Lighter festival steps up theater

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Theatrical attractions will include two productions by the Acting Cerapany, which has been called "America's foremost classical repertory theater company." To be presented are Shakespear's romantic cornedy "As You Like It" and a new production of "Orehards," seven short stories by Chekov, dapled by contemporaring American playwrights.

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Brown said "Orchards" will be performed for the first time in Michigan can be the all-black Market Theatre Company of South Africa's production of "Aslammil," a play about the hardships of life in that country.

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Prominent actor Kevin McCar-thy will star in a one-man show, "Give 'em Hell, Harry," portraying American President Harry Tru-man. McCarthy has been appearing in this production, interspersed among his many other performing starts, for the last eight years.

Dance will be featured at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with two companies returning from the premiere season. These are Pilo-bolus, which stresses originality in movement, and Waves, a jazz dance company from Philadelphia.

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ON ITS FIRST night at the festival's first season, Waves was a popular attraction, but it was stwice as crowded the second night, Brown sald. "They somehow manage to blend ballet with break dancing. It's a real energetic show."

Folk singer Judy Collins will open the third season, in concert Saturday, June 28, following a gata benefit party. Musical entertainment for young people during the festival will include Bob McGrath of "Sesame Street" presenting an educationally oriented children's concert Sunday, July 8.

The festival finale is a concert with Jazz star Dizzy Gillesple and the J.C. Heard Orchestra, Saturday, July 19.

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things to do

FREEDOM FESTIVAL
The 1986 International Freedom
Festival continues through Sunday,
July 6. For the 28th consecutive
year, Detroit and Windsor join together to celebrate their countries
birthdays (Canada Day on July 1 and
Independence Day on July 4) during
the festival. More than 101 mostly
free events on both sides of the Detroit River are expected to attract
nearly three million people during
the festival's 17-day run. The Fire
works Extravaganza will be held at
10.06 p.m. Wednesday, July 2. More
than eight tons of fireworks will be
shot from two barges anchored in
the Detroit River, midway between
Detroit and Windsor.

MEADOW BROOK

◆ CHILDREN'S REVUE

"I Didn't Know Thail," a lighthearted revue for children, makes its
Hilberry Summer Theatre Festival
debut at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 30,
at Wayne State University in Detrott. Performances continue
through Saturday, July 19. Cast
members include area residents
Thomas O'Connor and Fred Santigo,
both of Birmingham. For ticket information call the box offfice at 5772972.

• 'BORN AMERICA'

WJR-AM radio personality Jimmy Launce of Farmington Hills and WKBD-TV Public Affairs Manager and Ten O'Clock News' anchor Amyre Makuspon of Southfield will be local hosts for "Born America." A March of Dimes TV event, for 21 hours on Saturday-Sunday, June 28.

29. The program originating live from Los Angeles features celebrities and entertainers in a tribute to the 13 original states and their contributions to all of America.

MEADOW BROOK
Debbie Reynolds and Donald
O'Connor will sing and dance together in a new act at 8 p.m. Friday,
June 27, in their Meadow Brook Music Festival debut on the Oakland
University campus in Rochester
Hills. Engelbert Humperdinck,
known as the 'King of Romance,'
also will make his first appearance
at the festival, at 8 p.m. Saturday,
June 28, Lawn seats only, at \$12, are
available for each concert.
Spyro Gyra, with special guest
Special EFX, performs at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1. First of the 'Summer Solid Gold' concerts is called
Motor City Magic' and stars Mary
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Stars, the Marvellettes, Mary Wells,
and the Contours. Fireworks also
will be presented. For ticket infor-

• RUN EXTENDED

"Joe Egg," the recent New York
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July 9, to Saturday, Aug. 9, in Birmingham. Students must be registered by the first week of classes.
For more informtion phone 644-4418
anytime.

SUMMER NIGHTS.

Teen Angels will appear for the second Friday in a row at the "Summer Nights" outdoor concert series at the Troy Hilton's Outdoor Court-

yard. The party kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 27. Admission is free for the cocktail crowd until 7:30 p.m. when a \$5 cover charge goes into ef-

● BENNY'S BAND
Benny and the Jets will play summer concerts at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, on the deck of the Mayflower I in Plymouth. The 'Balloon Ball' concerts are part of the Mayflower Hotel Air Balloon Festival in Canton. The oldles band specializes in music of the '50c and '60s. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

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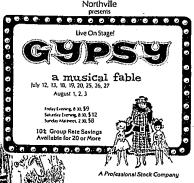
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