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ga, classical and ragtime pianist, April 3, and the Regensburg Cathedral Boys Choir from St. Peter's Cathedral, Regensburg, Germany, April 29. Admittance is by season membership only. Memberships may be purchased for the last time prior to the 8:15 p.m. concert Sept. 26. Memberships are adults \$20, students \$10 and family plan \$50. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information phone 879-9543.

CONCERT SERIES

The Johnny Trudell Orchestra will perform from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, in a free concert series in the atrium of the First Center building at the First Center Office Plaza in Southfield. Trudell and his band have per-

formed extensively in the Detroit area. The series is presented by the Southfield Cultural Arts Division.

VIVACE CONCERTS

"Sheri Nichols Live!" starring the Detroit actress-singer will kick off the Vivace Performing Series at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills. Other concerts in the series include Lemberg and Leychick, flute and piano duo, Nov. 16, "Opus 3—On the Lighter Side," with nostalgic and contemporary songs from the musical scene performed by three vocalists, and the New World String Quartet, April 26. For reservations or information call Bob Phillips at 661-5533 or Joan Rose at 543-5912.

DINNER THEATER

T.A.P. Ltd. of Farmington Hills

Goodman's back again with JCC's theater

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J.C.C. Goodman said three complete houses had been sold, with a few seats left for the other five shows.

Explaining how the season's shows were selected, he recalled, "I said to 'Soney, Give me three good shows.' She said, 'Funny Girl,' 'Diary of Anne Frank' and 'Fiddler on the Roof.'"

The play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," will be the second show this season. Third is the musical "Anything Goes," which has been substituted for "Fiddler" because the Birmingham Theatre is doing that show during its 1986-87 season.

WHEN ORGANIZING the new venture, Goodman said Gurwin told him, "I want you to do 'Funny Girl' I've done it in dinner theater."

He said he replied, "If you get paid actors, you'll never make it financially."

So, the Gurwin productions at the JCC fall in the category of community theater rather than professional theater, as her previous shows with paid casts have done.

"Not only can you not afford to pay these people, we want to open it to the public," is another thing Goodman told Gurwin.

Open auditions were held for all roles, and the performers include such veterans of community theater as Irene Jordan, playing Fanny Brice's mother, and Dike Dwelley, in the role of Flo Ziegfeld.

Goodman said producer Gurwin is "hoping to cover her expenses and come out with some profit." He said, with a smile, he's in it "for the glory."



Song stylist Charles Rowland is at the keyboard at the new Sebastian's at Troy's Somerset Mall.

presents "I Do! I Do!" the musical comedy of marriage every Friday and Saturday evening through October at the Allen Park Dinner Theatre at the Allen Park Motor Lodge. The show costars Dawn Elliott and Nick Beasanski. Rebecca Klier of West Bloomfield is musical director. For reservations and information call 386-6900 or 855-4293.

SEASON OPENER

Avon Players will open its 1986-87 season with "Move Over Mrs. Markham," a British comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, Friday, Sept. 26, in Rochester Hills. Performances continue Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-28, Oct. 3-5, and Friday-Saturday, Oct. 10-11. Shows start at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. For tickets at \$6 general admission (senior citizens' groups may qualify for discounts) call 739-4660.

CHILDREN'S PLAY

Marquis Mother Goose Theatre of Northville is presenting "Crumple, Rumpelstiltskin," a children's play, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, & 7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 18, 25 and Oct. 2, 9, and

11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 20, 27 and Oct. 4, 11. Tickets at \$3.50 per person may be purchased by calling 349-8110 or 349-0868. Tickets also are available at the Marquis Theatre box office or from the Marquis Stores in Northville.

'NIGHT MUSIC'

Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" is being presented by a cast of Detroit-area performers at 8:30 Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the 500-seat Marquis Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$9 for Fridays, \$10 for Saturdays, \$8 for Sundays. Tickets may be purchased by calling 349-8110 or 349-0868. Tickets also are available at the Marquis Theatre box office or from the Marquis Stores in Northville.

CIRCUS COMING

The Hingling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will arrive Tuesday, Sept. 30, for 11 performances through Sunday, Oct. 5, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show stars wild animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams, assisted by his wife Sigrd, daughter Tina and son Mark. Tickets are \$9.50, \$8 and \$5.50, with a \$1 discount for children 12 and under at many performances. Tickets are on sale at the Joe Louis



Woody Herman and his 15-piece orchestra will be one of the attractions on the Community Concert Association of Troy's 1986-87 season. The big band will play Monday, Nov. 10.

Arena box office and all Ticket World outlets. For further information, call 567-6000.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Irish traditional music, song and dance will be presented by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Musicians Association of Ireland) at the 16th annual Irish concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at McAuley Auditorium at Mercy College of Detroit. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for children and retirees. For further information, call 464-4119, 261-9473 or 288-3575.

'ODD COUPLE'

Jimmy Launce will co-star with Mike Evans in the Jimmy Launce Productions, Inc., dinner-theater presentation of "The Odd Couple"

by Neil Simon with 8:30 p.m. curtain Fridays-Saturdays at the Club at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. Lounge will play the compulsive Felix Unger and Evans will be his friend, Oscar Madison. Dinner at Giulio's and show is \$19.50 per person, dinner at Kufay's and show is \$21 and show only is \$9.50. For reservations call 593-1234, Ext. 2323.

TOURING SHOWS

Crossroads Productions Ltd., of Redford has announced its eighth season of educational and touring productions. The Family Classics Series features plays designed for young people. For teenagers and adults, there are Crossroads' Contemporary Social Dramas examining topical issues of concern to today's society. For more information, call 537-4660.

'Funny Girl' production has vitality

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Edgar A. Guest III and Nancy Brasser, the production garners the elements of a major musical with fine, glossy effects and competent chorus numbers. Difficult sight lines imposed by the auditorium should be considered, however, especially with the deployment of scenes at opposite wings that leave the fringe seating totally viewless.

Nancy Gurwin, a stalwart of the local dinner theater circuit, delivers a vibrant Fanny Brice. It is uncertain if Gurwin isn't really echoing Barbra Streisand in her role of Fanny, which elevated Streisand to stardom. Nevertheless, Gurwin is a stunner on stage and is captivating as she belts out such unforgettable songs as "People" and "Don't Rain on My Parade."

Rob Patteri plays Nick Arnstein,

the cultured, gentleman-gambler, in a subdued, controlled manner contrasting with the animated Fanny.

Jay Peterson as Eddie Ryan, a dance director within the play, gives

some inspired song and dance numbers. Mrs. Brice, Fanny's mother, is convincingly played by Irene Jordan. Dike Dwelley, another local veteran, is on stage as the enterprising Flo Ziegfeld.



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