

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Strimmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

TRINITY HOUSE

"T.H.T." something explosive? is the name of a new improv group at Trinity House Theatre. The nine-member group will perform in "An Evening of Improvisational Theatre" at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21, at the theater in Livonia. For tickets at \$5 call 464-6302. The improvisational workshop probably will remain in residence. Laura Niesen, directors, and emcee for the show, said there will be segments on the media, characters and slice of life, an original one-act, and rhythms and tones.

LARRY NOZERO

The Larry Nozero Quartet appears every Monday and Thursday night from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Captain's Cove in Westland. Dates for special guests are: Thursday, May 5 — Marcus Belgrave, trumpet; Thursday, May 12 — Jack Brokensha, vibraphonist, with Matt

Michael, piano; Monday, May 16 — Pat Richards, vocalist. Cover charge is \$3. For more information, phone 522-0150.

CIVIC CHORUS

The Livonia Civic Chorus, under the direction of Karen McDaniel, will sing and dance its way through a revue of Academy-Award songs at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 13-14 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

MUSICAL 'LORELEI'

The Players Guild of Dearborn will present the musical "Lorelei," Fridays-Sundays, May 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22, at the playhouse in Dearborn. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Leah Betts of Garden City is director/choreographer. Area residents in the cast include Kim Donovan of Canton as Lorelei, Tony Casarta of Garden City as Joseph and Dana Berry of Southfield as Simone. Tickets are \$8 reserved; \$9 at the door. For reservations or information, call 356-0951.

'GIRL CRAZY'

The Birmingham Theatre's final subscription production for 1987-88, the Gershwin jazz-age classic "Girl Crazy" starring Lorna Luft, will play a five-week engagement Tuesday, May 17, through Sunday, June 19. "Girl Crazy" features the syncopated jazz sound of George and the lyrics of Ira. "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "But Not for Me" and "Bidin' My Time" have become standards in the musical world. Previews are at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, May 17-19. Tickets at \$13 are available at the box office or charge by phone at 644-3533, and at all Ticketmaster outlets including Hudson's and AAA offices.



Lorna Luft stars in "Girl Crazy," opening Tuesday, May 17, at the Birmingham Theatre.

FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

The ninth annual Michigan Renaissance Festival is opening up its entertainer's workshops to the public. The workshops are free and will be held 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, May 5, 19, 26 and June 2, at Oakland University's Vanner Hall in Rochester Hills. OU's theater professor, T. Andrew Aston, will run the workshops. For registration or further information call Michael Short, entertainment director, at 645-9840, or write Michigan Renaissance Festival, 700 E. Maple, Birmingham 48011.

'TOM SAWYER'

First Theater Guild will present the musical version of Mark Twain's classic "Tom Sawyer" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, in Knox Auditorium, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Other performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21. In addition, there will be a special performance for

senior citizens at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Tickets at \$4 for adults and \$3 for students may be purchased at the door or by phoning 855-9032 or 540-6943 daytimes.

DINNER, DANCING

Smith Theatre of Oakland Community College presents the Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra performing an evening of nostalgia, dancing and entertainment featuring the popular music of the '20s and early '30s. The dinner/dance will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in Tirrell Hall on The Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Call the Smith Theatre at 471-7700 for tickets or further information.

MUSICAL COMEDY

The Jewish Community Center and Nancy Gurwin Productions will open the Jo Swerling, Abe Burrows and Frank Loesser musical "Guys and Dolls" at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the center in West Bloomfield. Other performances will be at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12; 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18. Tickets are \$8.50 general admission, \$8 senior citizens, and \$5 children. For reservations call 661-1000, or for ticket information and reservations call 354-0545.

READERS THEATER

Final performance of the Spring Series of Readers Theater will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in the DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. A complimentary pre-theater wine bar will begin at 3:15 p.m. The program is under the sponsorship of the Institute for Retired Professionals at the Jewish Community Center and supported by an endowment from the Irwin and Sadie Cohn Fund. Tickets are available at the door beginning at 3:15 p.m., or call Readers Theater at 967-0420.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

Sharon, Lois & Bram and Sesame



Nancy Gurwin of Southfield and Ed Guest III of Birmingham center as Adelaide and Nathan Detroit in the musical "Guys and Dolls," beginning Saturday, May 7, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

Street's Bob McGrath headline Meadow Brook Music Festival's Saturday concerts for children this summer. Kicking off the four-performance Hudson's Children's Concert Se-

ries at the outdoor pavilion Saturday, June 18, will be Canadian singers Sharon, Lois & Bram. Pavi-

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