

# 'Annie Get Your Gun' to get shot of accuracy

For a song:  
Frank Butler, played by  
Jeff Duncan  
of Berkeley,  
and Annie  
Oakley,  
played by  
Mercy senior  
Kathy  
Hansz, go  
toc-to-toe as  
they sing  
"Anything  
You Can Do  
I Can Do  
Better."



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Students at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills are learning about the historical Annie Oakley as they prepare to present the classic Irving Berlin musical — "Annie Get Your Gun" — Friday-Sunday, March 18-20.

America's most famous markswoman was immortalized in Berlin's 1946 Broadway musical and the 1950 movie starring Ethel Merman.

But some say the Annie Oakley of stage and screen bears little resemblance to the real-life Annie, who starred in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show in the 1880s and 90s.

The Mercy production will attempt to present a more accurate characterization of Annie and the play's other characters, who include Annie's husband and manager Frank Butler, Sitting Bull, and Buffalo Bill Cody.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is an outstanding musical with one of the best scores in musical theater, but after 50 years it has become dated," said Roberta Campion, producer/director of the Mercy production.

"We found that some of the language used in the script is sexist and racist," she added. "We wanted to revise our production to make it acceptable to an audience in 1994, and we found we could do that just by making it more his-

torically accurate."

Campion enlisted the aid of Oakley's great-niece, Bess Edwards, president of the Annie Oakley Foundation in Greenville, Ohio, where Oakley was born. Edwards is committed to restoring Annie's legend to historical accuracy and preserving it for future generations.

"Annie was not the brash, uneducated tomboy that Ethel Merman created on the screen," said Edwards. "She was actually very modest and refined. She was also one of the most famous women of her time and one of the best loved."

Now is the perfect time to revisit the legend of Annie Oakley, says Campion. Oakley — born Phoebe Anne Mosey in 1860 — was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. Next month, the U.S. Postal Service will issue an Annie Oakley stamp as part of its new Legends of the West series.

"Annie Oakley is a superb role model for young women," said Edwards. "Despite extreme poverty and severe childhood abuse while living in a foster-type home, Annie resolutely faced contemporary prejudice and severe physical setbacks in her struggle to succeed."

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However, MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is the examination of choice if your physician feels you have "internal derangement of the knee." Then the problem is a tear in a meniscus, ligament, or cartilage. Traditional x-rays will not resolve these structures. MRI does so readily. MRI is not ordered immediately as the exam is expensive, costing \$600 or more, and many patients undergo severe anxiety in the closed tunnel conditions the procedure requires.

Conventional x-ray is useful to assess the status of the bone, but when a pinched nerve is in question, CT (Computed Tomography) is preferred. CT is expensive and requires prolonged patient cooperation, but the clear images provided make it possible for a physician to identify nerve impingement with a high degree of certainty.

In arthritis, x-ray examination generally suffices to give the information your doctor needs. MRI and CT scans are needed only in special situations.

## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES 1994 MEETING SCHEDULE

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Commission on Children, Youth and Families will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

January	19 - Initial Meeting
February	5
March	5
April	14 - Changed to second Thursday due to Easter Break
May	5
June	2
July	7
August	4
September	1
October	6
November	3
December	1

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO DATE CHANGE, CANCELLATION OR TIME CHANGE. FORMAL MEETING NOTICES/AGENDAS ARE POSTED PRIOR TO EACH MEETING AT CITY HALL.

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