

'Between the Times'

Live theater tackles social issues

Professional live theater is coming to Our Lady of Sorrows on Power Road in Farmington Sunday, Oct. 18, at 4:30 p.m. It's theater with a message. There is no admission charge.

The event is a performance of "Between the Times," an original dramatic and musical interpretation of the recent pastoral letter of the nation's Catholic bishops on social teaching and the U.S. economy. Written by two Chicago professional actor-singers, Tom and Paul Amandes, "Between the Times" weaves the spiritual and social message of the pastoral into an hour of songs, comedy, poetry and drama.

A supper in the hall will follow the performance at the church. The audience may stay for the supper.

The script and songs of "Between the Times," produced by Chicago Call To Action, draw heavily on the actual text of the pastoral, as well as on actual testimonies of workers and families about their economic situations.

Archbishop Hembert Weakland of Milwaukee, Wis., chairman of the Bishops' Economics Pastoral Committee, has compared "Between the Times" to the orange juice his mother used to serve with his cod liver oil.

Boy Scout newcomers

Boys, age 11 and up are invited to join Troop 116 which meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Eagle School, corner of 14 Mile and Middlebelt.

Questions are taken by Marilyn Rintamaki at 855-9877.

"The message is powerful and strong, but you receive it with all that delightful music so it goes down a little easier," he said.

THE AMANDES brothers and Tom's wife Jamie are part of a popular Chicago Irish band called Jamie O'Reilly and the Rogues. The idea for the show first surfaced in January 1985 when a Catholic social justice organization, Chicago Call To Action, was discussing the first draft of the economics pastoral and wondering how to make the letter come alive in local parishes.

The couple was looking for a way to put their theatrical talents in service for gospel values. Someone glibly suggested that they turn the pastoral into a musical.

CTA and its 1,400-member grassroots network promoted the show, and "Between the Times" was soon playing to parishes in cities and suburbs.

The show runs the gamut from humor to pathos. In a comic retelling of a gospel parable, the rich man shuns the beggar Lazarus, but then languishes in a modern hell, condemned to watch slides of the devil's vacation to Florida. A blues number argues that "there ain't nothing wrong with bein' rich, long as ain't nobody bein' poor."

The testimony of a farmer forced into bankruptcy and a steelworker left jobless lead to "The Quota," a haunting lament of a single mother in a dead-end factory job.

When "The Bishops Meet Our Founding Fathers," the show travels back in time to ask why economic rights aren't included in the Constitution. "Pass That Buck" is a satirical

cal TV game show that awards valuable cash prizes for social justice, and grills the Catholic Church on whether it practices what it preaches.

EVERY SHOW also includes a discussion between cast and audience on how to promote economic justice in daily living.

Each performance of "Between the Times" features two men and two women from Call To Action's troupe of Chicago-based theater professionals. CTA has taken the show to parishes, schools and church conventions from Minnesota to Florida and from Ohio to Texas. The show got a standing ovation in Washington, D.C., last January from 500 directors of diocesan offices nationwide who are expected to teach and implement the pastoral.

During 1987 "Between the Times" will be performed for national conventions of the Federation of Priests' councils, the Christian Family Movement and Catholic Charities.

For any questions about the performance, call Helen Marks at 474-6480.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Ready for Halloween

Karen Svoboda's all-Halloween booth offers a myriad of permanent accessories and decorations during Farmington Community Center's 15th annual Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Oct. 17. Ghosts and goblins, haunted houses and haunted trees will be present. Pumpkins of all sizes will be cut out

to be used with flashing lights by the West Bloomfield sculptress, who joins about 70 other juried artisans for the sale. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the grounds and in the center, 24705 Farmington Road.

'Evening of Brilliance' stars some famous faces

Famous faces — including those of Bob Hope, Joan Rivers, and the Reagans — will be in attendance at this year's Evening of Brilliance, hosted by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

These "stars" come to the Detroit

area courtesy of Le Clique, a New York theater troupe that is capable of transforming themselves into more than 800 different characters. The stars are created with oversized papier mache masks, costume, and professional performers.

Le Clique has performed at events ranging from a bar mitzvah aboard the QE2 to Kennedy Center galas in

Washington. They have been dubbed the "merchants of fantasy," and are known for their production numbers, impersonations, and their ability to get any audience to participate in the festivities.

Featured in a recent article in Town and Country magazine, Le Clique is rapidly becoming one of the moving forces of the 80s.

Kathryn Iacocca Hentz and Lia Iacocca are serving as honorary chairwomen of the event.

Tickets to the event are \$150. Proceeds will be used to support research in finding the cure for diabetes.

Reservations are made by calling Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 569-6171.

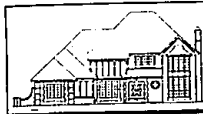
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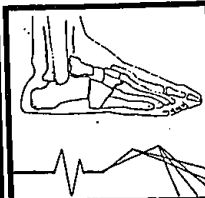
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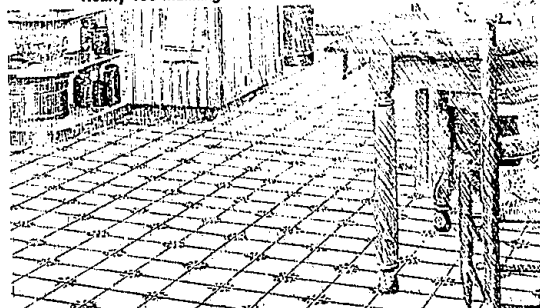
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