

# Marilyn's Style Recalls Era Of The Big Bands

By BETTY MASSON  
Marilyn Maye, the current star in Lofy's Pavilion Room in Plymouth, has a style which is reminiscent of vocalists in the big band era. She also has a realistic approach to art. . . when asked if she minds being identified with a singing commercial ("Step to the Rear"), her answer is "The residuals are great."

THE RED-HEADED singer, who has been "singing in cabarets all my life" will be at Lofy's through this Saturday. She will be followed by the Four Lads, opening Thursday, April 8. Her act at Lofy's features a medley band on requests through the years, songs such as "Melancholy Baby," "Lary River," "Misty," "Spinning Wheel," and one of her best, "Come to the Cabaret," plus one new song "Being Alive," from the stage show "Company."

Her voice which has a wide range is particularly effective in the show tunes. She is ably supported by her pianist and arranger Mark Franklin, and by Lofy regulars, the Johnny Trudell Band. Miss Maye has been on the Johnny Carson show more times than any other singer, 46 to be exact. For this, Carson has dubbed her "Super Singer."

She is also a frequent guest on the Mike Douglas show. IT WAS Steve Allen who discovered her six years ago singing in a club in Kansas City. She then started appearing on television.

## Amusements



RELIGIOUS COMEDIES — Norman and Sandra Dietz will stage six one-act plays Friday evening, April 2, at 8, in All Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh and Joy Roads, Livonia. The plays use comedy to make religious points. Tickets are available from Mrs. Glen Mosen of Plymouth.

## All Saints Presents Religious Comedies

A playwright, who uses the medium of comedy to get across a religious point, is returning to Livonia Friday, April 2.

Norman Dietz will stage an evening of religious vaudeville beginning at 8 p.m., in All Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh and Joy Roads.

APPEARING WITH Dietz will be his wife, Sandra, in six of his one-act plays. All seats will be reserved and tickets at \$2.50, can be obtained by calling Mrs. Glen Mosen of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have been touring with his plays for nine years. Most of the plays are comedies. Says Dietz, "We do comedy mostly right now. I suppose I tend to see life, and the postures people assume in response to it, as essentially laughable. Sandra does

too. Anyway I know she sees me that way. I think comedy is an acknowledgment of the existence of what the church has always called 'the grace of God.' And laughter is the Amen."

His plays have been published in a book "Fables & Vaudevilles & Plays," published by John Knox Press.

## Musical To Be 'In The Round'

DETROIT — The musical, "Hansel and Gretel," will be presented by Marygrove College speech and drama students at 2 p.m., Friday, April 2, and at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4 on campus. It will be played "in the round" under the direction of Mary Jo Alexander.

# Summer Music School Sets April 24 Deadline

Applications are now being taken for the Schoolcraft College Summer Music School, which will run from July 6 through 30, at the College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia. Application forms are available at the college and must be received by April 24. Acceptance is based on successful auditions which will be scheduled between April 24 and May 2.

TUITION FOR the four week course is \$60, and enrollment will be limited to 100 students. Courses are offered in ensemble playing to advanced young students under the direction of artist teachers. Ensembles will include a full orchestra, a wind ensemble and chamber music for all instruments.

Additional classes will include music theory for performers, conducting and instrument care and adjustment.

A school for pianists will provide classes in ensemble playing, sight reading and repertory.

Robert W. Jones, composer-in-residence at School-

craft, will again conduct a class for young composers (limited to 10). All students will take part in regular concerts, including student orchestra concerts July 16 and 20, a chamber music concert July 23 and a special Concerto Award Concert July 26.

THE MUSIC school will

also present a summer music festival featuring the Court Festival Orchestra, made up of faculty members and members of the Detroit Symphony.

Theme of the concerts this year will be American music. They will be given on Tuesday evenings, July 13, 20, and 27.

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