



Mark MacCagnone (left) and Greg Olaszewski star in "The Elephant Man," which opens Friday at the Farmington Players Barn. For ticket information, call 661-4599.

upcoming things to do

WILD QUEST

"The Wild, Wild Quest," an original musical fantasy, will be staged at 8 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday by the Lathrup Youththeatre at Southfield Lathrup High School, 1930 W. 12 Mile Road between Southfield and Evergreen roads. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Performers range in age from 5 to 18. For more information call Jo Ann Lamun, who wrote, directed and produced the play, at 559-3903.

WIND ENSEMBLE

The Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble will perform "Music Under the Stars" at 7:30 p.m. July 25 at the Civic Center Park, Five Mile at Farmington roads, Livonia. The ensemble consists of about 50 area musicians who enjoy concert band music.

ELEPHANT MAN

Farmington Players will hold a summer workshop production of "The Elephant Man" on Friday-Sunday, July 19-21, and Thursday-Saturday, July 25-27, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills. John Hollingsworth is producer. Tickets are \$4 Fridays-Saturdays, with an 8:30 p.m. curtain, and \$3 Thursdays and Sundays, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. For tickets, call 661-4599 anytime.

FUNNY THING

The musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" runs at the Birmingham Theatre through Sunday, Aug. 25. Tickets priced \$7-\$11 are available at all Ticket World outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office. For further information call Moloney Productions at 373-4410.

TOP DRAWER

Sheila Landis and Top Drawer plays music for dining and dancing 7-10 p.m. Mondays-Tuesdays through Oct. 14 aboard the Star of Detroit, restaurant-cruise ship that docks at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Landis is a resident of Rochester. The dinner cruise is priced at \$35.50 per person. For more information, call 259-8190.

ACTING CLASSES

Registration is open for a selection of beginner through advanced-level acting classes at the Actors Alliance Theatre Company in Southfield. The six-week term begins the week of Monday. For a free brochure, call 642-1325 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays.

MUSICAL REVUE

"Yankee Doodle," a musical revue, will be presented by the Specialty Village, dramatic arts students of Camp Maas, at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield. The cast includes 14- and 15-year-olds from metropolitan Detroit. The show is open to the public free.



Country singer Dottie West performs seven shows at the Star Theatre of Flint starting Tuesday. For ticket information, call 228-1464.

VOCAL ARTS

Auditions for junior and senior high school students for the 1985 fall semester in the Academy of Popular Vocal Arts will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 10 and 17, in Room 109 of Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. The academy is a vocal and dance ensemble in residence at the university. Auditions are by invitation only. For more information, call 666-3037.

AVON PLAYERS

The musical "Godspell" will be presented by the Avon Players at 8:15 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 19-20 and 26-27, at the Avon Players Playhouse in Avon Township. For ticket information call 375-1527.

JAZZ MILLENIUM

A tap dance and song review called "1,000 Years of Jazz" highlights the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, which continues through Tuesday at the Power Center. "1,000 Years of Jazz," featuring The Legends of Jazz and The Original Hoofers, is at 8 p.m. Saturday.

"The Robber Bridegroom," about a gentleman bandit on the Natchez Trace, continues at 8 p.m. today and Friday and the Power Center. Jose Feghali of Brazil, a Van Cliburn Piano Competition gold medalist, will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the World Youth Orchestra from Interlochen at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Power Center.

And the German Youth Orchestra, in its first American tour, will perform works of Schumann and Bruckner at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Power Center. Violinist Gidon Kremer will be featured soloist with the orchestra, made up of students from German music colleges.

MORE JAZZ

The three-day "Jazz Explosion" starts Friday at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Hours each day are 11 a.m. to midnight. Performers will be Roy Ayers, Tom Browne, Bobbi Humphrey, Noel Pointer and Lonnie Liston Smith.

DOTTIE WEST

Country music singer Dottie West will perform at the Star Theatre of Flint at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through July 27, and at 2:15 p.m. July 27 and 2:15 and 7:30 p.m. July 28. Tickets, \$12-\$30, may be reserved by calling 228-1464.

AT THE ZOO

Visitors to the Detroit Zoo on Saturday will be admitted free if they bring three Paygo boxes with them. In addition to regular zoo attractions, magician Don Jones will perform at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Holden Amphitheatre.

SILVERDOME

The 10th anniversary of the Silverdome celebration continues through Sunday at the dome parking lot. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight today and Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, noon to midnight Sunday. Admission is \$1; children under 13 free when accompanied by an adult. Unlimited carnival rides are \$7 per person. Entertainment, food and refreshments also are available.

AUDITIONS

The Attie Theatre will audition performers for all its 1985-86 season productions Saturday and Sunday. Singing/acting auditions for "The 1940s Radio Hour" are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the theater, Third Avenue at West Grand Boulevard. Singer/actors should prepare one standard American pop song from the early 1940s and two contrasting monologues, each two minutes maximum in length.

• Auditions for acting only are 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Acting auditions will be held at the Attie's rehearsal space at 440 E. Lafayette, third floor. Actors should prepare two contrasting monologues, each two minutes maximum in length. No actor will be seen without an appointment, to schedule call 675-8336. Actors should bring a picture and resume.

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Legendary blues

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, a legendary group of New Orleans musicians, entertains at 8 p.m. July 25 in Chene Park, on the riverfront at Chene and Atwater. Tickets are \$10 for lawn seats and \$13 for reserved seats available at Ticket World outlets. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band, made up of musicians over 60 years old, tours around the world playing spirituals and blues music they helped create decades ago.



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In order to put together new acts for the groups plus rehearse the musical comedies for SummerStage, the Moloney Company uses four stages at three locations, two of them in a warehouse. The offices and productions facilities are all in Pontiac, not far from the headquarters of Advanced Medical Laboratories.

THE COMPANY shares part-time staff members from the business department of the medical company and now has six full-time staffers of its own, including Alvin's secretary, Mary Jane Parker of Rochester.

Local experts who work with the company include vocal coach Jan Albright of Birmingham, production and sales coordinator Caroline Chipman and personnel director Neil Findley, both from Rochester, and choreographer Jackie Ammond of Berkeley.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Hello, Dolly" will run for three weeks each at the Birmingham.

"We wanted something light for summer shows that would suit the artists we had in mind," Alvin said. They chose Rod Maxwell of Toronto to direct the two shows because he's "colorful, clever and unique as a director."

THEY CAST Jeffery Bruce — best known to Detroit audiences as a guest host of afternoon TV's "Kelly and Company" — as Pseudolus. Patsy Garrett — who has starred in two "Benji" movies — has the lead in "Hello, Dolly."

Moloney Productions held open auditions in Pontiac to fill other roles in the musicals.

Chuck Storey of West Bloomfield, Nancy Kotton and John Carver of Southfield will play Romans in "A Funny Thing." Birmingham natives Pamela Ann Martin, Mary Callaghan Lynch and David New won parts in "Dolly," as did lifetime area resident Martin Flynn.

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