



Piglet gets a bath in the Avon Players Youth Theatre production of "Winnie the Pooh," opening Thursday, Dec. 3, at the playhouse in Avon Township. Katie Jankowski is Roo (left), Steve Salswedel is Pooh, Dawn Gyde is Kanga and Jill Ritchie is Piglet.

## upcoming things to do

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presents its Youth Theatre production of "Winnie the Pooh" at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 3-4; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. All performances will be at the Avon Playhouse in Rochester Hills. Tickets at \$3 are available by calling 656-1130.

● **FAT BOB**  
"Fat Bob," the singing plumber, joins the Troy Community Orchestra for a concert of holiday music Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Troy Athens High School. The traditional favorites are Taylor-made for sing-alongs. Seats are \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 588-6677 or Troy Adult Education, 879-0101.

● **HOLIDAY TREAT**  
A new holiday musical revue is on tap Saturdays in December at the Novi Hillton where Theatre Arts Productions of Farmington Hills presents a "Froese Christmas Treat," Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Features are traditional Christmas songs and some original music. Reservations for dinner and the show are available by

calling the Novi Hillton at 349-4000 or TAP Ltd. at 653-1827.

● **AUDITIONS OPEN**  
Four women and two men in the 20-35 age range are needed for "Crimes of the Heart," a Pulitzer-Prize-winning play being produced in February at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Auditions will be asked to read selected scenes from the script, copies of which are available from the OU Performing Arts Library. Auditions will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-9, at 133 Varner Hall on campus. For audition details, call Nancy Vance at 370-3018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

● **ATTIC THEATRE**  
The Attic Theatre announces the world premiere of an original Attic Theatre musical creation, "Holiday Cabaret," which opens Friday, Dec. 11, and runs through Thursday, Dec. 31, starring two of Detroit's favorite cabaret singers, Sheri Nichols and Michele Braden. Adding to the festivities will be a mystery guest at each performance. Tickets range from \$9 to \$21 and are available the day of performance only except to subscribers and groups.

● **ONE-ACT PLAYS**  
Theatre Grattesco, the international theater ensemble known for its robust physical performances and modern, original plays, will perform two one-act plays, "The Inconceivable" and "The Gryphon," at Detroit's 1515 Broadway from Saturday, Dec. 5, to Sunday, Dec. 20. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9.50 at the door Thursday and Sunday, \$10 in advance and \$11.50 at the door Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 955-1515.

● **BAL AFRICAIN**  
Internationally acclaimed vocalist and pianist Jo Thompson will present excerpts from her one-woman show as part of "Bal Africain," sponsored by the Friends of African Art-Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts as a dinner-dance fund-raiser for the 25th anniversary of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Friends of African Art. The event is at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Pontchartrain Hotel in Detroit. Call 833-9151 for reservations.

● **RUSSIAN FILM**  
"Farewell," a movie chronicling the last days of a village that must be evacuated because of rising water

from a new hydroelectric dam, will be shown Sunday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Towne Theatre in Oak Park, as part of the Russian Film Series.

● **'MIRACLE' HELP**  
"Miracle on 34th Street" is being performed Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 9-13, as the second offering of the Actors Alliance Theatre Company's 1987-88 season at the Music Hall in Detroit. Among cast members is Sharryn Harvey, 5, of Southfield, who plays Baby Doll. She is a kindergarten at Grace-Lederle Elementary School. Actors Alliance is seeking donations to help defray the cost of giving away 1,500 tickets for the production to disadvantaged youth and young adults. For information about donations, call 642-1336. For regular ticket information, call 963-7680.

● **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
The Wayne State University Women's Chorus will present its fifth annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, in St. Aidan Church in Livonia. A reception of wine and cheese will follow. The concert is presented by the St. Aidan Cultural Society. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students. For more information, call 478-3216.

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