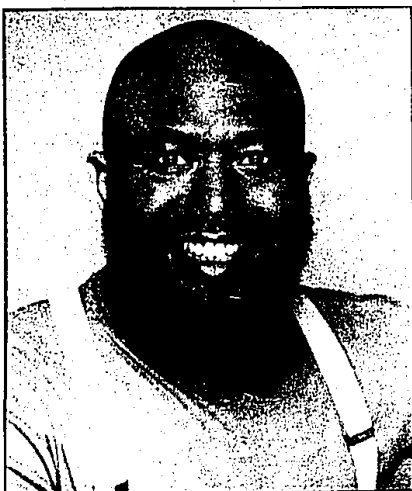


Weekend boasts children's shows



Josh White Jr., known for his magical songs, will perform at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on Saturday.

You could, of course, spend this Saturday shopping for Christmas presents. You could also spend it wrapping Christmas presents, baking Christmas cookies and signing Christmas cards.

But if you'd like to enjoy a little bit of Christmas and not simply get ready for it, you could take your children (or bring along someone else's) to one of three very enjoyable children's shows scheduled for this weekend.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, folk and blues singer Josh White Jr. will perform for children in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty and Seven Mile, in Livonia. The concert, presented by the college's Athletic Department, will help raise money for athletic scholarships. The concert will last an hour and a half.

White, well-known for his magical songs and warm, humorous manner, will perform selections from his new children's album, "My Favorite Toy." Produced in collaboration with his friend Ron Coden, the album combines upbeat stories and music.

Tickets are \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. For reservations, call 462-4417.

WHITE IS also playing at The Ark in Ann Arbor in January. He will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 (in a

children's concert). For information, call 761-1451.

Also performing this Saturday are the Song Sisters, who will present a holiday concert at 11 a.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre. Chris Barton and Julie Austin, who make up the Song Sisters, perform children's music on a variety of folk instruments including guitar, banjo, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, recorders, flute and homemade rhythm toys.

The performance will last about an hour and is not recommended for children under three. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.; seating is reserved.

For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300. Meadow Brook Theatre is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

THE DIA YOUTHEATRE will mark the holidays with "The Jack Frost Follies" slated for performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. this Saturday. "Little Red Rocket Hood," "The Three Little Pigs," "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Babes in Toyland" are all part of the show.

The show is part of the Youtheatre's Wiggle Club, designed for children three and older. Tickets are \$6 for adults and children; for information, call 833-2323 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

table talk

Chuck Muer

Chuck Muir's new Pala restaurant at 5656 West Maple road, west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield is open. For lunch, regular menu prices vary from \$4.75 for a burger to \$9.75 for the grilled veggie salad with seared Tuna Sashimi. Regular dinner menu prices range from \$8 for Everyman's Pizza to \$15.75 for a Magnum cut of Kansas City Sirloin.

Sit-ins, both vocal and instrumental, amateur and professional are invited by the Pals Swing Trio at their Wednesday night jam sessions 8:30-11:30 p.m.

The trio also plays smooth music for listening and dancing every Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 12:30

a.m. Detroit's ragtime and stride piano player Bob Milne plays during cocktail hour 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Fridays. Ernie Swan, lounge piano and vocal artist plays Monday 5-8:30-7:30 p.m.

Restaurant hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday, noon to midnight. The bar is open until 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 855-5584 for information.

News about area restaurants is included in this column. Send information to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Carillon concert is Sunday

Christ Church Cranbrook's 18th annual carillon concert will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in the Bloomfield Hills church at Cranbrook and Lone Pine, one mile west of Woodward.

The free concert can be viewed from within the church through an audio video monitor system.

Phillip Burgess, the church's new carillonneur and associate organist, will perform sacred and secu-

lar Christmas favorites

Burgess recently completed his doctorate of musical arts degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He comes to Christ Church Cranbrook from Woodside Church, Flint.

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

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

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