

ON THE
MARQUEE

Patriotic salute

Southfield Symphony will captivate the audience with a number of songs leading up to a spectacular fireworks display, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2 on the Southfield Civic Center front lawn. Performance highlights include the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and selections by Cole Porter as well as from the "Phantom of the Opera," "The Music Man," and "West Side Story."

Plymouth Theatre

Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Veronica's Room" 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads. The cast consists of two women in their 20s and over 40, and two men in their 20s and over 40. Performance dates are September 18 through October 3. Call 349-7110 for information.

Meadow Brook

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mitch Miller performs at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2 and Saturday, July 4. Program will feature singing and fireworks. For tickets, call 833-3700 or TicketMaster, 1-866-666. The symphony will present a free concert, 8 p.m. Friday, July 3 at the Chene park Music Theatre in Detroit. For tickets, call 393-0066.

Hip band

Summer has arrived at Tango's European Bistro in the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center in Southfield. Kaleidoscope, a local favorite will perform 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, July 2, Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4. For information, call 827-4000.

Kid's concert

The Peanut Butter and Jam-Boree a finger snapping toe-tapping concert for children and their families will be presented at the Jewish Community Center, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7. Tickets \$4 at the door. The Jewish Community Center is at 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield. Call 661-1000 for information.

Theater Guild

Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "Albertine in Five Times," 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech. Daily, one block south of Five Mile in Redford. Tickets are \$7. For information, call 538-5678.

Oldies Dance

Saturday Night Oldies Dance 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft (west of Inkster Road), in Livonia. All oldies, twist, limbo, and dance contests, live bands. Admission \$5. For information, call 562-3170.

Children's show

September Productions presents "The Velveteen Rabbit" 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, July 11 and 18, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, July 12 and 19 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia. Cast includes Mary Nigohian of Westland as the Velveteen Rabbit and Joshua Craven of Westland as Jack-in-the-Box. Tickets \$4 each, reservations are suggested. Call 242-8556.

By KEELY WYGNIK
STAFF WRITER



With a fresh, yet simple approach to food, it's also a great place to eat out.

"I don't want to be known as just a bar," said Nino Cutraro of Bloomfield Township. He also owns the Metropolitan Musicafe in Royal Oak, and the Ultimate Sports Bar in Pontiac.

Steve Wren of Rochester, a graduate of the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, New York is in charge of the kitchen. Wren worked at the Royal Oak Metropolitan Musicafe for two years, and moved to the Farmington Hills restaurant when it opened on Feb. 28. Pasta dishes are one of his specialties, and now it's a great time to try them.

"Summer Pastabilities for Two," features dinner for two with choice of Seafood Ravioli, Grilled Chicken Tortellini, Shrimp Marinara Linguine, Shrimp and Crab Fettuccini Verde, or Southwest Linguine, choice of Antipasto or Caesar salad, and glass of Chardonnay, Cabernet or White Zinfandel wine for \$13.95, through July 31.

But inside, or outside on a balcony overlooking a beautifully landscaped courtyard with waterfall. No matter where you sit, there's something interesting and fun to look at. Cutraro collects rock and roll memorabilia, the walls are filled with guitars, gold records and photos. Some unusual items include unused tickets from Woodstock, Michael Jackson's pants, and a guitar smashed by Ted Nugent.

A reggae band plays in the courtyard, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays. After work drink specials and hors d'oeuvres are featured 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuesday 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. is jazz night. Norm Jean Bell will be performing on Tuesdays in July.



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Metropolitan Musicafe is open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner, 4-10 p.m., and sit down Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Luncheon items include soup of the day, \$1.95 cup, \$2.75 bowl, French onion soup au gratin, \$2.50 cup, \$3.95 bowl, and award-winning Metropolitan chili, \$1.95 cup, \$3.75 bowl, a variety of salads like seafood salad, a mixture of crab and shrimp in a seasoned mayon-

naisse, served over lettuce with a tomato and cucumber for \$5.95 and pasta salad with tri-colored rotini and ziti tossed with vegetables and dressing, garnished with ham, salami and tomato wedges for \$4.95.

The dinner menu is similar to lunch, and includes daily specials, roast pork served with roasted redskin potatoes and vegetables du jour for \$7.95 or \$13.95 for two, a 12 oz. center cut sirloin steak for \$12.95.

Summer Pastabilities: Metropolitan Musicafe owner Nino Cutraro (left) and Chef Steve Wren present Cajun Chicken Pan Roast served over rice with a herbed cream sauce, and Rock Shrimp Tortellini with a sweet tomato cream sauce.

Metropolitan Musicafe
Address: 34555 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 488-1100
Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily
Type of food: Pasta, salads, sandwiches, fish, roast pork, steak, Sunday sit down brunch. Children's brunch menu. Credit cards: American Express, Visa, MasterCard

South Oakland Concert Band entertains



AVIGDOR ZARNOP

The Cultural Arts Division of the South Oakland Parks and Recreation Department is a municipal department whose long time represents sincere and consistent dedication to cultural and artistic pursuit. It has something to offer to art and music lovers from all backgrounds and ages. During the main season it offers major events by the Southfield Symphony and chamber events by accomplished artists at various locations.

During the summer season, when most series take a well deserved break, this department offers a pleasant and entertaining series to fill the gap. The Southfield Summer Concert Series presented its first event this season in a concert featuring the South Oakland Concert Band. It was the first of the Gazebo Concerts presented outdoors near Civic Center Drive and Berg.

Combined with the cool weather for this season, this concert proved to be an entertaining event even for someone with a decided preference for heavy classical material like myself.

Nostalgic selections from the 1920s from musicals and marching band selections evoked an enthusiastic response from those attending.

The South Oakland Concert Band consists of amateur musicians, and as such, has its limitations when compared to the more seasoned and professional groups. But the sincere devotion and dedication of its members and

leader make up for much of this gap. Among the highlights of this event was a virtuosic cornet performance of the "Carnival in Venice," by veteran cornet artist Cleveland Autrie. It concluded with a vigorous "Stars and Stripes Forever," with its favorite piccolo acrobatics credibly performed.

Another attractive feature of this series is the fact that it is free to the public.

There are two series involved: the Gazebo series, where this aforementioned event took place and the Sun Bowl Concerts in the Prudential Town Center "Sun Bowl" off Civic Center Drive between Northwestern Highway and Evergreen Road.

The Gazebo Concerts are 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 26. Sun Bowl

Concerts are 7 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 23. The Gazebo series also features a children's show, and picnic menu at reasonable prices.

Upcoming concerts include Doodsworth Sax Horn Reserve Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, Spirit of America Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, The Red Garter Band, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12, New Greystone Jazz Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

Bring your own lawn chairs for these concerts. For more information, call 354-4717.

Avigdor Zarnop, born in Poland, educated in Israel and the United States, has a Ph.D. in math and has studied piano, music theory and history.

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