

## UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

## CLASSICAL

**DETROIT SYMPHONY**  
Violinist Pinchas Zukerman will perform Beethoven's Violin Concerto with DSO Music Director Neeme Jarvi with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 9, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Pre-concert lecture 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, and Friday, Jan. 8. For information, call 833-3700. For tickets, call 646-6666 or 962-3610.

## PIANO

Piano concert featuring the singing of Gloria McBeth, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hear nostalgic hits of the 1940s-1960s by Gershwin, Cole Porter and more.

## AUDITIONS

**MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE**  
Michigan Opera Theatre will hold auditions for the 1993 Spring Grand Opera Season Men's Chorus 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at

the MOT administrative offices, 6519 Second in Detroit's New Center Area. Positions available for all male voice categories. Candidates should prepare two selections, one from memory, one in English, and one in a foreign language. Call 874-7550 no later than Jan. 8 to schedule an appointment.

## THEATER

**BIRMINGHAM THEATRE**  
Ray Cooney's comedy, "Two Into One," opens a five-week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre,

211 S. Woodward, Dec. 30 through Jan. 31. Tickets available at the Birmingham Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call 644-3533.

**RIDGE DALE PLAYERS**  
Ridge Dale Players will be presenting "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" starting 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, weekends through Jan. 24 at the playhouse in Troy. For tickets, call 644-8328.

**"FOREVER PLAID"**  
"Forever Plaid" continues at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Wood-

ward, north of Nine Mile, Ferndale. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For information, call 544-3030.

**MEADOW BROOK**  
"A Christmas Carol" continues through Jan. 3 at the Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For tickets, call 377-9300, or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

**VILLAGE PLAYERS**  
The Village Players of Birmingham will present "The Price," by Arthur Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, weekends through 2 p.m. Sun-

day, Feb. 7. Tickets available at the door, but reservations are recommended. Call 644-2076. The playhouse is on the corner of Hunter and Chestnut, south of Maple.

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
Oakland University will present Christopher Durang's "Laughing Wild" as part of its Sensory Perceptions Series, a collection of faculty performances throughout the year, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 370-3013.

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sexual pairings other than the traditional male-female bond sanctioned by marriage.

"Not everybody is thrilled with some of the things that come up in the show, but we've had no walk outs," said director Karen Sheridan. "There's no nudity, but there is explicit language." The play is recommended for mature audiences only.

With its agenda of social and sexual commentary, the play may sound like wondrous theater, weighted with the seriousness of its own ideas. Not so, says Sheridan who describes the play as "entertaining, funny, touching, poignant - a play about real peo-

ple. It's a fun show with a lot of humor, and interesting relationships."

The fact that Churchill is known as a feminist leads some to expect the play to be primarily about and for women. Again, not so says Sheridan. In "Cloud Nine," both women and men (and children and colonials) suffer from repressive stereotypes.

The four women, three men, and two male supporting players in the all-student cast include Corey Skaggs, Joe Bailey, Allen J. Verschuere, Stephanie Woodman, Sheila Lyle, Angel Maclean, Rick Carver, and James A. Vreel. Susan Barrett designed scenery

and costumes for the production, and advanced lighting student, Eric Rotta, designed the lights.

Act I of "Cloud Nine" is set in colonial Ghana during Victorian times when women were put on pedestals and expected to be beautiful, sexually innocent, and frivolous creatures. Men, in contrast, were expected to make decisions, run the world, and rule their households.

"There were things in that time that people knew they wanted, but couldn't have," said Sheridan. Act II in pre-AIDS 1980

London sets up a marked contrast to Victorian times. Sheridan describes characters in Act II as "being able to select from anything (in a world of multiple career and sexual relationship possibilities), but they didn't know what they wanted and tried to have it all."

Sheridan said "Cloud Nine," is ultimately "about bravery - letting yourself be brave enough to go after what you really want whether in relationship or career, about following the path with your heart."

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