

Edgar A. Guest III of Birmingham (right) is Oscar Madison and Gael C. Barr of Grosse Pointe is Felix Unger in the Nancy Gurwin Dinner Theatre production of "The Odd Couple" opening Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Allen Park Motor Lodge in Allen Park.

upcoming things to do

• 'ODD COUPLE'

Nancy Gurwin's dinner theater production of Neil Simon's comedy "The Odd Couple" opens Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Allen Park Motor Lodge, 14887 Southfield Road, Allen Park. Performances are Fridays-Saturdays through Nov. 24. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. for cocktails. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. at 8:45 p.m. Directed by Nancy Brassett of Birmingham, "The Odd Couple" stars Edgar A. Guest III of Birmingham as Oscar Madison. Other area residents in the cast are Jean Garringer of Rochester as Gwendolyn Pigeon, Dike Dwelley of Bloomfield Hills as Speed and Joe Lannen of Farmington Hills as Roy. Dinner and show admission is \$17.95 per person. For reservations, call 386-1300.

• ROCK CONCERT

A new laser/light rock concert will be presented beginning Friday, Sept. 21, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. Hours are 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Fridays and 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays. Sponsored by WRIF radio, Lasera No. 6, entitled "The Best of Yes," will feature more than eight selections from the rock group Yes. Vibrating scanners from a 700-milliwatt krypton laser will create visual images. Laser fee is \$1.25 in addition to regular museum admission of \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. Children under 5 are not admitted.

• VOCAL GROUP

The Rorantists, an eight-person vocal group from Krakow, Poland, will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, in the Galleria on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students.

• JAZZ BRUNCH

The Northfield Hilton Hotel will offer a "Jazz Brunch a la Brennan" from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, in the ballroom of the hotel in Troy. Dixieland and jazz music by Tom Saunders and the Surfside Six will accompany a menu of New Orleans dishes. For reservations at \$12.50 per person, call 879-1100.

• IMPROV CLASSES

The Detroit Times Theatre Co., improvisational comedy theater organization, has opened registration for its fall class schedule. The program will introduce the newly formed, independent, Genesis Theatre Project on the campus of Morey High School in Farmington Hills. Classes will begin from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 29-30, and continue for 10 weeks at the theater project facility. Cost is \$150 per student. For more information and registration, call 543-6485 anytime.

• NEW WAVE

Break dancing and New Wave bands will be featured at a New Wave Prevue of fashion and furnishings presented by Gorman's Gallery and Saks Fifth Avenue Troy 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at Gorman's Gallery, 29145 Telegraph at 12 Mile, Southfield.

• RENAISSANCE FEST

Peasant folk will lead the daily festivities during the "Feast of Fools" weekend Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 22-23, at the Michigan Renaissance Festival at Colombari Center in Clarkston. Visitors may take part in such peasant games as "Press a Wenck" and "Toie a Eloke." For more information, call the festival office in Birmingham from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Fridays at 645-9640.

• DINNER THEATER

Lelli's Dinner Theatre, produced by Florence Larime, presents a musical revue on the life and music of George Gershwin on Wednesdays-Thursdays through December at Lelli's, 7618 Woodward, in Detroit. Dinner is at 7:30 and show at 8 p.m. The production is directed by Pamela Cleveland.

• BLUES FESTIVAL

The 14th annual Detroit Blues Festival will salute Detroit's original

blues organizer, the late Bobo (John) Jenkins on Friday, Sept. 28, to Sunday, Sept. 30, at the University of Detroit, at the fountain. A variety of Detroit blues artists will perform at the free festival.

• YAKETY SAX

The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts will launch its 1984-85 season with Boots Randolph, a jazzman nationally known for his "yakety sax," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. Tickets at \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens are available at the center's box office, or by reserving them on credit card by calling 286-2222 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

• AT STAGECRAFTERS

Stagecrafters of Clawson will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!" Friday-Sunday, Sept. 28-30, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 4-7 and 11-14, and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 18-20, at the playhouse at 176 Bowers near 14 Mile and Main Street. For ticket information call the box office at 585-8437.

• FOR DANCERS

Tea dances continue from 5-8 p.m. Fridays through Nov. 16 at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Dancing is to the Greg Purcell Trio, which plays a medley of Top 40 tunes as well as Big Band sounds.

• 'COLD STORAGE'

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford will present its new play "Cold Storage" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, at the TGLR Playhouse, 15133 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile in Redford. Tickets at \$6 may be reserved by calling 522-0957. Other plays on the season's schedule are "The Club," Nov. 16-17 and 23-24 and Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2; "Nuts," Feb. 15-16, 22-23 and March 1-2, and "Chinese and Dr. Fish," April 19-20, 26-27 and May 3-4.

• AUDITIONS OPEN

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford is holding auditions for the musical "The Club" at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the playhouse in Redford. Each performer must be able to act, sing and dance. One of the roles calls for acting, singing and playing the piano. For more information, call 464-6795 after 5 p.m.

• CIVIC THEATER

The Garden City Civic Theatre will open its 1984-85 season with Frank Loesser's "Guys and Dolls" on Friday-Sunday, Oct. 19-21, and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27. In addition to the musical, the season will include Frederick Knott's "Dial M for Murder," Jan. 18-20 and 24-26, and Neil Simon's "Fools," April 19-21 and 25-27. All performances are at 8 p.m. (except for Sundays at 2:30 p.m.) at the O'Leary Performing Arts Center, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. For season ticket information, call 427-9053.

• ECLIPSE JAZZ

Vocalist Abbey Lincoln will perform in two shows, at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the University Club in the Michigan Union, 530 S. State, Ann Arbor. Opening the show will be two Ann Arbor performers, the Kathy Moore/Stephanie Ozer Duo. Tickets at \$7.50 general admission are on sale at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Schoolkid's Records, P.J.'s Used Records and all Ticket World locations.

• DINNER SHOW

The Greater Detroit Chapter Sweet Adelines Inc. will present a dinner show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at St. Kevin's Church in Inkster. The Greater Detroit Chorus and chapter and guest quartets will perform. A cash bar will be available. For ticket information, call 543-4348 or 61-6135. Lincoln will conduct a free workshop at 4 p.m. the day of the show at the W.M. Trotter House, 1425 Washburn.

Show featuring country music

Tickets are on sale for the Marlboro Country Music Concert, to be presented Saturday, Oct. 27, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Tickets at \$10 and \$12 may be purchased at the Joe Louis Arena box office and at all Ticket World outlets including all Hudson's locations. For further ticket information, phone 587-4000.

The concert will star Ronnie Milsap, Merle Haggard, Ricky Skaggs and Lee Greenwood.

A video show and an elaborate, Broadway-style stage will be part of the production. The special effects are by Fullerton and Knight, who have

concerts

worked on many shows including the Jacksons' Victory Tour.

A local country band or performer will open the show. The act will be selected in a series of talent competitions at Detroit-area country nightspots in October. Beside opening the show, the act will get \$5,000.

Concerts resume

Pianist Bess Bonnier has returned to open the fall season at the Detroit Institute of Arts Crystal Gallery, as the museum's "Sunday Afternoon" resumes 2-4 p.m. each Sunday.

Museum visitors may listen to Bonnier's stylings of the best of Broadway and light jazz and classics. Exotic coffee and teas, cocktails, champagne and fresh, fancy pastries complete the menu, with prices beginning at \$2. Reservations are not necessary. Cover charge is \$1.50 per person.

Crystal Gallery was restored last year to its original 1920 Greek Revival design. It has a four-story decorated ceiling, velvet drapery, hand-laid custom carpeting and linens and tableware especially selected to complement the room.

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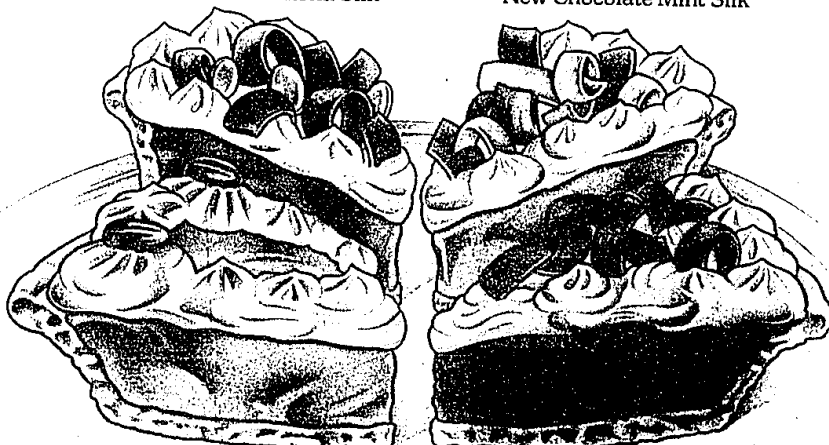
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