

University Theaters Plan Regional Auditions

ANNARBOR Leaders of the nation's prominent university resident professional theatres met in Washington last week at a conference of the University Resident Theatre Association (URTA), sponsored by the American Educational Theatre Association, to set in motion plans and projects for the coming year.

A series of nation-wide auditions are being planned by

Will-O-Way Sets Class Schedules

Fall term classes begin Saturday, Sept. 19, at Will-O-Way Theatre, 775 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. New students are invited to attend a sample class in the age group to which they belong. Late registrations will be accepted to the limit of 12 in each class, and new week-day classes will be formed to meet the demand.

Saturday age groups are as follows: 9 to 11 a.m., ages seven to 11; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., teens and young adults; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., ages 11 to 14; and 3:45 to 5:45 p.m., older teens and adults.

Two further classes are presently planned on Wednesdays. From 3 to 5 p.m. there will be a class for teens and young adults; and from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be a class for teenagers.

An adult class is set for Thursdays, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., when college level courses will be taught.

Will-O-Way's new vocal coach, Murray Ann Englehart, will teach classes in voice placement and production and supervise the students' performances in Will-O-Way musicals.

Those interested in joining the classes should call Celia Merrill Turner, the director at 644-4118.

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these auditions to serve better the needs of professionally-oriented theatre students and to assist member organizations in finding and exchanging qualified personnel." Gifted graduates recommended by drama department heads may apply for audition to the URTA auditions at Mendocino Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Play Has 5-Night Run

An "impossible dream" will become reality when Dearborn Civic Theatre opens its 1970-71 season with the much acclaimed production "Man of La Mancha" on Sept. 18, 19, 20 and 27 in Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

Curtain time for all productions will be 8:30 p.m., except the Sunday show which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Broadway Hit Listed

"Oh Calcutta," the most controversial Broadway musical of the decade will have a special showing in the Michigan Theatre, 238 Bagley, Detroit, Monday, Sept. 28, at 8:15 p.m.

It is a special electronic happening direct from the New York stage in color and will be presented in more than 200 theatres throughout the U.S.

Tickets are now on sale at the Michigan Theatre Box Office. There will be no reserved seats for this single performance.

EMU Players Stage Comedy

YPSILANTI Opening with a repeat of the 1970 Eastern Michigan University Summer Theatre production of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," Eastern's Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts will present a wide variety of entertainment during the 1970-71 academic year. Productions include a Shakespearean drama, a black theatre masterpiece, a play for children, and a series of experimental plays.

Because of the popularity of

the July performances, "Barefoot in the Park" will be repeated Sept. 26 and 27. Tickets for the comedy will go on sale Sept. 21 for \$2 each.

The 1971 EMU Players Series will present four plays. The story of an unforgettable theatrical performance, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," Oct. 28 through Nov. 1. James Baldwin's "Blues for Mister Charlie," Oct. 28 through Nov. 1. "The Tempest" will close the series, May 19 through May 23. Each production will have six performances.

The Theatre of the Young will present Lois Lenski's "Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison," April 2 through April 4. The play is recommended for playgoers over seven years old.

The Experimental Theatre program has no advance schedule. Presented on a flexible basis, the program in past years has included: student-written and directed plays, pantomime, avant garde theatre, improvisation, happenings, commedia dell'arte and drama for the deaf. The plays are free and open to the public. Season coupon books are available for the EMU Players Series and single admissions can be purchased prior to each performance. Now on sale, the coupon books are \$5 for all four plays. For further information visit Eastern Michigan University Theatre, Ypsilanti, or call 487-1220 between 12:45 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.



THREE GENERATIONS of the Shaffer family view a special screening in their new Quo Vadis Theatre I. From left are son Charles Shaffer, Mrs. Walter D. Shaffer, mother, grandson Randy, and son Martin Shaffer. Randy is the son of Martin Shaffer.

8 Theaters Involve 3 Generations

Three generations of the Shaffer family are involved in expanding the work begun by the late Walter D. Shaffer. They are Mrs. Walter D. Shaffer, his widow, Charles and Martin Shaffer, his two sons and Martin's son, Randy.

Their latest step in enlarging the Shaffer family movie empire, has been to convert the Quo Vadis Theatre into two 600-seat theaters, called Quo Vadis I and II. With the two penthouse theaters, this brings to four the number of theaters under one roof at the Quo Vadis Entertainment Center on Wayne Rd. Westland. Each plays first-run film attractions. The center also includes a luxurious "Over 21 Club," featuring cocktails and dining.

Other Shaffer theatres include the La Parisien in Garden City, the State-Wayne in Wayne, The Algiers Drive-In in Westland and the Wayne Drive-In in Wayne.

Craft Show Is Varied

An exhibit of paintings and crafts is currently on display at the Westland Shopping Center, Wayne at Warren, through Sept. 26.

Michigan artists and craftsmen will display paintings, wood and metal sculpture, handmade jewelry, decoupage, lapidary, ceramics, hand-tooled leather goods, creative glassware, candles and other crafts.

More than 1,000 paintings will be shown.

Artists and craftsmen will demonstrate their skills in a variety of materials and mediums. Also featured will be a number of portrait artists, caricaturists, silhouette artists and glassblowers.

The Mall is open evenings until 9, and Sundays from noon until 5 p.m.

Casting Call

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford will hold open casting for the musical "Cabaret," Sunday, Sept. 20, and Monday, Sept. 21. Casting will be held in the Guild Playhouse, 15138 Beech-Daly, at 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday, and at 8 p.m. Monday.

There are several parts for adults and young adults, in particular: for girls who can play the piano, drums, tenor sax or trombone and can sing reasonably well. "Cabaret" will be presented Nov. 27 and 28, and Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

Book Group Will Meet

First meeting of a Great Books Group, sponsored by the Livonia Adult Education Department and the Livonia Library, will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, at 8:15 p.m., in the Carl Sandburg Library, 30009 Seven Mile.

The reading for discussion will be Herman Melville's "Billy Budd." Residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Redford Township, Northville and Garden City are invited to attend. Reservations may be made at the first meeting or by calling Val Kastner at 349-4757 or Barbara Burgess at 421-1786.

Groups meet for two hours every two weeks and are assigned excerpts from the writings of great authors, past and present. Assignments vary from 20 to 200 pages. The readings will have an opportunity to read what great writers have to say on such pressing personal problems as sex, child rearing, education, politics and the "why" of human existence.

It is a course which brings liberal arts training within the grasp of every adult American regardless of prior education.

Amusements

Sonatas Scheduled

YPSILANTI The complete cycle of sonatas for piano and violin by Beethoven will be presented at Eastern Michigan University by Alfio Pignotti, associate professor of violin, and Fernando Lares, chairman of the piano department at the Interlochen Arts Academy. The programs commemorate the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's birth in 1770.

The 10 sonatas will be performed in three separate programs, 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20; 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24; and 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, all in Pease Auditorium.

LAIRES, WHO has performed on four continents and will return this season to give concerts in Vienna, Paris, Lisbon and Oporto as a soloist and with orchestra, is currently artist-in-residence at Interlochen.

He performed the 32 Beethoven piano sonatas when he was 19 and was awarded the Beethoven Medal of the Harriet Cohen International Music

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"GETTING STRAIGHT" (R)
GEORGE SEGAL
"LOVING" (R)

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