

Hoopsnakes rock the blues

Wherever you go, there's the blues. Even in the home of Prince, Husker Du and the Replacements. Rest assured, blond-haired guys named Olaf bemoaning unrequited love with some Swedish babe are not

from which the Minneapolis blues are made. Bruce McCabe and the Hoopsnakes are seeing to that, performing a rollicking brand of road-house rockin' blues. "There's always been the blues



The Hoopsnakes perform Thursday-Friday at Sully's in Dearborn and Saturday at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor.

since the hippie days," said piano player and singer McCabe, who moved to Minneapolis from Clinton, Iowa, in the mid-'70s. "At least since I moved here."

The Hoopsnakes have been together since 1985, forming initially as a part-time project. Guitarist Charlie Bingham, drummer Jim Novak, bassist Mick Massol and McCabe decided to take things a bit further, releasing a pair of LPs including their latest "Jump in & Hang On" produced by E-Street Band member Garry Tallent.

ALL FOUR MEMBERS performed for 10 years with another well-known Minneapolis outfit, Lamont Cranston Band. The Lamont Cranston conglomerate recorded six albums for RCA.

"We did a lot of traveling around the country in a Greyhound bus," McCabe said. "It was a lot of fun." More than anything, though, the experience has made the Hoopsnakes even more a tight-knit outfit. Members of the band have been together for 15 years, racking up critical acclaim along the way.

McCabe won "Best Keyboards" in 1982 and 1984 Minnesota Music Awards while Bingham garnered "Best Guitar" honors in 1982, '83, '85, '88 and '89. Aside from accolades, the band is almost like a family.

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"We've been through a lot together," McCabe said. "You get a lot of extra radar going on. I can tell when the drummer is going to hit the cymbal even before he hits it."

AN OUTSIDER would seem to have a hard time infiltrating such a fraternity. Tallent, though, was a welcomed addition. The E-Street Band member used his talents to make "Jump in & Hang On" on crackling blues album.

"I sent a demo I just made in the kitchen on a tape recorder using an acoustic guitar," McCabe said. "By the time he was finished, there were horns and trumpets on the song. He took it a long way."

Hoopsnakes perform Thursday-Friday, April 4-5, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, Dearborn. For information, call 846-1920. The band also performs Saturday, April 6, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

Schoolcraft comedy could be more zany

Performances of the Schoolcraft College production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" continue through Saturday, April 6, at the Liberal Arts Auditorium on campus in Livonia. For ticket information, call the college bookstore at 462-4409.

By Bob Weibel
special writer

The loveable old ladies are at it again in Schoolcraft College's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." The "it" of course (on the odd chance you don't know the show) refers to giving poisoned wine to elderly gentlemen, then burying their bodies in the cellar.

As has been the case for 50 years on stages around the world, this latest cast has great fun with Joseph Kesselring's classic comedy.

The actors need to stretch and take more chances with their characters, however. Schoolcraft's cast has the beginnings of some interesting eccentricities.

Speaking of effects, director James Hartman's Victorian setting is excellent. And the Scott Joplin music establishes just the right mood for a mirthful evening of making fun of murder.

JEANNE BAGERIS and Faye Driscoll are perfectly charming as the seemingly innocent but deadly

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Brewster sisters. A little more senility or daffiness, would make them even more believable as two ladies who have poisoned 12 old men and performed church services to assure they would have proper Christian burials.

Jim McKendrick, in his first role at Schoolcraft, shows a nice stage presence as their idiot nephew Teddy (who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt).

Rob Rehn plays the relatively sane nephew, Mortimer, in a more frantic manner than usual. It tends to overshadow his truly frenzied moments (like when he discovers bodies in the window seat — and that his aunts are the culprits).

John Schultz is quite sinister as Jonathan Brewster. He is the black sheep of the family and has returned home to hide out after killing 12 men of his own. With a bit more tension and energy to his speech and mannerisms, his Jonathan would be exceptional.

Sean Sullivan almost steals the evening as his weird sidekick, Dr. Einstein, an alcoholic plastic surgeon. His German accent is right on, and he has a nice sense of comic timing.

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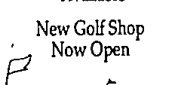
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