

upcoming things to do

• OCC JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The OCC Jazz Ensemble performs under the direction of Craig Strain at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the South Theatre on the Orchard Ridge campus. Tickets are \$5.

• WALT DISNEY SONGS

Mary Poppins sings the songs of Walt Disney at noon Saturday, Dec. 24 in Orchard Mall Center Court, 6445 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Euni Tracey and Davis Galt perform.

• BABES IN TOYLAND

The Oakland University Mime Ensemble performs the children's classic, "Babes in Toyland," at 10 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 15-16 and at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 in Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. Admission, \$4.

• STEPPING OUT

"Stepping Out" as play about a young adult tap dancing class opens a five-week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre, Dec. 30 to Feb. 4. For performance times, ticket information and details on a special New Year's Eve performance, call the Birmingham Theatre, 644-3533.

Tickets can be charged by phone. Group discounts for 20 or more people.

• STAGECRAFTERS

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre presents the "Princess and the Pea" and the "Elves and the Shoemaker" at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, and at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Beth Burch of Bloomfield Hills and Kim VanSullivan of Troy are featured in "Princess and the Pea." Chris Pauck of Troy and Megan McNealley of Birmingham are part of the "Shoemaker and the Elves" cast. For tickets and details, call the Baldwin Theatre at 541-6450.

• POP ARTIST

Joe Tackett appears Friday-Saturday nights through January at Carlos Murphy's in Southfield.

• CONCERT SERIES

The Holiday Melodies Concert Series continues through Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Detroit/Southfield. The series is open to the public. The schedule is as follows: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 — The Fifth Grade Ensemble, Vandenberg Elementary; 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 — Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal High School Singers; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21 — Knight Singers, Knights Men (dancers) and Lahser Chorale, Lahser High School. For more information, call 550-2000.

• ZONJIC PLAYS

Alexander Zonjic performs at 9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 15-17; Thursdays-Friday, Dec. 22-23, and Thursdays-Saturday, Dec. 29-31, at Murdock's in Rochester Hills. For more information, call 852-0550.

• COMEDY CLUB

Joe's Comedy Club in Livonia is featuring Leo DuFour — through Saturday, Dec. 17. For information, call 261-9555.

• FANTASY LAND

The Palace Theater Co., a non profit group trying to restore the old vaudeville theatre hosts a meeting with Santa 4-8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the theater, 35164 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

• MAYFLOWER

Singer-guitarist D.L. Turner performs 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays through Dec. 31 at the Crow's Nest in the Mayflower Hotel, 827 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

• THE TTT THEATRE

The TTT Theatre of Tampere, Finland perform a Scandinavian classic, "The Lumberjacks" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 and 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 at Holiday Inn-Livonia West, Six Mile at Newburgh off of I-275.

• AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Plymouth Symphony presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 in the Plymouth-Salem High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students in K-12. For details, call 451-2112.

• VAN DYKE PARK

The Van Dyke Park Hotel's December entertainment includes "An Old Fashioned Holiday Revue" through Dec. 24 at the hotel and conference center, 31800 Van Dyke, Warren. The Winter Nites series presents the Sun Messengers on Dec. 16 and the Buckingham on Dec. 21. For details call 559-2850.

• HOLLY

Strolling Dickens characters and musical selections from "Oliver" and "Scrooge" will greet visitors during the weekend of Dec. 17-18 in historic Holly's Battle Alley. A Victorian Father Christmas will walk among visitors. For details, call 634-1900.



Battling Babes

Temmy Machowicz (center) of Sterling Heights has her hands full as Old Mother Hubbard in the production of "Babes in Toyland," presented by the Ensemble Theatre Co. at Oakland University in Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. Helping her ward off the evil Mr. Barnaby (William O'Connor of Rochester, left) is Tom Tom the Piper's Son (Christopher Olaszyn). Performances are set for 10 and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 16 and 1 p.m. Dec. 17. Tickets are \$4. For details, call the Oakland University Center for the Arts box office, 370-3013.

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• HOLLY HOTEL

Chris Jakeway, Eric Head and Tim Allen perform stand up comedy Dec. 15-17 at the Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Mark Davids, Chris Jakeway and Lowell Sanders perform Dec. 22-24. Mark Davids, Tim Butterfield and Craig McCart perform Dec. 29-31. Thursday showtime: 8:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Cover charge \$7 without dinner, \$5 for dining guests.

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