ter what side you are on, it will rein-force all your previous stereotyped notions about the subject."

'A Doll's House' extended

Tess Schafer, who portrays Mrs. Kristine Linde, and Jack Grulke, who plays Nils Krogstad, appear in a seene from "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen. The Farmington Players' production has been extended through Sunday, Performances will be presented at 8:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Ticket information is available at the box office, 477-1066.



Male 'ballerinas' spoof the art of dance

Hairy-chested ballerina Olga Tchikaboumskaya leads her Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo back to Detroit's Music Hall for a single per-

Detroit's Music Hall for a single per-formance on Wednesday, Since they left their Detroit audience last year, this troupe that puts men in the roles and costumes of women has ourred a great part of the world, been reviewed and lauded by such pub-lications as Time, Newsweek, the National Observer and Dance Maga-

Actor plays Tom Sawyer

Mark Longwell, a former Troy resident, is alternating with Joe Pellerito in the title role of "Tom Sawyer" at the Grosse Pointe Children's Theater. Longwell has appeared in shows at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Hills.

Performances of the musical "Tom Sawyer" will be presented Saturday. March 4 and 11, at 11 a.m. and 2.30 performances of the musical "Tom Sawyer" will be presented Saturday. March 4 and 11, at 11 a.m. and 2.30 performances of the musical "Tom Sawyer" will be presented Saturday. Sarch Sawyer will be presented Saturday. Beach Sawyer will be presented for sawyer

zine and been financed by the National Endowement for the Arts.

The Trocks have also appeared on network television on the "Shirley MacLaine special. Ms. MacLaine was oimpressed with them that she paid for an entire new wardrobe for these dauntless dancers who have also been photographed for Vogue Magazine by Ritchard Avedon.

This wealth of acclaim is not merely because the Trocks are funny. The Trock's gained new standing is because dance fans and crittes now realize why they are funny. Duncing the choice roles that have traditionally gone to women, this all-made company replete with tutus and toe-sheet really know the traditional to the control of the control o

exactly where to aim their satirical district.

THEIR DETROIT program offers five examples. In "Phaedra/Monotonous," the dances of Martha Graham are exploited, and in "Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet," choreographer Jerome Robbins gets his lumps. In "Swan Lake," the birds finally become the erratic stampede that they have always threatened to be. Their rendition of the "Dying Swan" moved one critic to report, "This swan is not just dead, it has been run over by a truck!"

In the closing number, "Cheopsiana," a dippy Cleopatra is saddled with two attendants named "Mut" and "Geft" and a ballet that should forever bring to an end the pompous era ever bring to an end the pompous era of the 19th century classical dance.

Chaotic curtain calls are climaxed by a free-for-all as the ballerinas fight for boquets of plastic roses.

The San Francisco Chronicle gave the advice: "If you love or hate clas-sical dance, go and see Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. No mat-

notions about the subject." Tickets for the Trockadero performance may be ordered by calling the flusic Hall box office at 963-7680 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The box office window (350 Madison at Brush) is open from noon to 6 p.m. Master Charge, BankAmericard and J.L. Hudson charge cards are accepted. Groups should call Joan Heidt at 963-7622 for information. 'Cole' set for closer

The Meadow Brook Theatre will close its 12th season with "Cole," an entertainment based on the words and music of Cole Porter. It will open at 8:30 p.m. April 20 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

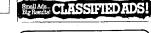
Originally devised for London's Mermaid Theatre by Benny Green and Alan Strachan, where it premiered in 1975. "Cole" consists almost entirely of songs by one of America's most outstanding composer-lyricists of the 20th continuous and the con

The music includes many favorite Porter perennials as well as lesser known songs from his early years.

Fascinating bits about Porter's career from Yale to Broadway to Paris, to Holywood and back to Paris, to Holywood and back to Broadway are lightly sprinkled throughout the show, which will feature eight singers and dancers.

"Cole" will be under the musical direction of James Hohneyer, who will also conduct the orchestra. Hohneyer held the same dual role last spring with Meadow Brook's revival of "Dames at Sea." The director-choreographer for "Cole" will be amounced later.

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