

'Elixir of Love' debuts Friday

The Elixir of Love, Michigan Opera Theatre's third opera offering of its current season premieres Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Music Hall Center.

Originally written to take place in a small Italian village, this romantic comedy has been transferred to the American West with cowboys, a crafty medicine man, the U.S. cavalry and an old-fashioned love story with a happy ending.

"The Elixir of Love" is music of 19th-century composer Gaetano Donizetti.

Sung in English, "The Elixir of Love" features nationally recognized artists all making their first appearance in Detroit. Bass-baritone Andrew Foldi sings the role of Dr. Dulcamara.

"Mr. Foldi is probably one of the best comic opera performers in the business," said David DiChiera, of Bloomfield Hills, general director "and what makes his appearance with Michigan Opera Theatre most exciting is that from Detroit he goes to New York to make his debut with the Metropolitan Opera."

PLAYING THE young lovers, Adina and Nemorino, are soprano Linda Cook and tenor William McDonald. Miss Cook is the recipient of a Fulbright Grant and a Corbett Foundation Fellowship.



ANDREW FOLDI

"The Elixir of Love" will be performed Friday, at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at Hudson's, Sears, Grinnell's and the Music Hall Box Office. Special group rates are available. For further information call 953-7881 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Sayer proves potential

By WILSON LINDSEY
Leo Sayer, "Just A Boy"
(Warner Bros.)

Warner Bros. has a potential giant on their hands in the form of Leo Sayer. He has excellent vocal range, an engaging and sensitive lyricist, and his co-writer, co-producer, musician David Courtney provides the perfect charts.

The Sayer-Courtney combination provided all of the material for Roger Daltrey's highly successful solo album and Leo's own first L. P. as a vocalist, "Silverbird." Leo Sayer may be remembered in his "In Concert" appearances by some as a fellow who dressed as a clown on stage, his erratic movements and powerful vocals complementing the ironic material he sang.

His hit the "Show Must Go On" was covered by Three Dog Night in this country about two years ago and on the strength of their track record became the version that received most of the air play and the sales.

Although Leo Sayer's music and approach in general is completely original, my first impression upon hearing "Silverbird" and now "Just A Boy" leaves me comparing his talent with Elton John's.

After seeing him, I'm convinced that he has at least the same potential. "Just A Boy" is far superior to "Silverbird" technically and artistically.

The mix and arrangements are excellent in his latest L. P. while they clashed often in his first "Just A

Boy" allows the texture and emotional range of his voice to be heard and felt in his latest L. P. while again in "Silverbird" his voice was buried in the mix.

I was impressed with his first album and expected it to be more of a commercial success than it did. "Just A Boy" is far superior and with luck just may be the vehicle he needs The Tower Of Power "Urban Renewal."

(Warner Bros.)
The Tower is tight. Sometimes they don't leave any slack. This is, in most respects, a typical Tower of Power album. You can't fault their technique for all reasonable purposes it's flawless.

They have a formula they have perfected, reaching an apex in "Back To Oakland," but as well done as this record is, it is too much like their other albums.

"Urban Renewal" the title of their latest L. P. is appropriate. On the record jacket there is a photograph of a group of old buildings with a new one in the center.

This may be indicative of Urban Renewal's superficiality.

Well, perhaps, but it also says something about this L. P. The cover is different and titles are also, but it's really the same old song.

Musical 'Irene' opens

The big musical "Irene" will be the fourth attraction on the Fisher's subscription series beginning Tuesday for a five-week engagement through Saturday, Feb. 15.

Film star Jane Powell will play the title role in this record-breaking musical. Miss Powell starred for seven months on Broadway in the musical "Patsy." Kelly will play Irene's mother in the production which also stars Hans Conried, Ron Husman and Constance Carpenter.

During its Broadway engagement, "Irene" four times broke the all-time boxoffice record and has

Succeeded in doing the same in every city it has played since it went out on tour in September.

The score of the musical, which was first produced on Broadway in 1919, contains such classic songs as "Alice Blue Gown," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," "You Made Me Love You" and "Irene."

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