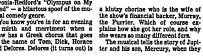
Greeks' word for it: hilarious

When a cast is having great fun on stage, it's amazing how laughter becomes contagious as the alliliness virus sweeps through the audience like an avalanche down the Swiss Alpa. And so it is with the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's "Olympus on My Mind" — a hisrious spoof of the misical comedy genre.

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flourishes. Then her husband, Anphitryon, returns home after defeaing the Sparians. Alcmee discovers
her gift belt is inscribed with a ""
instead of "A" and realizes she ha
mistaken her busband for another

There is mass confusion — ard jealousy. Poor Jupiter discovers that being a god isn't all it's cracked up to be. The spurned lover cannot eve commit suicide — he's immorta.

JOE DIEDERICH is outstanding as Jupiter. His rich, full baritom voice, deft comic touch and roguin looks are a treat to the eyes an

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Sandy Martin is stately and charming as Alcmene, the slightly perplexed wife who know how to handle a man. And Clara Burris is too much for words as Scale's wife, Charls — especially in her showstopping ounder, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Lord."

Mary Seldon-Schmidt is delightful as the high-energy, low-talent De-lores. It's not easy to sing and dance badly (on purpose) and do it with style.

AND KUDOS to the rest of the chorus, Bruce Gellasch, Roger Loeb and director Jim Posante (filling in at the last moment), for maintaining a high level of campiness and come-

The set is well done, as is lighting and Judy Pierson's many Greek costumes. Dill Murrell's orchestra is in fine tune except, of course, when contributing bizarre special effects.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a free-lance writer who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.





Charles Sutherland is Sosia and Clara Burris is Charls in the musical spoof "Olympus on My Mind," presented by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

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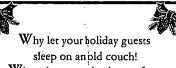
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