

upcoming things to do

● CAUCUS CLUB
 Phil Marcus Esser first played Detroit's Caucus Club on a one-night stand in 1964. He was a 19-year-old folk singer from Omaha, stopping off for a brief visit after leaving the Air Force. Esser stayed in the Detroit area, becoming one of the metropolitan area's most popular talents. Now, 25 years later, he has returned to the Caucus Club, entertaining Wednesday-Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. For reservations or information call 965-4970.

● MICHIGAN THEATER
 For the first time since their jazz together in the early 1940s, jazz vocalist Billy Eckstine and Dizzy Gillespie are rededicated in honor of their

friend and colleague, Count Basie, in "Dizzy and Mr. B Salute the Count." Along with the Count Basie Orchestra, the two performers will appear at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets at \$18.50 for the general public and \$16.50 for Michigan Theatre members are available at the box office. To order tickets by phone call 668-8397.

● 'WINTER'S TALE'
 Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University presents one of Shakespeare's late romances, "The Winter's Tale," opening at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, following previews Thursday, Nov. 30, and Friday, Dec. 1. "The Winter's Tale" runs in repertory through Feb. 17. For ticket information and reservations call the Hilberry Theatre box office at 577-2972 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Season subscription discounts are still available.

● ROSEDALE PLAYERS
 Rosedale Community Players will present "Androcles and the Lion," a play for adults and children, adapted by Aurand Harris, at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 2-3, 9-10. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. For further information call the Upstage at 532-4010 anytime.

● 'SNOOPY'S WORLD'
 "Snoopy's World of Magic" — the live stage spectacular starring cartoonist Charles Schulz's classic canine, Snoopy, and featuring all the Peanuts gang — is coming to the Palace of Auburn Hills for an eight-show engagement Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 13-17. Tickets at \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 (reserved) may be purchased at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster locations, including Hudson's, Harmony House and Great Stuff! Tickets also may be charged by calling 645-6666.

● MARATHON BENEFIT
 Detroit's jazz community will stage a marathon benefit for the environmental group, Greenpeace, from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The show will be at Alvin's in Detroit, hosted by Earth Network. Admission is \$10. More than 20 Detroit jazz musicians will perform in the second annual Jazz for Greenpeace, including trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, violinist Regina Carter, Wendell Harrison, Ursula Walker and Buddy Busdon. A Greenpeace gift show will be available. For more information call Alvin's at 832-2355.

● DETROIT YOUTHEATRE
 The Performing Arts Department at the Detroit Institute of Arts will present a number of holiday activities for the family. The December lineup of the theater's Saturday performances includes "The Secret Garden" (Dec. 2), a musical adapted from the classic children's book by Frances Hodgson Burnett; "Santa's Christmas Party" (Dec. 9), a puppet show featuring three Christmas stories; "Tom Chapin's Holiday Wish" (Dec. 16), performing holiday and folk tunes; and "A Holly Folly

Christmas" (Dec. 23), in which Ken Schultz plays an adorable elf who gives a variety-packed performance. These shows are for children 3 years and older, except for "The Secret Garden" (must be 5 years old). Tickets are \$4 each and showtimes are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DIA Auditorium.

From Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 26-30, the theater's Business Street Play-ers brings to the stage its musical version of "The Wizard of Oz." Children must be 5 years or older to attend, and all seats are \$5 each. For ticket information call 833-2323.

● CIVIC THEATER
 Ann Arbor Civic Theatre concludes its 60th Diamond Anniversary Season with James Goldman's Christmastime classic "The Lion in Winter." Director Ted Housel and his cast will present the play at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 13-16, and 2 p.m. Dec. 16, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre. Tickets are available by calling the theater at 663-7252 weekdays between 1-4 p.m., beginning Monday, Nov. 27. As of

Monday, Dec. 11, the week of the performance, tickets are available at the Mendelssohn box office from noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 11-12, and from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 13-16. Tickets range from \$9-\$12, with special senior citizen, youth, student and group prices available. Ticket purchases by phone are available at 763-TKTS seven days each week.

● HOLIDAY SHOW
 Peanut Butter Players of Lathrup Village, professional children's luncheon theater, will present an original musical entitled "Miracles" (sponsored by Velvet Peanut Butter, Crowley's and the New Center One Council) at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-Nov. 25, and Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23, in the Atrium of the New Center One Building in Detroit. There is no admission charge and reservations are not required. The 50-minute revue was written by Jo Anne Lemun, producer-director of the group. Original music is by C.J. Nodus and Joe Gamache.

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