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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGNON

Farmington Players to present funny show

Farmington Players opens its season with "The Man Who Came to Dinner," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads. The show continues weekends through Nov. 19. Tickets are \$8, call (810) 653-2955.

■ Don't miss the opening concert of the Musica Viva International Concert Series featuring classical guitarist Philippe Loli, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$22 at the door. Call (810) 471-7700 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

■ Chicken that comes in nuggets, breakfast in a burrito, where can you get the real McCoy? As far as bagels are concerned, the newly opened Bruegger's Bagels, 23433 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, is willing to pay big dough for "the real McCoy."

If your legal name is McCoy, or even if it's MacCoy, all you have to do is come to Bruegger's, show proof, and they'll give you 12 free Bruegger's bagels. Not only will you get the bagels, but for each real McCoy that comes in and claims his or her bagel birthday, Bruegger's will donate three dozen bagels to the homeless. This offer is good through Nov. 9.

■ Speaking of food, the fourth annual Irish Cooking School will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Founder's Room of Bostford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington. The theme this year is a Christmas one with gift giving in mind. The donation is \$17 and includes buffet lunch and book of Irish recipes. Reservations are necessary. Send checks payable to the Metro Detroit Chapter of

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Now showing

Dining Bruegger's Bagel Bakery has come to town. The Farmington Hills shop is a bagel store and deli that seats 60.

Theater Check out Entertaining Choices for information about shows playing at community theaters in your neighborhood.

Movies Find out what films are opening this Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

Travel Make plans to spend a week this winter in the warm sun of the Caribbean.

Music Graphic rappers I.C.P. are trying to prove that the world is about to end.

Looking ahead

Farmington Players opens its season with "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Find out what's on the menu at Bruegger's in Plymouth. From Thanksgiving weekend through New Year's Day, the Big Apple shines.



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In the spotlight: Redford resident and Farmington Harrison High School music tutor Greg Kolytk is the featured saxophonist for "Beehive" at Detroit's Gem Theatre.

'BEEHIVE' MUSICIAN

During the day, saxophonist Greg Kolytk tutors students at Farmington Harrison High School. At night, he hits the stage, a member of the band supporting the cast of "Beehive," a 1960s musical now playing at the Gem Theatre.

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Saxophonist Greg Kolytk is one of the few musicians fortunate enough to spend his life doing what he loves.

The multi-talented Redford resident spends his afternoons privately tutoring music students at Farmington Harrison High School.

By night he hits the stage of the Gem Theatre as a member of the band supporting the rambunctious cast of "Beehive," the '60s musical playing at the theater through Jan. 1.

In the production, six high-strung, bouffant-haired teenage women run around the stage and reminisce about their favorite songs by girl groups from the '60s. Each of them takes on the identity of their idols and belts out songs by everyone from The Chiffons to Aretha Franklin.

Although the music of The Chiffons, The Shangri-las, Shirley Ellis

BUSY AS A BEE

ON-STAGE

"Beehive"

► **THEATRE** Gem Theatre, 58 E. Columbia, Detroit

► **SHOWTIME** Times 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 5 & 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 & 6 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 1

► **TICKETS** Range from \$24.50 to \$12.25. Call (313) 965-9800 or (810) 645-9999

and Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells are a little before Kolytk's time, he's fortunate to have a chance to learn the songs that lead generations through the joys and pains of first love.

That's the case "for most of us in the band. Through playing in different groups and being exposed to that sort of music, we all have a familiarity with that era."

He's not shy about admitting that he's also grateful for the steady work. That doesn't seem to have been a problem for the 1980 Livonia Stevenson graduate.

He's performed at the Birmingham Theatre during the run of "Anything Goes," and the Fox Theatre with Tommy Tune.

The progeny of musician parents, he began his career at age 6 when he started piano lessons.

In elementary school he picked up the clarinet and from there grasped the sax and flute. Kolytk attended the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, but earned a degree at William Paterson College in New Jersey. He transferred to the New Jersey school because of their "fine jazz department . . . plus its proximity to New York." The two locations doubled his chances of getting top-notch jobs.

"I didn't do those types of musicals. (It was) mostly jazz playing.

See BEETHOVEN, 2B

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1994



SECOND CITY

New act: Jackie Puritan and Andrew Newberg in a scene from one of the new comedy sketches at Second City.

Training wheels off

Second City rolls

BY BOB SADLER
SPECIAL WRITER

It has been more than 13 months since The Second City — Detroit opened its doors at a smashing new facility at the corner of Woodward and Montclair. Positioned to be another jewel in the Hirsch family's entertainment holdings in the downtown Theatre District, The Second City has introduced metro Detroiters to its irreverent, topical brand of improvisational sketch comedy which has made it an institution in Chicago and Toronto.

The first two revues at Woodward and Montclair, entitled "Power to the People Movers" and "Kevorkian Unplugged," respectively, predominantly featured classic Second City material drawn from over 30 years of comedic excellence. This gave the young Detroit cast a chance to get their feet wet, hone their writing and performance skills, and prepare them for putting together a revue made up entirely of original, Detroit-produced material.

Happily, that moment is finally here. A 100-percent Michigan cast is in place. Flint native Nancy Hayden and Detroiters Chris Smith have joined the seven-member ensemble, with Second City Chicago "ringers" Sully Nakamura and Todd Stashwick

See CAST, 2B

The Continuing Adventures of Souperman?

• The comedy benefit season never seems to end, probably because there's no shortage of good causes out there. One of Detroit's all-time faves, **Soupy Sales**, appears Nov. 5 at the Oakland Hills Country Club to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Call (313) 745-5911.

Comedy Club Counterprogramming

• With November around the corner, that can only mean two things: colder weather and a television "sweeps" month. You know what a TV sweeps period means — cross-dressing Swedish bikini models who ride tricycles on "Gerald" and a new miniseries starting each night. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castles counters the small screen delights with **Steve McGraw**, who appears Nov. 1-5 for a special engagement. Call (810) 542-9900 for reservations.

P.S.

• I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of **Dennis Wolffberg**, one of stand-up comedy's brightest lights, due to cancer a couple of weeks back. Having the opportunity to speak to him in June before his last appearance in Detroit, I found him to be not only one of the funniest and most creative people in the business, but one of the nicest as well.

— Bob Sadler