

Summer classes geared toward talented students

Three special classes in the arts will be offered to talented youngsters at Oakland University this summer.

The Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan and the OU Center for the Arts will present "The Young Shakespeare," "Creative Writing" and "Theatre Arts: Caretakers of Wonder."

Enrollment is open to children ages 12-17. Applicants must be recommended by a gifted and talented coordinator or other school official familiar with the applicant's abilities. Enrollment in each class is limited to 20.

"The Young Shakespeare," July 9-27, will be taught by Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College and professor of English. The class will study Shakespeare's early plays. The focus will be on Shakespeare's treatment of young people and their relationships with one another and their parents. The course will include an optional day trip to Stratford, Ontario to see "As You Like It."

"Creative Writing," July 9-27, will be taught by Nancy Webster, English and drama teacher from

Roeper City and Country School of Bloomfield Hills. She will emphasize self-expression in verbal form, in poetry and in other literary forms such as short stories.

Tuition for each course is \$125 or \$100 is both are taken. The optional Stratford trip is \$50 additional. For registration information, call the Center for the Arts, 370-3018 no later than June 15.

"Theatre Arts: Caretakers of Wonder," Aug. 6-17, will be taught by Harmon E. Beckman, director of fine arts and theater, Taylor Public Schools. Eligibility is limited to students entering the ninth grade this fall or to those who will have graduated from the 12th grade by September. Two references are required.

Participants will write, produce and perform a 45-minute play designed for elementary school audiences. The production will be performed for a variety of audiences early in the next school year as arranged by Oakland Schools, co-sponsor of the class. Tuition is \$175. To register, call Jennifer Davidson of Oakland Schools, 858-1985.

'Sleeping Beauty' to come alive

Michigan Ballet Foundation will present "Sleeping Beauty" at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Southfield Lathrup High School, 12 Mile, between Southfield and Evergreen, Southfield.

This production, presented to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's birth, is by the students of the Laseu School of Ballet of Bloomfield Hills, directed and choreographed by

Jacob Laseu. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's Ballet Scholarship Fund.

The role of the Prince will be danced by Conrad Belknap of Southfield and James Moss of St. Clair Shores. Aurora will be danced by Amy Smith of Taylor, Marie Aversa of Dearborn Heights and Jamie Planko of Novi. An afterglow with the performers will follow Sunday's performance.

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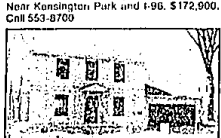
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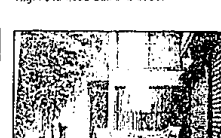
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