

# Concert was some party

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The audience was asked to join in on many of the Rovers' songs. Instead of being a tedious thing where everybody has to learn a lot of lyrics, the participation was kept lively, with just a few key phrases or bits of the chorus required from the crowd.

ONCE CALLED the Irish Rovers, the group sang some of the songs that emphasize its heritage of the Emerald Isle. The Irish spirit is kept alive also in the speaking voice of the Rovers' spokesman, Will Mullar, who looks like a tall leprechaun and talks with a brogue.

He said this is "our 20th year together with the same group." And he praised the Meadow Brook audience, calling it always one of the group's

best.

For those in the pavilion to those up on the hill, whom he urged to share in the singing despite suffering from "soggy asses" after an earlier rainfall, the Rovers made it a successful night.

On the first half of the concert, the Kingston Trio combined interludes of jokes with selections of its popular hits.

"(Hang Down Your Head), Tom Dooley," which sold six million copies for the group back in 1959, and "It Takes a Worried Man to Sing a Worried Song" were some of the tunes that brought responses of recognition from the audience.

The Kingston Trio's gray-haired lead singer, Bob Shane, is the only original member of the group. One of the new members, however, is only the seventh member of the group in 25 years.



Jeffrey Bruce (left) stars in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," opening Wednesday at the Birmingham Theatre. Bob Gibson plays Friday, July 19, at the Raven in Northville.

## upcoming things to do

- **'FUNNY THING'**  
Jeffrey Bruce, makeup artist who has appeared as guest host on WKYC-TV's "Kelly & Company," makes his theatrical debut as Pseudolus at SummerFest, presented by Robert L. Moloney Productions Inc., opening Wednesday, July 17, at the Birmingham Theatre. The musical will run three weeks, through Sunday, Aug. 25. Tickets priced \$7-\$11 are available at all Ticket World outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office. For further information, call Moloney Productions at 373-4410.
- **TOP DRAWER**  
Sheila Landis and Top Drawer plays music for dining and dancing 7:00 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays through Oct. 14 aboard the Star of Detroit, restaurant-cruise ship that docks at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Landis is a resident of Rochester. The dinner cruise is priced at \$39.50 per person. For more information, call 259-8190.
- **ACTING CLASSES**  
Registration is open for a selection of beginner through advanced-level acting classes at the Actors Alliance Theatre Company in Southfield. The six-week term begins the week of Monday, July 22. For a free brochure, call 642-1326 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays.
- **MUSICAL REVUE**  
"Yankee Doodle," a musical revue, will be presented by the Specialty Village, dramatic arts students of Camp Maas, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, in the DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield. The cast includes 14- and 15-year-olds from metropolitan Detroit. The show is open to the public free.
- **VOCAL ARTS**  
Auditions for junior and senior high school students for the 1985 fall semester in the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, July 10 and 17, in Room 109 of Warner Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. The academy is a vocal and dance ensemble in residence at the university. Auditions are by invitation only. For more information, call 668-3037.
- **AVON PLAYERS**  
The musical "Godspell" will be presented by the Avon Players at 8:15 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 19-20 and 26-27, at the Avon Players Playhouse in Avon Township. For ticket information call 375-1527.
- **'ELEPHANT MAN'**  
Farmington Players will hold a summer workshop production of "The Elephant Man" on Friday-Sunday, July 19-21, and Thursday-Saturday, July 25-27, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills. John Hollingsworth is producer. Tickets are \$4 Fridays-Saturdays, with an 8:30 p.m. curtain, and \$3 Thursdays and Sundays, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. For tickets, call 661-4599 anytime.
- **SHOW POSTPONED**  
The opening of the Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre production of the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" has been rescheduled for Friday, July 26. The show was originally scheduled to open Friday, July 12. For more information, call Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre in Birmingham at 644-4418.
- **THE RAVEN**  
Bob Gibson and special guest Mike Smith will be presented in two shows, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) and 10 p.m. (doors open at 9:15 p.m.) Friday, July 19, at the Raven at the Northville Community Center. Tickets at \$6 for each performance may be reserved at least one week ahead by contacting the Gliffidder in Northville at 349-9420.
- **'ROBBIE BRIDEGROOM'**  
Bluegrass musical "The Robber Bridegroom" will be presented by the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 17-19, at the Power Center in Ann Arbor, as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. The show is based on an old Southern folk tale by Eudora Welty. For ticket information, call AACT at 662-7282 or the Power Center Box Office at 763-3333.
- **CHAPLIN FILM**  
"The Circus" will be the culmination of "Chaplin Lost and Found," a two-week retrospective of films by the silent era's Charlie Chaplin, at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. The film showings are part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Before "The Circus" starts, a vaudeville prologue will feature on-stage circus acts. Musical accompaniment for the prologue and film will be provided by the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra and the theater organist Dennis James. For more information, call 668-9307.
- **DRUM CORPS**  
The Drum Corps International Northern Invitational Championships will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti. Nine drum and bugle corps from all over the United States will compete. Tickets at \$5, \$5 and \$8 may be purchased at several locations including the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce.
- **WSU THEATER**  
Fourteen plays in three theaters, by playwrights from Shakespeare and Moliere to George S. Kaufman and Tennessee Williams, are scheduled for the Hillberry, Bonstelle and Studio theater seasons in 1985-86 at Wayne State University in Detroit. The Hillberry productions, performed in rotating repertory, are "The Taming of the Shrew," "A Day, Look and Listen," "The Royal Family," "Egus," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Misanthrope" and "All Over Town." The Bonstelle plays are "Cat Among the Pigeons," "Pierle Pan," "Return from Harlem," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Period of Adjustment." The Studio productions are "In My Father's House" and "P.S. — Porter to Springsteen." For more information, call the box office at 677-2972.

Information for the Upcoming calendar may be submitted to Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 32515 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Entertainment events should be open to the public. Preference is given to information from residents of, or events in, the circulation area of the 12 O&E newspapers.

## Don Knotts starring in comedy

Veteran actor Don Knotts stars in the comedy "Norman, Is That You?" running through Sunday, July 14, at the Cherry County Playhouse in the Dome of the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. Female stand-up comic Phyllis Diller brings her

one-woman comedy show to the playhouse from Tuesday, July 16, to Sunday, July 21. Appearing with Diller will be singer Larry Stuart. For ticket information, call the box office at 618-947-9560.

## Dorsey Band plays for dancing

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, directed by Buddy Morrow, will provide music for dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Sunday, July 14, at Metro Beach Metropolitan near Mt. Clemens.

The Plaza Stage Area has limited seating and persons are being encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Eddie de Santis and his Band will provide music for "Dancing Under the Stars" 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

All dance events are free except for the required vehicle entry permits (annual, regular \$7, senior citizens \$2, or daily \$2).

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