

Thursday, January 18, 2001

**FRIDAY**



Jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli brings his trio to Orchestra Hall at 8 p.m. in a concert that will also feature his father, jazz guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. Tickets \$17-\$65, 9313) 576-5111.

**SATURDAY**



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights the talent of 16-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen 7:30 p.m. at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, (734) 425-4855 or (248) 645-6666.

**SUNDAY**



Lace up your skates and take a lap around the outdoor ice rink made with Super Ice that's part of the "Extreme Ice" exhibit at SPIRIT of Ford 1151 Village Road in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children, ages 5-12, no charge for children age 4 and younger, (313) 317-7474.

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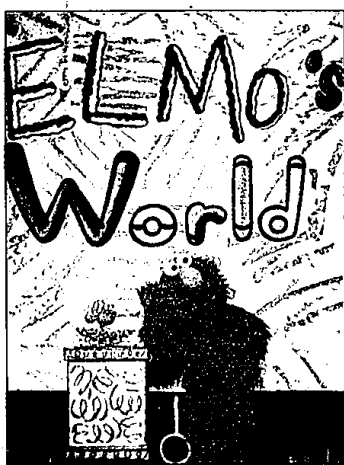
There is still time to see the Buick LaCrosse concept car and other vehicles on display at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. Show Hours are: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. No charge for children up to age 12. Admission \$10 for adults. For more information, call (313) 317-7474.



Fuzzy friends: Elmo, Zoe, Snuffy and the rest of the Sesame Street gang are ready for Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out from Jan. 24-Feb. 4 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

## SUNNY DAY CAMP OUT

### Sesame Street brings all new production to town



Monster mania: Sesame Street Live features the fuzzy red monster, Elmo, in a special 15-minute segment with his neighborhood friends, his pet fish, Dorothy, and Mr. Nooodle.

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With so many weeks of cold, cold weather and snowfall upon snowfall, who wouldn't be ready for a Sunny Day Camp Out?

Certainly the Sesame Street gang is, and that motley mob of monsters is set to bring its musical camping trip to the Fox Theatre in Detroit for 24 performances from Wednesday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 4.

Sesame Street Live rolled into town last year at this time, but that was with *When I Grow Up*.

*Sunny Day Camp Out*, an all-new production for the Detroit area, features Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster and the rest of the happy campers preparing for the perfect camping excursion.

But oh, the agony they must also endure to find a cozy place to rest.

Big Bird's nest is too small, Snuffy's cave is dripping water, Ernie's house is filled with dancing sheep, bats are boogying in the Count's place and Elmo has fish. And with all that music, dancing and singing, when are our weary campers to rest?

Now in its 21st year, *Sesame Street Live* is the longest running Broadway-style tour for children. In fact, when the Emmy Award-winning public television show decided to take its Muppets on the road, Christine Giuliani, who plays Elmo, was barely a year old.

Now the 22-year-old Rochester, New York native is in her second year with the touring company. Last year, she played *Prairie Dawn* in Detroit. But with seniority under her belt, this year she chose to be the undisputed

favorite among the youngest *Sesame Street* viewers — Elmo.

"Actually, I started out as Zoe on this tour, but the Elmo got hurt and I took over the role in October," said Giuliani.

Injuries like away-back are not uncommon when you consider the costumes can easily weigh 25 pounds. Giuliani, a trained dancer, said Elmo's red furry costume weighs 15 pounds, and it's all in the head and feet.

On stage, the characters dance, but the voices are pre-recorded, so you hear the actual voices of the characters on the television program.

*Sunny Day Camp Out* also features a 15-minute segment of *Elmo's World* with Dorothy the Fish and Mr. Nooodle, Elmo's next door neighbor.

"All the kids sing along with me, and I get my energy back from the kids," said Giuliani. Indeed, to her 5- and 6-year-old niece, Giuliani is right up there with Britney.

"They take my pictures to school and just think that this is the best thing ever," she said. Giuliani isn't looking to make a career out of the production, but does plan to stay on for another year of the tour. "It's been a great way to see the country," she said.

And she's also been able to be close to her fiancé who works concession for the show. The two plan a July wedding, but until then Giuliani will have to forgo white silk taffeta in favor of Elmo's tangled red fur.

What: Sesame Street Live's Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out  
When: Wednesday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 4  
Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
Tickets: \$10, \$14 and \$18. Premium seats at \$25. For information call the Fox Theatre at (313) 593-6611.

**MUSIC**

### U-M conductor to lead bands in 'Two for One' concert

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January is a good month to shop for bargains, and if you're shopping around for something fun to do on Sunday, consider attending the *Two for One* concert at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

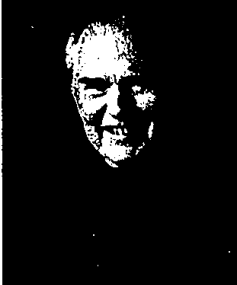
The Farmington Community Band and The Birmingham Concert Band will perform separately and together. **When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. **Where:** Harrison High School Auditorium, 29920 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. **Tickets:** No charge for admission, but donations will be appreciated. Call (734) 422-2242 for more information.

played a variety of selected pieces, they will join together on stage for a combined performance. The Birmingham band will play first.

H. Robert Reynolds, director of Bands at the University of Michigan, will conduct the combined band. Reynolds also conducts The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, an ensemble made up of members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and has been a featured conductor and lecturer at international conferences.

The idea of a joint band concert evolved from a Festival of Bands that was held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi for 18 years. After the festival, which showcased the Farmington, Birmingham and other local bands was discontinued two years ago, Hoemke called Barber to suggest hosting a joint concert with a guest conductor.

Last year's concert at Birmingham Groves High School, which featured guest conductor Douglas Bianchi, director of Bands at Wayne State University, was a success, so this year Barber offered to host it at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. "It's interesting to see folks meet for the first time and make music together," said Barber. "The audience gets to see two different groups perform a variety of music led by a renowned conductor. In band circles Mr. Reynolds is one of the biggies, and he's in our back yard."



Guest conductor: H. Robert Reynolds, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan, will conduct the Birmingham Concert Band and Farmington Community Band in a joint concert performance on Jan. 21.

Each band will play for 30 minutes. The Farmington Community Band will open with *American Fanfare* by John Wasson, which Barber describes as being a rousing, festive piece. Followed by *Petty Harbour Ball Skiff*, "a pretty little Newfoundland folk song," arranged by Jim Duff, the contemporary sounding *Divertimento for Band* by Vincent Persichetti, *Dixieland Clambake*, a light, fun piece arranged by John Warrington that includes solos by band members, and close with the classic and powerful *Marche Militaire Francaise: Finale from Algerian Suite* by C. Saint Saëns.

"We were looking for contrast and interest," said Barber. "The sound of the band changes as you go through the concert."

Birmingham Concert Band's program includes *Winds of Freedom* from the "Winds of Change" suite by James Curnow, *Chorale and Fugue* by J.S. Bach. **Please see BANDS, B3**