

## 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: Ebel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

### • AUDITIONS OPEN

The Jewish Community Center, with Nancy Gurwin Productions, announces open auditions for the upcoming Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof," which opens Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre at the center in West Bloomfield. Auditions for singers, dancer and actors will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Aug. 14-15. Needed are children: girls, 8-11, and boys, 12-14; three girls, 17-25, and adults, 35 and up. For more information and audition appointments call Gurwin at 352-2797 or 354-0546 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

### • THEATER INSTITUTE

Nancy Gurwin will open a new Saturday Young People's Theatre Program, beginning in September at her home in Southfield. The Nancy Gurwin Theatre Institute will offer an eight-week session including preparation techniques for theater auditions, musical stage movements, and working on scenes and musical numbers. Culmination of the eight-week session will be the presentation of an entire scene with music. For more information call 354-0546 or 352-2797.

### • MIDWESTERN MEMORIES

Final performance of a original

musical, "Midwestern Memories," will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. The historical musical is by James "Jamie" Mason, facilities manager in the Fine Arts/Communication Arts and Technology Department at OCC. For ticket information call 471-7700.

### • MEADOW BROOK

Bobby Vinton sings at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, in Baldwin Pavilion at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Honny Youngman opens the show. Ray Charles and the Smothers Brothers share the bill at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. Jean-Luc Ponty, with special guest Yellowjackets, appears at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, and Gordon Lightfoot performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. For ticket information call the box office at 377-2010.

### • 'PATENT LEATHER'

The Marquis Theatre in Northville has returned the musical comedy hit "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" The return of this show is due to the sell-out crowds throughout its run in April and May. Headlining the cast are Brian Schulz of Warren and Chris Wehrli of Southfield. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays, Aug. 12, 19, 26 and Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 13, 20, 27 and Sept. 3, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. For ticket information call 349-8110 or 349-0868.

### • BATES STREET

The Sun Messengers, an 11-piece

band from the Detroit area, will play at Bates Street Night Out from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Community House in Birmingham. Bates Street Night Out is held once a month for singles and couples. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the Community House, 644-5832. Cost is \$5. Wine, beer and liquor is available as well as simple snack foods.

### • RAG-JAM

Jam Rag Press and St. Andrew's Hall will sponsor a special benefit concert to aid war veterans in the Detroit area. RAG-JAM '88 will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. Featured bands are Sweet Tease, Ugly But Proud, Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, Rated R and R.A.P. Special guest is Wes Beech of the Plasmatics, who will perform two songs with Ugly But Proud. Other performers will be announced soon. Tickets for the show are \$5 in advance (available through the Jam Rag office, 542-8990) and at the door for \$6.

### • ROMANTIC COMEDY

Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will open its '88-'89 season with the romantic comedy, "The Owl and the Pussycat." Performances of the hit Broadway play by Bill Manfrot will be at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 19 through Sept. 24. Directed by Bill Moore, "The Owl and the Pussycat" stars Gary Steward-Jones as Felix Sherman and Elaine Kaiser as Doris Wilgus. Steward-Jones, who lives in Birmingham, is the new artistic director of the DCPA. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students. Season tickets, group rates and dinner-theater packages are available by calling 961-7825.

### • COOL NOTES

The Sheraton Oaks Novi Summer Concert Series, called "Cool Notes," is presented at 8 p.m. Wednesdays will feature the following dates: Aug. 17, Dennis Tini Quintet; Aug. 24, Steve King and the Ditties; Aug. 31, Alexander Zovkiev Sept. 7, the Larados; Sept. 14, Separate Checks. For more information call 348-5000.

### • FESTIVAL PREVIEW

The ninth annual Michigan Renaissance Festival entertainers and craftsmen will bring their 16th century antics to Detroit's New Cen-



Gary Steward-Jones stars in "The Owl and the Pussycat" opening Friday, Aug. 19, at the Detroit Center for the Performing Arts.

ter Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. Festivities begin with a procession of Renaissance royalty, musicians, maidens and knights, parading through the General Motors Building, New Center One and the Fisher Building and ending at New Center Park for a luncheon preview of the Michigan Renaissance Festival, which opens Saturday, Aug. 13, in Holly. Festival tickets will be on sale at the park for a discount of the gate price. The festival runs from Aug. 13 to Sept. 25 on Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day Monday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information contact the festival office in Birmingham at 645-9640 Mondays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### • 'FURRY TALES'

Garfield, the favorite lasagna-loving feline of book, television and comic strip fame, is getting ready to pussfoot into Oakland Mall's Center Court, in Troy. "Garfield Furry Tales" will be performed in free shows at the mall Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13, at 11 a.m., 2, 4 and 7 p.m. both days.

### • NEW MEMBERS

Ridgedale Players' annual New Members Party will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at the playhouse in Troy. The free, pot-luck-style get-together is open to people interested in community theater as an actor, set designer, costume, signer, dancer, prop master, administrator or patron. For more information call Dawn Hopper at 288-0799.

### • LAUGH ACADEMY

Mark Ridley's second session of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Laugh Academy classes is scheduled to begin Saturday, Aug. 13, and Monday, Aug. 15. Registration is being taken at the Berkley Comedy Castle. Two sessions of the 10-week, 30-clock-hour Novice-Level class will be offered starting Saturday. The first intermediate level class, on improvisational comedy technique for stand-up comedians, also will begin Saturday. Fee at registration is \$150. For further information, call Jonathan Hound at 543-8485.

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### • '50S BAND

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### • AT MARIO'S

Entertainment at Mario's in Detroit features Sharon Williams Trio, at 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through August. The group performs Broadway tunes in its own jazzy style. Mario's, which has just finished redecorating and renovation, is in its 40th year in business.

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## table talk

### German wine

Representatives from German estate wineries will participate in a "German Wine Tasting" 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Charley's Crab in Troy. The tasting will be held in the main dining room, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$15 at the door and may be used for a \$15 discount on dinner that evening. For reservations, call 879-2060.

### Seafood buffet

A Friday Night Seafood Buffet with both shellfish and exotic versions of finny fish is priced at \$18.95 at the Atrium Cafe in Troy's Guest Quarters Suite Hotel. The all-you-can-eat buffet is offered every Friday 6-10 p.m. The menu rotates weekly. Children under 12 dine for half price. For further information and reservations, call 879-7500.

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