

Entertainment

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Nutcracker

Dancers repeat holiday tradition

One way to get into the holiday spirit is to see the classic ballet, the Nutcracker. It is being presented by four area groups through Dec. 22.

On Friday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., Eric Johnston, former principal dancer of the London Ballet Theatre, is presenting the Nutcracker at the Clarenceville Auditorium on Middlebelt Road, north of Livonia Mall. Ballet aficionados should appreciate the traditional choreography of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. The music is by Maestro Carmen de Leone who is the principal conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony and Ballet Orchestra.

Youngsters will enjoy seeing a Christmas tree growing to 16 feet before their very eyes. All ages will be mesmerized by Clara and Fritz arriving in the Kingdom of Sweets in a sleigh pushed by angels through a layer of clouds. Many area children are performing in this presentation of the Nutcracker.

Tickets are \$10, students and seniors \$8. There will also be a performance of selected dances from the Nutcracker at Livonia Mall, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Tickets available at Hudsons, Harmony House and Sound Warehouse.

The Michigan Ballet Theatre, which is celebrating their 25th anniversary, will perform The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at South Lyon High School, 11 Mile at Pontiac Trail. Tickets are \$5 for children under 12, \$7 adults. Call 624-5599 for information. The group is based in Farmington Hills and rehearses at Botsford Hospital.

Southfield's Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Douglas Bianchi presents Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company performing the Nutcracker 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at Birmingham's Seaholm High School at Lincoln and Cranbrook Road.

Guest artists from the Joffrey

Ballet will appear with the company. Kyle Ahmed, who dances the role of the Cavalier, joined the Joffrey in July 1990 after dancing with the Joffrey II from 1987 to 1989. Ahmed was a member of the Ballet Hispanico and toured Europe with the Dennis Wayne dancers.

Johanna Clair Snyder, dancing the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, has been with the Joffrey since 1987.

The Southfield Symphony is a community orchestra of 70 musicians from 16 different municipalities. Tickets are \$10, and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Call 354-4717 for information and reservations.

The Oakland Festival Ballet will present their 3rd annual production of the Nutcracker at the Birmingham Theatre, Dec. 18 through Dec. 22, featuring soloists from American Ballet Theatre.

Roger Van Fleteran, a Detroit native, his partner Shawn Black and Benjamin Pierce, soloists from the American Ballet Theatre, join the Oakland Festival Ballet in the holiday classic about a young girl's romantic dream in which her Nutcracker prince comes to life.

Under the artistic direction of Cornelia Sampson, the young company of aspiring professionals are selected from an open audition conducted each fall. The dancers train at the Rochester School of Dance in Rochester Hills and perform throughout southeast Michigan.

The Nutcracker plays at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 South Woodward, 8 p.m. Wed. Dec. 18, Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20. Matinee performances 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 21. Tickets available through all Ticketmaster locations and the Birmingham Theatre box office, 644-5533. For more information, call the Oakland Festival Ballet at 652-3117.



Kyle Ahmed of the Joffrey Ballet will dance the role of Cavalier when the Southfield Symphony Orchestra and Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company present the Nutcracker Ballet at Birmingham's Seaholm High School on Dec. 15. Johanna Clair Snyder, also of the Joffrey Ballet, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

table talk

Punchinello's

Millie Scott, international singer, takes the stage at Punchinello's Restaurant, 184 Pierce St. in Birmingham, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Scott is best recognized by her soulful blend of jazz, gospel, pop and rhythm and blues. "The Music of Jerome Kern," cabaret entertainment, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14. Call 644-5277 for reservations.

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Tremors

Tremors has recently changed the

interior of the club. An elevated dance floor and an updated light show have been added. Other changes include a tiled bar top and new uniforms for staff. Tremors celebrated its third anniversary on Dec. 6.

Santa rides

Coe Rail, the vintage, full-gauge tourist train on Pontiac Trail, north of Maple Road in Walled Lake will be having its Santa Family rides. Sundays, Dec. 15 and 22. The one-hour rides leave at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for children ages 2 to 10, and seniors 65 years and up. Adults \$6. For information, call 669-1248.

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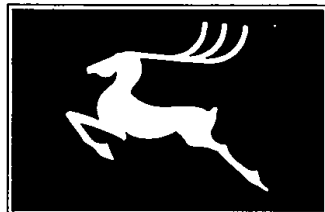
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