

Vaudeville days spark Detroit Youtheatre season

Striking a vaudeville theme, Detroit Youtheatre's 1979-80 season of "Something Every Saturday" will offer birthday and celebrity parties, backstage tours, salute days, the "Wiggle Club," and 33 live professional musicals, specials, plays and films. The season begins Saturday, Oct. 6, and continues through May 1980.

For 16 years, Youtheatre has offered a full range of performances in an introduction to the performing arts, in its home at the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater. Highlights of the season will include "Dinosaurs, Puppets and Picasso" (Oct. 13) starring Philadelphia's master puppeteer Marshall Izen; American Indian

folklore in "Totem Tales" (Nov. 10) performed by the Melkin Puppet Theatre of Chicago; Emmy Award-winning Prince Street Players' production of "Aladdin" (Dec. 8). "The Magic of Danny Orleans" (Feb. 9) marking this family's 12th annual Youtheatre appearance; "Flamenco Holiday" (March 22) featuring two dancers in a whirlwind tour of the culture of South America; "The Tales of Beatrix Potter" (April 5) in a special Easter presentation with a visit from the Easter Bunny's mother.

AMERICA'S FOREMOST young people's balladier, "Tom Glazer, Live!" (May 3), and a return visit from Prince Street Players with their production of "The Emperor's New Clothes" (May 10 and 17).

Youtheatre's 25-cent movie matinee series, entitled "Kidstars," will take Elizabeth Taylor, Jodie Foster, Roddy McDowall, Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney and others back to their childhood successes on the screen with such favorites as "My Friend Flicka," "A Christmas Carol," "The Elephant Boy" and "Captains Courageous."

Live performances will be seen at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., films at 2 p.m. only, in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium. General admission tickets for all but the "Kidstars" series priced \$2 each for children and adults and for groups of 10 or more.

Five Youtheatre programs designated as Wiggle Club shows are presented especially for families with young people 3-8-years-old. And as an introduction to theater-going for preschoolers, the club features its own membership pass cards, Wiggle Club buttons, and a graduation certificate at the end of the season which entitles the bearer to a free first ticket to the next season's "big kids" shows."

Each Wiggle Club show is composed of three or four short segments de-



"The Clown Meeting" is performed by Boston's Living Poem Theater.

signed to hold the younger child's attention. The five-show packet is available with tickets priced per child and for accompanying adults.

BIRTHDAYS MAY BE celebrated with Youtheatre's birthday party package, including invitations, party hats, a salute from the stage, the celebrant's

name on the lobby birthday sign, and a gift from the performing guest stars.

Guided "Back Stage Tours" may be reserved for young people 10 and older. Following each live production, the young curious will be shown some of the secrets behind the footlights as a bonus to their Youtheatre visit. Saluting young people's service and

community groups, Youtheatre will present special performances for Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls, Indian Guides, Maidens and Princesses, Cub and Boy Scouts throughout the season. Following each live performance, the audiences are being invited to a "Celebrity Party" to meet and speak with the professional New York performers.



Pascual Olivera and Angela del Moral do Spanish dances.



"The Emperor's New Clothes" is enacted by New York's Prince Street Players.

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