## Performances showcase ethnic music, dance

A series of five "Exotic Evenings" at The Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills will explore the rich heritage of other cultures through music, dance and storytelling.

Performances will be held in the outdoor amphitheater at the center, 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. In case of rain, shows will be staged in the large living room of the Longacre House. For information, call (810) 477-8404.

"Anne of Green Gables" will be presented by participants of Trinity House Theatre's Sum-mer Youth Drsma Program 8 pm. Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, at the theater on the northwest corner of 1-275 and Six Mile Road in Livonia.

Tickets are \$4 adults, \$3 children. For reservations, call (313) 464-6302.

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West Bloomfield Youtheatre
will present "Once Upon a Matreas," a musical retelling of
the classic fairy-tale, "The
Frincers and the Pea," 7:30
p.m. Thursday, Friday, and
patty July 21-23, and 2
pm. Sunday, July 24 at West
Bloomfield High School, Orehard Lake Road north of Wal-

Community Center grounds will open at 0:15 p.m. with shows beginning at 7 p.m. Bring blankets to alt on the lawn, and a pic-

Admission Is free, courtesy of Target Stores.
On July 20, Tomoyo Koehler will perform Japaness Koto Harp music; and Renee Chou, of Farm-ington Hills, traditional Chinese dance.

dance.

The series continues July 27 with Corinne Stavish of South-

nut Lake Road. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3.50 students and available at the door. Call 1 (800) 824-8314 for information.

The cast features 50 per-formers ages 5 to 15 from throughout the metro area.

The Junior Membership of Village Players will present "Coastal Disturbanaces" by Tina Howe, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 22-23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut Street on the corner of Hunter Boulevard, south of Maple in Birmingham. In the play gale winds of romance engulf young, attractive Holly Daneer and handsome Leo, the lifeguard, as a gallery of marvelously eccentric characters look on.

Shows appeal to children

ries and tosure.
Gisselle Fobbe of Farmington
Hills will perform Middle Eastern
dances on Aug. 3 and LaRon Williams tells African-American stoes on Aug. 10.

The series concludes Aug. 17 with Malini's Dances of India and Carol Hansen's tales of East In-

"This is the initial phase of the ew 'Cultural Harmony' program

we are launching this year," said Ben Maras, executive director.
"We believe there is a need for programs that bring people of dif-ferent races together in a fun, re-laxed atmosphere where they can learn something about each other's culture and become better acquainted," said Laura Collins, development coo-clinator. "We also want to provide quality en-richment programs that are af-fordable, convenient and enjoy-able for all ages." fordable, conveni able for all ages."

## **COOKING CALENDAR**

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Merchant of Vino is hosting a summer beer tasting of micro-brewed and handcrafted beer, 630-9 pm. Thursday, July 14 on the Rooftop Deck at Second City. Tiskets \$25, available at all Merchant of Vino locations.

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"A late summer holiday dinner,"
will be offered 7 p.m. Wednesday,
Sept. 7, at the restaurant 30715

W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington
Hills. Dinner will be 6 courses of
Veneto cooking, allowing guesta
to select their main entree. Milanese musician Pino Marelli will
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sounds. The cost is \$52 per person. Call (810) 474-3033 for reservations.

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