

# Local performers star in Easter drama

The Music Ministry of Covenant Baptist Church and the Covenant Chancel Choir in association with a professional cast and orchestra will present "The Choice," a dramatic musical for Easter 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 4. Performances will be at Covenant Baptist Church, 5500 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. There is no admission charge, but there will be a fee will offering. For information, call 855-9191.

In the play, which takes place during the rule of Tiberius Caesar in the seaside city of Capernaum, a young Roman centurion, Marcus, falls in love with a beautiful Jewish girl, Hannah. She is a follower of Jesus. As Marcus becomes fatefully intertwined in the events leading to the execution of Jesus, he weighs the words and example of Christ against the wealth and power of the world. The director and producer is Bruce Snyder, minister of music at Covenant.

Hannah is portrayed by Jennifer Roberts, a graduate of North Farmington High School who has been drama director at Farmington Harrison High School for four years. She began her singing career at age 5, and continued her musical growth through church and school choirs. She traveled throughout Europe with Musical Youth International, and graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts majoring in theater.

She studied voice with Elsie Inselman, and performed for five years at Opryland in Nashville. Returning to Detroit, she has continued her career by performing in several industrial films and TV commercials. She is a regular soloist with the South-



Leading role: Jennifer Roberts portrays Hannah in "The Choice," a dramatic musical for Easter.

field Symphony, and has appeared in at episode of "Unsolved Mysteries." Most recently, she finished an extended engagement at the Gem Theater in the cast of "The All Night Strut."

Lee Ekstrom, who portrays Marcus, also grew up in Farmington, graduated from Wayne State University, and studied voice with Inselman.

Larry Schrock portrays Jesus. He sings with the Farmington Community Chorus, Detroit Lutheran Singers, and has sung with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Although he has been in engineering at Ford Motor Co. for 25 years, Schrock has studied acting at the Attie Theater and Actors Alliance conservatories. He has acted in more than 15 industrial films and several commercials.

**MARCOS**  
Marcos, 3758 Grand River in downtown Farmington, announces tableside cooking. Diners ordering daily Tableside specials will have their dinners cooked to order before their eyes by proprietor Marco Conte. Tableside specials served daily 5-9 p.m. At 9 p.m. the Tableside Special will switch over to the Tableside Dessert. For reservations, call 477-7777.

**SHARE OUR STRENGTH**  
The two-day Share of Strength, Taste of the Nation is scheduled Thursday and Friday, April 29-30 at the Rattlesnake Club and Stroh River Place atriums. Tickets for the patron dinner on April 29 are \$200 per person, the walk-around tasting event on April 30 is \$75 per person. All food, supplies and services for the benefit will be donated to Share Our Strength, a nationwide network of chefs seeking to provide funding for groups fighting hunger in the U.S. and overseas. For ticket information, call 923-7555.

**MORTON'S**  
During Secretary's Week, Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23, Southfield's Morton's of Chicago Steakhouse at One Towne Square, off Northwestern Highway, between Civic Center Drive and LaSalle Road, will be offering luncheon specials created



especially for secretaries. Lunch-specials will cost \$14.95 per person, and the regular menu will also be available. Lunch hours are

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For reservations, call 354-0065. Send items to be considered for publication in What's Cooking to:

## Theater presents puppet show

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre will present International Puppet Place's production of "Hansel and Gretel" as part of the "Saturday Fun for Kids" 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, on the campus in Rochester. Seating is reserved. Tickets are \$6 each, available through the Meadow Brook box office at 377-

3300. International Puppet Place is presented with the support of Volkswagen-Audi. John Byrne and Ray Nelson founded International Puppet Place more than 20 years ago. The company has performed with the Chicago Symphony, and has been invited to perform for the White

House. The well-known German fairy tale will be told using life-size puppets, enhanced by music from Engelbert Humperdinck's opera.

The performance will last about one hour and is not recommended for children under age 3. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.

## Berkshire Hotel hosts musical revue

Theatre Arts Productions is presenting "Berkshire Night Live," an outrageous Second Hand City Musical Revue, at the Berkshire Hotel, 26111 Telegraph, Southfield 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays beginning April 2. The show will run through June.

Individual tickets are \$12.95 each, or \$24 per couple. For reservations, and information, call 356-4333.

The cast includes Ellen Teri of Southfield and Jeff Beyson of

West Bloomfield. The fast-paced production features music, hilarious skits and improvisational skits that take an upbeat look at the latest of local and national happenings. Audience members participate in the fun.

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10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

ADULTS...\$17.95 CHILDREN...\$7.95

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A fabulous Easter Parade of tasty breakfast treats plus our specialty items such as Egg Nog, French Toast, Cheese Blintz w/Raspberries, Sauce, Peel-Eat Shrimp, Glazed Ham Caribbean, Baked Salmon w/Lobster Sauce, Roast Sirloin of Beef Au Jus, just to mention a few, followed by a generous selection from our delectable Dessert Bar.

This fabulous buffet will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 on Easter Sunday Adults \$16.95; Seniors \$15.25; children 6-12 \$6.95 Under 5 Free.

Reservations Recommended but not required  
Call: 464-1300

Easter Sunday and every Sunday, Brunch at the Holiday Inn Livonia West

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10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Sunday Brunch - April 11, 1993  
11:30 am-3:00 pm  
Selection of the following:

<b>HOT STATION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>French Toast</li><li>Scrambled Eggs</li><li>Charbroiled Chicken Breast</li><li>Tenderloin Tips with Egg Noodles</li><li>Bacon • Sausage</li><li>Rice Pilaf</li></ul>	<b>COLD STATION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ham Chaudroid</li><li>Peel &amp; Eat Shrimp</li><li>Fruit Extravaganza</li><li>Vegetable Tray</li><li>Tossed Salad</li><li>Taco Salad</li><li>Redskin Potato Salad</li></ul>
<b>CARVING STATION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Baron Roast Beef with Au Jus</li><li>Honey Glazed ham with brown sugar</li></ul>	<b>DESSERTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pastries</li><li>Petit Fours</li><li>Chocolate Chip Cookies</li><li>Brownies</li><li>German Chocolate Torte</li><li>Carrot Cake</li><li>Snickers Pie</li><li>Assorted Fruit Pies</li></ul>

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