

## 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, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

**MUSICAL 'QUILTERS'**  
The Detroit premiere of "Quilters" by Moly Newman and Barbara Damashek, will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. "Quilters" is a musical about American pioneer women who relate their experiences through songs, dances and telling of stories, which in turn inspire designs for quilts. Tickets may be reserved by calling 377-3300.

**NEW SEASON**  
Meadow Brook Theatre's 1989-90

season includes five plays making their Detroit-area premieres. These include "The Diary of a Scoundrel" by Alexander Ostrovsky, a Russian satire adapted by Erik Brogger, which opens the season Oct. 5-29 at the theater on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Recent off-Broadway comedy hit "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin will have its Detroit premiere Nov. 2-26. Meadow Brook's annual favorite, Charles Nolte's adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," gets a new look with a newly designed production. Nov. 30 to Dec. 31, "Dial M For Murder," suspense thriller by Frederick Knott, plays Jan. 4-28. The Detroit premiere of the recent New York and London hit, "A Walk in the Woods" by Lee Blessing, runs Feb. 1-25. International intrigue laced with comedy and romance in "The Great Sebastians" by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse is scheduled for March 1-25. "The Immigrant," a true story about the playwright's (Mark Hellink) grandfather who immigrated from Russia to Texas, is being produced for the first

time locally, March 29 to April 22. Music from "Hello Dolly!" "Mame!" and "Mack and Mabel" by Jerry Herman is featured in "Jerry's Girls," slated for its Detroit premiere April 26 to May 20. For ticket information call the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3300.

**BLUE SKY**  
Blue Sky Bar BQ in Southfield features jazz after hours with the Jazz Posse. Food is served until 4 a.m. A Blues Lunch from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays stars Robert Penn and Zoom on March 19 and 26, and Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones on April 2 and 9. Solo jazz guitarist Gale Benson plays at lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

**SOMERSET CONCERTS**  
Schedule for the free concert series from 2-4 p.m. every Sunday at Somerset Mall in Troy is as follows: April 2 - George Benson, jazz trio; April 9 - Eddie DeSantis, big band era; April 16 - Sweet Adelines, Great Lakes Chorus; April 23 - Chet Boggs's Wolverine Jazz Band featuring Dixieland, and April 30 - Peter "Madcat" Ruth, harmonica virtuoso. All concerts are staged in the Center Court. Seating is provided.

**JAZZ GROUP**  
George Benson brings his jazz sounds to Southfield's Concerts-in-the-Garden series at Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall on Sunday, April 2. Accompanying Benson and his saxophone are Charles Bates on the piano, Isaac Dancy, drums, and Donald Mayberry, bass. The concert including continental breakfast is \$5; concert and coffee only are \$3.50. Breakfast starts at 10 a.m. and the concert begins at 10:30 a.m. For information and reservations, call 354-4717.

**ACTING STUDENTS**  
Every 10 weeks a group of acting

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**FOLK DANCE**  
The Slavic Folk Ensemble of Oakland University, joined by the Dunav Ensemble, presents International folk dance and music at 7 p.m. Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester Hills. For tickets are \$4 general and \$3 for students and seniors, call 370-4400. Tickets also are available at the door.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
The 1989 WDET Music Festival will be held Sunday, May 28, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival site at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Radio station WDET will provide continuous music from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available by mail order; send a self-addressed stamped envelope to WDET Festival, 6001 Cass, Detroit

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Judith Roagan and Mary Rausch are in the cast of "Quilters," having its Detroit-area premiere at Meadow Brook Theatre. A four-week engagement begins Thursday, March 30.

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