

## upcoming things to do

### COMEDY CROSSING

Josh White Jr. will perform at 8:30 and 11 p.m. every Wednesday-Thursday for the next two months, beginning Feb. 25, at the Comedy Crossing on the lower level of the Red Cedars restaurant in Southfield. White will take his audiences on a musical tour of folk, blues and gospel, ranging from the classics learned from his famous father to his own songs of today. Cover charge is \$8 per person. Ron Coden and Company continues Friday-Saturday through February. Bob Posch returns Friday, March 6, through Saturday, March 23. For reservations, call 553-3798.

### MUSICAL ROOTS

"Roots of Black and Roll, Country and Classic Blues," a special presentation in recognition of Black History Month, will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Dombrowski Fieldhouse on the campus of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. Robert Jones, performer and musicologist in country and classic blues, will be the host. Jones and Friends will entertain. The concert is open to the public free. For more information, call 682-1885.

### AMERICAN FARGE

Several area residents are in the cast of "To Spite His Face," a new American Farge, opening at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Studio 150 in the General Lectures Hall on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. They are Ron Cohen of West Bloomfield and Rodney Mauserman of Southfield. The world premiere of the play by Theresa Rebeck will run two weekends, Thursday-Sundays, March 5-6 and 12-13. For tickets, call the Wayne State University Theatre box office at 577-2972.

### COFFEE HOUSE

Oakland County Cable Communications Corp. has announced production of a new musical variety show, "Coffee House Cafe," hosted by folk rock duo Borkowski and Roschick. The show will begin Monday, March 2, on United Cable Television. The series, to be taped in front of a live audience, will consist of six half-hour shows. Tentative musical guests include Phil Marcus Exser, Dean Rutledge, Marty Burke and Ron Coden.

### AVON PLAYERS

"Nuts," a drama by Tom Topor, will be presented by the Avon Players Community Theatre beginning Friday, Feb. 27, at the Avon Playhouse in Rochester Hills. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, Feb. 27-29 and March 1 and 3. For tickets at \$5, call 739-4660.



Rose Kirk (Pat Thompson of Bloomfield Hills) reacts angrily to her husband, Arthur (Frank Cosenza), as defense lawyer Aaron Levinsky (Jon Katz of Southfield) observes them, in the Avon Players production of the drama "Nuts."

### NEW SEASON

Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" will open Meadow Brook Theatre's 22nd season Oct. 9 on campus at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Michael Frayn's "Benefactors," a contemporary comedy-drama, will have its Michigan premiere on Nov. 5. "Educating Rita" by Caryl Churchill will be the mystery-thriller "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin on March 24, 1988. "Harvey" by Mary Chase will be the final offering. For more information about the 1987-88 season, call 577-3390.

### JAZZ CONCERT

The seventh annual Jazz Benefit Concert, featuring the James Tatum Trio Plus, will be presented by F.A.C.E. Program for Alternative Creative Education, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Ticket prices range from \$5 for senior citizens to \$25 for patrons. For ticket information call the Orchestra Hall box office at 633-3700, or call 631-3080.

### OSCAR PREVIEW

Meridian Films will present its third annual Academy Award Pre-

view at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Palmer Park Auditorium in Detroit. The preview will feature the five films nominated for Oscars for best documentary short subject. The program also includes a showing of the work and personal appearance of filmmaker Cathy Zheutlin, who spent nine months documenting the Great Peace March. For ticket information, call Larry Gayner at 287-3104.

### CLASSIC COMEDY

"You Can't Take It With You," 1936 prize-winning comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, continues through Saturday, March 21, at the Henry Ford Museum Theatre at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For tickets at \$6.50 call the Reservations Center at 271-1620. A combination dinner and theater package, at \$20.25 per person, also is available.

### BAND SHOWCASE

Nancy Kader-Jacobs and her Entertainment Connection of Southfield will present a Live Band Showcase from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. Eight area wedding bands, as well as DJs,

will be featured at the showcase, which is open to the public without charge. Music offered includes Top 40, big band, jazz, ethnic and standard.

### YOUNG COMIC

Sam Kinson, young comic who has hosted "Saturday Night Live" and appeared as guest on David Letterman's "Late Nite" show, will give two shows, at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The concert is sponsored by radio station WJLB-FM. For tickets at \$14.50, call 423-6688.

### BLUES JUBILEE

Blues Factory, Detroit-area blues and artist management company, will present its third Blues Factory Jubilee beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Moby Dick in Dearborn. Many blues artists will appear on the program, hosted by Coachman of radio station WDET. For reservations or information call 581-3650. Tickets at \$5 will be available at the door.

### IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

A fund-raiser to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit will be held beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday,

March 1, at Monaghan Council K of C on Farmington Road in Livonia. The day will feature continuous Irish entertainment, including pipe bands, musicians and dancers. Admission is \$10. More than 6,000 marchers, 25 floats, 15 bands and 25 marching units will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, produced by the United Irish Societies, at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

### TELEPLAY WORKSHOP

A 10-week workshop by improvisational performance specialist Jonathan Round will be presented at the Studio on Washington Avenue in Royal Oak. The course, entitled "The Making of a Teleplay," takes the student through the entire process of creating a video-oriented product from concept through production. Classes will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays beginning Saturday, Feb. 21. Fee is \$285. For more information, call 398-7744.

### ICE CAPEDES

Olympic Silver Medalist Kitty and Peter Carruthers will salute "The Best of Times" in the Ice Capedes skating spectacular coming Tuesday-Sunday, March 10-15, to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Also headlining the show is Teddy Ruxpin, the toy hit of Christmas. In one production number, the company will pay tribute to the lads from Liverpool in "The Beatles Remembered — A Rhapsody in Lennon and McCartney." Tickets at \$9.50, \$4.50 and \$7.50 are on sale at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Senior citizens and children under 12 receive a \$1 discount at many performances. To charge tickets, call 567-7509.

### DETROIT REPERTORY

"Wait for Godot" by Samuel Beckett opens at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Tickets for the opening are \$7 each for limited membership and cash bar privileges. Performances of the international classic continue through Thursday, April 16. For ticket information, call the box office at 868-1347.

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