

upcoming things to do



Ron Richardson stars in "Oh, Kay!" coming to the Birmingham Theatre.

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 Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eventer, 35251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

● GERSHWIN MUSICAL

The George and Ira Gershwin 1926 musical "Oh, Kay!" opens a five-week engagement Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Birmingham Theatre. Tony-award-winner Ron Richardson heads the cast in the theater's production, coproduced with the Goodspeed Theatre. Performances continue through Feb. 4. For ticket information call the box office at 644-3533.

● 'MISTER SCROOGE'

Avon Players Youth Theater will present the musical "Mister Scrooge" through Saturday, Dec. 10, at the theater in Rochester Hills.

Tickets are still available for performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 7-8, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Tickets are all sold out for Dec. 10. For more information call 731-3359.

● FOLKTOWN FOLK-FEST

The Folktown Caffehouse of Southfield ends its 10th season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Southfield Civic Center. That is the night of the first Folktown Folk-fest featuring three acts: Matt Watroba, Robert Jones and Mike Agronoff. Watroba and Jones are hosts of WDET's folk show "Folks Like Us" and blues show "Blues from the Lowlands" respectively. Both are singers and guitarists. Admission is \$9. Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

● 'THE FANTASTICKS'

The long-running Broadway musical "The Fantasticks" will be the opening show of the newly established Southfield Performing Arts Center at the Days Hotel in Southfield. A Broadway musical series will run at 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, beginning Dec. 8-9 and continuing through March 31. For more information and reservations call 557-4800, ext. 2242.

● CHILDREN'S SHOWS

Live performances for children will be presented Saturdays, Dec. 9 and 16 at Somerset Mall in Troy. The shows have music and storytelling, song and dance, mime and drama and audience participation. Show dates are Dec. 9, 1 and 3 p.m. "Double Fantasy" with the Actors Alliance Theatre, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. Jerry

Jacoby, offering songs and stories, with Elmer the Chicken Puppet.

● MALL CONCERTS

A Sunday Concert Series is being offered from 2-4 p.m. in the Center Court at Somerset Mall in Troy. Dates are Dec. 10, Beethoven String Quartet; Dec. 17, Orla Sanders (harp and vocals). Concerts are open to the public without charge. Throughout December, local school and church choirs have been invited to share the music of the season in daily concerts. Three concerts have been scheduled Monday-Friday.

● BAND CONCERT

The Farmington Community Band

opens the holiday season with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Harrison High School Auditorium. Favorite Christmas songs will be featured. William Pace, guest baritone soloist from Dayton, Ohio, will add to the Christmas theme with several holiday classics. He also will lead an audience sing-along.

● 'CHRISTMAS MEMORIES'

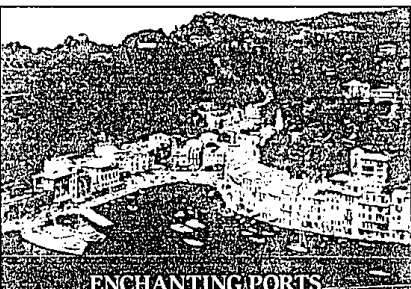
The nostalgia of "Christmas Memories at Meadow Brook Hall" is featured through Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Guests' favorite holiday remembrances blend with those

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