

Musicales begins 66th season

The Birmingham Musicales of the Michigan and National Federation of Music Clubs begins its 66th season this fall.

Programs are at 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. The Dec. 12 meeting will be at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham.

There is a nominal donation for guests. All programs are videotaped by Bloomfield Community Television and shown on area public access channels.

NEW MEMBERS are welcome.

Membership isn't limited to performers. For more information, call membership chairman Virginia Person, 647-6584, president Marian Siatczynski, 647-3861, or the following:

- Choral Ensemble — Mary Pardee, director, 646-3093. This group rehearses Thursday mornings at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, and performs regularly for Musicales programs.
- String Ensemble — Tim Nicolla, director; Florence McBride, chairman, 541-4795. Rehearsals are Thursday mornings at First Presby-

terian Church, Birmingham.

In addition to performing regularly for musicale programs, the group gives concerts for schools, senior citizen residences and nursing homes.

- Michigan Teachers Registry — Martha Welton, chairman, 644-4248. This provides an updated listing of private vocal and instrumental music teachers, arranged by area.
- Junior Music Clubs — Irene Matulak, coordinator, 458-8980. The clubs give young musicians an opportunity to perform with others of the same age. Children in grades four and five

are Merry Music Makers; grades six, seven and eight are the Moment Musicales. Grades nine to 12 belong to the Junior Musicales and are eligible to audition for Birmingham Musicales scholarships. The groups meet monthly.

- Music-in-Hospitals — Martha Gelder, chairman, 644-7843. This community group of volunteers visits nursing homes, retirement residences, special education schools and other institutions using music and activities to reach the residents. Volunteers, including pianists, are always welcome.
- Auditions — Collette Rosner, chairman, 626-1432. Auditions take place three times a year. Solo performers may call for more information.



SRO Productions

Joel Grossman (standing), Maggie Savage, Nancy Sievert, Dolan Sievert, Joyce Moore (seated) and Dick Coe appear in the SRO Productions third play of the 1991 season "Social Security," 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 through Oct. 27, at Southfield's Historic Center "The Burgh" in the 1854 church at the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Call 354-9362 for ticket information.

table talk

Chef appointments

Chef Peter J. Ashcraft, former sous at the Golden Mushroom and executive chef at Coopers Arms, has been appointed executive chef at

Chuck Muir's flagship restaurant, Charley's Crab in Troy. Charley's Crab — Troy executive chef Jeff La Pointe has been promoted to divisional chef of the six new Chuck Muir restaurants. The restaurants are Charley's restaurants in Dearborn, West Bloomfield, and Northville, and the Meriwethers and Clamdiggers restaurants in Southfield and Farmington Hills.

News about area restaurants is included in this column. Send information to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric, 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich., 48150.

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