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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1994

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGNONIK

Concerts will put spring in your step

As the lust of the show melts, local orchestras are busy rehearsing for spring concerts. Oakland University's Concert Band will perform Herbert Clark's virtuosic "Carnival of Venice" with graduate student David Coleman performing the trumpet solo in its spring concert 8 p.m. Friday, March 11 in Verner Recital Hall on the Oakland University in Rochester. Coleman has taught music in the Ferris State Schools for five years. Skilled at both classical and jazz styles, he has been a member of the OU Concert Band for 11 years and has his own quintet.

Under the direction of Glenn Andersen, the band will also perform Percy Grainger's familiar "Irish Tune," and "Shepherd's Hey," Gustav Holst's "First Suite" military band, plus music by Vincent Persichetti, Wolfgang Rieger, Clifford Williams and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The band is made up of OU students, but also includes alumni and selected players from the community. Tickets are \$6 general, \$5 seniors and \$3 seniors available by calling (810) 370-3013.

■ Scott Holden, 23 of Bloomfield Hills, a multi-award winning pianist, is the featured artist at "Brunch with the Classics," noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Holden has performed extensively throughout the state and on tour in Europe. He is a 1992 graduate with honors from the University of School of Music and is currently a candidate for a Master of Music degree in 1995 from the Juillard School in New York. He will perform selections from Bach-Bassini, Haydn, Chopin and others. Tickets are \$20. Call 643-6360 for reservations.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.



HELEN ZUCKER

The endearing cricks, swamps and hollers of one of America's favorite cartoons is lovingly recreated by act designer Jack Bazner, Jim West, Sonia Milton, and their tech crews have done a bang-up job constructing sets that extend into the lobby. Donna Backus, Dugmitch courier extraordinaire, and her crew, have costumed everyone, including the orchestra. The look of this production is its greatest asset.

Danielle Milton, as blonde, noble Daisy Mae, turns in a fine performance as the ever-loving, "over the hill" 18-year-old who can never catch her beloved Abner on Sadie Hawkins Day. Milton has a sweet voice, and she's especially affecting in the duets, "Namely You," and "Love In A Home."

Dan Fuller, as tall, handsome Abner, stomps about in too-short pants, padded shoulders and serious, hayseed face. Abner is as staunch and true as Daisy, and Fuller gives us a true-blue patriot, a good American who'd rather fish than do anything else.

ON STAGE

"Li'l Abner"

★Theater: Ridgedale Players, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy
★Curtain time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20.
★Tickets: \$10, call 433-1572.

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Annette See nearly steals the show as feisty Mammy Yokum, the only brain operating until the finale. See conveys Mammy's hard, little body, her tough, original walk as though she had just stepped out of Capp's strip. See is a dandy actress, and her vigor carries much of the show. Thom Griffin, Pappy Yokum, plays backseat to Mammy until he saves his boy and Dugmitch.

Bill Glace is a lively Marryin' Sam. He's especially amusing when telling Daisy who swears she's "wasting away," that she's "got more left over than most folks start with."

Paul Philips is funny as Earthquake McGoon, "the world's dirtiest mud wrestler." Philips gives us a true citizen of Dugmitch, a McGoon who is an ardent pursuer of Daisy until her many knifolk appear and work seems to loom.

Diane Newland in her electric red hair does a sterling job as a scientist



Talented cast: Ridgedale Players Tom Griffin (front row), Dan Fuller, Danielle Milton, Annette See and Ruth Seranian, (back row) Chick Ray, Kimberly Cruchon, Bill Glace, Hal Safran, and Paul Philips star in "Li'l Abner."

who drools over muscular men. Newland carries much of the political satire of the 1950s that is woven into the script. Hal Safran bounds or leaps or minces about as the hilarious Evil Eye Pleasure.

Lyn Rubin flies of strange places to stop men cold as the gorgeous Stupefying Jones. Kimberly Cruchon chews gum and vamps outrageously as she plots with her lover, General Bullmoose, played by Chick Ray.

Choreographer Dan See packs the stage with animated dances and assorted ambles, shuffles, and odd walks. A village of hayseeds wins out over the U.S. government. Of course.

Editor's note: Ridgedale Players are holding a silent auction. Winning bids will be announced on April 30. Call 354-9362. The Junior Actors of Ridgedale are presenting "Easter in Dugmitch," a musical-children's Easter play and meals with bunny, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27. Tickets are \$5.50. Call (810) 542-1322 or 288-0799 to reserve tickets.

Helen Zucker has many years' experience reviewing for newspapers and magazines in Michigan, New York and Massachusetts.

'Run for your Wife' keeps audience laughing



MARY JANE DOERR

Old plot? Not in Oakland County where Judge John Heer quietly practiced bigamy for two decades. It is an awfully funny one in Avon Player's current production "Run for Your Wife." This comedy of love affairs

REVIEW

tangled like a roll of Velcro will put some fun in the life of those who see it.

When the curtain rises over an English flat somewhere in Wimbledon or Stretham, Barbara, played by the pretty Natasha Monchak, and Mary, played by a frazzled Mary Burette-Pagnani, seem to be sharing the same lodging but are not speaking. A fight?

No. Unknowingly, they are sharing a husband, John Smith, (Michael Aumock) who in an act of heroism has landed in the hospital where his

overnight stay throws his complex schedule into marital disarray. Everything is working out until the suspicious Detective Sgt. Troughen, played by the masculine Jill Snowden, decides to find out what is going on. The fruity Detective Sgt. Porterhouse, played by Gordon Bardell, prefers to enjoy what is going on instead.

Aumock is lovable with his smirky smile but doesn't quicken his timing until Act II. Burette-Pagnani is Mary, the straight-laced housewife who comes totally unlaced with all the changing stories, a difficult role

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ON STAGE

"Run For Your Wife"

★Theater: Avon Players, on Tienken Road, 1/2 mile east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills
★Curtain time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through March 19.
★Tickets: \$10, call 375-1390. Senior citizen and student discounts available.

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