



Fred Waring and his Young Pennsylvanians will perform at the sold-out Troy Community Concert Association series.

Fred Waring group appearing in Troy

The all-new Fred Waring Show for 1979-80 is coming to the Troy Community Concert Association of Troy on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 8:15 p.m. in the Athens High School auditorium. It is entitled "Best of the Best."

Fred Waring, now 73-years-old and in his 64th show business year, is the total creator of each show.

Waring and his Young Pennsylvanians will highlight memorable songs by popular composers of the time. Recordings by prominent recording stars will add to the list of concert favorites.

The company of 30 includes more than 20 singers, who also dance, and a musical combo of six. Their average age is 21.

The show is accented by lighting, costumes, choreography, veteran Waring star performers, and new, young Waring talent discoveries.

Attendance to the Community Concerts is by season ticket only. This year's season is sold out. Soprano Jan Redick will appear next in February.

Show ensemble performs

The dance and show ensemble The Meadow Brook Estate will present its annual family Christmas concert Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9, in Warner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester.

The OU student group will sing a special medley of tunes from the Muppet movie, traditional Christmas songs and pop tunes, and the Young Pioneers, a new jazz group at the university, will perform along with a guest artist Jester Hairston, Hollywood actor, musician, and choral director.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Dec. 7-9 with a single show at 3 p.m. on Dec. 8. A specially priced ticket will admit the entire family to the Christmas show if an order is placed before Nov. 30.

Guest artist Jester Hairston has a list of performing credits that date back to a regular spot on the old Amos 'n' Andy radio show and a role in "Bold Venture" with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

He has written the choral music for the movie "Green Pastures" and "Lost Horizons" and his recent acting credits include roles in "Lady Sings the Blues," "The Last Tycoon," "The Bingo Long Traveling All Stars," and "Motor Kings."

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For information on the family ticket or individual ticket prices, call 377-2000.

Holiday show announced

The comedy "A Thousand Clowns" by Herb Gardner is the holiday show at True Grit Dinner Theatre in Homer. The show will open Thursday, Nov. 29, and play through New Year's Eve.

"A Thousand Clowns" is the story of bachelor uncle Murray Burns who is entrusted with the care of his extremely witty and bright nephew, Nick. Former comedy writer Murray's unemployed status and nonconformist ways attract a team of social workers investigating the boy's home environment.

These bastions of society in tandem with Murray's brother and his former employer, a television child's show host known as Chuckles the Chipmunk, meet Murray's offbeat philosophy and zany sense of humor head on.

Paul Kerr, Bob in "Mary, Mary," at True Grit Ltd. (TGL), will play Murray. Concord Junior High School student, Jeff Bauman, who appeared in last

summer's "Pippin," will play Nick.

CHARLES BURR, last seen as Pluto in "The Frogs," and TGL costume designer Carol Drewes are the social workers. "The Frog" Shakespeare, Tom Vander Weele, is brother Arnie.

Paul Hopper, long-time resident/company member, will play Chuckles.

Sets and lighting are by John Charles, with costumes by Carol Drewes. Daniel Yurgaitis directs the comedy.

"A Thousand Clowns" will play Thursday-Sunday, plus New Year's Eve. Matinees are scheduled for Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Reservations are required for all performances and may be made by calling the mill in Homer (phone 517-588-4151). There are no seats available for the Dec. 8 show and few remaining for the Dec. 15 performance.

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