

Are lives seamy?

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THE FILM is unrelated because of the Motion Picture Association fees involved. "It costs \$1,000 each time the Rating Council processes a film, and if you get an X, you take out a few frames and resubmit." That procedure can occur 20 times. "We didn't think it was worth \$20,000, so we are distributing the film unrated."

"That would have been a significant sum on a project shot for \$100,000 in Borden's Canal Street loft in New York. An additional

\$200,000 was spent on post-production costs.

A major savings came from shooting "Working Girls" in Super-16 and then enlarging it to 35mm for theatrical distribution. The original 16mm negative costs were considerably less, although the outlay for blowups accounts for a goodly portion of the post-production costs.

It remains to be seen whether or not "Working Girls" will successfully establish Lizzie Borden at the box office, as a filmmaker, or as a constructive social critic.

Showcase lauds performers

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comedian-actor Scott McQue, mimes Joe Vitale and Daniel Lightcap, singer Bobbie Andrews, an instrumental dance troupe R22.

Gainor declared, "The president said, 'If we'd know we were going to get all these great entertainers, we would have charged more.'"

The "Salute" begins at 2:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine in the Community House lounge. The cabaret showcase will be presented in the auditorium 3:30-5:30 p.m. A wine afterglow follows at 6 p.m. in the lounge.

Tickets at \$35 per person include the show and all food and drink before and after the performance. For ticket information, call 569-2799.

The Forum Foundation is a tax-exempt, charitable foundation that makes gifts in Michigan's lesbian/gay community.

ALL PERFORMERS at the benefit have donated their talents. "I think it's really a first for the lesbian and gay community, getting support from friends not necessarily members of the gay community," Gainor said.

Of the Community House event, he noted, "This is the largest event of its type done by gay organizations in Michigan, in terms of the number of participants on stage."

A "Salute to Michigan Artists," for the visual arts — painters and sculptors, was held by the forum last September and led to the theme for this "Salute to Michigan Performing Art-

ists."

Gainor said the forum conservatively estimates a couple of hundred guests will attend the Community House event. "We're going cabaret," he added. "There will be six-place tables in the auditorium."

He also mentioned that the show has all professional audio and all live music.

James Frederick, agent for Kate Patterson, said she has put shows together before as well as appeared in them. He said the entertainment at the Community House will be presented somewhat like that on a television. "People are coming off their jobs. They're doing their best on the spur. They're not heavily rehearsed."

Patterson explained, "They pre-

lined up. What I always do is contact everyone . . . so I can design the program so it's an even flow." She believes in "putting the show together so everyone's performance sparkles."

EACH ENTERTAINER is expected to perform about 8-12 minutes, he said.

The foundation was organized three years ago. Southfield is among the locations where other fund-raisers have been held by the group.

Marks, the forum president, both lives and works in Southfield, where he has a CPA firm. Gainor, a resident of Detroit's Indian Village, booked the entertainment, as well as handling publication relations for the benefit. He said Marks made the arrangements for the event.

table talk

DINNER THEATER

"Applause on Broadway," a Broadway revue dinner-theater production, continues with two shows nightly, at 7:30 and 9:30, Saturdays, May 16 and 30 and June 6, 13, at the Novi Hilton. The show is presented by TAP LTD. of Farmington Hills and staged by Michael J. Kiler of West Bloomfield. Performers appearing in repertory style will vary each evening and may include Rick

Ingram, Larry Johnson and Earl Vinson, all of Detroit; vocalist Nancy Kolton of Southfield and vocalist Keith Teller (also known as a juggler, magician and comic) of Southfield. Rebecca of West Bloomfield is musical director and accompanist for the show. The dinner theater format include prime rib or grilled swordfish at the hotel's Orchard Cafe Restaurant. For further information and reservations, call 349-4000.

upcoming things to do

IN 'HAMTRAMCK'

Several area residents are in the cast of "Hamtramck," described as Motown's first major primetime situation comedy, debuting at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, on WDIV-TV, Channel 4. Radio/TV personality Tom Ryan of West Bloomfield is one

of the stars, playing both Mr. Hamlin, father of the bride, and Stan the Man, the accordion player. Tiger manager Sparky Anderson of West Bloomfield has a walk-on role, playing himself.

Redford Township resident Chuck McGraw will portray Father Ham-

lin, brother of the bride. Troy resident Peter Carey plays Russell Bradford, a character who marries Marian Hamlin from Hamtramck, in the opening episode. The bride's father calls Bradford "a foreigner: a west sider" from Farmington Hills. At 7:30 the same night, Channel 4

will broadcast "Hamtramck Goes Hollywood," a behind-the-scenes look at the making of "Hamtramck." The sitcom is produced by Tom DeLise of Rochester Hills and Henry Maldonado.

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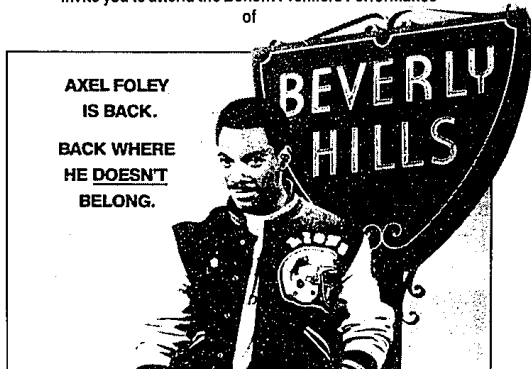
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