

Ready for fall Organizing theater classes keeps new director busy

JOHN QUINN CALLS his recent, four-week layoff from Kroger a summer vacation. Ask him how he spent his vacation, though, and you won't hear typical stories of summer pursuits.

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ACTORS ALLIANCE, with offices, classrooms and stage in the Lycco In-ternational school building at Ever-green and 13 Mile roads, is a profes-sional theater company and also of-fers class work in theater and stage-craft

trait. The company is entering its third production season and fourth year in community education. It continues to subiet Lyrcee International facilities, but eventually. Quinn said, the com-pany will move into its own home. "The almost going to be a little sor-ry down the line when we don't have this facility because you don't often have this much flexibility." Quinn said."

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classes. There's nowhere else around town you can do what we do, except the universities, which charge an arm and a les

the universities, which charge an arm and a leg." Quinn doesn't know when the movie will coma. "We foresee Lycee Inter-national needing the space more as they grow — we're in no rush to leave. When we go, it will be to the perfect space," be said. That space will have to have the potential for a modular stage area, similar to the Lycee grun now used by the company, Geins said, because the company prefers the flexibility of that design.

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facilities is that they must be shared with the school. "Every Friday we have to go in (to the gym), put up a theater, of three shows and take down the theater, and that can be a real pain depending upon the show we're putting on." Quinn said. "Kida play baaketbail during the day, and wo play theater at night. But we do create that little bit of magic every week." Quinn said ho's always been satis-fed with he way hit lighting has

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worked in the gym-lumod-lacater and called working in such facilities a big challenge. "We actually build a theater around the production," Quinn said, noting into theater-lacheround is being con-sidered for two of this season's live productions. "If a direct-the-round is being con-sidered for two of this season's live well build it, "Quinn said. Well build it, "Quinn said. Well build it, "Quinn said. The other productions are "Godspell," set for Nvn. 21 to Dec. 30, and "The Tam-ing of the Shrew," April 13 to May 12. The other productions are "The Haia-maker," Oct. 19 to Nvr. 15: "Close

Ties," Feb. 22 to March 24; and "El Grand de Coca Cola," May 17 to June

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QUINN, A REDFORD native who attended U-D High School, said that in high school he never thought he would get into lighting design or theater rd-

In fact, he attended the University of Michigan as a hiology major with leanings toward going on to medical

school. "I always liked the theater is a hobby," Quinn said. "I did a lot of mu-sical theater dancing — why, I don't know. I didn't like it," he said with a smile.



John Quinn of Redford is the new education di-rector, as woll as the lighting director, at the Ac-tors Alliance Theatre Company housed at the Ly-cee international School in Southfield. Here he

While working on one show, the op-portunity to axisit with technical work presented itself, coinon hasn't appeared on sings since 1976. "Now I'm at something of a cross-reads," Quinn said. "I've been a the-ater amateur and proud of 10. Sudden-by I've become an education profes-sional."

He will continue to work full-time in the Kroger warehouse in Livonia while putting in as many as 15 to 20 hours a week with Actors Alliance.

So far he's not been paid for his ser-vices, but he's not asking for any money either. Quinn said an honorari-um has been discussed, which he said

stands in the school's gymnasium, which is con-verted into a theater on weekends during the season that begins in the fail.

he would probably turn into a scholar-ship fund. "And my gas money from Redford to Southield goes under my (person-al) entertainment budget," Quinn al) said

said. Registration for fall classes at Ac-tors Alliance runs Sept. 5, 6 and 8. For more information call 642-1326.

