

## upcoming things to do

A new deadline has been established for items to be submitted to the Upcoming calendar: One week ahead of publication date. Information must be received by Thursday, to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 35202.

### • GUYS, DOLLS

"Guys and Dolls." Frank Loesser's brash musical comedy about Damon Runyan's mythical Broadway characters, opens at Meadow Brook Theatre for a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Season tickets are still available at 20 percent savings over single tickets. Season and individual tickets may be reserved by calling

the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 377-3300.

### • SOMERSET CONCERTS

The George Benson Jazz Trio opens the free Sunday concerts at Somerset in Troy for October. The trio performs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. Performing on future Sundays are Irish troubadours Jim Perkins and Marty Somberg on Oct. 11, piano stylist Ernie Swan on Oct. 18, and folk singers Borkowski and Roschacki on Oct. 25.

### • COFFEE HOUSE

Marcie Boyd is featured Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Folktown Coffeehouse at the Southfield Civic Center's Parks and Recreation Building. Boyd is a singer/songwriter best known for her songs of social and political satire.

Admission to the concert is \$6. For more information, call 855-9848 evenings.

### • MUSICAL ROOTS

Tenor Harold Orbach and baritone Arthur Thompson tap the wealth of Jewish and black music in a program at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Birmingham Temple. For reservations and information, call 647-4632 or 288-3953.

### • SONDHEIM'S 'GYPSY'

Jule Stein's and Stephen Sondheim's blockbuster musical "Gypsy" is opening at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Aaron DeRoy Studio at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Presented by the center and Nancy Gurwin Productions, "Gypsy" is also performed at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, and Sunday, Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 24, and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. Tickets are \$8.50 a person with discounts for groups, senior citizens and children. Call 661-1000 for reservations.

### • AVON PLAYERS

Avon Playhouse presents its first



Nancy Gurwin stars as Mama Rosa in "Gypsy" opening Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.



Vocalist Nina Machus offers a musical medley of Broadway songs Thursdays in October at Machus Sly Fox restaurant in Birmingham.

show of the 1987-88 season with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Opening night for the three-weekend performance is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Cast members include Jerry McCray of Royal Oak, Dave Parkes of Rochester, Jon Katz of Southfield, Judy Privas of Rochester, Ray Contrucci of Rochester, Jarvis Lamb of Rochester and Andrea Willis of Rochester. The show is directed by Joyce Contrucci of Rochester. Tickets cost \$6 and may be reserved by calling 656-1130.

### • 'POOH' AUDITIONS

Avon Players Youth Theater is au-

ditioning for "Winnie the Pooh" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Auditions are at the Avon Players Playhouse, 1185 Washington, Rochester Hills. Membership in Avon Players Youth Theater is open to all students of junior and senior high school age. The show will be presented for grade-school children at the playhouse in early December.

### • TATUM TRIO

The James Tatum Trio Plus will kick off the 1987-88 Concerts-in-the-Garden series Sunday, Oct. 11, at the First Center Office Plaza in Southfield. Brunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

and the performance begins at noon. Tickets including concert, brunch and reserved table seating are \$6, coffee and concert are \$3. For more information, call 354-4717.

### • PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA

"Equus," the award-winning psychological drama by Peter Shaffer, begins a three-weekend run at Oakland University Center for the Arts. Audiences are cautioned that the mature themes of the play may be offensive to some. "Equus" opens at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, in the Varner Studio Theatre on campus in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$4 for the students. Call 370-2013 for more information.

### • MUSICAL MEDLEY

"Broadway Remembrances," a musical medley of Broadway songs, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Sally's Saloon at the Machus Sly Fox Restaurant, Birmingham. "Try to Remember," "Memories" and "Tonight" are some of the songs to be performed

by Nina Machus Thursdays in October. She is a soprano who has sung extensively in the area and is the soloist for the First Church of Christ Scientist in Birmingham.

### • BENEFIT PERFORMANCE

Topical songwriter Fred Small will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to support programs of the Women's Survival Center in Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call 335-2685.

### • PROJECT THEATRE

"Don Juan" kicks off the new season for Project Theatre, the professional theater of the University of Michigan's School of Music. Meljere's classic comedy continues through Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Lynde Mendelssohn Theatre in Ann Arbor. Next spring, the theater presents, "Every Good Boy Deserves Favors," at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, also in Ann Arbor. Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$12.50 per performance. For more information call 764-0450.

### • EXTENDED RUN

The comedy drama "Nuts" continues through Saturday, Oct. 17, as part of the dinner theater production by J.T.L. Productions at R.J.'s in Warren. Doors open at 7 p.m., dinner is at 7:30. Tickets are \$22.95 for dinner and show, \$11.95 for show only. For reservations call 734-5555.

### • MURDER MYSTERY

"The Case of the Silent Movie Murders" is the theme for the fifth Murder Mystery Weekend at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Guests dressed in the fashions of the Roaring Twenties will try to guess the murderer in a game in the imaginary setting of a weekend party thrown by Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. For more information, contact ATS Travel in Huntington Woods, phone 543-7954.

### • COMEDY TIME

"A Couple White Chicks Sitting Around Talking," comedy by John Ford Noonan, will be presented at 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31-17, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Hedford at the playhouse in Redford. Patti Jones of Westland is producer. Tickets are \$5. For reservations, call 522-8057 to leave a message.

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