



THE LOVELY BALLET, "The Nutcracker" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., in Plymouth High School Auditorium Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road. "The Nutcracker"

is being presented by the Severo Ballet Company, with music by the Plymouth Symphony. Tickets are on sale at Melody House, 770 Penman, and at the box office.

Singletons Meet Dec. 9

The Dearborn - Livonia Singletons will hold their Christmas dinner social on Thursday, Dec. 9, in Vladimir's Terrace Room, 28125 Grand River, Farmington.

The evening will start with a social hour at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:30.

Persons who are interested in learning more about Singletons may receive a new letter regarding future activities by writing P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48124.



"THE MIKADO" will be staged Dec. 8 to 11 in Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. Koko, played by H. Don Cameron (left), makes a 30-day loan of his betrothed Yum-Yum (Ashley Putnam) to Nanki-Poo (Jim Bryan) in a plot to save his head, but finds the arrangement not completely to his liking. Tickets will be on sale at the theater box office up to curtain time.

'Mikado' To Open At U-M

ANN ARBOR The University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society will present six performances of "The Mikado" from Dec. 8 through 11, in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre on the U of M campus.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 8, 9 and 11. On Dec. 10, there will be two per-

formances, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., and there is also a Saturday matinee Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the theater box office to curtain time on performance dates.

Musical director is Bradley Bloom and the dramatics director is Herb Motley. Jim Brown is technical director. The cast consists of nine

principals and 20 chorus members. The University Theater Orchestra will provide the music. "The Mikado" is considered one of Gilbert's most biting satires on British society, but the characters and the music are universal and timeless. The society is now in its 25th season.

Memorial Art Exhibit Set

A memorial exhibit of paintings and sketches by James W. Ashcroft will be held Dec. 3 to 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Universallist-Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead, Farmington. Ashcroft, whose home was in Detroit, taught adult art education classes in the suburbs for many years.

Farmington 'Twins' Will Open Dec. 10

Observerland's newest motion picture theater, The Old Orchard 1 and 2, will be opened Friday, Dec. 10, with a presentation of "Scrooge." Santa Claus will be on hand to greet children and parents, as well as pass out free balloons and candy canes Friday afternoon.

The Old Orchard 1 and 2, located on Orchard Lake Road, north of 12 Mile, Farmington Township, is a free-standing building of contemporary design. Two complete theaters are joined by a spacious lobby. Combined seating capacity of the twin theaters is approximately 1,200 persons. A long covered walkway along the two sides of the building

adjacent to the corner box office borders the large lighted parking area. Access is from Orchard Lake Road. Mrs. Dale Killen Young has been appointed manager of the new theaters. She was previously manager of the Norwest Theatre, and was chosen Michigan's "showman of the year" in 1970, an award granted annually by the National Association of Theater Owners of Michigan. Suburban Detroit Theaters, Inc., Southfield-based theater chain, owns the new center. The company has opened 10 new theaters during the past decade, including Northland Terrace, Towne 1 and 2 and Fairlane. The firm is headed by Eugene and Richard Sloan.

WSU Chorale Plans Concert

DETROIT The Wayne State University Women's Chorale will present a concert of sacred and secular music at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10.

The Detroit premiere of "Three Ways of Looking at a Blackbird" by Jim Hartway for soprano, flute, piano and percussion ensemble, will be featured.

The concert will be held in the Community Arts Auditorium, Cass and Kirby.

Mercy Stages Greek Drama

"The Trojan Women," a Greek tragedy written more than 2,350 years ago, will be presented in an actor's workshop production by the Mercy College of Detroit speech and drama department.

The play will be performed nightly at 8 p.m., in McAuley Auditorium, 8200 West Outer Drive, from Wednesday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 11. General admission is \$1.50 per person.

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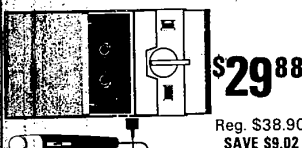
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