

## upcoming things to do

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Cocktails are served at 7 p.m., dinner at 7:30 followed by the performances. New Beginnings calls itself Metropolitan Detroit's newest dinner theater. Dinner and show is \$21.95, show only \$11.95. For reservations call RJ's (formerly Tutag's on the Hill) at 754-5555 in Warren.

### • THE CONTRAST

University Players of the Department of Theatre and Drama at the University of Michigan's School of Music will present America's first published play, "The Contrast," for two weekend in October at Trueblood Theatre on campus in Ann Arbor. "The Contrast" was first performed in May 1787 at the John Street Theatre in New York. The play won audiences over with its sincere patriotism and colorful characters. For the current production, the audience will see a band of 18th century actors performing a comedy using the conventions of 18th century theater. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Oct. 22-24, 29-31, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. General admission tickets are \$6, student seating with I.D. is \$4. For more information contact the League Ticket Office at 764-0450, 30

### • COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Several area residents are in the cast of the Roseale Community Players production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, at the Upstage in

Detroit. Barbara Grant of Livonia plays Abby Brewster. Barbara Silberberg of Farmington is Martha Brewster. Greg Hall of Troy is Mortimer Brewster and Richard Deisenger of Redford Township is Mr. Gibbs. Regular and dinner theater tickets are still available for most performances. Call 532-4010 for reservations.

### • ACTING WORKSHOP

Cliff Osmond will teach a Professional Acting Weekend Workshop on Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11, at John Casabianca in Plymouth. Osmond, who runs an acting studio in Los Angeles, has 25 years of acting, writing, producing and directing experience. He recently completed writing and directing the film "The Penitent" starring Raul Julia and Armand Assante. For more information on times and availability call 455-0700 in Plymouth or 583-2097 in Troy.

### • AUTUMN ARTS

The First Congregational Church of Pontiac presents its third annual Autumn Arts Festival from Friday, Oct. 19, through Nov. 8. The festival opens with "Godspell" on Oct. 18. Johnson Marionettes presents "The Magic Sword" on Oct. 25. Today's Brass quartet performs musical selections spanning five centuries on Nov. 1, and the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is featured Nov. 8. All performances begin at 8 p.m. Series tickets for all four events are \$15. Single tickets are available. The church is at the corner of East Huron and Mill streets. Call 332-4260 for more information.

### • FORESTER SISTERS

The Forester Sisters, winners of the Academy of Country Music's "Best Vocal Group" award, appear at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Mt. Clemens on Saturday, Oct. 17. The four sisters from Lookout Mountain, Georgia, placed three singles at the top of the charts from their debut album. For ticket information call 286-2222.

### • DARK MYSTERY

"Walt Until Dark," a taut mystery thriller, opens at the Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak Friday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. Other Stagecraft weekend performances of the play continue through Saturday, Nov. 8. Most curtain times are 8 p.m. although there is a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee on Nov. 1. Tickets are \$7 and may be obtained by calling 541-6430.

### • PEKING PUPPETS

The Peking Puppet Theatre performs at the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. Tickets are \$5. There are additional performances at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, and 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Call 832-2731 for more information.

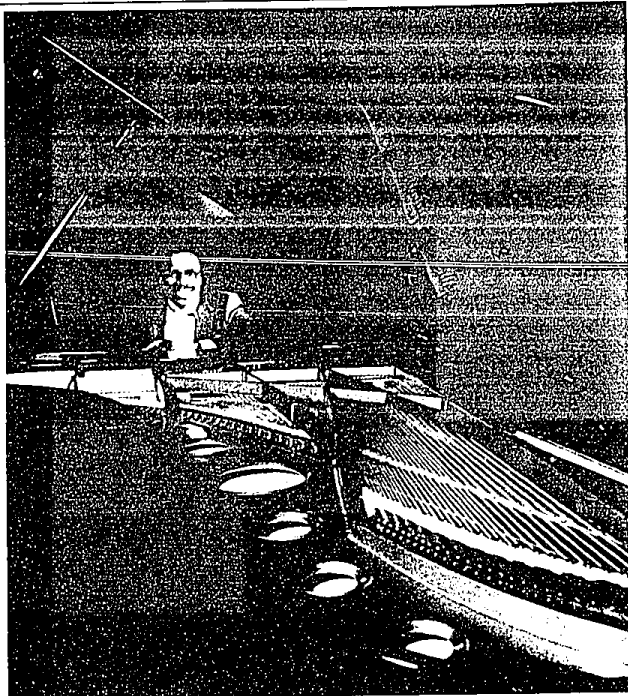
### • CONWAY PLAYS

Pianist Robert Conway is featured in the second of a three-part "20th-Century Retrospective" at the Detroit Institute of Arts at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

Tickets are \$8 and includes both the concert and a reception in the adjacent Kresge Court. Call the ticket office at 832-2730 for more information.

### • CHORUS CALL

Trappers Alley seeks choirs and choruses to participate in the third annual Christmas Choir competition in late November through December. Groups should select traditional Christmas music (no cappella) and will be judged on quality and selection of music. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$250. For more information, call John Percy or Diane DeForest at 563-5445.



James Tatum will be on keyboard when the James Tatum Trio Plus opens the 1987-88 Concerts-in-the-Garden series Sunday at the First Center Office Plaza in Southfield.

Brunch is at 11:30 a.m., the performance at noon. Tickets at \$8 include concert, brunch and reserved table seating. For more information, call 354-4717.

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