

Birmingham Players perform 'Shadow Box'

Birmingham Village Players will present "Shadow Box," a drama in two acts by Michael Cristofer, on Nov. 23, 24, 25, 30 and Dec. 1.

The play, under the direction of Tim Wittlinger, is an innovative one for Village Players. The theme deals with individual reactions to life and death and the interaction of the three main characters with loved ones.

The play is presented in its original uncut form and therefore is considered adult entertainment, a Players spokesperson said.

The cast includes Brian Clouthier, Tom D'Agostino, Bill Haycock, Diane Lodevics, Helen Parrish, Jim Robertson, Jim Schless, Martha Welton and Trudy White. Assistant director is Grace Gilmore and producer is Helen Parrish.

Pianist Jaki Byard solos at Eclipse Jazz performance

Eclipse Jazz will present pianist Jaki Byard in a solo performance Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Pendleton Room of the Michigan Union, on the University of Michigan Campus in Ann Arbor. Show times are at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Since the '30s, pianist Jaki Byard has worked with a dazzling array of jazz musicians. At one time or another, Byard has worked with Duke Ellington, Charles Mingus, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Eric Dolphy, Earl Fatha Hines, Don Ellis, George Benson, Maynard Ferguson, Archie Shepp, Zoot Sims, Clark Terry, Paul Desmond and many others.

One of the first Boston musicians to play and write bebop, Byard is most noted for his solo piano work. He also plays saxophone, trumpet, flute, bass, trombone, vibes, guitar, organ, and drums.

A prolific composer and arranger, Byard leads two big bands, the Apollo Stompers, in Boston and New York. Since 1969, when Gunter Schuller brought him to Boston's New England Conservatory of Music, Byard has been teaching composition orchestration and piano there. He also teaches at the Julius Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Conn.

Tickets for Jaki Byard are priced for general admission and are available at the Michigan Union Box Office, or at the door. For more information call Eclipse Jazz at 763-5924.

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