upcoming
things to do

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● THEATRES JOIN

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Actors Alliance will join the Music Hall family as the center's resident theater company. J. Ronald Wilson, executive director for Music Hall Center, and Jeffrey Nahan, artistic director for Actors Alliance Theatre, made the announcement jointly. This year's season at Music Hall will include the smash Tony Award winning musical "Ain't Misbehaving." Detroit's holiday favorite "Miracle on 34th Street" and the comedy "Cloud 9." For more information on the upcoming season, contact the Actors Alliance at 642-1326 or Music Hall Center at 963-7622.

● HIGHLANDS BANDS

The Band of Grenadier Guards and the Pipes and Drums of the Gordon Highlands will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Cobo Arena in Detroit. A company of 90, dressed in military garb, will march to the fanfare of trumpets, bagpipes and drums, displaying their regimental formations. In addition, they will perform traditional Highland dancing, stirring memories of special moments in English history. Tickets are available at the Joe Louis box office and all Ticketmaster locations and may be charged by phone by calling 423-6666.

● IRISH NOMENCLATURE

How Irish towns, lakes and mountains get their names, and how those names evolved into their present forms, will be the subject of a talk by Breandan O Ciobhain at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Hibernian Hall, 24242 Grand River, one block west of Telegraph, Detroit. Dr. O Ciobhain, who has been researching Irish place names for more than 25 years, will explain how names are woven into the language, folklore, literature and history of the Irish people. There will be time for discussion and light refreshment after the talk. A $3 donation is requested.

● KILLING GROUND

"Slow Dance on the Killing Ground," the critically acclaimed play by William Hanley, opens the fall performance season at 1515 Broadway theater in Detroit. The play runs through Nov. 22 with performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays. The worlds of three desperate characters collide in this play, throwing together a store owner trying to escape the horrors of Nazi Germany, a young black intellectual on the run and a Riverdale co-ed looking for an abortionist. 1515 Broadway is just north of the Broadway People Mover station. For more information, call 965-1515.

● BROADWAY CELEBRATION

Michigan Opera Theatre will present a special program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the the First Congregational Church of Detroit. The program, 'As Time Goes By," celebrates Broadway's greatness. The works of George and Ira Gershwin and Stephen Sondheim will be featured in this historical retrospective of Broadway from the 1920s to the present. Tickets at $2 are available from the church office. For further information, call 831-4080.

● SKATING AUDITIONS

Auditions for Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom on Ice starring Pinocchio will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 13, at Joe Louis Arena. The Disney extravaganza, featuring Olympic medalist Linda Fratianne, is playing in Detroit from Tuesday-Sunday, Nov. 10-15. Attractive young skaters with good skating skills are being sought to join the cast of the spectacular. Interested skaters must be at least 17 years old or high school graduates and able to travel. For more information call 567-6000.

Gaylord and Holiday, singing comedy team, will perform in two free shows, at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Somerset Mall in Troy.

● 'ALL MY SONS'

Western Michigan University Theatre will present Arthur Miller's award winning play, "All My Sons," from Thursday, Nov. 12, through Saturday, Nov. 21. An American classic, this play is the story of greed, power and love centered around a father's desire to provide security for his family. Included in the cast is Kate Murray of Livonia, a senior theater major at WMU. For more information, call (616) 383-6222.

● COMEDY CLUB

A weekly standup comedy show begins at 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at McGee's Irish Pub in Livonia. The first show will feature Downtown Tony Brown as the main act. Joe Allison of Plymouth, who will emcee, is booking the comedy each week. In subsequent weeks, Wednesday will be the comedy night. Tony Hayes is headliner Wednesday, Nov. 18, and Bill Thomas, Wednesday, Nov. 25. Cover charge is $4. For more information, call McGee's at 471-9181 or Joe Allison at 459-9158.

● CRITICAL LIBEL

"Whistler's Play"has joined the Hillberry Theatre's 25th anniversary season. The show runs in repertory with "King Lear" through Saturday, Dec. 19. It re-enacts the famous London trial of Europe's most prominent Victorian art critic, accused by American artist James Whistler of libel. For tickets and information on "Whistler's Play" and the entire 25th anniversary season, call the Wayne State University Theatre box office in Detroit at 577-2972.

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