

briefly speaking

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus has selected "Christmas Memories" as the theme for its 1992 holiday concert to be presented this weekend in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, Cannon Center and Joy roads.

The annual concert by the 150-voice chorus, conducted by Michael Gross of Westland, will feature selections of sacred and secular Christmas music by both classical and contemporary composers and arrangers.

Soloists will include Barbara Hubbard, soprano; Livonia, in the "Requiem" from Handel's "Messiah"; Sueanne Norbury, contralto; Bedford Township, will sing "Some Children See Him"; Dennis Sammlin, tenor; Canton Township, will perform "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and the principal accompanist for the chorus, Leslie Morrison, Livonia, will present a piano solo arrangement of the spiritual, "Go Tell It to the Mountains."

In addition, Steve Perna, baritone; Westland, will perform "Winter Masquerade."

Starting times for the concert are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Sideways Shop, Plymouth; Book Break, Canton Township, and the Grindler Music Store, Novi, with reduced rates available for groups, students and senior citizens.

AUTOGRAPH PARTY

TV celeb Marjyn Turner and Joan Kelly will be part of the anniversary festivities from 6-7 p.m. Sunday at the Paper Tiger book office supplies store in the Farmer Jack shopping center, Seven Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia. They will autograph their new book, "The Kelly and Co. Story." The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC GUILD CONCERT

The annual holiday dinner and concert of the Fair Lane Music Guild will be held at Henry Ford's historic Fair Lane Mansion on Monday, Dec. 6, beginning with a wine reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the concert at 8:30 p.m.

The concert will feature harpichordist Penelope Crawford in a program of baroque music. For more information, call Edith Prins, 271-1224.

'NUTCRACKER' IN ANN ARBOR

The Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre celebrates the holiday season with three performances of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" with live accompaniment by the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra this weekend in the Michigan Theatre. These will be the only local performances of the complete classic by a live orchestra.

Concert times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$11 and \$5 and may be purchased through the Michigan Theatre box office. For more information, call 964-0665.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Student photography, featuring black and white photos, will be on display Dec. 8-14 in the Madonna College exhibit gallery, Livonia. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. Madonna is at 1-94 and Levan, Livonia.

CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE WORLD

The Motor City Theatre Organ Society will present Lyle Larson at the console of the three-manual 16-rank organ, 1928 Barton Theatre pipe organ together with the Donay dance ensemble at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bedford Theatre, 17350 Lahser.

Tickets for the special holiday concert, "Around the World at Christmas Time," are \$4 and will be available at the box office.

Madonna College Chorus will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Kresge Hall auditorium.

Highlighting the program will be Ben's Cantata No. 142, "For Us a Child is Born," and Dorothy Bensen's "In Dulce Jubilo." There will also be traditional Christmas music.

The concert is open to the public, free. For more information, call 591-5977.

GLUCKMAN SELECTED

Gluckman Designs of Southfield has been named by Wizards Ice Cream Maple as the design coordinator for the Wizards franchise in the state of Michigan.

According to Kerry Gluckman, the first store is expected to open in Fairlane Mall in December on the third level of the mall near the movie theatre.

Oakway to present 'Nutcracker'

The Oakway Symphony Orchestra will present two full productions of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" this weekend in Harrison High School auditorium in Farmington.

Performance times are 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Contemporary Civic Ballet, under the direction of Rose Marie Floyd, will again perform. This is the third season the company has been with Oakway.

In the role of the Cavalier and Snow King will be James Dunne of New York. At the Saturday performance, Amy Ureel will appear as the Sugar Plum Fairy. The Sunday performance will feature Kathryn Cooke.

Tickets are \$5 with a \$7 rate for students and senior citizens. They are available at Madonna College

and Emmett Music Store in Livonia and Executive Office Supply in downtown Farmington. Group rates are available by calling 313-6121.

A native of New Jersey, Dunne began his dance training at age 16 with the Fokine family. He has been a lead dancer with the Harvard Ballet, the Joffrey Ballet as well as the Boston Irish, Ohio and City Center Ballet companies. He danced in the Mikhail Baryshnikov TV special in April.

Floyd is a graduate of Wayne State University and organized the Contemporary Civic Ballet Company in 1994. She is a vice president and permanent examiner of the Cincinnati Council of America. In May, she received dance teacher of the year award from the Michigan Dance Association.



James Dunne in two roles



Kathryn Cooke performs Sunday.

Ballet tradition continues

Jean Huang takes the role of Clara when the Michigan Ballet Theatre stages its 20th anniversary production of "Nutcracker Ballet," in two performances this weekend. Curtain is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday in West Bloomfield High School. The dancers will be accompanied by Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Felix Resnick. Reserved seats are \$10 and \$12. Seniors and student tickets are \$5 and \$8. For more information, call 669-9444.

Merry olde feaste awaits

Oakway Symphony will a holiday evening of feasting in the manner of merry olde England at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Residence Hall dining room at Madonna College in Livonia.

Entertainment includes the Silver Swan Singers of East Lansing. The singing group, taking their name from Orlando Gibbons' madrigal, "The Silver Swan," have delighted audiences with their music and revelry at many "feastes" and celebrations.

CHIEF ERNIE WHEATON'S menu will feature hot cider or hot rum punch, platters of cheese and French bread, white cornish hens with apple dressing and walnuts and plum pudding.

Other entertainment includes the Oakway Brass Ensemble medieval instrumentalists dancing, the presentation of the Phaeacian, Wastall toasts and Christmas caroling.

Dress in costume, if you wish. Tables for six or 10 people are available.

Tickets are \$27.50 per reveler and are available at Madonna College, 1-94 and Levan, Road in Livonia. For reservations, call 591-5146.



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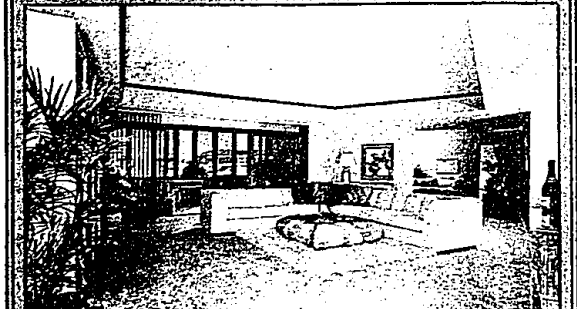
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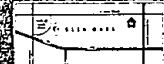
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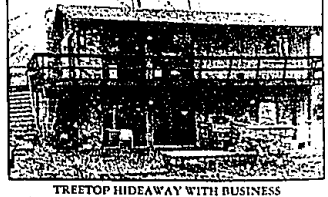
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