

## upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday, to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 48012.

### EDUCATING RITA

Meadow Brook Theatre artistic director Terence Kilburn will direct "Educating Rita," which opens a four-week run on New Year's Eve at 8 p.m. at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Cynthia Darlow plays Rita and David Regal is the professor. Tickets are available by calling the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3390.

### POP TRIO

The pop trio Loving Cup performs at Tango's at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center in Southfield Tuesdays-Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Loving Cup has played Brownie's on the Lake and the Bloomfield Hills Open Hunt Club. For more information, call 827-4000.

### JAZZ CONFERENCE

The National Association of Jazz Educators hosts its 15th annual National Conference on Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 7-10, at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. More than 2,000 jazz educators, artists and enthusiasts from around the world will attend. Concerts open to the public include "Michigan Night" featuring performances by Michigan natives at 8 p.m. Jan. 9. Tickets at \$10 are on sale at Ticketmaster outlets. Free concerts by professional jazz groups from throughout Michigan are slated at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. daily Jan. 7-9.

### DIXIELAND JAZZ

Three collegiate Dixieland jazz bands will square off in the 8th annu-

al Southern Comfort National "Battle of the Dixieland Jazz Bands" at the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Commission is \$15-\$25 for senior citizens and students. All proceeds go to co-sponsor the National Association of Jazz Educators.

### 'MATTRESS' AUDITIONS

Troy Players will hold auditions at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the Troy Community Center for "Once Upon a Mattress." Singers, dancers, actors and chorus members are needed.

### GOTTA DANCE

"Gotta Dance! Gotta Sing!" celebrates favorite production numbers from Gershwin, Kern, Rodgers & Hammerstein, "A Chorus Line" and Carole King. The show, created by Goodtime Players, will be presented Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Community Center. Cost is \$4 per person and \$12 per family. Call 477-8494 for details.

### COMEDY TIME

Mark Sweetman on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and Ruben-Ruben on Wednesday, Dec. 30, bring their comedy to Joey's Comedy Showcase at Mr. Megee's Irish Pub in Livonia. Tickets cost \$5. All shows have two warmup acts. Every Monday is "open mike" night. Showtime is 9 p.m. Call 471-9181.

### JAZZ STYLE

Jazz trio Ursula Walker, Buddy Budson and Dan Kolton continues to perform at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays in the lobby of the Omni International Hotel in Detroit's Millender Center.

### DICKENS' FILMS

Adaptations of stories by Charles Dickens are featured in the Detroit Institute of Arts Afternoon Film Theatre. The films are shown at 1 p.m. in the museum's recital hall.



Cynthia Darlow plays the culture-starved half-dresser and David Regal is the English professor in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "Educating Rita," opening a four-week run New Year's Eve at Oakland University.



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General admission is \$1 at the door. "A Christmas Carol" continues Wednesday, Dec. 23, and "David Copperfield" will be shown Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 29-30.

### SHOWBOAT FLOATS

The musical "Showboat" is being performed Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 30 at the Great Lakes Dinner Playhouse in Mount Clemens. Tickets range from \$16.95 for mat-

nees to \$25.95 for Saturday nights and include a buffet dinner. Call 463-0340.

### HISTORICAL FACT

"The New Historians" will air at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, on WTVP. The 25-minute documentary explores the public and private fascination with re-creating history and documenting the past. Sound Movies Music/Film Productions of Royal

### ZOO HOURS

The Detroit Zoo is closed for the holidays through Friday, Jan. 1. After this date, the zoo is open for winter hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free.

### TRAVEL NEWS

A free 56-page booklet highlighting more than 100 attractions in Southeast Michigan is available from the Travel & Tourist Association of Southeast Michigan. The booklet also contains information on lodging and dining. For the booklet, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope with 39 cents postage to Travel Directory, P.O. Box 1590, Troy 48069.

### KISS CON-ZERT

Kiss performs live at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Cobo Arena in Detroit. The "Crazy Nights" world tour features Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Eric Carr and Bruce Kulick. A special guest will be announced. Tickets at \$16.50 are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, Hudson's, AAA and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 423-6666.

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