

Community bands welcome new members

Dust off your instrument and join the band. There are lots of community bands and orchestras in the area. "There's something for everyone," said Paul Barber, conductor of the Farmington Community Band.

"Community bands are alive and healthy. There's some group meeting every night."

Even if you haven't played your instrument since graduating from high school or college, chances are you'll find harmony with other people who enjoy music.

Some area bands and orchestras admit new members by audition only. For others all you have to do is show up for practice.

"The majority of our members played in college bands and orchestras," said John Gajek, director of the Redford Civic Symphony. "Some have played their instruments in many years. They come to practice and get better."

The Redford Symphony has a rehearsal scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Stuckey School, 25000 Fargo, Redford. For more information, call Gajek, 538-1652.

Heritage Concert Band welcomes musicians from the area of metropolitan Detroit area. Practices are 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. For more information, call Steve Woloson, 828-8047.

The Farmington Community Band has a rehearsal scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

"The band is open to any adult without audition," said Barber. "We're starting our 26th season."

For more information, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.

You can see the Birmingham Concert Band at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Michigan State Fair at the Grove. The band rehearses Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 4. No audition is needed. For more information call

David Falvey, 352-3303, during business hours or 646-5186, 5-6 p.m. The band is conducted by Grant Hoemke.

Livonia's Symphony is in need of string players. To arrange an audition, call conductor Francesco Dibiasi, 522-7846.

The Rochester Symphony is holding open membership auditions for any qualified and interested musicians tonight at Adams High School. For information call 247-2743.

New member auditions for the Troy Community Orchestra are Tuesday, Sept. 3. Call 545-5664 after 3 p.m. to make an appointment.

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wyonik, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

● **FIRST THEATER GUILD**
The First Theater Guild of Birmingham is holding auditions for "Annie Get Your Gun" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, and Thursday, Sept. 5, at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. For information, call 443-1638 or 847-0052.

● **OPEN AUDITIONS**
Village Players will open auditions for "Chicago," the 1920s musical by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse. Auditions will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, and Thursday, Sept. 12, at the playhouse, on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road. Candidates must be able to act, sing and dance. For further information as to what songs to prepare, contact Michael at 543-2633 or Joan at 559-5294.

● **CARILLON SERIES**
The Christ Church Cranbrook

summer carillon recital series closes 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1 with a Labor Day picnic. The concert is free, and open to the public. Free lemonade will be served. The church is at the corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads in Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 644-5210.

● **CHORAL SOCIETY**
Measure for Measure, a men's choral society announces open auditions 7-9 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 8 in the choral music room, Alexander Music Building, on the Eastern Michigan University campus. For information, call 665-7271.

● **JOSE FELICIANO**
Former Leader Dogs for the Blind graduate, Jose Feliciano, returns to Michigan for a special performance during the Leader Dogs for the Blind Gala, Friday, Sept. 6 at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For information, call 788-0482.

Classes help kids get in the act

If your kids have a flair for drama, create marvelous scenes when it's time to do household chores or homework, like to clean around or sing and dance, the stage calls.

Area communities are offering a variety of classes to channel the creative energies of children ages 3 and up.

"We're looking for super talented teens who can sing, dance and act," said Joanne LaFleur, program coordinator for the Community Center in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Teens will audition for the chance to work with drama and vocal specialist Laura Schwartz, former Miss America Pam Eldred, tap and jazz instructors from area dance studios to develop their talent to the fullest potential. They will perform at various events and at the Community Center.

Enrollment in the 10-week workshop is limited. Auditions are 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, and Thursday, Sept. 12. To make an appointment call 477-8404. Classes meet 7-9 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 23.

A voice training class for teens is

being offered 4-5:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 24. Martha Riedel will emphasize the correct way to sing, proper breathing techniques, phrasing, articulation skills, and performance techniques.

For the younger set, there's Chocolate Chip Players. The class offers instruction geared to performance including training in acting technique, voice presentation and articulation. Children ages 7 to 9 meet 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 24, ages 10-12 meet 4-5:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 25. Classes meet for eight sessions.

Creative theater for ages 5 and 6 is an introductory class in creative movement, imagination exercises, creative dramatics and more. The class meets eight weeks, 4-5 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 23.

A class for ages 5 to 5 combines arts, crafts, movement, dance and storytime to stimulate individual expression. With the use of rhythm instruments and other props, youngsters will be introduced to dance and movement. Creative modeling for tots meets for eight sessions 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 23.

Classes meet at the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. To register, or for more information, call 477-8404.

Garden City has an acting class for young thespians that meets for eight weeks. Classes will be held at Douglas School for children ages 6 to 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 25, and at Memorial School for ages 9 to 12, 3:30-5 p.m. beginning Monday, Sept. 23. For registration and fee information call, 422-7198.

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit is offering a youth theater class with Nancy Garwin 5-6:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 4. Young people ages 8 to 13 are welcome to come and learn about stage movement, voice, and other theater techniques. The class will meet for nine weeks at the Maple/Drake building of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield. Call Shirley Siegal, 681-1000 ext. 333 for fee and registration information. At the Community House, 380 S. Bales, Birmingham, "The Popcorn Players" a theater school for students, will meet for eight sessions 9:20-11:30 a.m. beginning Saturday,

Sept. 28. Each week students will practice speech, monologue, body movement, pantomime, stage movements and verse choir. A performance is given at the end. Call 644-5337 for registration and information.

Clowns can get some pointers on Saturdays in Southfield at Clowning for Kids. Ages 8 and up will learn about clown make-up, costuming, clown magic and how to put it all together. Classes meet for eight weeks 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Sept. 21, in room A-105 at Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 West 12 Mile.

The City of Troy is offering two creative drama workshops for kids and a magic class. Creative drama workshop for ages 10 to 14. Students will experience a variety of theater activities including relaxation, improvisation, theater games, body improvement, and voice work. The class meets 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. A workshop for ages 5 to 9 is being offered 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. A magic class for ages 7 to 13 meets 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. For registration and fee information call, 879-7582.

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