

Artrain Will Visit Livonia



PATRONS OF THE ARTS watch as an artist works in the Artrain, a four-car train that houses outstanding art exhibits, scheduled to visit Livonia in March.



HAMBURGLAR (Larry Cook), "deer-naps" Rudolph (Carol Carleton) while Rubber-ducky (Susan Keith) resists in a scene from "Sesame Seeds and Holly Berries." The production will be presented by the Plymouth Theater Guild Saturday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 2:30 p.m. in Central Middle School, Church and Main, Plymouth. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).

Singles Plan Dance Dec. 11

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The City of Livonia will be one of a few select communities in Michigan to be visited by Artrain, a four-car train that houses outstanding art exhibits.

The scheduled date for the visit to Livonia is March 11 through 18. The train will be stationed on the tracks at Levan Rd., one-half mile south of Observer Newspapers.

The decision to include Livonia on its nation-wide tour was made after a committee of Livonia Jaycees and Jaycettes participated in an Artrain workshop recently in Mt. Pleasant.

State Rep. John Marks (D-Westland, Livonia) made the initial suggestion that Livonia make a bid for a visit. By the Artrain, according to Bill Poppenger, project

amusements

chairman for the Livonia Jaycees.

Marks had seen the exhibit and was responsible for bringing it to the attention of the Livonia Jaycees. But the final decision for us to get involved in this cultural project was made only after extensive plans were formulated for the visit," Poppenger said.

Besides Poppenger the Livonia Artrain committee consists of R. William Joyner, Al Butler, Ray Williams, Judy Gresser and Ralph Naidow.

Poppenger, brings with it a whole world of ideas about what art is and how much art there is around us.

"It is our hope to involve the total community next March from grade school through senior citizens in one big cultural and historic week."

The Artrain itself consists of three coaches, a baggage car where visitors can watch artists work, and a caboose which serves as an office for the staff on the train.

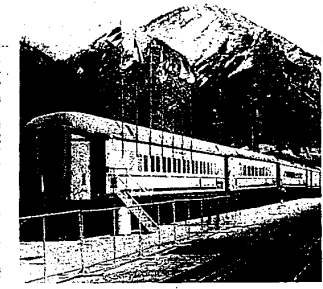
Two of the coach cars are equipped with films, slides, music, art work, and narration to familiarize the visitor with the importance of art in society.

The third coach car is the Artrain Gallery, including exhibitions of contemporary art. Represented are examples of painting, sculpture, ceramics, prints, weaving, etc.

It will take approximately 30 minutes to tour the train, which doesn't charge admission.

Discussions have taken place with both the City of Livonia and the Livonia School District to involve them in the planning and sponsorship of Artrain.

Poppenger said Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara "is extremely pleased that we will be having a cultural show of this nature take place in Livonia."



ARTRAIN, a four-car train that houses an art exhibition, will visit Livonia early next year. Two of the coaches consist of films, slides, music, art work, and narration to familiarize the visitor with the importance of art in society. Another car provides an artist workshop where visitors can watch. The visit is being sponsored by the Livonia Jaycees.



WHEN SENATOR Cromwell blusters, all the women in his household jump in the comedy on women's rights, "Strange Bedfellows," which will be performed by the Franklin Village Players on Dec. 6, 7 and 8 in Birmingham Groves High School. The play is set during the women's suffrage movement and features (from left) Bobbie McLean of Farmington as Julia, Nicholas Rosiello of Franklin Village as Senator Cromwell and Judy Magid as Beulah. (Photo by Kathy Willians).

Symphony Gives Special Gift

As its special gift to the community during the Christmas season, the Plymouth Symphony will present George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 9.

The program will be presented at 4 p.m. in Plymouth Salem High School, Joy Rd. west of Canton Center.

Featured on the program will be the Kenneth Jewell Chorus. Wayne Dunlap, the symphony's musical director, will conduct the orchestra and chorus.

Handel (1685-1759) at the age of eight was selected to play the organ at the ducal court of Weissenfels. At nine years of age he was studying composition and several instruments.

Today, Handel is widely acclaimed as the composer of the "Messiah," but, in addition, among his other works, composed 40 operas.

As one of the earliest impresarios to operate for profit, Handel underwent numerous rises and declines. He triumphed at last becoming a rich man and an English national institution. He died in London and was buried with impressive honors in Westminster Abbey.

The Kenneth Jewell Chorus is named for its director who has a long history of musical work in the area. He is director of personnel at the Interlochen Arts Academy in addition to directing the Academy Chorus.

Jewell holds a master's de-



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