

Symphony presents concert

The Southfield Symphony Orchestra will perform 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 in the sanctuary of Congregation Shneur Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$9, or \$8 for seniors and students. For information, call 354-4717.

The orchestra, under the baton of Douglas Bianchi, will feature Linda Thorne, soprano, and the Ford Motor Company Chorus in a program that in-

cludes Weber's "Der Freischutz Overture," Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs," and Mozart's small choral masterpiece, "Vespere Solenne de Confessore."

Thorne is an award-winning singer who has performed extensively in the United States and abroad. She is in high demand as an oratorio soloist and has appeared with noted conductors such as Rene Clemencic and Rob-

ert Shaw.

The Ford Motor Chorus, comprised of Ford Motor Company employees, retirees, and members of their immediate family, is now in its 46th year. Dale Olmstead has been the director for the past four years.

Season ticket holders are eligible to participate in a drawing at the concert for two round-trip tickets to London, England.

Mother, daughter share stage

By GALLY DUBATS
SPECIAL WRITER

Family values have become political recently, but Broadway and theater in general have always raised familial questions. The issues span from, "What's the matter with kids today?" in "Bye, Bye, Birdie" to a younger's bemoaning the fact that "Mom'll blame me," in Nell Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

The talented mother/daughter team Linda and Dana Piccoli, however, use the stage as a means to bridge the generation gap, and enjoy working with one another. They are currently in rehearsal for West End Production's "The Gingerbread Lady" by Neil Simon, and spend time together rehearsing.

The show opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Civic Cen-

ter Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia, and will run through March 7. For ticket information, call 544-4079.

"I've enjoyed watching her (Dana) respond to direction. I've enjoyed her enthusiasm to go to rehearsal, to do this together. Dana loves the rehearsal process. You can't fake that," said Linda. "We both have a good sense of humor which helps us get through a lot," said Dana.

Mother and daughter study singing and acting to hone their skills, and they relish the performance arts. Linda, has appeared in "Camelot," "Once Upon A Mattress," at the Windsor Light Opera, and was called for "The Bohemians at the Michigan Opera Theatre. She enjoys musical performance most because she "never stopped wanting to sing or

being a ham."

Dana attends Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and has performed in a variety of shows such as "Peter Pan," "The Wizard of Oz," and was an intern at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Of course, every mother and daughter will have their differences. While they both enjoy classical and show music, Dana enjoys contemporary (albeit obscure) musicals such as "A Raisin in the Sun." Linda quips, "I don't like musicals about people murdering Presidents." Dana adamantly asserts, "and I do!"

When asked about the secret of their relationship which works so well, Dana simply says, "We trust each other."

To leave a message for Sally Dubats, dial 953-2047 on a Touch-tone phone, mail box, 1857.



Ensemble Europa: Ensemble Europa will perform European traditional music mixed with American jazz and blues at Southfield's Concerts in the Garden Series on Jan. 31.

Ensemble Europa to perform

Ensemble Europa will present a concert featuring European traditional music mixed with American jazz and blues at the Southfield Concerts in the Garden Series 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Plaza Hotel.

The Plaza, formerly the Michigan Inn, is on J.L. Hudson Drive off of Northwest Highway. Tickets are \$7.50 for concert and continental breakfast served at 10:30 a.m. or \$4 for concert and coffee only. For reservations, call 354-4717.

music from Yugoslavia and Greece.

They will transport the audience to another world, another time as they sing lyrics in Bulgarian, Transylvanian, and Serbo-Croatian. The group provides commentary, lyric translation, and weaves background and history into their ethnic music.

Dinner theater features Josh White Jr.

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're tired of fighting the wild winter weather, come in from the cold as a guest of the Plymouth Community Arts Council as it presents a warm, relaxing evening with nationally known singer Josh White Jr. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Mayflower Meeting House, 455 S. Main, Plymouth.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. for the dinner theater set in a casual coffee house atmosphere with a red-and-white checked tablecloth theme.

Tickets for the full sit-down dinner are \$27 per person. For ticket reservations and information call the arts council 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, 455-5260, or stop by the office, 332 N. Main. Tickets for last year's dinner theater sold out two weeks after they went on sale. So plan on buying early.

"We think that it's really an antidote for the winter blues," Josh White Jr. is legendary for delighting his audience with his positive and uplifting music,"

said Randy Lee chairperson of the dinner theater committee with Nancy Pilon and Molly Martin.

"And it supports our council. All of the proceeds will go to the arts council."

Best known for his dynamic voice accompanied by acoustic guitar, White lights up audiences with a repertoire that spans the musical gamut from contemporary folk to ballads and jazz. Selections on the program will include songs written by White as well as by other composers.

As a tribute to his father the legendary Josh White Sr., Josh White Jr. will sing songs his father has written or immortalized.

Josh White Jr. joined his father onstage at age 4. For the next 17 years they toured, recorded, and acted in plays on Broadway together. The senior White wrote the classic, "House of the Rising Sun," pioneering folk-blues and a blues guitar style said to have influenced guitarists like Eric Clapton. White has performed as a soloist in Detroit since 1961. He has appeared on such prestigious

stages as Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, Lincoln Center and New York City Center as well as The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. He has performed at noted folk festivals in Philadelphia, Kerville, Ann Arbor and Chicago.



CHEESE CAKE PIES
w/choices of: Lemon, Raspberry, Strawberry, Cherry or Pineapple Toppings
Reg. \$11.95
Sale \$5.95

PUMPKIN PIES
Reg. \$3.95
Sale \$2.95 (or 2 for \$5.00)
Thomas WEDDING CAKES
27811 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, Michigan 48154
(1/2 Mile W. of I-75)
427-3895 427-9050

With Coupon Good Thru 2/6/93

Mr. Z's
STEAK HOUSE 537-5600
27377 Five Mile Rd. (Corner of I-75) OPEN SUNDAYS

JIMMY from SHOWTIME
- WEDNESDAYS -
EARLY BIRD SPECIALS \$4.50
3-5 PM DAILY
ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY

Mama Mia
DINNER FOR 2 \$11.99
Banquet Facilities Available
27770 Plymouth 18345 Booth Day
Livonia 537-0740

MITCH HOUSEY'S
Open 11 A.M. Businessmen's Lunches
WORLD'S FINEST PRIME RIB with bone in \$10.95
COCKTAIL HOUR 4-7 P.M. Daily
EVERY Cocktail Hour WED. & FRI. Closing
NOW APPEARING... THE SHOWCASEMEN
NOW BOOKING BANQUETS
28500 Schoolcraft Opposite Ludbrook DR • LIVONIA
425-5520

DON PEDROS
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE
MEXICAN SAMPLER FOR TWO \$9.95
GREAT DEALS \$3.29 Monday-Friday DINE-IN ONLY
FREE ROOMS FOR Parties, Showers and Weddings
24366 Grand River (3 Bks. W. of Telegraph) OPEN 7 DAYS 537-1450

Fonte D' Amore
Presents...
Valentine's Day the Italian Way
Sun., Feb. 14th
Includes:
• Appetizer Sampler
• Choice of Entree
• Choice of Dessert
• Coffee or Tea
• 1 Bottle of Champagne per couple
• Flowers for the Ladies
• 3-Piece Strolling Entertainment
Only \$35 per person includes tax & tip
ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY
Don't Forget... Live Jazz Every Wed. from 6-11:30
32030 PLYMOUTH ROAD • LIVONIA • 422-0770

BURN VICTIM.
ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES
28500 Schoolcraft Opposite Ludbrook DR • LIVONIA
425-5520

It's your choice...
From the freshest of seafood (Flown in from Connolly's Seafood in Boston) to the most tender cut of steak, Laffrey's Chef Darin does it best.
Laffrey's
STEAKS ON THE HEARTH
24201 West Seven Mile (at Telegraph) (313)538-4688
Dining - Cocktails - Banquets Catered Outdoor Barbeques

The American Inn
...taste the experience of GREEK DINING at one of the only Greek restaurants in the suburban area.
An Angelis Anastasiou restaurant...owner of Dimitri's of Farmington.
FAMILY ATMOSPHERE • FULL LINE OF BEER, WINE, LIQUOR & COCKTAILS
Offering a full menu of homemade Greek, Italian & American Dishes
SUNDAY SPECIAL Complete Family Dinner 12 Noon-10:00 p.m. including Soup, Salad, Main Course, Potatoes, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink \$7.95-\$9.95
HOMEMADE DAILY SPECIALS Lunch \$3.25-\$5.00 Dinner \$5.95-\$7.95
OPEN 7 DAYS! Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Fri. 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sat. 12 p.m.-12 a.m. Sun. 12 p.m.-10 p.m.
• OPAL Baganaki • Chicago Style (Flaming Cheese) Chicken Pie
• Gyros • Lamb Shanks
• Greek Salads • Shish Kabobs
• Fresh Fish
15800 MIDDLEBELT (Between 5 & 6 Mile Rds.) Livonia • 522-5600