

Musicaire plans cabaret concert as tribute to Irving Berlin

Birmingham Musicaire will present "A Tribute to Irving Berlin," a cabaret concert, at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Community House, 360 S. Bates, Birmingham. Cash bar opens at 7:15 p.m.

Proceeds from the benefit will finance student musician scholarships, community orchestras and Federation of Music Club scholarships. For tickets and information, call 551-2316.

The revue will include solos, duets and choral selections by 20 performers singing some of Berlin's best-known songs, including his favorite, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor." There will be songs from "Call Me Madam" and individual numbers such as "Check to Check," "What'll I Do," "This is the Army," "White Christmas," "Mandy," "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "God Bless America."

The Musicaire will present a vignette stage production of "Annie Get Your Gun." This was first performed in New York in 1946 and ran for 1,000 performances, becoming the greatest stage success of Berlin's career. The songs include "The Girl That I Married," "Didn't What Comes Naturally" and "There's No Business Like Show Business."

Alice Engram will direct the concert and Eleanor Whelan and Eugenia Hanton will provide the accompaniment along with horn and percussion.

Planning series on modern art

Charlotte Stokes, chairwoman of the art and art history department of Oakland University, will give a series of lectures on contemporary art at Cranbrook Museum of Art, 500 Pine Pine, Bloomfield Hills at 11 a.m. Tuesdays Feb. 7-28.

The one-hour programs will be in the Albert and Peggy deSalle Auditorium at the Museum.

A luncheon will be served after the lecture Feb. 28; reservation deadline is Feb. 26. For information, call Mary Frances Breen, 540-7456.

The Musicaire's regular program will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Community House. The theme is "Without music, life would be a mistake." It will be dedicated to the Parade of American Music of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

"Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin will be performed by Marlon Siatczynski, who teaches private-

ly and performs frequently with Irene Matustat as a four-hand team. "Rhapsody in Blue" was first performed 65 years ago by Paul Whiteman on Feb. 12.

Johanna Beth Bowers, flute, accompanied by Fontaine Laing, will perform. A tea to meet the artists will follow the program. For information, call 375-9534.

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Noted author to speak

Julius Lester, author of "Lovesong: Becoming a Jew," will speak at the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

Lester, a Jew and a Black, will speak on "Blacks and Jews in American History." He was born in 1929, the son of a Baptist minister, and lived in the Midwest and the South. He completed his bachelor's in Eng-

lish at Fish University. He is the only University of Massachusetts faculty member to receive all three of that institution's most prestigious faculty awards. Since 1968 he has published 15 books that have been translated into seven languages.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 661-1000, ext.341.

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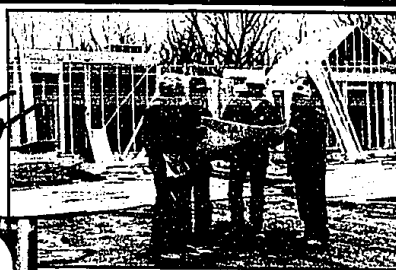
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