

On the Marquee

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On July 11, singers will be led through Haydn's "Creation" by conductor Kimcherie Lloyd; On July 18 attendees will sing Mozart's "Requiem" with conductor Jerry Blackstone. Those attending the final session on July 25 will be able to join the Choral Union and director Thomas Sheets in singing "Carmina Burana," which the Choral Union is scheduled to perform on Aug. 20 in Detroit.

Farmington Hills-based Hiram Walker & Sons is sponsoring the Hiram Walker Culinary Showcase at the 1994 Michigan TasteFest, July 1-4 in the New Center Area Park at East Grand Boulevard and Second Avenue in Detroit.

This year's Culinary Showcase will feature chefs from 15 popular restaurants who will prepare appetizers, entrees and desserts using products from the Hiram Walker Culinary Collection, which is comprised of 11 premium brand of spirits that can be used in cooking.

Showcase crowds will receive copies of the participating chef's recipes and have an opportunity to sample some of the creations. The Showcase will feature demonstrations at noon and 1 p.m. Friday, July 1; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 2-4. Call (313) 872-0188 for TasteFest information, or 1-800-336-3783 for Hiram Walker brand food and beverage recipes.

Participating chefs include Lorraine Plattman of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe, Patrick Dunn of Key Largo, and John Vogelmeier of Jacques Demers at the Embassy Suites. TasteFest also features musical entertainment and many family activities.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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.

BEER TASTING
Merchant of Vino is hosting a summer beer tasting of microbrewed and handcrafted beers, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 14 on the Rooftop Deck at Second City. Tickets \$25, available at all Merchant of Vino locations.

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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

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for the musical "The Sound of Music," ages five to 20, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9; adults — 4 p.m. Sunday, July 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the theater on Tienken Road, 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Readings from script. Call (810) 652-1868 for information.

STAGECRAFTERS
"Oklahoma," register 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, auditions begin 3:30 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak.

BIG FISH TOO
Happy hour 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, on the corner of Stephenson Highway and 14 Mile in Madison Heights. Refreshing libations, appetizers including frog legs, Buffalo Fried Rock Shrimp, mussels.

BIG FISH
Jazz on the patio 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays at 700 Town Center Drive in Dearborn. Variety of special appetizers for "munchers" and dining off the menu.

ENTERTAINING CHOICES



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Children's show: Christine Tobia (left to right), Ryan Martin, Deborah Cohen, and Virginia Mardeusz star in "The Miss Firecracker Contest," to be presented by the Junior members of the Village Players of Birmingham, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday July 1-2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 3, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, corner of Hunter Boulevard. Tickets \$10, call 644-2075. The play tells the story of a teenager who competes for a beauty pageant title so she might abolish her old town nickname: "Miss Hot Tamale."

Cast of 15-20 will be selected. Call (810) 543-2633 or (810) 541-6430 for information.

OFF THE WALL PRODUCTIONS
Open auditions for fall and Christmas productions at Genit's Little Theatre, 112 East Main Street in Northville, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 506. Male and female rolls, bring monologue and music. Not all roles are singing. Call (810) 380-9999.

THEATER

TROY PLAYERS
"Anne of Green Gables," a musical.

Puppeteers gather for workshop

Discover the drama and fun of puppetry during the Great Lakes Regional Puppet Festival July 8-10 at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road, at I-76 (Exit 72) in Troy.

Workshops are designed to meet the needs of the beginning and professional puppeteers. There are also special workshops for children ages five and older, and a Teen Video Work-through. Call (810) 656-6532 for information.

The festival also features a number of public performances.

At 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 8, the Poppinjay Puppets of Cleveland will present "Puss in Boots," designed for ages 6-12. The cost is \$3.50. At 1 p.m. children ages 4-7 can learn "How Straight Shooter Saved Pretty Sal" in a show featuring Hinkle's Puppets. The cost is \$2.50. "Gustaf and His Ensemble," perform at 7:30 p.m. in a program for teens and adults. Tickets are \$8. "Gustaf and His Ensemble" is composed of several one-marionette vignettes. With each scene Albrecht Rorer, an internationally known master puppeteer from Germany, explores human frailties and emotions.

The Melikin Puppet Theatre of Chicago will present "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9. This show is for ages 6 and up. Tickets are \$3.50. At noon, the Madcap Puppet Theatre of Cincinnati presents "The Firebird," for ages six and up. Tickets are \$3.50.

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