



STEPHEN CANTRELL/Staff photographer

Jo Ewald and Ed Summers appear in a scene from the Ridgedale Players production of "Twigs," continuing weekends through March 24 at the Ridgedale Playhouse in Troy.

upcoming things to do

● TWIGS CONTINUES

Ridgedale Players' production of "Twigs" by George Furdth continues Friday-Sunday, March 16-18, and Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. "Twigs" summarizes the relationship of three daughters and their mother. All four parts are played by one actress, as in the Broadway production. Jo Ewald is the four women. Tickets at \$5.50 include sandwiches and coffee after the show. For ticket information, call 280-2725.

● LAUGH TIME

The comedy team of Monteith and Rand will appear Wednesday, April 4, through Sunday, April 15, at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Sketches and improvisation are their hallmarks. Tickets are \$5, except for \$10 Friday-Saturday. For further information, call the box office at 644-3533.

● SPRING CONCERT

The Brookside Jazz Ensemble will present a spring concert 3-6 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Cranbrook Schools' Performing Arts Center, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Guests include Ursula Walker, Dave Flannagan, John Hammer and Bob Mojica. The concert also marks the return of drummer Jerry McKenzie. Tickets at \$5.50 may be purchased by calling 353-2440 or 645-3500.

● ENCORE PRODUCTION

"Good Evening Laughter" returns to the 1891 Room of the Holly Hotel at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. Appearing again in the encore production are Elizabeth Porter of West Bloomfield, Robert Leifer of Farmington, Ron Carter of Fenton and Jim Jones of Pontiac. The comic revue is presented by TAP Ltd. For reservations, call 855-4293 in metro Detroit, or 634-1891.

● MALL SHOWS

Moslem Shrine units will perform at the Oakland, Livonia, Pontiac and Eastland Malls on Saturday, March 17, as a preview of the 17-day run of the 76th annual Shrine Circus. Mall shows will be at 11 a.m. at Oakland and Pontiac, at 1:30 p.m. at Livonia and Eastland. The show includes a parade and antics by the Moslem Shrine Clowns. The circus will open Friday, March 30, at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit. Tickets are on sale at all Ticket World locations, Hudson's, Sears, Montgomery Wards, Michigan National Banks and the State Fairgrounds.

● 'ANOTHER ISRAEL'

An audio-visual production entitled "Another Israel" will have an exclusive Detroit-area showing from noon to 9 p.m. Mondays-Thursday and noon to 6 p.m. weekends from Sunday, March 18, through Tuesday, March 27, at the Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake and Maple roads, West Bloomfield. "Another Israel" was produced in Israel by Shein Audio-Visual Productions, Ltd. The free screening is open to the public without charge.

● BALLET THEATER

The American Ballet Theatre and WTVS, Channel 56, are sponsoring a joint benefit on ABT's opening night in Detroit, Tuesday, April 3, at the Masonic Temple. The evening features three ABT Detroit premieres: "Sinatra Suite," "Paquita" and "The Leaves Are Falling." Mikhail Baryshnikov is scheduled to dance in Teyla Sharp's "Sinatra Suite." Also in the opening night line-up is Sharp's "Push Comes to Shove." Seats for the benefit performance are \$125 per person and include a post-performance champagne celebration with the artists. For tickets call the Masonic Temple box office at 532-2232. Proceeds will benefit both ABT's touring program and Channel 56.

● CAT FANCIERS

The Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers will hold its 56th Show of Champions and Household Cats from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Southfield Civic Center at Evergreen and 10½ Mile roads; Southfield. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for seniors, \$1 for children.

● BENEFIT CONCERT

Odetta will appear in a benefit concert for the Detroit Area Nuclear Weapons Freeze, presented by Detroit Women's Music, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Also performing will be Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius. Tickets for reserved seating at \$8, \$10 and \$12 are available at Hudson's, Ticket World, CTC outlets and the Orchestra Hall Box Office.

● MUSICAL MEMORY

The Players Guild of Dearborn will present "Encore at the Old Majestic," a musical memory, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, and Sunday, April 1. The production, a fund-raiser for the guild, includes minstrel, vaudeville, burlesque and Ziegfeld Polite skits and musical numbers. The company of 38 performers includes Norris Anderson and Paul Dufault of Birmingham; Russell Lamoureux, Tony Nichols and Glen Peterson of Redford, and Chris Shields of Livonia. General admission is \$5. For more information call 565-5392. An afterglow in the clubroom will follow each evening's performance.

● CABARET CONCERT

"Oakway Symphony Orchestra's annual Cabaret Concert will feature classical radio personality Carl Grapentine as master of ceremonies, with an evening of operatic and orchestral selections at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Madonna College, Jeffries (1-96) 3d Levan, Livonia. Jan Rae, Detroit-area soprano, will sing selections from "Blue Danube" and "Romany Lie," as well as duets with Grapentine. Guest conductor will be Madonna College President Sister Mary Francienne Van de Vyver, Conductor Francesco Di Biasi will lead the orchestra in selections from "My Fair Lady," "Swan Lake" and "Bugler's Holiday." An open bar will be available starting at 7 p.m. as well as light refreshments. Admission is \$7. For ticket information call 355-9280 or 476-6544.

● BUILDERS SHOW

The 1984 Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show opens at 10 a.m. Saturday with a colorful Irish Opening Ceremony at the marquee in front of Cobo Hall in Detroit. Members of the Birmingham Chrysler Celtic Pipes and Drums will provide music. The 1984 Maid of Erin, Maureen Hayes of Plymouth, will appear with her court. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1-11 p.m. weekdays through March 25. Tickets are \$3.75 at the door. Senior citizens and children 6-12 are \$1.50. Children under 6 are admitted free.

● ICE CAPADES

"Dream World," the Ice Capades' new revue, will be presented Tuesday through Sunday/March 25, at the Joe Louis Arena in downtown Detroit. Special guest star is 1980 Olympic Gold Medalist Robin Cousins. Tickets at \$9, \$8 and \$7 are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and all Ticket World outlets. For general information call 567-4000.

● THE DIVINERS

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will present the award-winning drama "The Diviners" by Jim Leonard, Jr., at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, March 14-16, and at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the theater, 338 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$8 and \$7. For further information, call 662-7282.

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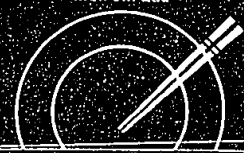


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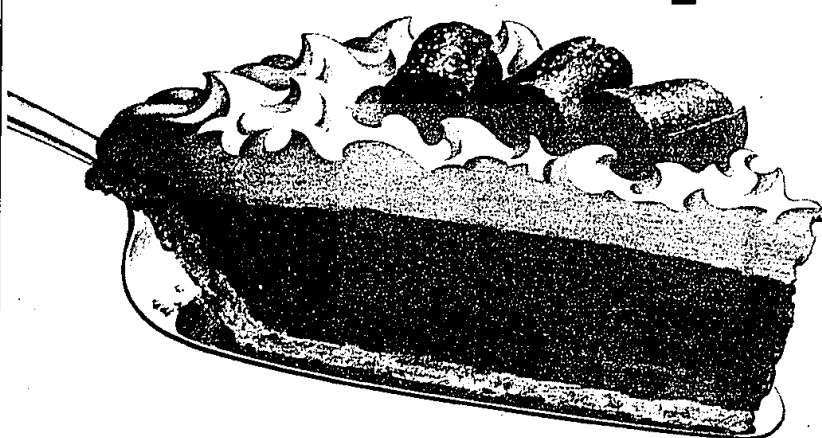


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