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LRTG Chooses Cast For 'Suite'

Observerland's award-winning theater guild, Livonia-Redford, is now in rehearsals for its spring production, "Plaza Suite," and already the opening night performance, April 28, is sold out.

"Plaza Suite," by Neil Simon, will be presented in the LRTG's building, located at 15138 Beech Daley, April 28-30 and May 5-7.

The guild took time out from rehearsals Thursday evening to celebrate winning \$1,000 for the best performance in the Metropolitan Detroit Community Theater Festival in Detroit last month. It won with excerpts from its winter production of "Lion in Winter."

RESERVATIONS FOR "Plaza Suite" must be made, even by season ticket holders, with Mrs. Jack Pierson, 15583 Sussex, Livonia, or Mrs. Angus Wrigley, 23403 Fenkel, Detroit. Tickets are \$2 and \$2.50 (for Saturday performances).

The play is really three plays, or comic episodes, with an entirely new set of characters in each act. It has a total cast of 15.

In act one, Alice Fitzpatrick and Charles Noel play Karen and Sam Nash, a middle-aged couple who are trying to put new life into their marriage. Carol Lasco plays Jean McCormack, Nash's secretary. John Love plays a bellhop and Dick Franklin, a waiter.

This segment is being directed by Ron Oudakowski. J. CRAIG Collicott is director of the second act, which deals with the amorous adventures of a Hollywood producer and a suburban housewife. Jesse Kiplinger will be portrayed by Howard McFarland and Muriel Tate, by Andrea Legal.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick is the director of the third act, which is about a reluctant bride and her concerned parents. Jeanette Burke and Norman Smith are cast as the parents. Normans and Roy Hubley, while Jan McCulloch has the role of their daughter, Minsey. John Love plays her husband-to-be (who is left standing at the altar), Borden Eisler.

1,500 See 'Mackinac!'

By BETTY MASSON

Farmington's own musical, "Mackinac," played to an audience of more than 1,500 fans in two evenings last weekend at Harrison High School.

The cast, and the authors, received standing ovations from the enthusiastic crowd both nights.

"Mackinac," is Farmington's "own" because it was written by two members of the Farmington Musicale, June Rado of Farmington and Charlene Slabey of Northville, especially for the Musicale, which is an affiliate of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and has 85 members.

DESIGNED to display the vocal talents of the members of the club, "Mackinac," served its purpose admirably. In its present form, only a group with very good singers could or should attempt it.

For many in the cast, this was their first attempt at acting, particularly in a work of this size, but it was a delight to hear so many well-trained voices.

Their talents were displayed in a wide variety of songs, ranging from beautiful arias to types to engaging choruses.

Their characterizations also displayed variety, from the fabulous clowning of Betty Love, as Minerva Sanders, the garrison commander's wife and "grande dame" of Fort Mackinac, to the dignity of Marilyn Truitt, as Women-Who-Breaks-Bottle, the Indian chief's wife.

"I'd like to see 'Mackinac,' again if for no other reason than to hear Mrs. Love sing 'We're having a Dreadful Winter,' or to see to a hot water bottle, in which she ranges over an octave or so shifting without warning, and her hilarious rendition of a poem for inclusion in a party the ladies of the settlement are planning.

Bottle's lovely mezzo-soprano voice was at its best in a piece called "The Chippewa."

THE HEROINE of the play, the settler's wife Bessie Pickering, was played by Mary Dulmage, who proved to be a real heroine of the cast. A throat infection threatened her appearance, but she recovered in time to carry off her part well, including the gentle "The Child of the Woods" and the more playful "Latchings," sung with her two daughters, played by Verna Roberts and Joyce Bigelow.

Sharing comedic honors with Mrs. Love was Margaret Savelly, who played Bessie's old-maid-sister-in-law, Hetty. "Nobody Understands Me," she sang plaintively as she explained, "I'm unrecconciled to folks that are wild."

One of the most amusing parts of the show was where she forgot her fear of Indians long enough to poke her head out from the covers to agree with Bottle that "young'uns" should listen to their elders.

Astra Kalnins and Mary Sue Ewing were well-suited to their roles of the fiery little Frenchwoman, Mme. Petite, and the Indian Maiden, Lark. The singers were admirably supported by Marie Walck as

conductor of the orchestra, which consisted of Ann Osterdale, flute; Sandy Augenstein, string bass; Williams, oboe and recorder; Ted Slaby, English horn; Debbie Tomchak, French horn; Marianne Walck, violin; Marla Kublesky, viola; Pat



A SUICIDE PACT is being discussed in this tense scene from "Portrait in Black." Karen Wendt is playing Tanis Talbot and Dan Myers plays Dr. Philip Graham in this weekend's production by the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater. (Observer photo by Nick Merrick)

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WES JACOBS will conduct a free clinic on brass instruments at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, on Wednesday, April 26.

Schoolcraft Offers Free Brass Clinic

Wes Jacobs, tuba soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will conduct a clinic on brass instruments at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, on Wednesday, April 26.

All persons interested are welcome to attend free of charge in room F-310 at 10 a.m.

Jacobs majored in tuba at Long Beach State College, and also studied at the Juillard School of Music under Joseph Novotney, principal tubist of the New York Philharmonic. His performing credits include the studio orchestras of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Warner Brothers and 20th Century Fox. He was with the San Francisco Opera Company for two years prior to joining the Detroit Symphony in 1970.

Jacobs has also gained fame with the world famous recording group, The Carpenters. He is currently playing bass guitar with the London recording group, the "Metamorphosis."

His presentation at Schoolcraft is through cooperation with Meyers Music City in Royal Oak.

WWCT Drama Opens Friday

Dan Myers and Karen Wendt will star in the murder-mystery "Portrait in Black," being presented by the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater this weekend (April 21-23) in John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Wayne. Both are well-known to WWCT fans.

Myers first became a member of the group in the early 1960s when he auditioned for "Bus Stop" and received the role of Virgil Blessing. He then went on to a supporting role in "Picnic" and his first leading role was in the children's play, "Robin Hood."

SINCE THEN he has appeared in many other plays, such as "Barefoot in the Park" and "Dark at the Top of the Stairs," for which he won the award of best actor from the group.

His most recent role was that of Charlie in "Flowers for Algernon" last November.

Myers not only appears in front of an audience, but has also been behind the scenes as assistant director of "Guys and Dolls." He has also run sound several times, did the lighting for "Streetcar Named

Desire" and has served as president of the group.

An insurance agent, he lives in Westland with his wife, Margaret, who is also an excellent director, and their nine-year-old twin daughters, Karen and Andrea. He was recently elected vice president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

MRS. WENDT last appeared with the WWCT in "Old Dad, Poor Dad" as Madame Rosa Petal. Before that, she appeared in "The Importance of Being Ernest," "Robin Hood" and "Picnic."

She has also appeared with the Lafayette Park Players several times she resides in Lafayette Park with her husband and their 16-month-old daughter.

She is a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland School District. She grew up in Wayne and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jewell. Tickets may be purchased at the Westland Chamber of Commerce, at the box office, or from Mrs. Anne Butten, 35042 Hes, Livonia. Group rates are available. Curtain time is 8:30 Friday and Saturday and 7:30 Sunday.

Student Art Is Displayed

DETROIT Conference Center April 26 through May 3. Hours are from 3 to 8 p.m. daily, and admission is free.

Bronze sculpture pieces produced by students in the campus foundry will be among the works of art displayed at the student art exhibition at Mercy College of Detroit, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit.

The show will be in the

Sculpture in stone, wood and clay will also be shown. Paintings and crafts, including metalmith, will also be displayed.

New Membership Plan To Aid Village

DEARBORN For the first time in their 42-year history, Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum are offering memberships in these institutions through the newly established "Friends of Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum."

Among the benefits "Friends" will receive are free admission, special previews of major exhibits, reduced registration fees for lecture series and forums, advance registration privileges for educational classes, a subscription to a quarterly publication, "The Herald," use of the new museum research library and discounts on most books, souvenirs and craft items.

Inquiries should be directed to William Distin, program coordinator, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, 48121.

In announcing the program, William Clay Ford, chairman of the board of trustees of the Edison Institute which administers the village and museum, said, "This membership program is intended not only to give needed support and assistance to the village and museum, but also to enable its members to become more closely identified with these institutions as well as to be able to make greater use of their vast facilities."

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