

Bob Brown Marionettes do 'Hansel and Gretel'

Hosted by a marionette Santa Claus, a holiday revue will accompany the Detroit Youththeatre's presentation of "Hansel and Gretel."

The puppet show will be performed by Washington, D. C.'s, Bob Brown Marionettes on Saturday, Dec. 15. Two performances have been scheduled, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater.

Tickets may be purchased in advance through the art institute ticket office (832-2730) and at the door.

Especially designed for families with younger children, this presentation is a Detroit Youththeatre "Wiggle Club Show" for youngsters ages 3-8 years. Children younger than 3 years will not be admitted to the theater.

Standing-room-only crowds at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, coupled with Brown's successes at the Smithsonian Institution puppet

Holiday shows due

Radio station WJR's "Kaleidoscope" will begin its Christmas programming on Dec. 10 with a series of 15 programs beginning at 1:15 p.m. daily.

The shows' producer and narrator, Mike Whorf, has included in the series, "In the Spirit of Christmas," such programs as "Home for the Holidays," "Christmas Isn't Just for the Kids," "Mary, Mother of Christ" and the "Days After Christmas."

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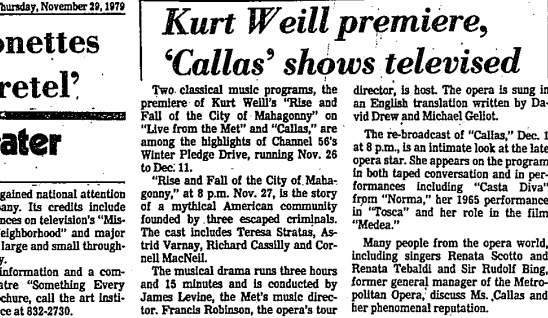
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Kurt Weill premiere, 'Callas' shows televised

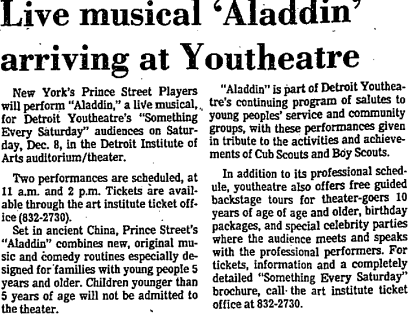
Two classical music programs, the premiere of Kurt Weill's "Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny" on "Live from the Met" and "Callas," are among the highlights of Channel 56's Winter Pledge Drive, running Nov. 26 to Dec. 11.

"Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny," at 8 p.m. Nov. 27, is the story of a mythical American community founded by three escaped criminals. The cast includes Teresa Stratas, Astrid Varnay, Richard Cassilly and Cornell MacNeil.

The musical drama runs three hours and 15 minutes and is conducted by James Levine, the Met's music director. Francis Robinson, the opera's tour director, is host. The opera is sung in an English translation written by David Drew and Michael Geliot.

The re-broadcast of "Callas," Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., is an intimate look at the late opera star. She appears on the program in both taped conversation and in performances including "Casta Diva" from "Norma," her 1965 performance in "Tosca," and her role in the film "Medea."

Many people from the opera world, including singers Renata Scotti and Renata Tebaldi and Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, discuss Ms. Callas and her phenomenal reputation.



Live musical 'Aladdin' arriving at Youtheatre

New York's Prince Street Players will perform "Aladdin," a live musical, for Detroit Youththeatre's "Something Every Saturday" audiences on Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Detroit Institute of Arts auditorium/theater.

Two performances are scheduled, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are available through the art institute ticket office (832-2730).

Set in ancient China, Prince Street's "Aladdin" combines new, original music and comedy routines especially designed for families with young people 5 years and older. Children younger than 5 years of age will not be admitted to the theater.

In addition to its professional schedule, youtheatre also offers free guided backstage tours for theatergoers 10 years of age and older, birthday packages, and special celebrity parties where the audience meets and speaks with the professional performers. For tickets, information and a completely detailed "Something Every Saturday" brochure, call the art institute ticket office at 832-2730.



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