Tom St. Charles (center) of Birmingham plays a member of the catering crew in "The Father of the Bride" Fridays-Saturdays through March 10 at the Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn. Joseph French is the father, and Robin Ruszicka is the maid.

upcoming things to do

OLDIES CLUB
The Tokens, national recording act, will appear starting at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, through Saturday, Feb. 25, at Yesterday's Classic Oldies Club in the Sheraton-Southfield Hotel, 17017 W. Nine Mile Road at I-696, Southfield. The group is known for such songs as "La-Bamba," "Portrait of My Life" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." For further information call 557-4890.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Children's auditions for the Avon Players production of "Thomas Meehan's 'Annie'" will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, Avon Township. Girls ages 6-13 are needed for the roles of six orphans, plus Annie. They should be prepared to sing a song from "Annie." A small recent snapshot of the child also is required. For more information call 651-5419.

FILM HISTORY

Dan Greenberg, Observer & Eccentric movie critic, will discuss "The Film as Social History" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Farmington Historical Society meeting in the Farmington downtown library. Greenberg is a communication, arts and technology instructor at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, where he has been teaching since 1965. The program is open to the public without charge.

MIME ENSEMBLE

The Oakland University Studio Theatre will present "Jerricks" at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 26 in Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Members of the Mime Ensemble will be featured in the show, which offers down-home humor based on American idiomatic sayings. Tickets are \$3.50 general admission, \$2.50 for seniors and students; Sunday matinees are \$1.50 for everyone. For reservations call the university's Center for the Arts box office at 377-3013.

JAZZ SUMMIT

A "Vocal Jazz Summit," with four university and college groups, will be presented at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University. Ensembles from Akron University, Macomb County Community College and OU will perform the music of the Manhattan Transfer, the Hi-Los and Singers Unlimited. Concert tickets are \$3 general admission, \$2 for students and senior citizens. For information call the Center for the Arts box office at 377-3013.

CASTING CALL

Troy Players will hold open auditions for "Inherit the Wind" by Jerome Lawrence at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 27-29, at the Troy Community Center, Big Beaver Road at I-75. Casting will be for eight male leads, age 20-70. Thirty-40 other people of all ages will be cast in smaller roles and as townspeople. For information call 879-1285.

MAGIC FEATS

Magician Harry Blackstone, Jr., will present his concert show at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Music Hall Center in downtown Detroit. Blackstone's illusions include sawing a woman in two, with a 36-inch whirling electric buzzsaw that spins at 2,000 RPM; levitating a woman 15 feet above the stage; and turning an ordinary light bulb into an extraordinary glowing light bulb which always returns to its master. Blackstone, his wife Gay and a full orchestra are part of the show.

To charge tickets by phone call 963-7680.

ALDEN'S ALLEY

Lenore Paxton's new group, Light Fall, performs its piano and guitar music from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesdays-Thursdays at Alden's Alley, 312 S. Main, Royal Oak. The Threepenny Opry performs at 9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through March 31. The group plays Irish, bluegrass and contemporary music.

ROARING TWENTIES

Sounds of the Hotel Savarino Society Orchestra will be heard at the stores Great Escape Weekend on Saturday-Sunday at Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. One of the events on the special weekend will be classic films of the Twenties shown in the museum theater.

THE WIZ

Stephanie Mills returns to Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, for two weeks, from Tuesday, Feb. 21, through Sunday, March 4, starring in "The Wiz," the musical based on "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." Tickets are on sale at the Masonic Temple box office at 832-2323, all Ticket World/CTC outlets or by charge card.

JAZZ NIGHT

The Cortez Love Jazz Ensemble will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at J. Michael Bottoms restaurant, 481 Ouellette, Windsor. Ensemble members include Sheila Landis of Rochester, Don Mayberry, Max Mordgen, Pete Levine, Norman Shobey and Robert Reeves.

CONCERT TIME

Leon Patillo will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Special guest will be Michael Card. Tickets are \$7 for main floor reserved seats, \$6 general admission. Tickets are available at all Eden, Dickson and area Christian Bookstores. For further information call 967-3000.

BENEFIT NIGHT

Ten country bands will be featured at a benefit to raise money for the Handicapped Children's Easter Fund from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Ranch Lounge, 14185 Telegraph, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft roads, Redford Township. Master of ceremonies will be Rick Church from WCXI Radio. Among the bands will be the Deep South Band (house band at the Ranch), Wally Jackson and Sundown, Mitty Dwyer, the Backwoods Band, Harlan County with Gloria "A" Crossfire and Rhonda Jones and bluegrass band Hot Grass. Admission is \$2.

DANCE COMPANY

The Harbinger Dance Company, a Michigan professional dance company, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at O'Leary Auditorium in Garden City. The program is sponsored by the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department with the assistance of a Michigan Council for the Arts grant and the Garden City PTA Council. Program highlights will be "Chopin Suite," choreographed by Harbinger's artistic director, Lisa Nowak, and "Storm Warnings," by Seattle choreographer Bill Evans. The program features Harbinger dancer Matthew Turnbull, a resident of Garden City who has danced with Twyla Tharp and performed in several Broadway shows. Tickets range in price from \$5 for the general public to \$15 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, phone 525-5846.

Young artists to be soloists

A 23-year-old Ann Arbor violinist who moved a judge to write, "You don't tackle Bartok unless you play it like this," is first-place winner in the Oakway Symphony Young Artists Competition at Madonna College in Livonia.

She is Cynthia Phelps, University of Michigan student, who won \$1,000 in the competition funded by the Michigan Foundation for the Arts.

All competition winners, selected from a field of 35 entrants, will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday with the Oakway Symphony at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Baton will be under the direction of Francesco DiBlasi, conductor and music director.

Tickets at \$6 for senior citizens and \$3 for students may be purchased at Executive Office Supplies in Farmington, Hammel Music in Livonia, Madonna College in Livonia or at the door the afternoon of the concert.

Other winners in the \$3,000 competition are: Jay Paul Bertollet, tuba, second prize: \$750. A resident of Royal Oak, Bertollet also is a U-M student.

Julliard student violinist Kelly Leon was named the \$750 third-prize winner. She is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Flutist Andrea Kast of Bloomfield Hills was awarded the fourth prize of \$500. She is a Northwestern University student.

For the first time this year, Oakway Symphony presented a monetary award of \$100 to a deserving musician. The award, named in memory of Neida Clausen DiBlasi, was presented to 13-year-old violinist Tony Cross of Grosse Pointe.



Cynthia Phelps, violinist, took first place in the Oakway Symphony Young Artists Competition. The symphony's young artists concert will be held Sunday, Feb. 19.

Here's where to call for tickets

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