

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

CLASSICAL

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Bethel Baptist Temple's Choir will perform a Christmas cantata, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at the church, 29476 W. Six Mile Livonia. For information, call 625-3664 or 261-9276.

COMMUNITY CHOIR
Schoolcraft Community Choir will present "Gloria" 8 p.m. Sat.

urday, Dec. 19 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, at the door. For information, call 349-8175 or 462-4446.

AUDITIONS

ST. BEDE PLAYERS
St. Bede Players are holding auditions for leads and chorus for their spring production of

"Naughty Marietta," 7 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18 and 2 p.m. Dec. 20 in the St. Bede Social Hall at 12 Mile and Southfield. For information, call 567-6527 or 567-7245.

PAPER BAG
Paper Bag Productions announces auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Historic Players' Club, 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit. The show will be double cast with performances most Sat.

urdays and Sundays, Feb. 20 to May 2. All auditioners ages eight to 18 should be prepared to sing and be ready to read from the script. For information, call 468-2727.

JAZZ

"The Queen's Physicist" continues through Dec. 27 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. For tickets, call 788-2900 or 645-6666.

DRAMA

Soulard Group, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri presents "October - A Night In The Shelter," 8 p.m. Dec. 17-Dec. 20 at "1515 Broadway," in Detroit. The play deals with homelessness. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Coalition On Temporary Shelter. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call 965-1515.

"FOREVER PLAID"

"Forever Plaid" continues at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Woodward, north of Nine Mile, Ferndale. For tickets call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For information, call 644-3030.

BALLET

LIVONIA CIVIC
Livonia Civic Ballet Company will present the "Nutcracker" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$10, seniors and children, \$7. Call 421-8264.

OAKLAND FESTIVAL BALLET
Oakland Festival Ballet with guest artists from leading companies in New York, will present the "Nutcracker" at the Birmingham Theatre, through Dec. 20. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets, and the Birmingham Theatre box office. Call 644-3533.

Concert to feature modern, traditional carols

Cantata Academy, Detroit's World Class Chorale, will present a holiday concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, north of Long Lake from Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. For information, call 645-0420.

The concert will include traditional and modern carols, and the premier of "The Seven Joys of Christmas," a cantata for soloists

and chorus by noted American composer Kirke Mechem. The conductor is Frederick Bellinger, a music teacher at Cranbrook School, who is assisted by pianist/organist Gary Keller. One of the featured soloists is Redford's Julie Rose, a professional soprano who is gaining increased recognition in the com-

munity through frequent appearances with local groups such as Cantata Academy, Friends of the Opera, the Archdiocesan Chorale, the Cranbrook Singers, as a guest artist with the Warren, Macomb, Pontiac-Oakland, Scandinavian, and Oakway symphony orchestras, and the Dearborn Festival Orchestra.

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