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John Corigliano but he couldn't make it for the performance of *The Red Violin*," said Washburn. "He's taking a year off after winning the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in Music."

"The audience response to having the composers here is tremendous. The composer works with the orchestra and get to hear his or her ideas for the composition as does the audience during the pre-concert talks."

Also back by popular demand are three performances of *The Nutcracker* with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company, the annual Pops concert showcasing Oscar-winning music from the movies, and chamber concerts featuring everything from Irish fiddle music to folk from the Middle East. But it's Beethoven's Ninth that has orchestra members talking. More than 100-voices strong, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, Eastern Michigan University Choir and the Plymouth Councilors Choral, combined with the orchestra, should make for a moving performance.

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Wagner, a Plymouth resident who's been playing with orchestra for 11 years.

"I love music. I enjoy ensemble playing. I see it as a way to give to the community."

The orchestra's community involvement is one of the reasons Darlene Dreyer is happy to be back as executive director for a second season. Several of the programs include guest artists from the community.

"I'm excited because we have a wonderful color program that involves many people in the community," Dreyer said.



**Rolling comedy:** Sue Stanley of Canton (left) and Genie Nehs, Livonia give two performances of "Harvey" on Oct. 20 at the Novi Hilton.

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dent. He taught choral music and theater for many years in public and parochial schools in Dearborn Heights and at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

"It's a very popular show. It has humor. We've done it four times this year with our touring theater company."

An all-volunteer group, ParLOUR Theatre Productions performs in senior centers in addition to public venues.

"We're not doing it for money," said Nehs, "but the camaraderie. We make a lot of seniors happy. They like that contact with people and to mingle."



**Rabbit tricks:** Jerry Nehs plays a psychiatrist who sees the 6-foot-tall rabbit named "Harvey."

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José and Kyle Ketelsen in the role of Escamillo. Kate Aldrich

will alternate the role of Carmen with Mishura.

First performed in Paris in 1875, Carmen tells the story of a saucy cigarette girl and her uneasy—and eventually fatal—relationship with a Spanish Officer.

The new production will feature sets by Ricardo Hernandez and is directed by Ron Daniels with John DeMaia conducting.

After this production of Car-

men is completed, Mishura may be heading for Argentina for an opera production, but with such a busy schedule last year, she's looking forward to the holidays at home with her husband and daughter, who just started her first year at Western Michigan University.

"After missing her 18th birthday and graduation, I'm ready to be home," said Mishura.

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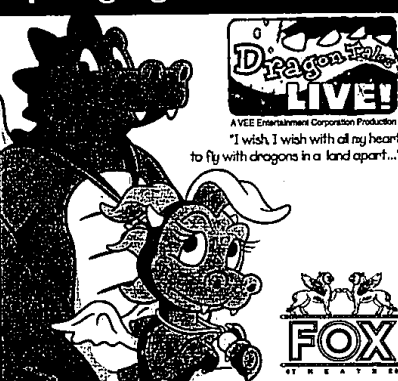
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