

'Fiddler on the Roof' lively, entertaining

Performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts in Livonia continue through Feb. 21. For ticket information, call (800) 589-8000 or Ticketmaster, 646-6666. There is a \$5 charge for parking. Valet parking is \$5. Saturday, Feb. 20, evening and matinee performances, and Sunday, Feb. 21, matinee are sold out.



MARY JANE DOERR

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a full-time teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

The disturbance by continuing it off stage as the others watch. John Preece's Tevye is still philosophical and loud but gentle-hearted and loving with a humor that mimics the others, always drawing a laugh. Gisele Carpenter is a softer Golde, perhaps because she has a nice voice. Lauri Stark, Natalie Collins, and Shorey Walker are not humble or meek as the three daughters, Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava. Dressed in shades of peasant browns and each with long beautiful hair, they are outspoken teenagers able to take on the political unrest in pre-Revolutionary Russia and sing about it vividly in "Matchmaker, Matchmaker."

No cardboard voices in this show. Dallas has musical talent to work with — a lovely baritone in John Preece, a resonant tone with Gisele Carpenter in her solo "Sunrise, Sunset," and a cast deep with a solid sound. In the pit, eight musicians follow up with the real fiddler, an electronic keyboard, a computer, and a phone carrying conductor for the 1993 version of the orchestra. They provide a strong Eastern-European rhythmic beat of the music.

AUDITIONS

YOUTH THEATER
The Marquis Youth Light Opera is looking for boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, to audition 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville, for their spring production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore. Call 349-8110."

CLASSICAL

LIVONIA SYMPHONY
Guitarist, James Lentini in concert with the Livonia Symphony will perform "Concerto for Guitar and Strings," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile Road. Call 421-1111 for tickets.

VANGUARD VOICES
Vanguard Voices and Brass will present the "Musical of the B's," works by William Byrd, Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21675 W. Ten Mile Road. Tickets \$5.

THEATER

PLYMOUTH THEATER GUILD
"Fiddler on the Roof" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 through March 13 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital. Tickets \$10 and \$9. Call 349-7110.

THEATER OF THE DEAF
Carmille L. Jeter, an actress with the Tony Award-winning National Theatre of the Deaf, will play the lead role in "Ophelia," a show presented in sign language and spoken words, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 27 at Farmington Hills High School, 2995 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The program is a benefit for the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and Tri

County Deaf Senior Citizens. Tickets are \$25. Call 823-7000 (voice) or 861-4669 (TDD).

JEWISH ENSEMBLE
February Festival of New Plays, four works in progress 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 24, Aaron DuRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets, \$5 at the door, 788-2900.

TRINITY HOUSE
"Quilters" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, and runs through March 27. For ticket information, call 464-6302.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Play On" continues through Feb. 20 at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 Twelve Mile Road. For tickets, call 553-2955.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FAMILY LUNCHEON
The Jewish Community Center with Tedd E. Bear Productions is offering a family luncheon theater featuring a performance of "Beauty & The Beast," 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21, and 28, and March 14 at the center in West Bloomfield. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For information, call 661-1000, Ext. 335.

FOLK

LA CASA
Lynn Miles, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Call 646-4950 for tickets.

CLANCY BROTHERS
The Clancy Brothers and Robbie

O'Connell will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at the Allen Park Civic Auditorium on Southfield Road, south of I-94. Show proceeds will benefit food programs at St. Patrick's Church in Detroit. Tickets are \$18 at the door. Advance tickets also available at Donovan's County Store, Grand River and Farmington Roads, Farmington, and Murphy's Restaurant, 26009 Five Mile, Redford. For information, call 646-1160 during business hours.

JOSH WHITE, JR.
Folk and blue singer Josh White Jr. will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Campus Center. Call 462-4417 for ticket information. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

KIDS SERIES
Folklorist and children's recording artist Ella Jenkins will appear as part of the "Saturday Fun for Kids" series 11 a.m. Feb. 27 at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills. Seating is reserved, tickets \$5 each, call 577-3300.

JAZZ

JAZZY BENEFIT
"An Evening of Rhythm and Blues," featuring Alexander Zenojic, Larry Noveck, Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson, George Benson and Marcus Belgrave, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at the Southfield Civic Center. Concert to benefit the Oakland County Center for Open Housing. Tickets \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are tax-deductible. Call 647-0575 or 354-4854.

WHAT'S COOKING

MARDI GRAS
Schoolcraft College is hosting a Mardi Gras celebration, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20 in the Waterman Campus Center. New Orleans dinner, Bourbon Street sounds of the Red Garter Band, harmonic virtuoso Peter "Meat" Ruth and Schoolcraft's SCool Jazz Vocal Group. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 462-4417.

MICHIGAN THE BOUNTIFUL
Enjoy a beautiful feast of epicurean delights presented by Southfield Chefs 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Southfield Pavilion, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile Road. Participants include Baking by the Auzere, The Golden Mushroom and Morels. Tickets \$39.50 per person in advance or \$45 at the door. Call 354-4854 for details.

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