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First Night rings in 1992 with musical fun

spoedal writer

IIST NIGHT/Birmingham promises to be wonderfully self-rederential: a new beginning, a reckoning, a chance to celebrate the relocation of enduring human values. And who better 'n perform than The Chenille Sisters, a trio of sparkling singers known for spiritual energy, quirky humor and frolicking multipart harmonies.

Formed in Boston in the late '70s as a means of deepening cultural interest in the performing arts in a no-alcohol, non-profit setting, First Night was introduced to Birmingham last year.

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area. Shain Park will be the central location with satellite sites being the Community House, City Hall, Baldwin Library, Village Players Theater and St. James Church. Extrace to all First Night performances, including a New Year's celevation in Shain Park, are accessed with a First Night button.

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LAST YEAR'S event offered 37
Michigan artists in 114 performances before a crowd of 6,000. First Night is proving to be both a life-affirming way to ring in the new year and a venue for artistic expression in a year that has seen viciousbudget cuts decimate Michigan's varied arts.

The Chenille Sisters have released several records nationally, winning audiences throughout the country; a career highpoint would also include a performance on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion radio hoadcast.

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Their musical emphasis is on folk
eralismanship as much as it is on artistry, but the focus eventually navrows to one of old time, yet not anachronistic, entertainment. In shortgreat time made to look easy. Tagroup will.
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2456 W. Lincoln at 8.30 p.m., 9:30
p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

THE PRISM Quartet is an ayant garde chamber group; they use saxo-phones and electronic pitch controll-ers to update classical arrangements for contemporary audiences. Prism is comparable to the better known



The Chenille Sisters, Connie Huber (left), Seaholm High School as part of the First Night Cheryl Dawdy and Grace Morand, a nationally celebration at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesknown tolk trio, will perform at Birmingham day, Dec. 31,

Kronos Quarte, a West Coast chamber ensemble that is just as inclined to interpret a Jimi Hendrix song as Bartok.

Spoon Man Krews uses comedy and traditional music to create a capitivating performance. Prism Quartet will be performing at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at 9 Jm., 10 pm. and 11 pm.

The Chenille Sisters and Prism

Quartet are just the headliners. Dance, mini musicals and playlets will also be part of the festivities. Musical performances will embrace nearly every style; Jeaz, blues, bluegass, especi, folk and country. Shuttle buses are provided on routes between The Community House, Scaholm High School, City Hall and the YMCA. There will be free parking in city-owned garages

from 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Buttons are on sale now for 35 at The Community House in Birmingham, Birmingham and Bloomfield Kroger stores, Birmingham locations of Fidelity Bank and Milchigan National Bank, Crowley 3 Tavern on 13, Dell Unique and Morets, both on Telegraph Road, Buttons et 97. if purchased News Years 2 Es Formore information, call 44-6658.



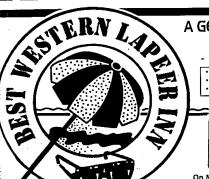
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