

# LaMarre books more attractions

Birmingham Theatre Managing Director Pierre LaMarre, just returned from a week in New York, has announced confirmed bookings for more live entertainment this summer and fall.

LaMarre said he has booked the musical "By Strouse" for three weeks beginning July 5. The composer is Charles Strouse, who wrote the music for "Annie," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Applause," "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Superman" and "Golden Boy." "This is a musical revue based on his music," LaMarre said. "I saw the show in New York and it's just delightful."

"By Strouse" is currently playing in New York, Boston and Florida.

A SECOND company of "The Magic Show," a musical comedy which has been playing on Broadway for three years, will come to the Birmingham Theatre for three weeks beginning Aug. 7.

The show features magic by Doug Henning. "The Magic Show" music was composed by Steven Schwartz, who wrote the music for "Pippin" and "Godspell."

"Miss Margarita's Way," starring Estelle Parsons, will play two weeks in October. The play has had 50 international productions before its recent Broadway engagement, LaMarre said, and Ms. Parsons is the original star.

John Houseman's The Acting Company, from Lincoln Center, will present four shows in repertory in October. These include Shakespeare's

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tragedy "Romeo and Juliet," an old comedy, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," the Greek tragedy "Antigone," and a new play, a comedy-drama "The Other Half."

Also booked is "The Passion of Dracula" starring Jean-Pierre Aumont, for two weeks in November. It's a new version of the Dracula horror story.

The theater's opening attraction is comedian David Brenner for five shows May 18-20. Vocalist Edna Lau has been named as a replacement on the bill for the Brookside Jazz Ensemble.

Also announced are concert dates by vocalist Sarah Vaughan and jazz flutist Herbie Mann, on June 8-10. Tickets will go on sale soon at the theater box office.

LA MARRE SAID season subscription tickets for the theater will go on sale around May 18. Persons interested in receiving brochures on the new season may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Birmingham Theatre, 215 S. Woodward, Birmingham 48081. The brochures will be mailed as soon as available.

Ticket sales for David Brenner are going fairly well," LaMarre said. "There are still tickets available, but the top seats (\$15) are all gone."

# 3 programs slated by Cabaret Pops

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present the DSO Cabaret Pops series this year in three separate programs.

Each program will be presented twice for a total of six 8:30 p.m. performances at the Detroit Light Guard Armory on May 19 and 20, 24 and 25, 26 and 27.

Nostalgia emerges as the theme this year when DSO Principal Pops Conductor Richard Hayman blends the full sound of the orchestra in programs of jazz, Broadway and popular music memories. On hand to highlight the jazz offerings will be pianist George Shering.

For the Broadway program, the DSO will be joined by a list of top-flight vocalists, and the final program will feature the orchestra and one of the 1950's most famous recording groups, the Four Freshmen.

THE EVENING of jazz will be presented on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, and will feature Shearing in arrangements of jazz standards, both as a soloist and with string bass.

The second program, an Evening of

Broadway, Rodgers and Hammerstein Part II, will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25. The orchestra will be joined by Bonnie Murray, soprano; Anita Darian, mezzo-soprano; Gene Bullard, tenor; Robert Trehy, baritone; and the Rackham Symphony Choir.

The third program will be Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, as the Four Freshmen combine with the orchestra to some of the old favorites of the 1950s.

Tickets for all Light Guard Armory performances are available for tables of four. They may be purchased at the Ford Auditorium Box Office, all Hudson's and Ward's ticket outlets and the "Detroit Tonight" desk at the Plaza Hotel in the Renaissance Center. Master Charge and Visa charge card customers may order tickets by phone at 962-5524.

In addition to the six performances at the Detroit Light Guard Armory, there will be two community Cabaret Pops performances, one on Tuesday, May 16, at the Yack Arena in Wyandotte and a second at the Westland Civic Arena on Wednesday, May 17.



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Quartet competition will begin Friday evening, while the chorus contest will be held Saturday afternoon. A total of 10 quartets and 15 choruses will be included in the contest, representing some 1,400 members in the district, which includes most of Michigan and parts of Ontario, Canada.

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