

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

CLASSICAL

ORGAN CONCERT
Mallissa Ambrose Eldson, theater organist, performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Nativity Episcopal

Church, 21120 W. 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Tickets \$5 per person, \$10 per family, available at the door.

DETROIT SYMPHONY
Detroit Symphony Orchestra Music

Director Neeme Jarvi opens the DSO's 79th subscription series with his 100th performance with the orchestra at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17; 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. For tickets, call 633-3700, or TicketMaster, 645-

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THEATER

NANCY GURWIN
Nancy Gurwin Productions pre-

sents "Annie" 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Show runs through Oct. 11. Call 661-1000 or 354-0545 for show times and tickets.

"FOREVER PLAID"
Three Guys Productions presents the international musical hit "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Previews, Sept. 26, 27, 29 and 30. For times and tickets, call 645-6666. For information, call 644-3630.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
Special fund-raiser review featuring excerpts from George Gershwin's "Of Thee I Sing," and Murray Schisgal's one-act romantic comedy "A Need for Brussel Sprouts," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Tickets \$10, call 537-7716 or 532-4010.

PLAYERS GUILD
"Catch Me if You Can" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison near Monroe and Outer Drive. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. There is a \$5 student admission on Sundays. Call 561-TKTS for tickets and information.

STAGECRAFTERS
Stagecrafters of Royal Oak will

present "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Saturday, Sept. 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Baldwin Theatre at 416 S. Lafayette. Shows Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 11. For tickets and information, call 541-6430.

EMU THEATRE
EMU Theatre presents the musical "Tintypes," 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12 in the Sponberg Theatre on the Ypsilanti campus. For tickets, call 487-1221, Monday through Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

AUDITIONS

MICHIGAN BALLET THEATRE
Michigan Ballet Theatre will hold auditions for male and female dancers ages 10 and up to perform in the 26th anniversary production of "The Nutcracker Ballet," 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up, 1-2:30 p.m. for ages eight to 12, Saturday, Sept. 12 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Auditions for adult actors to perform in "The Nutcracker Ballet," will be noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Auditions for dancers, ages eight to 12 will be 1:15-2:45 p.m., and 3-4:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up. For more information, call 788-1185 any time, or 486-1514 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Face the music at comfy concerts

Pet Donohue, the Minnesota-born 1983 National Finger Picking Champion, will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at a Paint Creek Folklore Society Comfy Concert in the Rochester Hills home of Phil and Althea Doolittle.

Seating for the evening is limited. To attend, call 375-2513 for reservations. Tickets are \$8. The Doolittles will send a map and directions to the house concert.

Opening the evening will be Carl and Alisa Visconti, a father and daughter duet that has been playing music together for many years.

Carl, a member of the Paint Creek Folklore Society since its origin, has been a member of the Old Michigan Ruffwater Stringband for its 14 years — and has performed at festivals, concerts, fairs and other events playing guitar, mandolin, bass, banjo and fiddle.

Alisa, 14, has been exposed to music all of her life sharing Suzuki violin lessons with her dad at age six and performing at Paint Creek meetings soon after.

Donohue's dazzling guitar stylings, provocative song writing and

engaging sense of humor, make him a compelling performer. A self-described "folk-jazz" guitarist, he began playing at age 10.

Self-taught, he learned to play by listening to records and asking questions of local performers at concerts and clubs in St. Paul, Minn. He was a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion."

Other concerts in the Comfy Concert Series include Cathy Winter from New York on Oct. 25; Sue Stolz from Fairbanks, Ala. on March 28, and many more.

A house concert is an event that takes place in someone's living room. Because amplification is not usually required, there are no microphones, darkened stage areas or speakers separating the performers from the audience.

"This encourages a more relaxed, informal atmosphere where the audience can hear and get to know the performing artists," said Paint Creek Folklore Society member Elizabeth Appleton. For more information, call 375-2513.



Dynamic duet: Father and daughter duet Carl and Alisa Visconti will open the first of a series of Paint Creek Folklore Society Comfy Concerts on Sunday, Sept. 20, in Rochester Hills.

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