

upcoming things to do

• Dixie Syncopators

Mike Karoub's Dixie Syncopators will perform from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the First Center Office Plaza in Southfield. The concert is open to the public without charge.

• 'Cats' prowling

"Cats," the international musical hit by Andrew Lloyd Webber based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" comes to Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre for two weeks Wednesday, March 14, through Sunday, March 25. "Cats" was originally produced in London where it opened May 11, 1981, and is still enjoying huge success. Opening on Broadway in 1982, "Cats" went on to win seven Tony Awards including Best Musical and continues to play to capacity crowds. Ticket prices range from \$19-\$29, depending upon performance. Tickets are available at the Masonic Temple Theatre box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For more information call the theater at 832-2232.

• Ice Capades

The 50th Golden Anniversary Edition of Ice Capades glides into Detroit, Tuesday-Sunday, March 13-18, for 10 performances at Joe Louis Arena. Tickets are on sale at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are priced at \$12, \$10 and \$8. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For more information call 567-6000.

• 'The Butterfly'

Children's Ballet Theatre presents "The Butterfly Ball" and other works at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium in Livonia. Admission is \$2 per child, \$3 per adult, at the door.

• Irish concert

The Irish Dancers Booster Club presents "A Touch of Ireland" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. The O'Hare step dancers will perform, along with guest singers and musicians who will sing and play favorite Irish traditional music. Pat Judd, singer and Irish storyteller, will serve as master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 261-4373.

• Dinner dance

An evening of music and gourmet dining will be featured at the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, on campus in Livonia. A Southwestern dinner will be prepared by the college's award-winning Culinary Arts Department and music by Heartsfield. Menu for the evening includes cream of corn soup with crab cakes, Southwestern garden greens with orange wedges and cracklings with cherry vinaigrette, West Texas tenderloin pepper steak with bourbon sauce, sweet potato duchess, medley of "down on the range vegetables," assorted corn-breads, muffins and rolls, and maple Bavarian cream with walnuts served in an oakleaf pastry shell. Cost is \$22 per person. For reservations or further information, call 462-4460.

• Audition trial

The Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Steel Magnolias" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the guild playhouse in Redford. Parts are open for six

women ages 19-66. Production dates are Friday-Saturday, April 20-21 and 27-28 and May 4-5. For further information, call 261-9207.

• Farce-comedy

"John Loves Mary," plays through Saturday, March 17, at Henry Ford Museum Theater at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Performances of "John Loves Mary" are at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturdays. A special matinee performance will be staged at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Tickets are \$8 each for reserved seats, available daily at the Information Desk in the entrance to Greenfield Village, at the Museum Theater box office one hour before each performance, or by calling the Reservations Center at 271-1020. A combination dinner and

theater package, at \$25 per person, also is available.

• 'The Nerd'

Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre presents "The Nerd" by Larry Shue, author of the award-winning comedy "The Foreigner" opening Friday, March 2, and continuing for three weeks until Sunday, March 18. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m., except for March 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 Thursdays and \$8 all other days. Senior citizen and student discounts are available Sunday. For reserved seating and ticket information call 541-6430.

• Jazz Search

The sixth annual Hennessy Cognac Jazz Search, largest jazz competi-

tion of its kind, is calling on jazz musicians in the Detroit area to submit an audio tape of their best efforts. Grand prize winner will receive \$2,000 in cash and an appearance as the opening act at the Playboy Jazz Festival on Sunday, June 17, at the Hollywood Bowl. All audio cassette entries, no longer than 20 minutes in length, must be postmarked by Thursday, March 1, and sent to: the Hennessy Cognac Jazz Search, 3435 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite JAZZ, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

• Musical hit

Ridgedale Players will present the musical hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 and 16-18, and Friday-Saturday, March 23-24. There is a

matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Tickets cost \$8 with a \$1 discount for senior citizens Sunday evenings. To order tickets call Donna Backus at 644-8328.

• Comedy star

Comedy star Jerry Lewis will greet an expected crowd of 1,600 at Michigan Cancer Foundation's eighth annual dinner Saturday, May 19, at the Westin Hotel's Renaissance Ballroom, in Detroit. Patron tickets are \$300 per person; Sponsor are \$150. For reservations, call 833-0710, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Meadow Brook

"The Great Sebastians," the 1956 Howard Lindsay/Russel Crouse comedy written for Alfred Lunt and

Lynn Fontanne, will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Tickets for "The Great Sebastians" may be arranged by calling 377-3300.

• 'First Nighter'

The local Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Singing Society will present "The First Nighter," a Barbershop Harmony Extravaganza, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Featured on the family oriented show are The Naturals from Cincinnati and The Gas House Gang from St. Louis. The Henrich-Chorus and Chapter Quartets round out the evening. For ticket information call 420-0978.

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