

# At Your Leisure

## SHOWTIME

The Gin Game bittersweet comedy by D. L. Coburn opens Birmingham Theatre's first season under direction of the Nederlander Organization. Phyllis Thaxter and Larry Gates co-star. Performances at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, matinees at 1 p.m. Wednesday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 16. Ticket information at box office, 644-3533.

Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Charley's Aunt" riotous farce by Brandon Thomas through Dec. 30 on Oakland University campus near Rochester. Ticket information at 377-3300.

The Sound of Music musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein presented by Will-O-Way Repertory Company through Dec. 30 at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Bloomfield Township. Curtain time Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Reservations at 644-4418.

## DINNER THEATER

Same Time Next Year romantic comedy presented by Jimmy Launce Productions, Friday and Saturday evenings through December at Somerset Dinner Theatre, Somerset, Mass. Troy, Buffet dinner prepared and served by Alfred's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m.; show at 8:45 p.m. Reservations at 643-8865.

Gypsy musical with book by Arthur Laurents, music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, presented by cast of 15, through Dec. 15 at theater-in-the-round at the Sheraton Pontiac-Bloomfield in Pontiac. Full-course dinner with choice of five entrees, Friday and Saturday from 6:30 p.m.; curtain 8:30 p.m. Showtime only (when available) includes two pre-paid cocktails. Dancing follows the performance. Reservations at 338-6151.

## CONCERTS

Royal Oak Music Theatre presents Rainbow (rescheduled from Nov. 21) at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 11-12, and Gamma featuring Ronnie Montrose at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Ticket information at 547-1555.

March of Dimes Fund Raiser features Pastiche Wind Quintet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at Hamilton Place in Southfield. For more information call 646-4990.

Cranbrook Music Guild presents Eastern Michigan University Madrigal Singers at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills. For ticket information call 646-6263 evenings or 644-5991.

Winter performing Arts Concert presented by Cranbrook/Kingswood Schools at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in Cranbrook School Performing Arts Center, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets by calling 645-3440 or at the door.

Renaissance Concerts Inc. presents "Nightcap with Mozart" featuring Misha Rachlevsky, violin, and Fedora Horowitz, piano, at 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills. Doors open at 11 p.m. for complimentary beverages. For ticket information call 851-9934.

Music at Midnight Series presents Piccolo Opera Company of Detroit performing, in costume, excerpts from "Die Fledermaus" 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Temple Emanuel-El in Oak Park. Dessert and coffee at 11 p.m. preceding concert. Tickets in advance by calling 967-4020, or at the door.

Cantata Academy of Metropolitan Detroit sings "Songs of Christmas" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Frederick Bellingier directs, with Franklin Coleman as accompanist. Carillon recital with Beverly Buchanan at 7:30 p.m. To reserve tickets call 644-5210.

Cripple Creek Sandwich Theatre presents Dave and Jerry, two guitar players doing bluegrass, folk and country songs in the styles of Merle Travis, Norman Blake and others, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Common Ground in Birmingham.

Kingswood School Madrigals in annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. For more information call 645-3415.

## NIGHT LIFE

Angie's big band sound of the Dick Murphy Big Band, 9 p.m. to midnight Sundays in Farmington Hills.

Comedy Castle improvisational theater every Monday and Tuesday; comedians Wednesday-Saturday at Friday's in Pine Lake Mall, West Bloomfield. Show times at 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations by calling 851-3252.

Dewey's lounge presents Oleta Adams through Jan. 26 at Michigan Inn in Southfield. Oleta, pianist and singer, backed by drummer and bass guitarist. Mondays-Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover charge.

Eden Glen Joe Grande Trio plays for listening and dancing Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30-11:30 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at restaurant in Troy. Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band plays for Dixieland Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Piper's Alley Troy Katz, upbeat jazz group, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays; Sunday brunch starting at 11:30 a.m. with J.A.M.: Jim Damborg, guitar, and Mike Belitsos, flute; jazz pianist Charles Green and his Quartet from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays; Monday night "Football Jazz" with Shoo-Bee-Doo, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (dinner served till 1 a.m.).

The Raven Gallery presents Gove, singer/songwriter, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 12-16, in Southfield. Also, songstress Louise Dimiceli. Show times Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Cover charge. For reservations call 557-2822.

Roma's of Bloomfield presents teen disco entertainment, dancing to the sounds of Roma's Sundown Disco, from 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in Bloomfield Hills.

Somerset Inn pianist Terry Alan plays at restaurant L'Auberge in Troy from Tuesday-Saturday, 11 p.m., and Sunday for brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Twenny's Cafe presents Joe LoDuca on classical guitar, 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; Ken Cox et al, with uptown, in-town jazz, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, in Birmingham. Also, holiday specials: Tuesdays, Dec. 11 and 18, madrigal singers and lullist, 7:30-9 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 15 and 22, madrigal singers and lullist — come for wassail cup.

## Off the wall

Bob Saget, one of the stars of television's "Make Me Laugh," will bring his off-the-wall comedy and self-satire to the Comedy Castle from Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 13-15, at Friday's in West Bloomfield. Saget was last in Detroit with the "Comedy Tonight" troupe at the University of Michigan-Deannborn in March 1979. His most recent accomplishment was performing as opening act for Gino Vannelli at Carnegie Hall in New York. For more information and reservations phone Friday's/Comedy Castle at 851-3252. See Night Life listings for other lounge entertainment.



## TALKING

Wagon Wheel Saloon presents Irish & Eversole, Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 10-11; Newt & the Salamanders, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 12-16, in Troy.

Jewish Writers — America and Israel Rabbi Sherwin Wine discusses "Tin Soldier's on Jerusalem Beach" by

Amia Lieblich at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at Farmington Hills. Admission charge.

Russell Barnes Current Events Lecture at 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room of Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham. Admission charge.

## CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Michigan Ballet Theatre performs excerpts from "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. No admission charge.

The Magic Parrot original comedy adapted from the Italian play "King Stag," presented by Theatre Arts Program at Oakland University. Suitable for children of all ages. Performances Friday, Dec. 14, through Jan. 11. Call 377-2000 for performance schedule.

Something for the Kids on Saturday potpourri of stories, films, finger-plays, creative dramatics and puppets 2-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Baldwin Library Young's People's Room, in Birmingham. Children age 3 and up welcome. Free. No registration necessary.

Southfield Repertory Theatre presents "The Nutcracker Suite" at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16, at Southfield Recreation Center.

## AT THE MALL

Holidays Songs presented by Orchard Lake Middle School at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, and Walled Lake Western at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield.

Live Concerts by Salvation Army Band at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; West Bloomfield Community Choir at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15; and Warren High School Brass Ensemble at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17.

For more information on area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to: Ethel Simmons, entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012.

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