

Holiday concert



Brass Quintet: Cranbrook Music Guild presents the Detroit Symphony Brass Quintet, (Kevin Good, trumpet; Bryan Kennedy, French horn; William Lucas, trumpet; Wesley Jacobs, tuba; and Randall Hawes, trombone) 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the library at Cranbrook House on Lone Pine Road and Cranbrook Road in West Bloomfield. Call 761-2435 for tickets.

Blackstone to perform

Magician Harry Blackstone will perform at the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Dec. 13, 14, and 15; and 2 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13.

Tickets range in price from \$25 to \$35 and can be purchased at the George Burns Theatre Box office, 33330 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Harmony House and Hudson's or Ticketmaster, 646-6666.

Named "Magician of the Year" in 1979 and 1985 by the Academy of Magical Arts, Blackstone is the son of The Great Blackstone, a legendary creative magician who led the art of stage magic and illusion to heights never achieved before his era.

His son, Harry Blackstone is an author, actor, inventor, casino showman, headliner, TV personality, teacher, and father.

Born in Colon, Mich., Harry

Blackstone's career in magic began at age 6 months when he appeared, and disappeared in his father's illusions. Today he performs such world-famous illusions as The Floating Lightbulb, The Vanishing Birdcage, The Dancing Handkerchief, and the frightening Buzz Saw, all of which he learned and perfected with his father's guidance and encouragement.

Far from satisfied with repeating the magic acts of his father, Blackstone said he is "undertaking the challenging, but delightful task of bringing this magnificent art to even higher levels, building on what has gone before, injecting a modern, innovative presentation that is very much of the present, of the future, and of my own creation."

On the rare occasions when he is not working, Blackstone and his wife, co-star and co-producer Gay, relax at their southern California home with their four chil-



Magic show: Harry Blackstone, son of the legendary Great Blackstone, brings his magic to the George Burns Theatre For The Performing Arts in Livonia for seven shows Dec. 11-15. dren, three cats, two dogs, a Bengal tiger, several thousand small white rabbits, and an elephant.

College presents drama for children

The Henry Ford Community College Performing Arts Department will present "Rumpelstiltskin," a dramatization by Charlotte Chorpennig, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 19 in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on the Dearborn campus.

Tickets are \$2 general admission, and may be purchased at the door. Henry Ford Community College is at 6101 Evergreen, south of Ford Road in Dearborn. For information, call 846-6479.

Directed by Gerry Dziubinski, HFCC theater instructor, the story centers around the evil troll, Rumpelstiltskin, who captures

children to be his servants in the underworld.

Rumpelstiltskin, who wants a child of his own, strikes a bargain with the miller's daughter. Through his magic, he shows her how to spin straw into gold, so the King will allow her to marry his son.

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