

Big band, classic rock at outdoor concerts

Spend an evening relaxing and listening to music offered by Southfield's Parks and Recreation Cultural Arts Division at a couple of sites along Civic Center Drive. Bring lawnchairs and blankets along for extra comfort. At 7 p.m. on Sundays, it's the Southfield Concert in the Parks series held at the Prudential Sun-

bowl, located behind the 3000 Prudential Town Center off of Civic Center Drive. The "Dick Morris" Orchestra, a "society band" in the style of Glenn Miller, take the stage on Sunday Aug. 22.

Steve King and the Dittiles, specializing in the classic rock of the 1950s and 1960s, will perform

Sunday, Aug. 23.

at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 the music will swing at the historic Burgh Gazebo, Borg Road and Civic Center Drive. Picnic suppers can be purchased from 6-7:30 p.m. on concert nights.

The Emil Moro Band winds up the Wednesday series at the gazebo on Aug. 25. Originally

formed in 1968 as a rehearsal band for musicians, it's developed its own style and has become one of the most prominent Big Bands of the Midwest.

For more information on these series call the Parks and Recreation Cultural Arts Division at 354-4717.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items to be considered for publication in What's Cooking to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our Fax number is 591-7219.

■ **THREE CHEFS SERIES**

Chefs Milos Chelika, Golden Mushroom; Edward Janos, Avenue Diner; and Brian Polcyn, Pike Street, Chalmers and Acadia will offer their Three Chefs Series cooking class 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28 at Acadia Restaurant, 3880 Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. Cost \$150 per person. For details, call 684-0809.

■ **THE LARK**

A wood-grilled Brazilian Barbecue dinner will be offered at the Lark, 4430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 30 and 31. The cost is \$67.50 per person, not including other beverages, tax or gratuity. Call 681-4466 for information or reservations. The last date for cancellation

without charge will be Aug. 21.

Tickets are still available for the 16th annual chili cookoff at the Lark 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$32.50 per person and include beer, pop, coffee, sandwiches and other snacks.

■ **CAFE CORTINA**

Rina Tonon and staff will be hosting a very special six course dinner at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Cost is \$48

per person. Call 474-3033 for reservations. The menu will feature dishes with input from Adrian Tonon who apprenticed three months at the Hotel Cipriani in Venice. Contemporary musician Pino Masi will flavor the evening with a genuine Italian spirit.

■ **T.S. MARTIN'S**

T.S. Martin's, 27189 Grand River, Redford Township, 537-6610 has pizza on the menu. "Those Two Guys" perform 9 p.m. every Saturday.

Classic comedy



Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village

Hapless agents: A collection agent (center) portrayed by Joseph Albright of Livonia, gets sent on a wild goose chase in "Room Service," the 1937 comedy now playing at Henry Ford Museum Theater in Dearborn. Planning the agent's "itinerary" are Henry Bennett (left) and Dan C. Bar of Plymouth. Performances continue through Sept. 4. Dinner and theater package available. Call 271-1620 for information or reservations.

Local youngsters star in 'Pooh Visits Storyland'

The Cotton Candy Theatre Kids of Northville's historic Marquette Theatre will return to the stage in "Pooh Visits Storyland," playing through Aug. 28.

"Pooh Visits Storyland" is the story about a bear named Pooh who gets lost looking for his pot of honey. During the search for his favorite treat, Pooh is magically swept far away in a storm, and ends up in Storyland.

Young audiences can enjoy a revised version of this whimsical tale as another familiar story has been added for their entertainment.

"Pooh Visits Storyland" is directed by Jeffrey Weiner of Farmington Hills, and Cindy Zeltz of Canton.

Featured in the cast are, Carla Freshwater, Emily Zahm and Elizabeth Fillos of Canton. Serena Rogers and Jamie Livermore of Farmington Hills. Ed Lendrum, Erin Martell and Laurie Boloven of Livonia and Missy Whilman and Kellie Drinkhahn of Plymouth.

Performance dates and times are: 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; August 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27; and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays; August 21 and 28. Tickets are \$5.00.

For general ticket information, call 349-8110. Children under the age of three will not be admitted. The Marquette Theatre is at 135 E. Main Street, in downtown Northville.

Ballet companies host new member auditions

Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and Midwest Dance Theatre are holding auditions for new members.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company is holding open auditions on Sunday, Aug. 22, at Joann's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth.

Two audition classes will be offered — ages 9 to 12 at noon, ages 13 and older 1-2:30 p.m., bring pointe shoes.

All girls must wear black leotard and pink tights. Hair should be up, bun or French braid, no ponytails. Dancers should bring a resume and photo. There will be a \$5 audition fee. Call 397-8828 for information.

Male dancers are needed for the December performances of "The Nutcracker."

Midwest Dance Theatre auditions for company membership and non-company parts of "The Snow Queen" will be Sunday, Aug. 29, at 1160 Welch Road, Walled Lake, through the courtesy of the Dance Academy.

Senior and apprentice members ages 13 and up, will audition 2-3 p.m., bring pointe shoes. Junior members, ages 10-12 will audition 3-4 p.m. Call 669-9444 or 437-5434 for information.

Carillon recital series to feature journalist

Christ Church Cranbrook continues its Summer Carillon Recital Series at 4 p.m. Sundays through August. The free recitals are open to the public. The church is located at the corner of Cranbrook and Lorne Pine Roads, one mile west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, Jenny King, Detroit area journalist and carillonneur performs in concert. King covers the auto and metal-working industries, real estate

and the arts for newspapers and newsletters in the Detroit area. She is a part-time journalism lecturer at Wayne State University classes in Grosse Pointe. She's been a student of Willis DeTurk, director of music at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for 10 years. King has performed on carillons in Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Ann Arbor.

Dennis Curry, carillonneur at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills performs on Sunday, Aug. 23. His eclectic program includes pieces by George Frederic Handel, preludes on Appalachian wide spirituals and a medley of music made popular by the Muppets.

For further information, call the church at 644-6210. The church opens at 3 p.m. on

concert Sundays. Documents are available to answer questions about the church's history, architecture and art. Listeners are invited to bring lawnchairs and blankets to enjoy the concert on the church grounds or across the street in Cranbrook Gardens.

They may also sit inside the church where they can see and hear the performances via an audio/video monitor system.

Operetta has Shakespearean flavor

"When Shakespeare's Ladies Sing," a one-act operetta by Charles George and Mozart, comic opera "The Impresario," produced by Nanette Sonneman, will be presented 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, 5501 Chase Road Dearborn. Tickets are \$5, students and seniors \$5 available at the door.

Featured performers include — Donna Price of Westland, LaTachia Murray of Southfield, Kristen Bryant of Troy and Emily Hanne of Livonia.

These ladies, who are members of the "Twelfth Night Club," gather in a Stratford-upon-Avon park to celebrate their "beloved bard's" birthday. The script weaves lines from Shakespeare's plays with the voices of women asking perfection in a man, combined with sparkling waltzes and a patriotic comedy.

Following an "Intermezzo" of a Gerahwin song and dance, will be Mozart's comic opera "The Impresario." The storyline consists of two prima donna sopranos vying for center stage, vocally competing with one another to impress the Impresario who must make peace.

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