

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Eddie Money performs with Silver Bullet Band saxophonist Alto Reed, the Brutus Band, and Mudpuppy, as part of radio station WCSX's 20th anniversary concert, 7:30 p.m., at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets \$9.47, (248) 377-0100.

SATURDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Tiny Tots concert features Rheda Becker host/narrator 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Mercy High School Auditorium, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Meadow Brook Theatre presents Joe Orton's outrageous comedy "What the Butler Saw," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, call (248) 377-3300 for tickets.



Hot Tix; Belle Tire Detroit Autorama features more than 800 exhibits of hot rods and custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles, 5-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Cobo Exhibition Center, Detroit. Admission \$12, \$5 children younger than 5 at the door, (810) 650-5560.

MUSIC

Irish troubador: Tommy Makem accompanies himself on banjo and tinwhistle.



Godfather of Irish Music keeps tradition alive

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"I was just in a bit of a row," Tommy Makem said in his familiar, rich baritone brogue.

He apologized for a brief delay in the start of a telephone interview from his home in Dover, N.H., while he settled a discussion over delivery of furniture for his daughter.

Despite the "bit of a row," the man called the Bard of Armagh and the Godfather of Irish Music was in a good mood, happy to talk and tell stories about the music he's been singing for most of his 65 years.

Makem, who will perform Friday, Feb. 20, at the Mercy High School Auditorium, grew up in an Irish home

filled with traditional music. His late mother, Sarah, was a noted singer and song collector.

"Music in our house was like breathing," he said. "My mother sang all the time, all day without stopping. ... She had this vast store of wonderful songs."

In the mid 1950s, the BBC recorded Sarah Makem and her neighbors for a BBC world-service program. Her recording of "As I Have About" became the show's theme song, heard around the world every Sunday morning.

"I remember arriving home from the States on a holiday. I had hired a car and drove up, took my bags in and couldn't get in the kitchen," Makem said. "There was a class from a south-

western university in the United States sitting on the kitchen floor. My mother was stepping in and out making tea for them and the students were taking notes. To my mother it was no different than serving tea to my father. My father was sitting in the corner, smoking his pipe and laughing his head off."

Makem's father played fiddle and other family members and neighbors played musical instruments, song and performed traditional dances.

But Makem's first interest in the arts was in acting, not music. He had won some acting prizes and was invited to audition for the famous Old Vic

Tommy Makem

What: Irish folk singer performs to benefit the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Where: Mercy High School Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington.

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Available at Murphy's Restaurant in Redford Township, The Celtic Shamrock in Farmington, The Innisfree Pub & Restaurant in Garden City and other area locations. For information, call (734) 562-5610, (734) 534-5610, (248) 348-2660 or (248) 649-1140.

BANDS SOLDIER ON FOR

Scotland The Brave

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

"Reverendance" created renewed interest in Irish culture, and movies such as the 1995 Academy Award-winning film "Braveheart" and "Rob Roy" have helped do the same for Scots.

"People are so intrigued with the history of clans, they want more of it," said Cpl. David Smith of The Black Watch, one of the most famous bagpipe bands in the world, which is part of the "Scotland The Brave," 60-city tour coming to Joe Louis Arena Saturday and to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Sunday.

Shows in the past were pipes and drums, this time it's a little bit different," said Smith. "In the past we just marched on stage and played."

This year's tour has a theme — "Scotland The Brave," — and includes performances by Highland dancers, a Ceilidh band and a vocal soloist in addition to

performances by the Regimental Band of The Scots Guards and The Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch.

Scotland The Brave takes the audience on a musical journey of Scotland from the 1600s to the present.

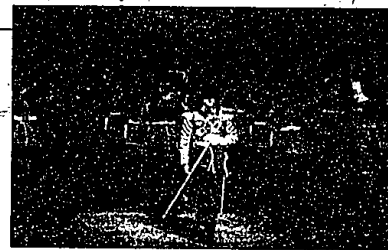
The show includes numbers that are well-known to fans of Scottish music — "Scotland The Brave," and "Highland Laddie," and rarely performed tunes unearthed especially for this tour.

Highland dancers perform the strenuous Argyle Broadsword, The Highland Fling and other numbers.

"We have four professional dancers touring with us, all girls," said Smith. "They're excellent."

A narrator tells the story, giving the audience a lesson in history about The Scots Guards, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham Palace.

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Rich Legacy: The Scotland the Brave tour features the Scots Guard, one of the top military bands who accompany the "Changing of the Guard" at Buckingham Palace.

Scotland the Brave Tour

Visiting two metro Detroit entertainment venues:

■ Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit — 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14.

Tickets: \$35, \$25 and \$18.50, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606 or (313) 396-7902.

■ Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Gerfield Road, Clinton Township — 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

Tickets: \$29 adults, students and senior citizens \$26, call (810) 286-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

Also of Interest:

■ Membership in The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit is open to all persons of Scottish birth or descent. For membership information, contact the Membership Secretary at 18793 Kenosha St., Harper Woods, MI 48225-2127.

■ The 149th annual Highland Games will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Check out their web site, [HTTP://www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com](http://www.hIGHLANDGAMES.com)

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