

At Your Leisure

MAIN STREET

Christmas isand to hand third annual Christmas experience by the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday at the church, 1109 W. Maple.

SKI BUS to Mt. Brighton every Saturday throughout the ski season. Farmington Community Center sponsors ski bus to Mt. Brighton. Times, except for holidays, weekends. Call center for details, 477-1841.

Summer Sale, Raffle and Baked Goods Sale sponsored by American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Baked goods sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at The Community House, Bates and Townsend, Birmingham.

African Artifacts on display at Troy Museum, 400 W. Wacker. Also on display is museum's permanent collection of artifacts of Troy area including Galloway House, Brierley and Agricultural exhibits. Through Dec. 21. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. No admission fee.

KEEP ACTIVE

Drop-In Gym Programs from 7 to 9 p.m. at the following schools: Southfield from \$1 per night; Birmingham, Monday, Levey Junior High, basketball, Tuesday; Levey Junior High, Tuesday; Levey Junior High, Wednesday; Levey Junior High, Thursday; Levey Junior High, Friday; Levey Junior High, Saturday; Levey Junior High, Sunday. Southfield, No.

Birmingham Ice Sports Arena at 2000 E. 10th. Skaters open skating sessions for parents and teens, adults, the external public, boys and adults, family, and drop-in hockey. Call 645-0707 for daily use schedule.

Southfield Ice Arena open for general skating from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and on weekends, at both arenas, from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights, adult skating at Civic Center, 8:30 to 10 p.m.

AT THE MALL

Maynard the Magnificent taking Christmas tree-lighting at main entrance of Somerset Mall, Troy. During extended hours of the mall through Christmas. Sunday noon to 5 p.m., Monday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Holiday Wardrobe - How to Get it together program presented by

Laverne Knight of West Bloomfield School's Community Education Department from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Room of Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield.

Talking Christmas Tree in Center Court of Orchard Mall to greet shoppers each Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Farmington High School Chorus presents choral fest at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Orchard Mall.

Greenfield Village Express round trip excursion from Pontiac Mall to Waterford Township to historic village in Dearborn on Saturday and Dec. 20. Package price includes transportation and village admission. Greenfield Village Christmas information brochure available at Greenfield and management office of Pontiac Mall.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Beauty and the Beast free performance of the fairy tale classic for young audiences through Thursday at Pontiac Mall. Live child-dren's theater produced by Henry K. Martin Productions of Birmingham. Martin's Actors' Trunk Company starts 10-minute play "Cinderella" opens Friday.

North Pole visiting hours with Santa from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Saturday, and from 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Pontiac Mall.

Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Orchard Methodist Church on Farmington Road between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Mile. Sausages, juice and fall fair. Santa will be there along with Donald Duck, Frosty the Snowman and Mickey Mouse. Free gift bag to children. Tickets at the door.

Bagged Ann's Magical Christmas presented by Newcomer Children's Theatre from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at The Community House, Birmingham. Call 641-5542 for ticket information.

The Little Princess, Cecil Orman's dramatic class presents two performances at 1 and 3 p.m. of Horvitz's childhood favorite at Farmington Community Center. Call center at 477-8044 for reservations.

Saturday Cinema at Troy Public Library presents "Little Match Girl" (Plato's Christmas Tale) and "The Snowman" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. No reservations necessary.

Antics of Wilfred T. Cloon and free cartoons in the Community Room of Orchard Mall. "Mr. Magoo" and "Rip Van Winkle" cartoon from 2:45 p.m. Saturday.

Santa Claus at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield each Friday, Saturday and Sunday before Christmas. Hours: 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 5 p.m. Sunday. Holiday cookies for all boys and girls.

Brunch with Santa and a Puppet Show Santa has lunch with the children, immediately followed by The Sawyer Family Puppeteer presenting "The Night It Snowed Toys" Saturday and Dec. 19 at Somerset Mall, Troy. Two shows at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Reservations by calling 641-5542.

Santa Claus visits with children in glitzy blue 20-foot high castle, a Fantasy-land attraction, with life-size mannequins of Sleeping Beauty and an Her. Tree at Lakeside in Sterling Heights.

CURTAIN TIME

Open Tryouts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Avon Players Playhouse, 1145 Washington, Rochester, for parts in the touring farce "Scapino." Primary roles are for young people ages 15 to 21, with many other parts in the young and older age groups. For information call 751-1841.

The Roar of the Greasepaint, The Snell of the Crowd musical by Anthony Newley presented by Troy Players at 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday at Baker Junior High School, Torrey Drive, Troy. Torrey runs east of River Road, north of Big Beaver. For reservations or information call 474-1253 or 541-3572.

Company, hit musical comedy production by Stephen Sondheim and Hal Prince, presented by Birmingham Village Players on Thursday, Saturday at the playhouse, 435 S. Hunter, Birmingham. Curtain 9 p.m. except Sundays at 7:30. All performances sold out.

Nightwatch, mystery by Lucille Fletcher, presented by Avon Players on Friday, Saturday at Playhouse, 1145 Washington, Rochester. Curtain time 8 p.m. except Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets reserved by calling 651-9229 or at the door.

South Pacific, musical by Rodgers & Hammerstein II presented by Wilf O'Way Repertory Theatre on Friday, Sunday and Dec. 19. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. except Sunday at 8 p.m. at Wilf O'Way Repertory Theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 641-4415 for tickets or reservations.

The School for Wives, one of Moliere's most famous and timeless comedies through Dec. 26 at Meadow Brook Theatre on Oakland University campus in Rochester. Tickets for all performances at \$10 on or by calling theater box office at 477-1300.

Private Lives, Noel Coward comedy is stylish romp, an evening of nostalgia and romance, starring WJR personality Jimmy Laurence, Wednesday, Saturday, through Dec. 18, at Somerset Dinner Theatre at Somerset Mall in Troy. Curtain at 8:15 p.m. Buffet dinner every Friday at Saturday. Reservations and tickets at Alfred's Restaurant or by calling 641-5542.

CONCERTS

Oakland University Singers in concert presented by Cranbrook Music Guild at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Cranbrook House Library, 300 Long Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Choral ensemble comprised mainly of O.U. music majors. Admission charge.

Center Symphony Orchestra under direction of Julius Chajes in second concert at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in center's Shifman Hall, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Young Russian violinist Misha Rachlevsky makes American debut. Ticket on sale at center. For further information call 551-7300, ext. 2504 or 2505.

Birmingham Musicals Annual Christmas program entitled "The Holiday Mood" at 1 p.m. Thursday at Franklin Community Church. Special numbers programmed by Musicals Choral Ensemble and by organist Ruth Ann Clark. Program open to the public without charge. Christmas Tea Afterglow also open to the public.

Holiday Festival of Music presented by Cranbrook School and Kingswood School Cranbrook choral and instrumental students at 8 p.m. Thursday in Cranbrook School auditorium, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Admission charge.

Nutcracker Ballet by Michigan Ballet Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in Harrison High School auditorium, on Twelve Mile between Middle Belt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington. Traditional pre-Christmas show. Advance tickets through Marilyn Maples, 626-1931, after 4 p.m.

Glen Schultz, early folk and contemporary song on accordion and guitar, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Maple Creek Sandwich Theatre, at Common Ground, 1090 S. Adams, Birmingham. Host Monty Parks. Admission 75 cents.

ON FILM

Russell Barnes Current Events Lecture from 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in room and four Jeanine Lloyd Lounge of Baldwin Public Library, 301 Martin, Birmingham. Admission charge.

AT CRANBROOK

Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum offers continuing exhibition "Rugs from the Near East: Egypt to Afghanistan," through Dec. 19. "Student Degree Show" opens Saturday and continues through Dec. 19. Museum at 500 Long Pine, Bloomfield Hills, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission charge.

Family Workshop featuring demonstrations of weaving techniques and discussion of exhibition "Rugs from the Near East" from 1:45 p.m. Sunday at art academy. Fee per family or per person. To register, call 645-3315.

Cranbrook Institute of Science offers continuing exhibition "Redesigning Our Great Lakes," through Dec. 15. Museum at 500 Long Pine, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 12 p.m. Saturdays and 1:15 p.m. Sundays. Closed major holidays. Free with museum admission.

Planetarium topic "Holiday Skies and the Christmas Star" through December. Demonstrations at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 2, 4, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. Sundays. Free with museum admission.

Nature Center, three acres of natural land open for guided tours and use of the collections from 1:15 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. Free with museum admission.

Observatory closed in December.

Cranbrook House, 1908 home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps. Booth open for guided

tours by groups of 10 or more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Reservations required, call 645-1152. Admission priced for adults and for students and senior citizens.

For area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 12215 Flowers, Birmingham 48012. Deadline is a week ahead of publication.

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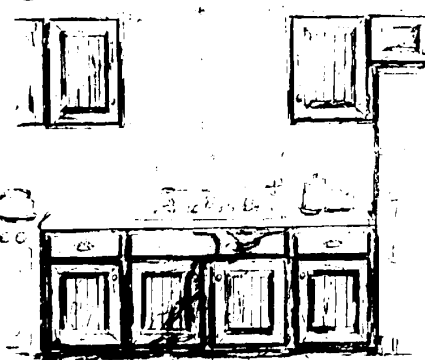
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