

# Actors revamp, reopen theater

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Playing Winthrop's Irish mother, Mrs. Paroo, in "The Music Man" is Deborah Lynn Landis of Clawson. She is a part-time receptionist at Lincoln National of Troy and corresponding secretary for Stagecrafters.

The anvil salesman, Charlie Cowell, who pursues the music man and makes passes at Mrs. Paroo's daughter, is played by Roger "Jag" Pagnucco of Birmingham, a senior sales engineer at Starboard Industries in Troy.

"I RAN INTO Pat Lynch at St. Dunstan's and he suggested I try out for the Stagecrafters 'Music Man' — and here I am," said Pagnucco.

Originally from New York, and a graduate of Parsons College in Iowa (which is the state in which the action of "Music Man" takes place), Pagnucco has extensive theater background, which includes having played the anvil salesman in the St. Dunstan's production.

Among other salesmen in the show are Tim Penn and Peter Antanaitis, both of Troy. Antanaitis is also in the dance chorus.

Another area resident in the dance chorus is Tracy Robert of Lathrup Village. Twenty-one-year-old Jeremy Bowen of Troy plays the troublemaker, Tommy Dillas.

Said Mould, "I haven't helped as much at the Baldwin as I probably should have, but my hobbies include gymnastics which I incorporate into the show, and I've been working hard on my dance."

Others who have been working hard on the dance in the show include the show's choreographer, Valerie Mould of Troy. "I think this may be the biggest dance show I've ever choreographed," she said.

Two of Mould's three daughters, Allison, 13, and Karen 12, who attend

school in Birmingham, are in the show. Daughter Laura was unavailable due to her demanding summer work schedule.

"THE MAJORITY of the dancers are teen-agers. In these days, when you hear so many negative comments about teens, my experience has been that the kids are dedicated and hard-working," Mould said.

Andrea Trebnik, a sophomore at Marian High School in Birmingham, plays Zaneeta Shlan, Tommy Dillas' girlfriend. Other teens in the dance chorus include area residents Tamal Rubin of Bloomfield Hills and Bruce McLaughlan of Troy.

Area residents in the 16-piece orchestra are Jim McCrory from Lathrup Village, Helen Cagliardi of Southfield, Sue Helmreich of Troy and Greg Welpert of Rochester.

One special feature of the show is a barbershop quartet. George Bloomfield of Southfield, who is an automation field specialist for Barber Coleman in Southfield, plays the grocer of River City and lead singer in the barbershop quartet, Ewart Dunlop.

RECENTLY CAST as a lead in the Michigan Lyric Opera's production of the "Mikado," Bloomfield voiced the sentiments of many when he said, "It's extra taxing; you rehearse here for three hours and then put in a couple of hours doing electrical work and 'gopher' work at the Baldwin to get it ready for opening night."

However, he conceded that the end result will probably prove to have been worth all the effort.

Paul Rankin of West Bloomfield plays Olin Britt, the bass in the barbershop quartet.

The "Pick-A-Little Ladies" and the "Del Sarte Dancers," or the "Pickall-

lies" as they call themselves, are a gossiping group of townswomen whose antics are reminiscent of chickens in a barnyard. Cast in those roles are Renee Kay Sawson of Troy, Linda Coyross of Birmingham and Amy Schell of Troy. (The writer is also a member of this ensemble).

Charlotte Rubin, chairwoman of the ticket sales committee, said the Friday, Sept. 20, Friday, Sept. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 6, performances are already

sold out. Other performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22; 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29; 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3; 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5; 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11; and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

Anyone interested in season or performance tickets may call the box office at 541-8430. Admission is \$7.50, with special rates for senior citizens and students under 18.

**The Baldwin Theatre, which for a time was the Washington Theatre movie house in Royal Oak, returns to its original name and again offers live theater, after renovation by the Stagecrafters. The community theater group has taken over the Baldwin, opening the first show of its new season, "The Music Man," on Friday. For ticket information, call the box office at 541-8430.**



GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Lobby area and stairway to the balcony are shown during the recent revamping. The Stagecrafters now has a million-dollar restoration at a cost of less than \$300,000, reports Al McMillan, co-chairman of the Baldwin Restoration Committee.

## Irish troupe to give show about Erin

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