

ON THE
MARQUEE

Sweet Adelines

The Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adeline Chorus will perform in a free outdoor concert, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills. The award-winning, 90-woman chorus sings four-part harmony, barbershop style. Puck a picnic and a blanket and enjoy "Stars in the Park." For information, call 473-9570.

The Lark

An Argentine Dinner will be presented at the Lark restaurant, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30. Menu features outdoor-grilled two-pound porterhouse steak, sliced for two. Cost \$65 per person. For information, reservations, call 661-8891. Last day to cancel without charge is June 19.

Men's chorus

The Great Lakes Men's Chorus will perform a wide variety of jazz, pop and several original works, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Cabaret concert

Oakland Community College Chorus presents "Be Our Guest" — a cabaret concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Orchard Ridge Campus on Orchard Lake Road north of I-696 in Farmington Hills, Building J-306. The Orchard Ridge Singers and Renaissance Voices will present top-topping, head-bopping arrangements. The OCC Community Chorus will present the "Beauty and the Beast" medley plus California Dreamin' smoothies and Freddie Mercury's zany "Bohemian Rhapsody." A guest instrumental ensemble will provide accompaniment with keyboard, bass, drums and guitar. Punch and popcorn will be served. Admission is \$3.

Dinner train

All aboard the Michigan Star Clipper Train in Walpole Lake, it's show time. Nancy Gurwin and Company are now appearing on the Star Clipper's performance car for a musical/revue journey that will take you back in time. As you enjoy dinner aboard the vintage railway car, Gurwin and her talented performers will delight you with their new musical revue "Broadway, Then and Now," June 20, 27 and 28. Call 960-9143 for information and reservations.

Golden Mushroom

Cloverleaf Market presents An Italian-Wine Dinner 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Golden Mushroom, 18100 West Ten Mile, Southfield. Cost is \$75 per person and includes tax and gratuity. \$65 per person exclusive of beverage. Call 559-4290 for information.

Piano concert

Tomoko and Yuki Mack will present a duo piano concert 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall in Rochester Hills. They will perform music of Brahms, Debussy, Gerstlwin and others. Donations accepted at the door. For information, call 737-0196.

Three zany guys launch theater, concert company



After five of their works were published, brothers Gerry and Dan Castle, and Mike Vigilant formed, "Three Guys Productions." Their first show, "Foiled Again! Two (Somewhat Bawdy) Musical Melodramas," opens July 10 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe in Ferndale.

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Gerry Castle, Mike Vigilant and Dan Castle are three zany guys who ignored skeptics that said "you have a better chance of being hit by lightning than having your plays published."

During the last five years, Gerry Castle (composer), Vigilant (playwright-lyricist) and Dan Castle (director) have developed six full-length, and one act musicals which have been published by three of the country's largest houses — Samuel French, Pioneer Drama Service and Contemporary Drama Service.

On March 16, they formed Three Guys Productions, and have three more works in development, two of which are being prepared for the 1992-93 season.

Gerry Castle who lives in Warren, is also a song writer, and award-winning guitar player. His brother, Dan lives in Birmingham and has been active in community theater since 1976. He recently performed with the Birmingham Village Players in "Rumors." Vigilant also writes songs and played in a band in high school.

All three are in their 30s, married with children, and have day jobs. Dan Castle is a vice president at Seed-Rubbers Agency Inc. in Birmingham. Gerry Castle is a technical analyst at Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Vigilant works for his family's land development business.

"We believe in world peace, and men who aren't afraid to cry," said Dan Castle, who directs the shows. "Dan has a good feel for the work we do," said Gerry Castle, an award-winning guitarist and songwriter. Vigilant also has a flair for songwriting, and played in bands in high school.

They found a niche turning straight plays into musicals, and hope to fill a growing demand for community and regional theater scripts. "Basically, our primary focus as writers and producers is to create new works here and export them through national distributors," said Vigilant.

Dan Castle describes the work Three Guys Productions does as a cross between Mel Brooks, Monte Python, the Three Stooges and William Shakespeare. Their first production, "Foiled Again! Two (Somewhat Bawdy) Musical Melodramas" opens 8 p.m. Friday, July 10 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe on Woodward north of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 and \$12.50. Call 614-2531 or 544-3030 for information. Shows will run 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 1.

Another musical melodrama, "Phantom of the Opry" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 and runs Thursday-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 5. "Both shows are offbeat, a bit risqué and lots of fun, sort of a Dudley Do-



Three guys: Gerry Castle (left), Mike Vigilant and Dan Castle formed Three Guys Productions in March. They are rehearsing their first show, a musical melodrama that will open July 10 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe in Ferndale.

Right meets Naked Gun," said Vigilant.

"You can't too and hiss, there's a hero and villain, great songs, funny stuff. If you have to drag your spouse to the theater and they fall asleep, bring them to this, they will love it," said Dan Castle. "You could bring someone who hates the theater, or someone who loves it. These shows are funny, and very fast moving."

Dan Castle rates the first show as PG. "You can bring the family to the second show," he said.

In addition to theater, Three Guys Productions is also presenting the Michigan Crown Concert Series 8 p.m. Tuesday, beginning July 14 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe.

Peter Malcat Ruth and Short Kane perform July 14. The Mike Best Ensemble, July 28. The North Country Opera, Aug. 11 and Mr. B, a biographic pianist on Aug. 25. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$10. You can see all four concerts and both shows for \$48. Call 614-2531 or 544-3030 for information.

Something for everyone at summer festival

Folk, jazz, comedy, big band, there's something for everyone at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival Friday, June 19 through Sunday, July 12.

Events are scheduled at the Power Center, Power Center Rehearsal Hall, First Congregational Church, U-M School of Music, Burton Tower, the Alumni Center, and Top of the Park.

Top of the Park is open 6 p.m. to midnight each night during the festival. A complete menu of food and beverages is available. All outdoor concerts and films at the park are free.

A Three Cheers for Kids concert series will feature four Sunday afternoon matinees for young people, preceded by free outdoor events beginning at 11 a.m. Matinee performances will include Wild Swan Theatre's presentation of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" on June 21, and a special family performance by

Pilobolus on June 28. All ticketed performances will take place at 1 p.m. in the Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor.

Tickets for main stage festival events at the Power Center are available at any TicketMaster outlet, to order by phone, call 763-TKTS. Tickets are also available at Hudson's.

Robby McFerrin, described as "the most extraordinary vocalist in pop music today," opens the ninth annual festival, with two shows, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29 in the Power Center. In 1988, McFerrin won the

hearts of millions with his hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy." Tickets are \$25, \$22, and \$19. For more festival information, call 747-2278.

Clut Atkins, with a career spanning more than 40 years, performs at the Power Center on Father's Day, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

The Royal Canadian Air Force, a Canadian comedy institution takes the stage at the Power Center, 8 p.m. Monday, June 22. The Ann Arbor Symphony will present a free concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 at the Power Center.

Enjoy a remarkable night of jazz piano festival with Jay McShann, Olive Jones, and Mark "Mr. B" Brown at the Power Center 8 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

The Letterman who climbed the music charts with their first hit "The Way You Look Tonight," will perform at the Power Center, 8 p.m. Friday, June 26.

Other main stage performances at the Power Center include Capital Steps in a special 8 p.m. Saturday, July 4 show, The Kingston Trio, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Manhattan Transfer, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and the Song Sisters, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 12.

Father's Day Brunch

This Father's Day, treat Dad to an unlimited International buffet at Casa Lupita. Enjoy fresh fruits, juices, fluffy omelettes, delicate crepes and delicious Belgian waffles made to order, plus a multitude of Mexican specialties. It's all Dad could care to eat and anything he could want! And each Dad will receive a special gift (while supplies last)! So don't miss this festive Father's Day at Casa Lupita! Reservations are gladly accepted.

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