

Opera Lite Company performs 'Amahl and The Night Visitors'

The classic story of "Amahl and The Night Visitors" will come to life in the sanctuary of Nardin Park Church at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. Originally commissioned by NBC Television in the 1950s, this work has become known and loved the world over.

This will be a first-class production, complete with costumes, props, and a full orchestra, along with an extremely talented cast of singers and dancers. Performers are members of Opera Lite Company, under the artistic direction of David Pulice, with starring roles being played by Chris Jones, Barbara Youngerman, Karl Schmidt, and Carl Clendenning.

The orchestra is led by James Hohmeyer, conductor of both the Rochester and Lake St. Clair Orchestras, who has worked with artists connected to the Meadowbrook, Bonstelle, and Hillberry Theaters.

Prior to the performance of "Amahl," "Les Flutes Douces," a Renaissance instrumental ensemble, will provide several musical selections. Under the direction of Faith Gardner, this talented group has performed at the Renaissance Festival and is well-known in the music community. Using medieval and renaissance replica instruments, their performance will set the mood for the rest of the evening's events.

An added feature of the program will be the presentation of organ music based upon the "Noels" of the early French composer, Claude Daguin. Melvin Rookus, minister of music at Nardin Park, will be at the organ console.

At the conclusion of the musical performances, guests are invited to a gala reception in the church's fellowship hall. Festive decor and finger desserts will be offered.



Leading performers in Opera Lite Company's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" are Barbara Youngerman, Chris Jones and Carl Clendenning.

Tickets are available for \$7.50 and must be purchased in advance by calling the church at 476-8860. Nardin Park is at 29887 11 Mile.

around Farmington

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BUILD SELF ESTEEM

Thursday, Dec. 14: "How Parents Can Build Self Esteem and Manage Moods," talk by Laura Stewart at 7 p.m. in North Farmington High School cafeteria, 13 Mile Road west of Farmington Road. Event sponsored by the school's Booster Club. No charge.

SKATE WITH SANTA

Thursday, Dec. 14: "Skate With Santa," roller skating party 6:30-9 p.m. in Bonaventure Skating Center, 24505 Halsted. Admission is \$2. Skate rental is \$1.25.

SANTA'S HELPER

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14-15 and 21-22: Santa's Helper will help youngsters with their shopping 4-8 p.m. each day in Jacobson's, Livonia. Scheduling for one-half hour appointments made by calling the store, 591-7696, ext. 238.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

Friday, Dec. 15: "A Very Special Christmas," produced by Marquis Theatre Children at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 15, 22, 29, Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28, and

at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, in Marquis Theatre, Main Street, Northville. All tickets are \$4.50 available through the box office, 349-8110 with Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

WASSAIL DINNER

Saturday, Dec. 16: Wassail dinner with costumed entertainers, sumptuous feast, toasts and caroling sponsored by Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 1 p.m. in Residence Dining Hall, Madonna College, 1-96 and Levan, Livonia. Tickets are \$30 per reveler. Reservations taken by the college, 591-5044.

TRADITIONS

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17: "Christmas Traditions," 60 voice Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble of Grace Chapel in concert at 7 p.m. in William Tyndale College, 12 Mile and Drake Road. Admission is free but tickets are needed for seating. Call 553-2461 and leave name and number.

YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Saturday, Dec. 16: Livonia Youth Philharmonic in concert at 3 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile Road west of Middlebelt. Livonia Philharmonic is comprised of musicians from 7-22 years old from 17 surrounding communities. Tickets are \$4, or \$2 for students at the door.

AMAH

Saturday, Dec. 16: "Amahl and the Night Visitors" performed by Opera Lite Company at 8 p.m. in Nardin

Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road. Tickets at 7:50 each, must be purchased in advance through the church office, 476-8860.

DULCIMER CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 17: Mary Lou Battley in a hammered dulcimer concert 2-4 p.m. in Farmington Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River. Museum is open 1-5 p.m. Admission is a \$1 donation. Children under 12 admitted free.

HAIR STYLES FOR HAVEN

Monday, Dec. 18: Hair cut and styled from \$10-15; manicures for \$5 and mini make-overs for \$7 offered from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Mario Max Salon, in Hunters Square Orchard Lake Road south of 14 Mile Road. All proceeds given to Haven, refuge for abused women and children in Oakland County. Hors d'oeuvres and punch complimentary.

CAROLING PARTY

Monday, Dec. 18: Caroling Party for the entire family begins at 6:15 p.m. in front of the Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Each family is asked to bring a flashlight and some cookies that will be pooled for all the carolers to sample. Music sheets will be provided. Registration is requested by the library, 474-7770.

CHANUKAH

Tuesday, Dec. 19: Chanukah Celebration, a children's party with songs and stories explaining the spirit of the Jewish holidays at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Admission is \$3.

New cookbook for sale

The Alzheimer's Association Detroit Area Chapter is offering a cookbook called "Cooking with Love." Recipes have been compiled locally, and include gourmet recipes as well as easy-to-fix.

The attractive spiral-bound book sells for \$5.95 and is available at the association's office, 17251 12 Mile Road, Suite 109, Southfield 48076.

The book is available at the office or it can be mailed for an additional postage charge of \$1.50. Mail a

check for \$5.95 plus \$1.50 to the above address, indicating it is for the cookbook and your book(s) will be sent by return mail.

Shelley Thomson is the volunteer who worked for almost a year with families, supporters and Alzheimer's care givers to collect the recipes.

All proceeds go to further the work of the association to provide family and patient services, research and education. All recipes are new and never before published.

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