

Caesar and Coca co-star

Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, one of the world's most successful comedy teams, will be reunited this fall in a new stage show "Red, White & Vandeville" at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit.

The show, making its second stop enroute to Broadway, will make up one half of a two-show "wild card" choice for Music Hall theater series subscribers to replace the American

Shakespeare Theater which has been forced to cancel its entire 1975 tour.

The second show on the wild card choice is Meredith Willson's all-time hit "The Music Man" with Broadway stars Peter Palmer and Shubby Kaye and Canadian-Anika Farrell as Marlene the librarian.

These two shows strengthen our season considerably, but we regret

the unfortunate circumstances which caused the collapse of the American Shakespeare Theater Company's tour," Dr. David D'Cherra, Music Hall artistic director, said.



Shakespearean pair

Dike and Dee Dwelley, husband and wife acting team, co-star in Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," extended through Sept. 20 at Wil-O-Way Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. The Dwelleys play Mr. and Mrs. Ford, jealous husband and loyal wife who turn the tables on Sir John Falstaff. Curtain time is 8 p.m. at 775 W. Long Lake Road. Tickets are available by calling the box office, or at Package Travel Service in Franklin Village.

BANKRUPTCY of Philadelphia's Enlarger Theater operators and budget cuts at the University of Illinois took two major bookings out of the repertory company's fall schedule, forcing cancellation of its entire tour.

To fill the void in its theater series, Music Hall Center booked the new Caesar-Coca show for the exact same slot on its fall schedule, Oct. 27 through Nov. 1.

"We'd already decided to present 'Music Man' for a special holiday week booking, Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve," D'Cherra said. "But when Shakespeare cancelled, Music Hall decided to 'overcompensate' our subscribers and put the musical on the series with Caesar and Coca to give subscribers a choice."

"RED, WHITE & Vandeville" teams the stars of TV's classic "Show of Shows" in a vaudeville format produced by New York's Pam Weppner; "a rebirth of the magical world of vaudeville in the tradition of American theater which gave us George M. Cohan, Patsy Brice and Eddy Cantor and so many other great entertainers," she said.

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