



Tony Bennett will sing on Meadow Brook's Friday variety series this weekend.

## 'Barnum' opening at Fisher Theatre

"Barnum," the musical about P.T. Barnum, opens July 17 for a six-week run through Aug. 22 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Stacy Keach stars in the touring production, which is the final attraction on the current Fisher Playgoer Subscription Series. "Barnum" will be presented at Wednesday and Saturday matinees and the usual Tuesday-Sunday evening performances. For ticket information call 872-1000.

Keach's career has included a Tony nomination and a Drama Desk Award for his performance in "Indians," a New York Critics Poll Award and a Vernon Rice Award for "A Long Day's Journey into Night," and Obie for "MacBird."

His films include "The Long Riders," "Conduct Unbecoming," "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean," "The New Centurions," "Fat City" and "Gray Lady Down." He played Sgt. Stedanko in "Up in Smoke" and is currently repeating this role in the film "Nice Dreams."

For a man who has played Hamlet three times, the title role in the musical "Barnum" is a real change of pace. Catherine Gaines plays Jenny Lind, Keach's love interest in the musical.

"BARNUM" was written by Mark Bramble, who also wrote the book of "42nd Street" (with Michael Stewart). "Barnum" tells the story of Phineas Taylor Barnum, who believed "there's a sucker born every minute." With that theory Barnum went on to create museums filled with freaks and circus acts, and in doing so, created his own legend.

One of the highlights of the musical is a high-wire walk Keach must make while singing a song to his lady love below.

Joe Layton directed the production.



Stacy Keach (right) is P.T. Barnum and Dee Hoty is Mrs. Barnum in the first national company of the Broadway hit musical "Barnum," about the fabled 19th-century circus impresario.

### preview

## Bennett welcomes industry changes

By Jack Ryan  
special writer

Frank Sinatra's favorite singer, Tony Bennett, will be appearing at Meadow Brook Music Festival at 8:30 p.m. Friday on the Oakland University campus near Rochester.

During a recent engagement in Detroit, Bennett shared a bit of his insight on music and life. He explained that to him the entertainment industry is changing in an exciting new way.

"With the new concepts in home entertainment, with the cassettes and video discs as well as cable television, it gives a whole new dimension to the entertainment field. People who can't get to my concerts now can enjoy my show right in the comfort of their homes at a cost which they can afford."

Bennett has a hobby that has become quite lucrative. He is an accomplished painter and has sold many of his works. "Right at the moment I'm working on a sketch book of my travels since 1964. I have put the portrait work on the back burner for a while. Painting proves to be very relaxing for me."

BENNETT DOESN'T keep up the hectic work schedule he used to, although he is booked up through 1985. He said his new management team keeps him booked up regularly.

"My two sons have taken over managing my career and they are doing a terrific job. I am currently working a schedule where I work three weeks and I am off two weeks. My sons have really surprised me. They have been as efficient as any manager I have ever had, plus it's fun working with them."

Currently, Bennett is not with any record label but he is negotiating a record deal. Bennett tries to change his act with three new songs each engagement. That way he doesn't get locked into a predictable act.

"I always do the hits that people come for, like 'San Francisco,' 'The Shadow of Your Smile' and 'Rags to Riches,' but I like to fit in some current material so that I can freshen up the act."

If you have been putting off seeing Tony Bennett, don't wait any longer. He's one of a kind.

### County offers ethnic series

"Ethnic Thursdays," a series of noon-time ethnic celebrations in July, begins Thursday with the country-western band Stagecoach.

Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy announced the new series.

Stagecoach will perform between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard adjacent to the south entrance of the County Courthouse at 1200 N. Telegraph. Ethnic foods also will be available, and an employee arts and crafts show will be on display.

He has won three Tony Awards, for "George M," "No Strings" and "Greenwillow." The music and lyrics are by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart. Coleman also has a pocketful of awards: a Tony for "On the Twentieth Century" and a Drama Desk Award and Cue's Golden Apple Award.

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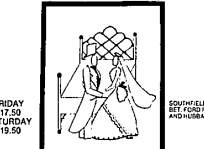
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