

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild hosts contest for sisters

Share a favorite story about your sister(s) to win surprises for two, and tickets to St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of Wendy Wasserstein's "The Sisters Rosenzweig" opening 8 p.m. Friday, March 22, and continuing weekends to Saturday, March 30.

The story can be funny, poignant, or unusual. Please limit the length to 250 words or less. Deadline to enter contest is noon Friday, March 15. The winning entry will be printed in the March 21 edition of Arts & Entertainment.

Send entries to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax entries, call (313) 591-7279. Call (313) 953-2105 for information.

You must be 18 or older to enter, and employees of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are not eligible.

The first prize winner will

receive two tickets to St. Dunstan's production of "The Sisters Rosenzweig." A St. Dunstan's t-shirt, Tea for Two at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham, a copy of the book "Sisters" by Carol Salino, from Borders Book Shop in Birmingham, and picture frame for your cherished memory from Orthogonality in Birmingham.

Second prize is two tickets to "The Sisters Rosenzweig," and Tea for Two at the Townsend Hotel.

Third prize is two tickets to "The Sisters Rosenzweig," and a copy of the book "Sisters."

Fourth prize is two tickets to "The Sisters Rosenzweig," and a picture frame from Orthogonality.

Tickets will be for the closing night performance 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30, with different nights substituted upon availability.

"The Sisters Rosenzweig," runs 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays,

March 22-23 and March 29-30 at St. Dunstan's Playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (between Woodward and Lahser).

General admission is \$10; students and senior citizens \$8. For ticket information, call (810) 644-0527. Free parking is available across from the theater at Christ Church Cranbrook, and there is a complimentary shuttle service.

Voted Best Broadway Play of the 1992-1993 season by the Outer Critics Circle, "The Sisters Rosenzweig" explores the relationships between three middle-aged sisters and how they interact with each other, their children, and their men.

"It's a story about families, both immediate and extended. About deciding to embrace your heritage or redefine it," said director Amy Smith. "It's a funny show, but there are some tears too."

Wasserstein is also the author of the popular "The Heidi Chron-



Sisters: Julie Yolles, Mary Jolliffe and Duffy Wineman star in St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook's production of "The Sisters Rosenzweig" opening at the playhouse on March 22.

icles," recently made into a television movie starring Jamie Lee Curtis, and "Uncommon Women

and Others," which she wrote while attending Yale's School of Drama. "The Sister's

Rosenzweig" was presented last year at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

TRAVEL

Plan a Northwest adventure

BY GRAHAM VINK
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SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — In light of the Northwest's recent flooding, it may sound strange to be thinking about cruising the region's rivers.

But tours by the American West Steamboat Co., based in Portland, begin next month and run through January. Three-, four-, five-, and seven-night cruises are available and will include the Willamette, Columbia, and Snake rivers. Several shore excursions are planned.

Prices range from \$279 to \$3,945 per person based on length of the cruise and the time of season. For reservations or more information, call American West at (800) 434-1232.

region of southern British Columbia is exploring the feasibility of rail excursions from Spokane to Golden, British Columbia; Banff, Alberta and surrounding areas.

Wet and wild: Events of interest relating to water:

A new Water Resources Education Center has opened in Vancouver, Wash., the centerpiece of the city's Waterfront Renaissance Project. The building features an exhibit hall, classroom, water science laboratory, computer game room, theater and art gallery.

Ballet in Canada: Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet is continuing its 1995-96 season in Vancouver, British Columbia, with "The Dream" by Sir Frederick Ashton, an adaptation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Performances are held in the Queen Elizabeth Theater. For

dates, reservations or more information, call (604) 732-5003.

Artifacts: The Oregon Historical Society will exhibit more than 200 Indian artifacts in an exhibition called "Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West."

About 85 percent of the artifacts have never been seen in public before. Artifacts include a pair of rare 17th century Blau globes, which depict California as an island, as well as a casack worn by Father De Smet and handmade Native American dresses.

The exhibition is now open at the Oregon History Center in downtown Portland and runs through June 23. The collection will then be shown in Tacoma from Aug. 3 to Jan. 5 at the Washington State History Museum. For more information, call the Oregon Historical Society at (503) 222-1741.

Bloomfield Players present musical

Bloomfield Players are presenting "Crazy for You," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, March 8-10 and March 16-17 at Andover High School Theatre on Long Lake Road, west of Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets are \$8 reserved. Call (810) 433-0885.

This new Gershwin extravaganza, which rated a Tony for Best Musical when it hit Broadway in

1992, is filled with song and dance, and Ken Ludwig's hilarious dialogue.

Bloomfield Players community theater group is sponsored by the Recreation Community Services Division of the Bloomfield Hills School District.

GREAT ESCAPES

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