

Local kids perform in Lunch Bunch show

The Lunch Bunch, a professional children's lunch theater, will open its 1991-92 season with Larry Shue's "The Emperor's New Clothes." The play runs 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, now through Jan. 5, at the Magic Bag Theatre at Woodward and Nine Mile in Ferndale. Tickets are \$5 each without lunch, \$7 with lunch. Lunch includes pizza, a cookie, an apple and a glass of pop. Group rates are available.

The show is a musical retelling of the classic tale. Leading the cast as the emperor is Arthur J. Beer, associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit/Mer-

cy. Beer was the recipient of the Best Actor Award for the 1989-90 season from the Detroit Free Press.

BEER WILL play the emperor in all shows, but there will be separate children's casts for Saturday and Sunday. Local children in the Saturday cast and chorus include Seth Hiltzky of Birmingham, Rachel Williams of Southfield, Christine Farrar of Northville, Parker Plague of Canton and Dave Roebien of Birmingham. Children featured in the Sunday cast and chorus include Mary Cay Cook of Canton, Ian Kessler of Birmingham, Ryan Jones of Southfield,

David Liedholdt of Livonia, Sean Jonalis of Rochester Hills, Kellie Bertell of Plymouth, Jenny Guerra of Southfield, Brooke Andres of Westland, Laura Gentili of Northville and Chris Jones of Southfield.

The Lunch Bunch was formed last year by artistic director Mary Bremer who has numerous theater awards. Many of the performers in the new group were members of the defunct Peanut Butter Players. Reservations are required for the lunch/theater package; they are also suggested for those who only wish to see the show. For ticket information, call 274-6885.

Travelogue journeys to Belize

Explore a world long forgotten — Belize and Guatemala at the Southfield Cultural Arts' travel series 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 in the Civic Center council chambers at 26000 Evergreen.

Your journey with Sandra Mortimer will begin by boat along a coastal lagoon. Explore ancient Maya Indian ruins, and the sacrificial rites of a Stone Age culture.

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Travel to "Amazing New Zealand," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, with New Zealander Grant Foster.

Take a trip to "Nova Scotia, Canada's Little Scotland," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, with Bob Crayler.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, the series ends on "The Trail of Coronado, Mexico City to the Grand Canyon," with Romaine Wilhelmson.

Tickets are \$4. For more information, call 354-4717.

American Artist Series concert set

Music for the oboe, strings and piano will be featured by the American Artists Series Chamber Players when Donald Baker, principal oboist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra joins them 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13.

The concert will be at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus, 500 Lene Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Program highlights include Mozart's Oboe Quartet in F major and "Joannes Brahms' Trio in C major, opus 87 for piano, violin and cello. The same instruments are featured in John Knowles Paine's Larghetto and Humoresque, opus 32.

An informal reception follows the concert. Tickets are \$12.50. A preview lecture on the oboe and the music will be presented at 2 p.m. by Peter Schoenbach, director, Department of Music, Wayne State University.

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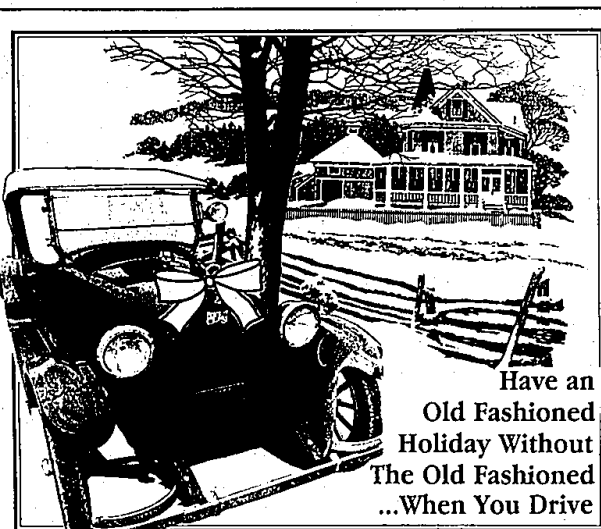
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