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■ An "Irish Celebration at Patrick's" to benefit the Christ Child House which serves Detroit's disadvantaged children and their families, will be presented 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at St. Regis Church, Lahser between 14 and 15 Mile in Birmingham. The event will feature Irish dances, poetry readings, vocalists and musicians including Mary Callaghan Lynch who performs regularly with the Michigan Opera Theatre. There is no admission charge, voluntary donations to Christ Child House will be welcomed.

■ The 75-voice Detroit Concert Chorus accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta, will perform J.S. Bach's "Mass in B Minor" 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2245 Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$12 seniors and students, available in advance by calling 882-0118 or at the door.

■ Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra welcomes warmer weather 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20 with a concert called "Spring Flings" at Temple Beth El, at 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students under 19. Call 645-2276. Tickets will also be at the door beginning at 7 p.m. The concert will also present Young Artist Competition winners Rachel LaJoie and John Gage.

■ The American Artists Series concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills will feature an outstanding selection of chamber works performed by the American Artists Series Chamber Players. The program will include trios by Ernest Chausson, Aram Khachaturian, and Maurice de Maeterlyk along with "Impromptu for flute, oboe and clarinet by Malcolm Arnold and Quartet for oboe, violin and cello by Arnold Cooke. Make a brief appearance after intermission will be 10 young, talented violinists from Suzuki Royal Oak. A preview lecture at 2 p.m. is included in the ticket price of \$13.50 for adults, \$7.50 students. Call 851-6044.

■ Vivace Series continues 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the Birmingham Music Center, 1215 W. 12 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt with Collo, a chamber music quintet composed of some of Detroit's most cherished musicians. The program includes Schubert's "Trout Quintet." Tickets \$15, seniors/students, \$10. Call 647-4632 or 288-3953.

■ Musica Viva International Concerts will present "Tango" and more featuring the sensational dance duo Eduardo Dorfer and Mercedes Colon with Alejandro Scarpino, on bandoneon, 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 at Smith Theater for the Performing Arts, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus. Also performing are "Tickets and Trunks" by Paul Milligan, Lori Accia, Amy Callo, Louie Soma and Suzy Brecht of Troy Dance Studio. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$10 for an afterglow with dancing after the concert. Call (810) 932-0400 for tickets.

■ Kaleidoscope Concerts begins its "Collaboration 1994" series to benefit Hospice of Southeastern Michigan and the Rose Hill Center 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27 with a concert at Orchestra featuring the Quintet of the Americans, a combined ensemble with Detroit Symphony Orchestra principals. Call (810) 855-9299 or (810) 855-0458 for information.

■ Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile in Farmington Hills is planning a special dinner featuring Boscolini wines, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, the cost is \$65 per person. Call 474-3083. Special guest is Elvio Mobili of Italy, a representative of Boscolini wines.

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'Guys and Dolls' deserves applause

BY ROY GOODMAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The Bloomfield Players have consistently made a point of presenting musicals with plenty of roles for children, and they have consistently done very well with their young cast members, so "Guys and Dolls" was an unusual choice for them.

I'm pleased to say that the Bloomfield Players definitely did it justice.

The obvious choice to play Nathan Detroit was Larry Miller, a Livonia dentist who has made something of a second career playing adorable scoundrels for the Bloomfield Players. Dr. Miller put just the right amount of edge to his performance, just the right amount of wheedling, just the right amount of con man.

Kay-Ellen Murphy was a surprise choice as Sarah Brown. Her diminutive stature landed her the part of an adorable ingenue in the Bloomfield Players' production of "Hello, Dolly," but here she wasn't typecast. At first she was a bit too innocuous, but

ON STAGE

"Guys and Dolls"

*Theater: Bloomfield Players at Andover High School Theatre, 4200 Andover, Bloomfield Hills.

*Curtain time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 11-13.

*Tickets: \$8, students and seniors age 60 and older \$7. Call 433-0665.

ty to fill the starring roles. In "Guys and Dolls" the star was Miss Adelaide, played by Sheri Brown, who brought glamour to the role along with her singing and dancing abilities. I thought that she should have spent more time singing in her own excellent voice, less affecting a grating Brooklyn accent and copying, more vocal tricks from Fats' Prince's Broadway performance, but in spite of this she made the show.

The supporting cast was perhaps the best I've seen yet from the Bloomfield Players. As Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Kevin Lee Brunslow was most impressive vocalist in a cast of impressive vocalists. He was nicely-nicely aided and abetted by Phillip Lukusik and Les Jones as fellow gamblers, especially in the wonderful "Fugate for Timmons."

The rest of the gamblers were very good. The Save-A-Soul missionaries were very good. The dancers were better than very good, especially in "A Bushel and A Peck." Thanks to Valerie Mould's imaginative choreography, I enjoyed that number even more than I did in the professional production.

Gary H. Quick played the difficult part of Arvide Abernathy, and he found the right balance to make the character avuncular but not doddering.

Technical support was excellent. Aside from a few bad moments with a low battery in a wireless microphone, the sound system did its job unobtrusively and well. Thanks to good sound engineering and good singing, all of Frank Loesser's clever lyrics were easily intelligible.

The unsung heroes and heroines of this production were the pit band. They got out of tune for a few seconds here and there, but for the most part their sound was spot-on and lush.

The Bloomfield Players deserve your support, and with "Guys and Dolls" they've once again earned that support.

Roy Goodman of Bloomfield Hills is a freelance writer who specializes in theater.

REVIEW

Following a very effective and very funny drunk scene, she was able to put some real fire into her character. Murphy packs a big voice into her small frame. Her romantic partner, F. Patrick Devine as Sky Masterson, was a trifle lal-lal-lal in his spoken lines, but more than made up it with his singing. The Bloomfield Players succeed in their productions by finding amateurs with real star quality

CURTAIN CALL

Curtain Call lists upcoming theater performances. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

■ **AUDITION**
Auditions for Caucasian males ages 20 to 80 to act as background atmosphere for "Ty Cobb" a Warner Bros. film, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at 21411 Civic Center Drive in Southfield (between Northwestem Highway and Lahser). Bring a picture of yourself. "Ty Cobb" stars Tommy Lee Jones.

■ **ST. DUNSTON'S**
"Prelude to a Kiss" by Craig Lucas opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 18. Shows Fridays and Saturdays through March 26 at the playhouse on the Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills. Call 642-1840 or 646-3416 for tickets.

■ **VILLAGE PLAYERS**
"Alone Together," by Lawrence Roman opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 25 and continues weekends through April 2 at the playhouse in Birmingham. Call 644-2075 for tickets.

the Aaron DeRay Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Shows 8:15 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. Call (810) 661-7634 or (810) 354-0545 or Ticketmaster 645-6666.

■ **MERCY HIGH**
"Annie Get Your Gun," 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 18-19, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the school, 23300 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 476-3270 for tickets.

■ **NOT MIKADO**
opens March 22. For tickets call 644-3533.

■ **MEADOW BROOK**
"The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln" opens for previews 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. Opening night 8 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Shows through April 10 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Call 377-3300 or 645-6666.

■ **DINNER THEATER**
■ **GOLDEN MUSHROOM**
"Flappers & Phantom," an updated musical revue in the lower level of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield, through March 26. Cost \$48 per person. Call 659-4230 for reservations.

■ **BIRMINGHAM**
"I Do! I Do!" continues through March 13 at the theater, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. "The

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wonderfully performed.

As Stanley, John Mattiello has strong stage presence and comedic timing commanding center stage and would garner many of the laughs if the waddling Andrew Lark as Bobby Franklyn would let him.

As a gay neighbor who is painting his bathroom red, Lark subtly conveys his jokes with a lift of the eye, or hip.

Director Jny Hohauser's careful

attention to details and timing means a little over two hours of constant laughter at this beaum of queer-acting straight, straight-acting queers, queer-acting queers, and weird-acting nerds.

It is no wonder Stanley can't find a mate for his cow.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

Event offers taste of Troy

From Mexican cuisine to Italian singers; pizza to pianists, the second Annual Cultural Taste of Troy will highlight the many talented chefs, artists and entertainers the community has to offer 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the Troy Marriott.

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