

In Plymouth

'Nutcracker' Is Dec. 10

When the famed Severo Ballet Company brings its version of "The Nutcracker" to Plymouth at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, Larry Shear of Southfield will dance the role of the Nutcracker Prince.

With music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and choreography by Sandra Severo (of Livonia), "The Nutcracker" will also be a showcase for the talents of Lisabeth Bailey and Laura Lee Stevens of Plymouth; Carole Cotter and Mary Hammel of Farmington; Lisa Moffitt of Westland; and Shauna and Shellee Joseph and Debbie Rubin of Southfield. The latter four play mice, and Laura Lee has the role of the King Mouse.

Miss Hammel will be the Sugarplum Fairy, and Miss Cotter, Miss Moffitt and Miss Bailey will be in several dances.

THE PLYMOUTH Symphony Orchestra, directed by Wayne Dunlap, will provide the music.

"Nutcracker" tells of the Christmas eve adventures of Little Clara, who has slipped from her bed and is sneaking into the living room to retrieve her favorite doll, a Nutcracker Prince.



GISELE HETU admires the Sugarplum Fairy, played by Mary Hammel of Farmington, in this scene from "The Nutcracker." Gisele, who plays Clara, is the daughter of Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor Pierre Hetu.

Frightened by the sound of scurrying mice, Clara dives for the door when suddenly the Nutcracker comes to life and rouses all the toys to meet the attack of the mouse army.

Clara watches as the battle rages, and the dolls' defeat seems certain until she hits the King of the Mice on the head with her shoe. In appreciation for her bravery, the Nutcracker Prince leads her through the land of snow into the kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy, and a dance festival is held in her honor.

TICKETS ARE now on sale at \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students. They are available at Heide's Gift Shop, Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail; the Record Shop, 770 Penman; and from Mrs. Robert Zerby, 1034 Homestead Lane. Mrs. Zerby will fill mail orders. Checks and self-addressed envelopes should be enclosed. Last year's concert was sold out and the same thing is expected to happen this year. The company is giving two performances in Detroit's Ford Auditorium on Dec. 9 and a third on Dec. 16 in order to meet popular demand in the Detroit area.



DANCE HALL HOSTESSES in the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild's "Sweet Charity" include (from left) Pam Nelson, Susan Chapman and Karen Collins, Mrs. William Cowen, 7728 Lear Court, Westland, and Mrs. Corky Foster, 16772 Country Club, Livonia, have tickets for the Neil

Simon-Cy Coleman musical comedy. It will be seen in Bentley High School Auditorium, Five Mile and Hubbard, Livonia, Dec. 8-9 and 15-17. Curtain time is 8:30 every night but Sunday, when it is 7:30. (Evert photo)

Jewell Chorale Plans Concerts

The Kenneth Jewell Chorale, Detroit's highly acclaimed resident professional singing ensemble, has included Plymouth in a list of metropolitan area Christmas concert sites.

The choir will give a concert at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, in First United Methodist church and at Anderson Music Company, 637 S. Main, Plymouth, at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students under 18.

THE PROGRAM will

Amusements

cover a wide range of Christmas offerings by composers representing many nationalities and historical periods.

Bach's famous chorale "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" opens the program, followed by short motets by Vittoria, Palestrina, Sweelinck and Poulenc. Benjamin Britten's beautiful "Rejoice in the Lamb," with

solists and organ accompaniment will close the first portion of the program.

In the second half, many favorite Christmas carols and spirituals will be heard. They include "I Saw Three Ships," "Coventry Carol," "Hail Mary," "O Tannenbaum" and "The Holly and the Ivy."

The audience will be invited to join in the singing at the end of the program.

THE CHORALE will also present its Christmas concert in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Moross Road, Harper Woods, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3; and Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10.

The chorale will be heard in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Ford Auditorium, Detroit. This will be at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17.

Schoolcraft Choirs Plan Free Concert

Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams will be featured by the Schoolcraft College Symphonic Choir and Schoolcraft Chorale in a concert Friday, Dec. 8.

Under the direction of Bradley Bloom, the groups will perform in Plymouth High School Auditorium, Joy and Canton Center Roads. There is no admission charge. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

Vaughan Williams' Mass in G minor and "Serenade to Music" will highlight the evening.

The mass is for double choir and quartet. Appearing in the quartet will be soprano Judy Slade, a member of the Symphonic Choir, also Louise Davis, a graduate of the University of Michigan in voice, tenor Jerrold Vander-Schaaf, a student in voice at the University of Michigan, and bass E. Lee Davis, a member of the Dusseldorf Opera Company in East Germany.

"Serenade to Music" is based on a text from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," which captures the spirit of two young lovers during idle conversation. It is scored for choir, soloists and orchestra.

The soloists will be soprano Constance Avasharian, who has been seen in many local musical theater productions; alto Rosemary Di Dominio; tenor Robert Cassidy; and Davis.

The orchestra will consist of Schoolcraft's Wind Ensemble and guest musicians.

3 Finlandia Music Groups Plan Concert

The Finlandia Male Chorus of Detroit will present its annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, in West Bloomfield Hills High School auditorium, Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. The concert is under the direction of Eero Keranen of Livonia.

The program will feature the 36-member chorus, the eight-member Finlandia Strings and the five-member Finlandia Brass Ensemble.

Kathleen Merlo, a pianist, will be the guest soloist. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are available from any chorus member. They will also be on sale at the door.

Watercolor Wins For Mrs. Nichols

A watercolor entitled "R.R. No. 1" by Alice Nichols won the best of show award in the Farmington Artists Club's fall exhibit and sale.

Her painting also took first place in the watercolor division and she won first place in the drawing division with "Acadia."

Paintings by Allen Mrocz won first and second place awards in the popular voting. They are "The Tramway" and an untitled painting.

WINNERS in the oil painting division were Joyce King, Barbara Turney and Beverly Johnston. Honorable mentions went to Marie Robertson, Judy Gresser, Wanda Northern, Carol Carzynski, Joanne Leavy and Eileen Schenkel.

In acrylics, Beth Yashenchak took first place; Lynn Jenks, second; and Mrocz, third. Annetta Lind, Edee Joppich, Mariya Jenks, Mrocz, Joseph Gach and Beverly Fons received honorable mentions.

Mrocz also received a second in watercolors and Beth Yashenchak, a third. Dorothy Clark and Caroline Dunphy received honorable mentions.

IN MIXED MEDIA, the winners were Dorothy Clark,



ALICE NICHOLS of Farmington received the best of show award in the fall exhibit and sale of the Farmington Artists Club. With her is the judge of the show, Sister M. Ignatius, head of the art department at Farmington's Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Mrs. Joppich and Allie Wilson, while drawing awards went to Gach, John Jendza Jr., and Mrs. Dunphy (honorable mention).

The sculpture winners were Maureen Voohties, first; Beverly Bennett, second; and David Richmond, third; and Mrs. Joppich and Richmond.

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Other popular vote winners were Marie Tuthill, Mrs. King, Mrs. Nichols and Gach.

Australians Set Concert

ANN ARBOR The Austral Quartet of Sydney, Australia, will give a concert at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Rackham Auditorium.

The concert is part of the Chamber Arts Series of the University Musical Society. Tickets are available in the society's office in Burton Tower.

The quartet, which is making its first appearance in Ann Arbor, was formed in 1958 by four members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Donald Hazelwood is concertmaster of the orchestra; Ronald Ryder and Ronald Craig are principals of the second violin and viola sections; and Gregory Elmaloglou is the principal cellist.

Orchestra

Plays Benefit

Ann, Mary and Barbara Stolberg of Farmington and Winifred Reel, Raymond Turner and Alger Labo of Livonia are among members of the Detroit Metropolitan Orchestra, which presented a benefit concert Sunday in the Music Hall Theater, Detroit. This was its second in the 1972-73 series. The three-year-old orchestra presented seven concerts in each of its first two years and has scheduled six this year. It has 80 members and is directed by Charles W. Sumner.

Palette Club

BIRMINGHAM Members of the Palette and Brush Club will exhibit and sell their works of art in the Daedalus Gallery, 345 S. Woodward, from Monday, Dec. 11, to Wednesday, Dec. 27. The artists will be honored at a reception from 7 to 10 on the opening night of the show.

Duo To Play

DETROIT A renowned Greek classic guitar duo, Evangelos and Liza, will be featured in a recital at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, in the lecture hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Meadow Brook Schedules Comedy

ROCHESTER "The Torch-Bearers," a light-hearted comedy about the fables and vanities of the theatrical world, will be the holiday production at Meadow Brook Theater, Oakland University. It opens Dec. 7 and runs through Dec. 31.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office or at Hudson's or Grinnell's.

James D. O'Reilly, who played Brady in last month's run of "Inherit the Wind," will return as Frederick Ritter, the aspiring actresses' long-suffering husband. Dorothy Blackburn is returning from New York to play Mrs. Nelly Fell.

The play is by George Kelly, and was first performed in New York in August, 1922. Kelly also was the author of "Craig's Wife" and "The Showoff."

Performances for opening week are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m.; matinee, Saturday at 2; and Sunday, at 3:30 p.m. The following weeks will have performances Tuesday through Friday, at 8:30 p.m.;

matinees, Wednesdays, at 2; Saturday performances at 6 and 8:30 p.m.; and Sundays, at 6:30. There will be no performance on Dec. 24.

Genealogical Society Meets

DETROIT Keith Etcher of Windsor, Ont., will review the book "Windsor Heritage" at a meeting of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Inc., at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. The group meets in the Explorer's room of the Detroit Public Library on Cass Avenue.

"Windsor Heritage" was written by Robert N. Fisher, a former teacher in the Windsor schools and alderman and comptroller for the city.



DICK BENSEK

Looking for something different to serve with soup? Why not make toast sticks? Simply cut bread into 1/2 inch slices, then into sticks 1/2 inch wide. Bake the sticks in a slow oven for about twenty minutes until they are crisp throughout and evenly browned. Turn once during baking. For an extra treat, butter the slices before cutting. For a special touch, cut some rings to bake with the toast sticks in a ring. Lunch, Dinner, Party Room. Delicious Foods, Supper Club Atmosphere... all this and much more is yours when you dine at DANISH INN, 32305 Grand River Ave., 5320. We have a large parking lot, good wine selection, cocktails, mixed drinks, memorable music by Pat Flowers and an entire selection of 33 outstanding dishes. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. with dinners during the week until 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat. until 1 a.m. Closed Sundays. Reservations on weekends.

HELPFUL HINT: Brown sugar spread on bread and baked makes great buttercrunch toast.

Suburban Ballet Sets Benefit

The Suburban Concert Ballet will stage a special benefit performance of "The Nutcracker" for senior citizens and underprivileged.

Glass Society Meets Monday

The Michigan Depression Glass Society will hold its December meeting in the Livonia Senior Citizens Building, Farmington Road south of Five Mile, Livonia, at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4.

Joan Minnick of Trenton will speak on "Depression Glass Butter Dishes." Members are invited to bring their favorite glassware for identification and observation. A social hour will follow.

MAX DAVEY presents his 10th annual BENEFIT CHRISTMAS SHOW

at FORD AUDITORIUM SAT., DEC. 9, 8:15 p.m.

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