

Local shows introduce kids to theater

Take your children to the theater this summer. This weekend the junior actors of Ridgedale will present "Robin Hood," the Disney musical version at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, June 24; 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25; and 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26. Tickets are \$4. Call (810) 288-0799 or 542-1322.

In keeping with the Robin Hood practice of helping people, each person attending this show is required to bring one item of

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non-perishable food or donate money to be given to the Sanctuary of Royal Oak. Sanctuary is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping runaways and potential runaways and their families.

The junior membership of the Village Players of Birmingham are presenting three plays this summer at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut St. on the corner of Hunter Boulevard, south of Maple.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for one play, \$15 for two or \$20 for three. Call 644-2075 for reservations.

Beth Henley's "The Miss Firecracker Contest," will be presented July 1, 2 and 3. This is the story of an endearing teenager who competes for a coveted beauty pageant title so she might abolish her old town nickname: "Miss Hot Tamale."

"Coastal Disturbances," by

Tina Howe will be staged July 22, 23 and 24. Gale winds of romance engulf young, attractive Holly Dancer and handsome, Leo, the lifeguard, as a gallery of marvelously eccentric characters look on.

Alan Ayckbourn's "A Small Family Business" will be presented Aug. 12, 13 and 14. When Jack McCracken inherits his family's furniture business, he is caught between internal corruption and a slimy blackmailer.

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saled to \$21 for grilled salmon with potatoes, asparagus and dessert.

There are also soups, entree salads and desserts.

"It's very good," said Susan Robin of Birmingham who was enjoying a late lunch of pasta with garlic shrimp outside on the patio.

Guy McIntyre of Birmingham said he likes the freshness and quality of the food served at The Cook's Garden. Go Gorb of Birmingham said he likes to try a little of everything, and not the same thing twice.

All of the meats served at The Cook's Garden are cooked or

smoked in-house. They also use a lot of fresh herbs in their cooking. James Thibault is the executive chef, and has over 25 years experience.

"We changed our concept because people wanted to dine in," said Mike Thibault, James' son. "We have seven tables outside, and can seat 54 inside. Customers can pick what they want to eat and how much. You can have a good, hearty meal and not feel stuffed."

What's your favorite restaurant? Call (313) 953-2105 to recommend restaurants to feature in Entertainment. Be sure to include your daytime phone number.

ENTERTAINING CHOICES

Entertaining Choices lists upcoming concerts, plays, dance performances and special events. 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.

AUDITIONS

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Auditions for "Lost in Yonkers" will be held Friday, June 24 for two males ages 13 to 18; and Monday, June 27 for adults. Auditions are by appointment only. Call (810) 788-2900.

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for the musical "The Sound of Music," ages five to 20, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets \$5 at the door. Call (810) 543-3533.

miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Readings from script. Call (810) 652-1866 for information.

MARQUIS THEATRE

Boys and girls ages 8-15 for "Rumpelstiltskin" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Reading from script, be prepared to dance. Rehearsals begin July 6, performances, Aug. 8-13, 15-20, 22-27. Call (313) 349-8110 for details.

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POET'S GUILD

Evening with award-winning Detroit Poet, Naomi Long Madgett, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets \$5 at the door. Call (810) 543-3533.

STAGECRAFTERS

"City of Angels" will be the season's final production for the Stagecrafters of Royal Oak, running through June 26. The Baldwin theater is at 415 South Lafayette Avenue. For tickets, call 541-6430 on Tuesday and Thursdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DANCE

POINTE ACADEMY

Student concert 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Call 852-2585 for tickets.

MUSIC

YOUTH SYMPHONY

Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra, performs at Verner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University, 7 p.m. Friday, July 1. Call (810) 828-3239 for information.

PIKE KNOB

Michael Feinstein, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23; Yanni Live, June 24; Yes, June 25; Steve Miller Band, July 1-2. Call (810) 645-6666.

BRAD FELT QUARTET & DUO

Concert 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Gail's Chocolates, 417 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call 398-0001.

MEADOW BROOK

Melissa Manchester with the Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, Richard Jeni, July 1, Little Richard, July 3. Call (810) 645-6666.

GEM THEATRE

Concert featuring Jonathan Hammond, a Cranbrook Theater School musical theater instructor, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 26. Concert will feature songs of the musical theater. Tickets \$10, available at the door. Call (810) 468-3444.

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Woodward in Berkeley and 21765 Michigan in Dearborn are having a California Beach Party this weekend to raise money to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Owners Mark, Tony and Jeff Anushagian will donate \$1 to the MDA for every shopper entering the stores June 25-26. Doug Jacobs and his Red Garter Band and the Reggae Ambassadors, a steel drum band, will entertain shoppers 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Berkley store, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Dearborn store. Beachcombers can feast on hot dogs, hamburgers and tropical fruit drinks that will be offered for sale.

Thank you readers for calling to participate in our Michael Feinstein concert promotion. The response was terrific, and 50 lucky callers received free tickets to see the concert tonight at Pike Knob. Feinstein will be performing at 7:30 p.m. with the very talented Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. I enjoyed

talking to all of the lucky ticket winners, many of them contest winners for the first time ever.

Maureen McGovern performs her "American Songbook" with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook Music Festival 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2. Tickets are \$17.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. Tickets for children 12 and younger are free. Fireworks will immediately follow the performance. Call (810) 645-6666.

Be sure to let me know about upcoming outdoor concerts in your community.

The Farmington Community Jazz/Dance Band performs many jazz favorites 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Birmingham's Summer Concert Series begins 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in Shain Park. The Birmingham Groves High School Jazz Band will play, followed by the Birmingham Concert Band 7:30-9 p.m.

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