

Amusements

Casting Call

Auditions for the Southfield Community Players first production of the 1970-71 season will be held at 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14 and 15, in the Southfield Civic Center, Room 115. The play being cast is "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running," a comedy which calls for seven men and seven women. Southfield Players auditions are open to all interested members of the community.

CG Unit Boating Course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-7, will offer a 10-session course in basic seamanship starting Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the 18th precinct of the Detroit Police Department, Grand River and Six Mile Rd., Detroit.

The course is free, but there will be a small charge for books and materials.

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By BETTY MASSON

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Registrations may be made by calling Colleen Bailey, Flotilla commander, at 475-7058, evenings, or Jean Long, Flotilla staff officer, at 838-3795.

The opportunities are here and varied — although this is one area in which there seem to be more openings for women than for men.

Looking for singers right now are:

- Detroit's prestigious Orpheus Club, the Madrigal Club of Detroit, Schoolcraft College's Symphonic Choir, Livonia's Suburban Choral, the Kendallarks of Farmington, the Cantata Academy, barbershop quartets and Sweet Adelines, church choirs and ethnic group choirs.

Sharon Spike, and from Livonia are Mrs. Eugene Weaver and Mrs. P.H. Foss. Mrs. Kent Mathis of Northville is the present president, and those interested in trying out for the club should call her at 349-7334. Rehearsals are held regularly in the Activities Bldg. of Covenant Baptist Church.

The group was originally called the Madrigal Club because its early repertoire included many madrigals. Today it covers a wide range of classical and popular choral works.

They sent four inner-city youngsters to the Salvation Army Music Camp near Holly. The chapter includes about 20 Farmington women, as well as women from Southfield, Plymouth and Novi and other Detroit suburbs.

The new Plymouth Chapter of Sweet Adelines has scheduled meetings in Plymouth High School on Main St., Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. They will be under the direction of Martin Stupick.

THE SUBURBAN CHORALE is sponsored by the Livonia Departments of Parks and Recreation, but again includes women from the surrounding suburbs. Under the direction of Carol Hornung, it meets every Wednesday evening, at 7:30, in the Clarenceville High School music room.

Their repertoire consists mostly of currently popular show tunes. Requirements for joining are that you must be able to sight-read music, you must love to sing, and you must be at least 19 years old. The director is William Feucht, who has been head of the vocal music department at Farmington High School for 15 years.

If you'd like to join or if you'd like to hire the Kendallarks to sing for an organization or party, you should get in touch with Mrs. P.J. Scaglione, the president, at 626-5025, or by mail at 30180 Richmond Hill Dr., Farmington, 48024.

Back to the serious music, the Cantata Academy of Metropolitan Detroit is the place for you if you are interested in unusual and early choral works. An open audition for all voice parts has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., in All Saints Episcopal Church, on Seven Mile east of Livonia.

Those interested may call Kurt Weber at 599-2247 days or at 541-0777 nights and weekends.



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THE ORPHEUS CLUB, the oldest male singing organization in and around Detroit (since 1900), has scheduled auditions for 7:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, in First Congregational Church, 33 E. Forest, Detroit. Standards for this group are high. Those accepted must have trained voices and be able to sight-read music.

Under the direction of George F. Thomas, who is minister of music at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, they present two concerts each year in the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Each concert calls for 13 rehearsals, and they cover the whole realm of choral music, from the masters such as Bach to modern show tunes. With a present membership of 35, they are looking for more.

Overland can lay claim to a member who has been with the Club the longest time. He is George J. Murphy of Plymouth, who has been singing tenor since 1925.

Others from Overland are Dennis B. Butler of Redford Township, the president; Livonians William C. Wilson, Lawrence Fergue, Robert Stoner and Karl H. Sello; from Southfield, Robert Hund; from Westland, David Butler; and from Farmington, Wayne C. Krieger.

THE CLUB'S SISTER organization, the Madrigal Club of Detroit is also looking for trained voices. Auditions for this group will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., in Covenant Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens, near the Lodge Freeway.

Originally an afternoon social club, the Madrigal Club was started in 1915 by Charles Frederic Morse, then director of the Orpheus Club. The present director is August Maekelberghe, who is beginning his 25th year with the group.

The club comprises 40 to 50 women singers, and its program for the year is expanding. The women started out giving two concerts a year at the Detroit Institute of Arts, but under the direction of Mrs. Roger Belanger of Farmington, who was its president from 1965 to 1968, they began accepting outside engagements, including a TV appearance each year.

This year's plans include appearances Dec. 15 in the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn, and a possible concert in the 'Henry Ford Museum Theatre. They are also looking into plans for several engagements outside the Detroit area.

The Madrigal Club can boast of being an international organization since three of its present members are from Windsor. One Windsorite, Mrs. Jeremy Taylor, has been with the group longer than any other member, more than 40 years.

Overland members include Mrs. Belanger and, also from Farmington, Mrs. H.G. Freudenburg, Mrs. Richard Hutton, Mrs. Nell McCallum and Mrs. Earl Billings. From Southfield come Mrs. Solo Maki

STRICTLY FOR classical music fans is Schoolcraft College's Symphonic Choir. This 60-member organization meets once a week at the college and is a mixed choir which performs long symphonic works, such as "Elijah" and "The Messiah." Bradley Bloom of Ann Arbor is the director.

According to Schoolcraft officials, they have "curiosity" auditions, and as a member of the choir you can earn college credits if you want to.

The offices of community services at Schoolcraft should be contacted if you're interested in joining the group and singing in two concerts each year.

With a big barbershop quartet program set for Saturday, Nov. 7 in Detroit's Ford Auditorium, prospective singers should get in touch with Pat Ryan at 778-3881. He is president of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Detroit One, Inc., the largest chapter in the metropolitan area. There are also chapters in the various suburbs.

ON THE DISTAFF side, the South Oakland County Suburbanette/Chapter of Sweet Adelines is looking for new members for its present complement of 72, which includes four quartets and two octets as well as the chorus.

This group is basically for women interested in harmonizing four-part music, and does very well at it. They won their regional championship as a chorus last May. They don't limit themselves to the Gay '90s, but sing all types of songs, even rock.

They meet every Tuesday at the K of C Hall in Berkley at 8 p.m., and if you are interested in joining, call membership chairman Connie Lepek at 538-1825, or Mrs. William Greene of Farmington at 474-2054.

Mrs. Greene is directing the chapter's Christmas show which will be presented in December in an area school. It will include songs by children of members, who are called "The Echoes."

They also sing out-of-town — they are appearing in Muskegon later this month — as well as giving performances for convalescent homes, banquets and so on.

A non-profit group, they use any extra funds to provide scholarships for music students. During the summer,

you don't have to audition), the person to get in touch with is Mrs. Kathleen Tituskin at 427-2312.

The Farmington group, the Kendallarks, meets for rehearsals Tuesday evenings in North Farmington Baptist Church, 12 mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. First rehearsal of this season is Tuesday, Sept. 15. After rehearsing from 8:30 until 10:30, the group gets together for a social coffee time.

from the balcony



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Gone With the Wind	R	none
Hello Dolly	G	A-1
House of Dark Shadows	GP	none
John and Mary	GP	B
The Landlord	R	A-4
Machine Gun McCain	GP	none
The Out-of-Towners	GP	A-1
Patton	G	A-3
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The Producer	none	none
A Taste of Blood	GP	none
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