

Nancy Gurwin to present benefit show

Congregation Beth Achim in Southfield invites everyone to celebrate the good times as they kick-off their 25th anniversary 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

Nancy Gurwin Productions will present "Broadway Then and Now," featuring the premiere performance of "There's No Business Like Show Business," written by Gurwin for this event. Other show highlights include excerpts from such Broadway hits as "Call Me Madam," "Gypsy," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Les Misérables," and

more. A champagne and gourmet dessert bar reception will follow the performance. The show will take place at the synagogue, 21100 West 12 Mile Road in Southfield.

Tickets are \$10 members, \$12 non-members, children 12 and under \$5. Tables of 10 are available for \$100. Reservation deadline for preferred seating is Tuesday, Sept. 7. There will be some tickets available at the door — \$15 adults, \$10 children. For information, reservations, call 352-8670.

Musicals, comedy at Birmingham Theatre

The Birmingham Theatre will feature five musicals and Neil Simon's latest comedy in the upcoming 1993-94 season.

"Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," starring Stella Parton and Phil Ford opens the season 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 and runs through Oct. 17. For ticket information, call 644-3576. The Birmingham Theatre is at 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

Adapted from Anita Loos 1925 novel, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," chronicles the journey of two chorus girls of the free-spirited 1920s who set out for Paris hoping to find rich husbands.

With music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Leo Robin, songs which highlight this production include

"Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," and "You Say You Care." Neil Simon's comedy "Jake's Women," follows Nov. 2 through Dec. 29.

Then back to the musicals "Little Me" Dec. 29 through Jan. 30, "I Do! I Do!" Feb. 8 through March 13.

A very new, very provocative production of "The Mikado," an adaptation of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic by director Worth Gardner will be presented March 22 through 24.

"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" closes the season May 10 through June 20.

For subscription information, call 644-9225.

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

Deadline for the Upcoming entertainment calendar is three weeks ahead of publication. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keesy Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

CONCERTS

BROADWAY TUNES
Westland Concert in the Park will feature the Phil Gram Band in a program of Broadway tunes, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Central City Park, Ford Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MEADOW BROOK
Lazer Spectacular featuring themes from Broadway blockbusters, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-28 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Tickets available at the Meadow Brook box office, Ticketmaster outlets, or call 645-6666.

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THEATER

THE PURPLE ROSE
"Nooner" a new comedy by Michigan playwright Kim Carney continues 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, with Sunday shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Purple Rose Theatre Company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. For ticket information, call 475-7902.

DINNER THEATER

KINGSLEY INN
"Murder Among Friends" continues at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 Woodward, Birmingham, 7:30 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 28. Call 642-0100.

DINNER TRAIN
"All Aboard! It's Broadway," ongoing performances on the Star Clipper Dinner Train leaving the Coal Station on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays. Call 960-9440.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE WALL
"The Soap Opera Murders," continues 7 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, at Genitti's Hole-in-the Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville. Call 949-0522.

JAZZ

JAVA COFFEEHOUSE
New World Order Jazztet, 8-11 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, Java Coffeehouse, 307 N. Main Street, Rochester, 650-3344.

MAX & ERMA'S
Motor City Jazz Quintet performs

9:30 p.m. to midnight, Sunday, Aug. 29 at Max & Erma's, 31205 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 855-0990.

POP-ROCK

AVON BAR
Whiskey Fixx will perform at Avon Bar & Restaurant, 3582 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-4, 552-2707.

FOLK

UNITY PRODUCTIONS
Upstairs Summer Concert Series will feature Joe Armijo and Friends, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 and an open jam session 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Meagan's Temple of Northville, two doors east of Center Street on Main in Northville. Tickets \$5 per person. Doors open 7:30 p.m. For information, call 453-2327.

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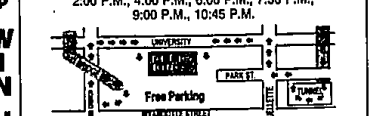
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