



The Ron Coden Show is featured at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at the Comedy Crossing at the Red Cedars in Southfield. Coden and crew appear through March 1. For more information, call 353-3798.

upcoming things to do

HANDBELLS CONCERT

An English handbells concert will be presented by the Chapel Bells at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Orchard Lake Community Church in Orchard Lake. In this Orchard Lake Music Series concert, the 12 musicians and the direction of Jane Harting will play a range of pop to light classical selections using a custom-crafted set of 64 English handbells. A free will offering will be taken after the concert.

LIGHTING DESIGN

Kenneth Farley, a graduate of Harrison High School in Farmington, did the lighting for "Brighton Beach Memoirs," the Neil Simon comedy continuing through Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Birmingham Theatre. Farley, who is a lighting designer, also did the lighting for "Mass Appeal" and "Oliver!" at the theater. Farley, now a resident of New York City, Farley worked on a New York penthouse that made the cover of Architectural Digest.

VARIETY SHOW

The Cedar Point Amusement Park Revue will be presented at 1, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15, at Winchester Mall in Rochester. The show is open to the public without charge.

TRYOUTS OPEN

Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre will hold open auditions for "Absurd Person Singular," comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in Birmingham. Tryouts for "Zorba," musical by Joseph Stein, with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, and 8:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 17-18.

VEGAS NIGHT

Birmingham Temple's seventh annual Las Vegas Night will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the temple in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$2; the first 100 guests will be admitted free.

CONCERT TOUR

The Ferris State College Men's Glee Club will perform at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Franklin High School in Livonia. Members of the glee club include Thomas Kennedy of Bloomfield Hills. All concerts on the glee club's 20th annual Mid-Winter Concert Tour are free and open to the public.

ON STAGE

Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble, with special guests the Fabulous Thunderbirds, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 13-15, and Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Tickets are \$16. "An Evening with Chuck Manigault" is coming up at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Tickets are \$15.25. Other attractions will be Steven Wright at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7,

with tickets at \$15.25, and Donovan at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, with tickets at \$13.75. Tickets for all attractions are available at Hudson's and Ticket World outlets.

MUSEUM THEATER

"George Washington Slept Here," comedy hit by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, continues at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturdays through March 22 at the Henry Ford Museum Theatre at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The play is set in historic Bucks County, Pa., where harassed city dwellers often seek to acquire a little place in the country to call their own. Tickets are \$6 each for reserved seats. Tickets are available daily at the Information Desk in the entrance to Greenfield Village, at the Museum Theatre box office one hour prior to each performance or by calling the Reservations Center at 271-1820. A combination dinner and theater package, at \$19.25 per person, also is available.

COMEDY CASTLE

Bruce Baum, "Baby Man" from "Make Me Laugh" and singer of "Marty Feldman's Eyes," continues through Saturday, Feb. 16, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle & Cafe in Berkeley. John Witherspoon will perform Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 18-22, and Kevin Rooney appear Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 25 to March 1. For reservations, call 542-9900.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Stage 1 Productions will hold auditions for the Jean Kerr comedy "Marty Mary" at 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Feb. 16-17, at the Novi Community Building. Roles are available for three men and three women. Chuck Gale, a Western Michigan University graduate, will direct. For more information, call 349-7673 or 522-9603.

AT RHINOCEROS

Multi-keyboardist and vocalist Dick Haynes plays popular music from 8:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. Mondays through Feb. 24 at the Rhinoceros in Detroit.

HILBERRY THEATRE

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Shakespeare's comedy about the madness of love, opens Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in Detroit. Performances continue through Tuesday, May 13, in repertory with "Equus" and later with "The Misanthrope." For ticket information, call the box office at 577-2972.

THE IMPRESARIO

The Papagena Opera Company will present Mozart's one-act opera "The Impresario" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. Friday and Sunday performances at \$12 feature a wine and pastry afterglow. The annual gala Saturday night at \$25 includes champagne and Viennese delicacies. State Sen. Jack Faxon, dressed as Emperor Joseph II, will host the gala.

Actors help each other

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stage in a Jimmy Laume Dinner Theatre production and at the University of Detroit in "Talking With."

Radcliffe is tall, slim and model pretty. In fact she worked briefly as a photographic model and as a modeling agent. All her years on stage have endowed her with an innate sense of what is likely to please an audience, and she puts that sense of theater to use now as a playwright.

She feels writing plays is her creative niche and she has written two other plays since she first sat down as a young mother to write "All of the Monkeys." Then, she had to contend with two toddlers wrapping themselves around her ankles while she worked.

ALTHOUGH SHE is an experienced entertainer, she has never formally studied drama and doesn't hold a college degree. She says she came to playwrighting by the back door and speaks well of the merits of learning a skill by doing it.

"Most things I write about have to do with my personal philosophy of life," she said.

In the six-character play "Monkeys," timing is crucial. "Comedy, of course, is timing," she said, and explains how timing in our lives can make all the difference. Things go on in Alex's (the main character's) life that he's unaware of. "The play is a discovery of what those things are."

She admits to being a doer of cross-word puzzles and reader of English mysteries.

"What I like about the play is that there are clues there, and there's satisfaction for the audience to discover what they mean. 'All of the Monkeys' is a comedy — sheer entertainment — just fun."

The Detroit Actors Collective welcomes professional theater and commercial actors and actresses who hold any of the major union cards. Established directors are also invited to attend meetings. Notice for the time and location of the March meeting will be announced. Playwrights may contact the Detroit Actors Collective at P.O. Box 12914, Birmingham 48010.

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