

upcoming things to do

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as Johnson, a student of Marcel Marceau. On Saturday, Oct. 15, the series continues with "Pippin." Puppets "Critic Capers" starring Robert Pineau. Willy, the Wacky Wizard — Doug Scheer's illusions especially for kids — is featured at a special Christmas show Saturday, Dec. 17. The concerts are geared for children ages 4-10. Tickets are \$2 per person season tickets 4 for \$7. For further information, call Cultural Arts, 354 4717.

DIRECTORS WANTED

Novi Players is looking for directors for its 1988-89 season. The first show director's position already has been filled. However, the rest of the

season is still open. Plays and dates are as follows: "Bus Stop" by William Inge, auditions Jan. 2, 4; show dates March 3, 4, 10, 11; "Ten Little Indians" by Agatha Christie, auditions March 6, 8; show dates May 12, 13, 19-20. The position of director is a paid position, honorarium plus box office percentage. All auditions, rehearsals and performances are held at the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Laurie Smalls at 478-2099.

AUDITIONS OPEN

First Theatre Guild announces auditions for its November production of "The King and I." Auditions will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, and Thursday, Sept. 15, in Knott Auditorium of the First Presbyterian

Church in Birmingham. The play will be directed by Barbara Gowans with Ellen Sherwood as co-musica director and Alice Ellis Hall as choreographer. People interested in auditioning should come prepared to sing, dance and/or read. For further information, contact Barbara Gowans at 647-0052.

CIRCUS TIME

Circus stars from around the globe perform displays of acrobatics, aerial artistry and animal expertise in the 117th edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, appearing at Joe Louis Arena, Tuesday-Sunday, Oct. 4-9, in its only area appearance. Featured this year is King Tusk, the 15,000-pound crown jewel of India whose tusks each measure more than 6½ feet in

length and more than a foot in diameter.

Returning for another performance is Gunther Gebel-Williams, animal trainer who has spent nearly his entire life among snarling tigers, at the foot of five-ton elephants and surrounded by thundering herds of Liberty horses. Tickets, priced at \$10.50, \$9.50, \$8 and \$6.50, are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, including AAA and Hudson's. VIP seating is also available by calling 423-6666. Children under 12 receive a \$1 discount at select performances. To charge tickets by phone, call 423-6666.

BALLOON FESTIVAL

Four area residents are participating in the Channel 2 Great Balloon Festival on Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11, at Huron Meadows Recreational Area. They are Carl Bittling-

ham of Rochester, Dan Clark of Troy, Scott Lorenz of Plymouth and Jim Wiley of Rochester Hills. Admission to the festival is \$10 per carload Friday and \$8 per adult, \$4 per child under 12, with children under 5 free, Saturday-Sunday. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

FOR TREKKIES

A two-hour Star Trek Fest maneuvers into sensor range at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10, in Room 138 at the C.A.B. auditorium, University of Michigan, Dearborn. The two-hour "Trek-a-Thon" features rare bloopers and outtakes from the original series and second television pilot, a 10-minute background look at the making of Star Trek IV: "The Voyage Home," an animated episode, a three-season retrospective, plus an official Star Trek trivia quiz. Tickets are \$4 UM-

D/\$5 general admission. Call 893-5000.

ROMANTIC COMEDY

The Players Guild of Dearborn will present the romantic comedy "Same Time, Next Year" Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, 23-25. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday. Tickets are \$6; \$7 at the door. For reservations or information, call 558-0951.

THE WIZ

The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will hold open auditions for its holiday production of "The Wiz" at four locations: 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Detroit Underground Jazz Supper Club under Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at

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