ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE MARQUEE

Jazz Affair

Southfield, Parks and Recreation's Cultural Arts Division hosts "Art and Jazz Affair," in conjunction with "Star Spangled Southfield," Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28 at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen. The three day jazz concert will feature nationally and locally known musicians such as the Buddy Huson Group, Alexander Zonjic, Johnny Trudell, and many more. For information, call 354-4717.

Ridgedale Players

Ridgedale Players, Junior Actors Group, will present the children's musical, "The Velveteen Rabit," 7 p.m. Friday, June 26, 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy. Tickets $4 each, call 641-7027.

Folkdance Club

Spring Dance Party hosted by the Detroit Folk dance Club, 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, June 26 at Brookside Elementary School, Cranbrook Road at Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Live music by the "Ethnic Connection." Request dancing and ethnic buffet will be provided. Cost $8 per person. The club is sponsoring four evenings of international folkdancing in Troy, 6-8:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, July 12 at Raintree Park. For information, call 338-0524.

Big Band

Dance Party featuring the Emil Moro Band, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, June 27 at Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 South Telegraph, north of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets $10 in advance, $12.50 at the door. Buffet dinner will be served 6:30-8 p.m. Cost $24.95 per person, includes dance. For reservations, call 332-9237.

Summer concert

City of Southfield Summer Concert Series presents the Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 at the historic Burgh Site at Civic Center Drive and Berg Roads. While you enjoy the concert, your children will be entertained by Joyce Uzlac (Theatre).

Summer dining

Melius Sly Fox has at 725 S. Hunter in Birmingham has a new exterior look complete with outdoor dining on "Sally's Porch." The porch features a variety of selections from the Summer Sally's Porch Menu and the regular Sly Fox menu, and a 3-5 p.m. happy hour hour with special mid-day menu. For reservations, information, call 642-6900

Take the family to Rochester Cafe

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

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If you're looking for a place you can take your whole family to eat, look no further than Rochester Cafe. Owned an operated by the Aiello family, Rochester Cafe features home cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner in a comfortable, casual friendly atmosphere.

They've earned a reputation for their delicious Deep Dish Sicilian Pizza, savory homemade soups, and desserts like Dutch Apple and Milky Way pie.

"We want our customers to sit and relax and enjoy a good meal," said owner Anthony Aiello. His wife, Rosemary, and son, Mark also work at the restaurant. "We take care of things. One of us is always here," said Mark. Three years ago they remodeled the restaurant, formerly a Nugget.

"Floral tablecloths, paintings, and a graphic design on the windows help create the comfortable setting.

There's something for everyone on the menu. Rochester Cafe recently got a liquor license, and offers beer, wine and cocktails. House specialities include Anthony's Italian Favorites like veal piccata and Chicken Siciliano — breaded breast of chicken, scented with herbs and spices served with an authentic amoghio sauce, (fresh chopped tomatoes, Italian herbs and spices.) Dinners are served with soup or salad, vegetable of the day, choice of potato or spaghetti and homemade bread basket.

There's also old favorite like baked meatloaf, chicken & biscuit, steak, and seafood on the menu. Kids will love the menu for children ages 10 and under which features a junior hamburger, grilled cheese with french fries, and chicken fillet strips dinner.

For those counting calories and watching their cholesterol, Rochester Cafe offers a Heart Wise menu recommended by the Atallah Heart Center in Rochester. Senior citizens age 55 and older get a 10 percent discount.

Some items you wouldn't expect to find on the menu are Mexican nachos, burrito, taco salad, and chicken chimichanga. If you don't have the time to dine in, there is an extensive carry out menu. For those planning special events, Rochester Cafe also offers catering.

JOHN STORMZAND

Family dining: *Anthony Aiello, owner of Rochester Cafe, enjoys a dish of homemade pasta and house speciality Chicken Siciliano. The chicken is lightly breaded, sauteed and served with a sauce of freshly chopped tomatoes, Italian herbs and seasonings.*

Restaurant details

Rochester Cafe.
Address: 630 N. Main, Rochester, 652-0820

Hours: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to midnight, Fridays and Saturdays.

Type of food: Italian, pizza, steaks, seafood, soup, sandwiches, breakfast.

Details: Daily specials, children's menu, 10 percent discount for senior citizens age 55 and older, some vegetarian entrees, Heart Wise menu.

Entree cost: Breakfast $1.50 to $4.89, lunch, $3 to $7, dinner $6 to $9. Deep dish pizza $5.75-$8.75 small, $7.55 to $11.35 large. Specialty pizzas $7.50 to $8.75 small, $9.90 to $11.35 large.

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Don't miss 'Albertine in Five Times'

Performances of the Theatre Guild production of "Albertine in Five Times," continue weekends through July 12 at the Theatre Guild playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. For ticket information call the box office at 538-5678.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Characters, in the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild's "Albertine in Five Times" remind one of a fine crystal that has fractured into ugly deformed pieces of glass.

As we learn about each piece, their rough edges seem softer. Indeed, the crystal slowly appears to become whole again. Not perfect to be sure. Stress cracks, remain permanently etched. There is, however, beauty in understanding the life of a woman who has endured more than her share of pain. It is a show not to be missed.

Five actresses play Albertine at five different times in her life. Director, Jeffrey Nahan, does a fine job of staging playwright, Michael Tremblay's, challenging script. His cast interacts naturally as five visions of one personality. We see them as Albertine's memories, just after she enters a home for the elderly.

Shirley Hulet is marvelous as Albertine at 70. One moment she's a wise, smiling silvery-haired woman, the next she's conflicted with tearful, painful memories. At long last she has reached the age of understanding.

As crises develop, she tries to advise those playing herself in earlier years. As has been the case for centuries, they never listen.

Barbara Coven scores as a youthful Albertine of 30, whose natural optimism has been tempered by a wayward husband and troubled children. Unable to communicate, she takes out her frustration by nearly beating her daughter to death over a sexual encounter.

Cheryl Roy gives a mesmerizing performance as a bitter, joyless Albertine at 40. Her husband foolishly gotten himself killed; her daughter's a tramp, her son is mentally impaired. All she ever wanted was to be loved. To be understood. Instead life dealt her a deck of losing cards. No wonder she is an empty shell of a woman, full of rage, with a perpetual sarcastic smile.

Pat Varga very effectively shows another side of Albertine at 50. She chooses to set herself free. Her attitude: If you don't like something, make up a new past. She places her son in a home. Gets a job as a waitress, but there are memories, always memories.

Maureen Cook is most sympathetic as Albertine at 60. By now she is a pill-popping, bedridden recluse. Memories linger on. And she fears that one night the guilt will be too much — and she will take one too many pills.

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