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'It's Only a Play' but it's still fun

Performances of the Theatre Gylld production of "It's Only a Plaj" continue through Saturday, May 4, at the Theatre Gylld play-house in Redford. For ticket in-formation call the box office at 538-5578.

Making fun of yourself is always, ell, great fun. And that's just what well, great fun. And that's just what the Theatre Gulld is having with its season finale, "It's Only a Play," di-rected by Walter Mark Hill.

Playwright Terrence McNally also enjoys spoofing the conflicts and personalities of the theater. He fondly skewers assorted actors, critics, authors, producers, directors and would-be's in his scathingly satirical look at the New York theater world.

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The setting (tastefully executed by
the guild's Rebecca Smith in pastes
to lune, cream and salmon) is the
bedroom suite of an elegant East
side townhouse. Downstarts, a gata
opening night theater party is under
way. At least that's what we're told.
One of the few things missing from
this otherwise generally fine production is background sound effects of
the party. the party.

A parade of skitterish theatrical types make their way into the bed-room. They are, we learn, awaiting the reviews of their new show, "The Golden Egg." A few key critics, es-pecially Frank Rich of the New York Times, can literally make or break most Per-Times, can literally make or break most Broadway productions.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, the resulting insecurities bring out the worst (and funniest) in our assembled theatrical

company. They think the show is a hit — white the rest of the world considers it a turkey (a butterball no less)

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Howard Egan is in rare form as a valu, over-the-hill, Jealois actor who turned down the lead for a failing TV series — with lines like "He had all of my mannerisms and none of my warmth." David Podulka plays his friend and grieving author who can't cope with rejection to perfection.

Sandy Martin is very much a home in the role of a wealthy producer who doesn't have a clue about theater or why the show failed but can't wait to put up money for the eart one.

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Virginia Noyes energizes the stage as a flaky actress with a bag of controlled substances and an uncontrollable explicit mouth.

Joe Haynes creates an interesting slothy sarcasm for his role as a caustic critic. Charles Vanifosces is delightful as the "boy genius" director and sometime kelptomaniae who gets his wish for a bad review.

RICK FREDRICK appears as a walter for the evening who is really an aspiring actor recedy to audition at a moment's notice, and Clara Burtls is a New York cabbie, always ready to give advice — including theatrical.

"In" jokes and obscure theatrical references create a few flat spots. For the avid theatergoer, however, "It's Only a Play" is great fun and a hilarious way to end a season devoid to looking at the artist through the theatrical experience.

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

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things to do

• 'BROADWAY LULLABY'
Nancy Gurwin and Company will
present its fouring musical revue
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e HOT NOTES
Farmington Community Chorus
presents its 11th annual spring concert "Hit Me with a Hot Note" at 8
pm. Priday-Stautrday, May 10-11, at
Parmington High School. For two
high school of the big
Bradway for a salue to America
great songwriters. Dr. Harry M.
Langsford, former director of the
Wayne State University Men's Ciec
Club and Chamber Singers, will be
guest conductor for the chorus presentation of Randall Thompson's
"Choose Something Like a Star." The
70 voices of the Farmington Community Chorus are under the direction of Steve SoGraves, with accompaniment by Suan Garr. Tickets are
\$5 for adults, \$4, senior cilitzens and
students. Children 10 and under are
admitted free. Tickets also are
admitted free. Ti

ELEGANT AUTOS

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More than 200 historical automobiles will parade onto the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester Hills on Sunday, Aug. 4, for the 13th annual Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook. All proceeds support the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall. Hours for the event are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is 310 for adults and \$5 for children. Admission to Historic Auto Races at nearby Waterford Hills Road Course is free on Friday and \$10 on Saturday-Sunday, Children under 12 are admitted free.

• IN RECITAL

IN HECITAL Alexander Zonjie, flutist, and Gary Schunk, pianist, will appear in a free concert 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at Somerset Mall in Troy, Performing works include those by Bach, Mozart, Poulene, James and Chick Corea.

• IT'S MAGIC

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David Copperfield presents illusions in his 1991 tour "Magic for the Niseties" Thursday-Sunday, May 9-12, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$22.50, \$20 and \$17.50 are on safe at the Fox Theatre box office, Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticktmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 645-6666.



The St. Bede Players production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "lolanthe" features Lois Williams of Birmingham (left), Rita Walczyk of Southfield, George Bloomfield of Southfield as the Lord

Chancellor and Vicky Maurer of Birmingham as Fleta. Performances begin Saturday, May 4, and run through Saturday, May 11. For ticket information call 557-8527 or 557-7245.

the 30s. Dr. Paul Silverman and Amy Lowell will perform theater readings. Matt Michaels, director of the Jazz Studies Program at Wayne State University, will interpret the area's music. Silverman and Walter Bothwell will present readings and discuss literary works of the time. Gloria Kahn will present and discuss many of the artists who survived the Great Depression, later to become geniuses of 20th century American art. The four sessions will be held at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the Burgh Sile Church. Profest \$22 for the entire series. For more information call \$54-4717.

AGATHA CHRISTIE
Agatha Christies "Ten Little Indians" will be presented May 9-11, 17-18 at the Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.
Cast members include Khal Hanna, who plays McKenzie. Tickets at \$7 and \$5 are available by calling the theater at 417-700 or at the box office prior to the performance.

MUSICAL COMEDY
Interpreters for the hearing impaired will be provided at the Friday. May 17, performance of the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of the missical comedy Once Upon a of the missical comedy Once Upon a term of the Comedity of the Comedity of the Missical Comedity Once Upon a term of the Comedity of the November 18, per 18, pe

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Dinner theater

DINNEY INEALEY
Centitt's Hole in the Wall restaurant in Northville will present two
performances of "Verdel Opera Dinner Theatre" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday,
May 16 and June 20. All a rias will be
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