

Women filmmakers: a new perspective

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She said, "I can dream, though. If I make movies, I'd like to have the best of them all: Leni's genius, because she was a genius; Agnes Varda's background in art history; Muriel Box's sense of humor; and Guy-Blanche, who started it all — she had inexhaustible energy."

Heck-Rabi, whose degrees include an M.S. in library science along with an M.A. in English and a Ph.D. in 20th century American drama, has a film project in mind. It would be made for cable TV and focus on the lives of a public library staff.

Her working title, taken from a Robert Nash poem, is "Heaven is Our Heritage." She explained: "Heaven is our heritage but we can only find it if we become learned citizens and use public libraries. The resources of public libraries, if used properly, could help make America a better place than it is."

She envisions the project as a weekly series and already has outlined 13 episodes. One of the characters would be a post-40-year-old, divorced woman, Heck-Rabi said.

"In today's world there are very few roles for women past 40. Part of my job would be to create roles for women actresses who want to act."

By the same token, Heck-Rabi foresees a second volume of her book dealing with lesser-known, contemporary women filmmakers. "Many women have been working five, 10, 20 years and need the publicity and more money to make films. I would introduce them to the world," she said.

THE FUTURE of women filmmakers is bright, Heck-Rabi believes.

"There are more women directors all over the world now than there were two years ago or 20 years ago," she said. "More doors will open for them not only in film but on TV."

"And we have junior colleges and colleges teaching film and communications, so more and more women major in communications than ever before."

Heck-Rabi will appear at the Ibbrowse bookstore, 33086 Northwestern Highway (between 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads), West Bloomfield, from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

For more information on the autobiography party, call Evelyn Sandweiss at 543-7594.



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Light show continues

A light show highlighting the music of Motley Crue, Quiet Riot and Led Zeppelin continues Friday and Saturday nights at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

"Heavy Metal Lasers," a multi-colored laser light show projected on the Cranbrook Planetarium dome, is sponsored by WRIF radio and the Institute. Tickets are \$4.25 for adults, \$2.25 for persons 5-17. A discount card available

from WRIF radio is good for \$1 off the price of admission for Friday night shows.

Showtimes are 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Fridays, and 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is on Long Pine Road between Woodward and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call 645-3200.

summertime theater

ATTIC THEATRE

Temporarily at Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 26. For ticket information call box office at 963-7769.

"Strider"
Musical play based on story by Leo Tolstoy

FOURTH STREET PLAYHOUSE

At 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. For ticket information call box office at 543-3666.

The Detroit Times Theatre Company Comedy Improvisation
At 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 27. For tickets \$3 for adults, \$2 for students with ID and senior citizens

Midnight Studio
"Calm Down Mother" (subtitled "A Transformation for Three Women") and "Pioneer"
One-act plays by Megan Terry
At midnight Fridays-Saturdays through Sept. 1

SOMERSET DINNER THEATRE

On lower level at Somerset Mall in Troy. Fridays-Saturdays, with cocktails (not included) at 7 p.m., buffet dinner

ner by Alfred's at 7:30 and show by Jimmy Lounce Productions at 8:45. For tickets to dinner and show (cocktails not included) at \$18.95 call 643-8865.

"The Bottom"
Comedy by Ben Starr through Saturday, Aug. 25

STAR THEATRE OF FLINT

At Whiting Auditorium, Flint. Performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2:45 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. Tickets \$12.50. Senior citizen and student rates available. For ticket information call box office at 239-1464.

Ann Blyth and Richard Fredericks in the Cole Porter musical, "Kiss Me, Kate"
Through Sunday, Aug. 22

WILL-O-WAY REPERTORY THEATRE

At 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township. For tickets at \$3 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and children under 12, call box office at 644-4418.

"Anyone Can Whistle"
Musical with book by Arthur Laurents, music by Stephen Sondheim
At 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through Sept. 2

upcoming things to do

MIMES PERFORM

The Health Alliance Plan Mimes will perform in three shows daily Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-19, at Center Court at Oakland Mall in Troy. Mimes Jonathan Haglund and Patricia Judd are scheduled to appear at 4, 6 and 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 18-19. Haglund and Judd have been seen at malls, on television, in schools and at such functions as the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

WINCHESTER MALL

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," adapted from the Brothers Grimm collection by writer/director Henry K. Martin, will be staged at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Winchester Mall, corner of Rochester and Avon (23 Mile) roads, Rochester. The performances are free.

TROY PLAYERS

Troy Players will host a membership party at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25. Those interested in learning more about the group are urged to attend. Theater experience is not necessary. For more information, call 879-1285.

YOUTH SYMPHONY

Auditions for the Metropolitan Youth Symphony are set for Saturday, Aug. 25.

day, Aug. 25. For appointments call 591-1408. There are seats available for young musicians in grades 5 through 12 who play cello, French horn, string bass, oboe and percussion. A limited number of strings also are needed. Auditions will be held in the Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 477-2694.

BREWSTER'S MILLIONS

"Brewster's Millions," from the 1904 novel by Winchell Smith and Byron Ogley, continues at the Henry Ford Museum Theater on Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 8. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Reserved seats at \$5 are available daily at the entrance to Greenfield Village or at the Museum Theater box office one hour prior to each performance. A candlelight dinner in the museum's American Cafe with theater tickets also is available. For more information, call 271-1620.

THE BOYFRIEND

The 1920s musical comedy "The Boyfriend" closes its run at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Oakland Community College's Royal Oak Campus, 789 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Tickets at the door are \$4. For more information call 967-5702 or 967-5741.



Kathy Corbett of Troy plays a banker's daughter who's fixated with Anthony Brewster (played by Henry Bennett) in "Brewster's Millions" at the Henry Ford Museum Theater.

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