

Entertainment



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Classic cartoons

'Bugs Bunny on Broadway' comes to Meadow Brook

By Keely Wygonik
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Wabbit fans of all ages are hoping to see "Bugs Bunny on Broadway," a collection of Warner Brothers cartoons projected on a giant screen, accompanied by the 50-piece Warner Brothers Orchestra.

The show is making just one stop in Michigan, 8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 5, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

"It's been playing to packed houses, and 85 percent of the people in the audience are grown-ups," said Sylvia Coughlin Porter, Meadow Brook Music Festival spokeswoman.

"When it debuted in San Diego, many turned up in tuxes with cotton-tails and carrot corsages."



George Daugherty

GEORGE DAUGHERTY, the 35-year-old composer who created "Bugs Bunny on Broadway," will conduct the orchestra in a program that features Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd, and Porky Pig in nine 24-carrot gems of animation that have been totally restored. The orchestra will supply the music for the cartoons. Bugs and his pals will provide the lyrics and spoken dialogue.

"Some of these cartoons haven't been seen for over 40 years," said Porter.

The lineup includes these classics from the 1940s and 1950s: "Bun-Bun," "What's Up, Doc?," "High Note," "The Rabbit of Seville," "This is a Life?," "A Corny Concerto," "Rhapsody Rabbit," "Long-Haired Hare," and "What's Opera, Doc?"

Daugherty, a lifelong Bugsian, has done animation scoring for Warner Bros. and won a gold medal at the New York Film and Television Festival.

In order to create 'Bugs Bunny on Broadway,' music and sound effects were stripped from the original soundtracks, leaving only the voice tracks.

"In many cases, we had to transcribe by ear -- note by note, instrument by instrument. We also had to wade through sound effects and dialogue," said Daugherty.

In the case of "What's Opera Doc?" there were tremendous amounts of thunder and lightning, and tons of sound effects they had to listen to get to the music.

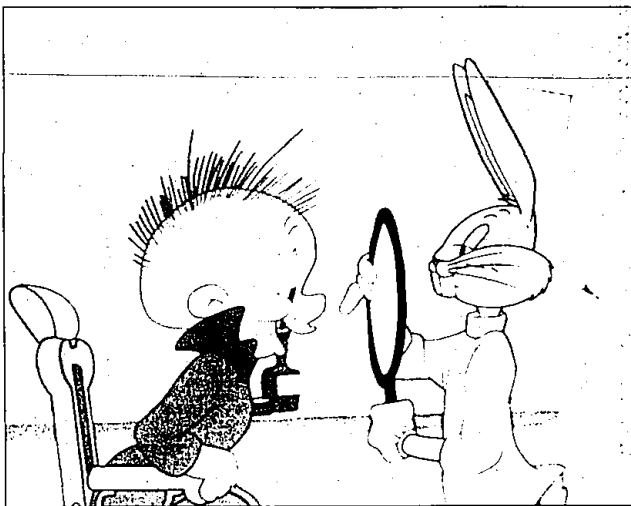
"We would get it into full score form and listen to it over and over to pick out any inaccuracies. We spent months in this process. Then we tested it for accuracy," said Daugherty.

Synchronizing the live music to the animation is accomplished through the click tracks, a sophisticated metronome created by Bugs Bunny cartoon composer Carl Stallone.

The program features music created by Stallone and Milt Franklyn from classical works by Wagner, Strauss and Tchaikovsky.

Musicians wear headphones and listen to clicks to keep them on the beat, and to prepare for tempo changes, meter changes, and new sections.

Plan to visit the exhibit of authentic production cels, the colorful paintings on clear plastic sheets that



Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny in a scene from the animation classic "Rabbit of Seville."

were used to make original Bugs Bunny cartoons. The cels were acquired by Gallery Lantzberg of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and will be on display in a tent on the festival grounds. Gallery Lantzberg is the largest animation art gallery in the country, said Porter.

To create the cels, pencil drawings generated by animation artists are transferred to the plastic sheets which are then painted, laid over a background and photographed in sequence to create the illusion of movement.

It takes as many as 24 different

cels to make one second of film. Tickets for "Bugs Bunny on Broadway" are \$22.50, \$22, and \$12.50. Call 377-2010 for information. Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds open at 6 p.m. with entrances on Walton Boulevard and Adams Road.

New entertainment editor at the helm

Keely Wygonik, who brings seven years of community newspaper experience, is the new Taste/Entertainment editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, assistant managing editor Bob Sklar announced last week.

Wygonik, an O&E copy editor since mid-1989, succeeds Ethel Simmons, a newspaperwoman for 29 years. Simmons started this week as suburban life editor of the O&E's Birmingham-Bloomfield edition.

With the O&E, Wygonik has been a copy editor, overseen the new computerized library, written feature stories and served on redesign and special section committees.

Keely Wygonik

She's also a musician, playing clarinet with the Heritage Concert Band. The 32-member band performs throughout the Detroit area. "I not only enjoy music but also participating in the community," Wygonik said.

"I'm delighted to see Keely at the helm of our Entertainment and Taste sections," Sklar said. "She's outgoing, upbeat, hard working, full of fresh ideas and sensitive to what readers think."

Before joining the O&E, Wygonik was a reporter and later administrative editor for The Citizen in Hamtramck. She has won many professional awards for her writing and editing.

table talk

News about area restaurants is included in a new column. Send information to be considered for publication to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 3021 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Tavern on 13

Twenty-six beers are on tap at Tavern on 13, 1700 W. 13 Mile Road, which opened July 29. Owner Matthew Prentice challenges anyone to dispute his wait staff's dedication to customers. Midwestern favorites at reasonable prices are the theme of Prentice's entries. The menu includes savory grilled chicken with fruity apple-cherry chutney, baby back ribs glazed with a honey-karrie barbecue sauce, and fish and chips.

with golden Lake Superior whitefish, and crispy seasoned fries. Tavern on 13 also offers a wide variety of out-of-the-ordinary appetizers. Special daily entries will show chef John Arnold's flair for the unique. Arnold was formerly the sous chef at Sebastian's. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight, kitchen closes 11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; kitchen closes at midnight; and Sunday, 3-9 p.m. Call 647-7747 for information.

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