



Classic: Hansel, (in the cage), and Gretel try to outwit the wicked witch with the help of the magical forest animals in "Hansel and Gretel" now playing at the Anderson Center Theatre in Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.

Plays feature local youngsters

The Marquis Theatre in Northville is presenting "Beauty and the Beast" through Dec. 30, and the Greenfield Village Theatre Company is staging a musical version of the classic, "Hansel and Gretel."

To those few people who missed the popular animated movie, the story is about a young woman whose love and kindness for a creature called Beast, releases him from an evil spell and eventually turns him into a charming prince.

"Beauty and the Beast" is being performed Saturdays and Sundays, with special holiday break performances, through Dec. 30. All tickets are \$7. There are also special performances for school children. Call (810) 349-8110 for tickets.

Local actors in the Northville production include: Katie Banks, Delaney Coyne, Ed Lendrum, and Eric Martell, all of Livonia; Matthew Britton, Lauren Fisher, Jackie Washburn, Kelli and Lindsay Fortune and

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Peter Jacques, all of Farmington or Farmington Hills; Kristin Wolf, Theresa Martellotti, Kristin Mellan and Laura Novkov of Canton; and Laura Hasberrle of Plymouth.

Sue Borg, who wrote the play based on a classic French fairy tale, said there are 56 kids in the four casts. The production includes lavish costumes and opera music.

"It's a very lovely production and it gives kids an introduction to classical music," Borg said.

The Greenfield Village Company promises an exciting show as Hansel and Gretel encounter the fairy-tale characters and meet up with the wicked witch.

There's the Gingerbread House with real candy and cake decorations and songs from the opera by Engelbert Humperdinck.

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 17, 27-31;

2:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18; and 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17.

Tickets are \$5.75 and can be reserved by calling (313) 271-1620. The performances are staged at the Anderson Center Theatre at the Henry Ford Museum, at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, Dearborn.

Children are invited to meet the actors in costume after each show. The cast includes Lisa Andres of Livonia; Harry Bennett of Farmington Hills; Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills; and Jackie Marks of Canton.

"Santa and His Runaway Reindeer," a musical children's play will be presented by the Junior Actors of Ridgedale, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; 1 and 3:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets \$5.50 per person include meal, play, visit and gift from Santa. Pictures with Santa, \$1. For reservations, call Dawn (810) 288-0799 or (810)

Concert showcases Beaux Arts Trio

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"The Beaux Arts Trio" will perform for the Chamber Music Society at Orchestra Hall in Detroit 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets range \$6 to \$30. Call (313) 833-3700.

The trio, comprised of founding member and pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Ida Kavafian and cellist Peter Wiley, continues the musical tradition established since the official public debut at the Tanglewood Festival in 1955.

Since its founding, the Trio has played over 8,000 engagements extending to numerous associations and chamber music series around the world. Annual appearances at major North American music festivals include, Mostly Mozart, Caramoor, Ravinia and Tanglewood.

Their collaborative career is highlighted by a performance at the 1988 Summer Olympics in



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