



Winning company: The Michigan Classic Ballet Company of West Bloomfield earned more honors than any other company at the 21st Annual Midstates Regional Dance America Festival in Kalamazoo.

# Local dancers receive awards

Five senior dancers of the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, based in West Bloomfield, received nine awards at the 21st Annual Midstates Regional Dance America Festival 94 in Kalamazoo.

The company, under the direction of Mary Celeste Geiger, received more honors than any other team at the festival.

Jennifer Ball, 15, earned a full scholarship to the Fort Wayne Ballet Summer Program and was selected as alternate to the Joffrey Ballet Summer School.

Nathan Blume, 14, received a two-week scholarship to the David Howard School in New York City.

Veronica Green, 16, received a full scholarship to the Regional Dance America Association Craft of Choreography Conference at the University of Iowa.

Christopher Leadbitter, 18, will attend a full semester with a scholarship to Western Michigan University and University of Iowa and two-week scholarships to the Gus Giodano School, Chicago, and the David Howard School, New York City.

Leah McGowan, 15, will get a stipend for summer study as recipient of the festival award for female dancer.

The company performed three ballets at the festival: Sultury Sonata, Prisms and Sincope Del Alma featured various groupings of the dancers.

# Event celebrates performing arts

An unusual combination of the performing arts, including singing, the dance of Eurythmy, flute, dramatic narration and piano, will be presented at the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple on the Cranbrook campus in Birmingham, at 4 p.m. June 5.

Tickets for the event are \$12.50; \$5 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. For information, call 885-7882 or 445-3188.

The group is called HOSTIA Performing Ensemble (Heights of the Spirit Through the Integration of the Arts). They performed at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago and include award-winning vocalists Kristin Donahue, coloratura soprano and Dina Soresi Winter. Flutist Susan Barma and pianist Blake Ray will also accompany Claudia Fontana, international exponent of Eurythmy, a form of dance through which music and poetry are interpreted.

Their performance includes classical dramatic recitation, Eurythmy and singing.

The program will include contemporary poetry and musical selections by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Schubert.



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# Comedy features area youngsters

Area youngsters will be performing in the Marquis Theatre's newest production, "The Princess and the Goblin."

Performances are on Saturdays only through June 18. Tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 349-8110.

The musical comedy is based on the novel by George MacDonald, adapted for the stage by R. Eugene Jackson. The production is directed by Cindy Zeitz of Canton and Susan Berg of Farmington Hills.

The story is about a bored and lonely princess who is visited one night by three funny goblins.

Local performers include: Carla Freshwater of Canton; Delaney Coyne of Farmington; Erika Alpert, Lindsay Fortune, Matthew Britton, Lauren Fisher and Lindsay Benisatto of Farmington Hills; Vanessa Kluczkowski of Livonia; Laurie Boloven, Lars Kvalvaag, Lena Kvalvaag, Mike Superfiaky, Laura Haselbe and Tina Treister of Northville; Clayton Berry, Debbie Franz and John Kohl of Novi; and Robyn Ellison and Megan Nisch of Plymouth.

# DSO to play at Greenfield Village

Two of Michigan's major cultural institutions, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall and Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, will present an encore to last summer's highly acclaimed, sold-out concert on the museum's Village Green. For tickets to DSO concerts, call 833-3700.

Expanding on last summer's successful July concert collaboration, the DSO and Henry Ford Museum will now present three concert programs over two week-ends in July and August. Two holiday celebrations, "July 4th on Broadway" on July 1, and the "Second Annual Salute to America" July 2 and 3, will be followed by "An Old Fashioned Concert in the Park" on Aug. 12 and 13.

Also in the DSO's summer plans are concerts at the Masonic Temple with superstar tenor Placido Domingo (Aug. 30), the Inverlochy Center for the Arts (July 6-9), performances at Metro Beach and Kensington Metroparks (July 8-9) and an appearance at Detroit's Riverfront Music Theater at Chene Park (date to be announced).

"July 4th on Broadway" will feature conductor Joel Levine leading the DSO and guest vocalists Katherine Terrell and Lewis Dabbe Von Schlabach in an evening of American popular music and Broadway show stoppers, including works by George M. Cohan, Rogers & Hammerstein and Meredith Willson.

Greenfield Village will present special pre-concert activities from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and a spectacular fireworks display.

For the "Second Annual Salute to America" concerts on July 2 and 3, the DSO will be joined by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus. The program will include the DSO, the 65-member Army Band and the 30-member chorus performing an armed forces medley; the DSO and chorus in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"; and the Army Band alone in a medley of popular songs from the World War II era.

These concerts will end with the patriotic music of the Army Band and more spectacular fireworks.

"An Old Fashioned Concert in the Park," Aug. 12 and 13, will take Greenfield Village concertgoers on a musical tour of turn-of-the-century America. The "Prince of Pops," conductor Erich Kunzel, will lead the DSO in the music of Americans Scott Joplin, John Philip Sousa, Stephen Foster and Herbert L. Clarke. A special guest appearance will be made by trumpet and cornet player Charles Daval, former principal trumpet for the Boston Pops. Entertaining pre-concert activities beginning at 7 p.m. include role players in period costumes, strolling musicians, barber shop quartets and square-dancing.

# WHAT'S COOKING

- **THE LARK**  
A special shore dinner is being offered June 27 and 28 at The Lark in West Bloomfield. The menu will include outdoor wood-grilled barbecued shrimp, buttermilk biscuits with country butter, oysters with champagne hollandaise, clams with green peppers, sweet red peppers, onion and pea-meal bacon, roast select Maine lobster and much more. The cost is \$70 per person. For reservations call 810-661-4466.
- **LONESTAR COFFEE CO.**  
The Lonestar is a bar that serves coffees rather than alcohol. Fresh coffees are available with beans roasted on the premises and live jazz is served up on the weekends as well. The Lonestar is located at 207 South Woodward, next to the Birmingham Theatre.
- **MICHIGAN TASTEFEST**  
The TasteFest will celebrate again this year with area restaurants serving up their favorite dishes, along with entertainment and family activities. The event will be July 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Detroit's New Center Area.
- **SEND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION IN What's Cooking TO: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.**
- **WATER CLUB GRILL**  
A prom night menu is being offered at the restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The cost is \$17 per person (tax and tip included) and the meal includes homemade bread and salad, a choice of entree, dessert and a choice of non-alcoholic beverages. Call (313) 454-0666.
- **C.A. MUEER**  
"Taste of the Northwest" through June 20 at Charley's Crab in Troy, River Crab in St. Clair, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor will be offering the distinct Copper River Salmon, Alaskan Spot Prawns, Pacific Monkfish and the rare Alaskan Ivory Salmon.
- **GOLDEN MUSHROOM**  
A bourbon tasting dinner will be offered 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 6 at the restaurant, 18100 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield. Call (810) 559-4230.
- **ORCHID CAFE**  
A new Thai food restaurant opened in the Troy Corner Plaza, 30 West Square Lake Road at Livernois. This is the second Orchid Cafe in the area, the first is also in Troy on Rochester Road. Delivery and carry-out services are available.

# Friends School hosts children's music fest

The Children's Music Festival 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Friends School, at St. Aubin and Lafayette in Detroit will feature a variety of children's entertainment. Admission is \$5 at the door, \$4 in advance. Call 259-6722.

There will be four stages featuring adult and children musicians. One stage featuring folk musicians will have activities for small children. A second stage, operated by the Center for Creative Studies, will highlight Rlad Abraham, an 11th grade piano prodigy from Cranbrook, the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School string quartet, in addition to several performers from the center — a Grammy Award-winning jazz pianist and metro Detroit's jazz guitarist of the year, Ron English.

The third stage will feature gospel, rock and roll, and blues musicians.

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