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its 12th concert season 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Clarensville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 and \$3.50 for students available at the door. Representing Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, the symphony is composed of three levels of accomplishment.

Look for Sabrina Childers of Bloomfield Hills in the Attie Theatre's musical tribute to the "girl groups" of the 1960s "Beehive" playing at the New Center Theatre, 7339 Third at West Grand Boulevard in Detroit through Nov. 28.

Childers sings the roles of Brenda Lee, Connie Francis, and

Petula Clark. She has a huge amount of musical talent, ranging from musical theater, cabarets, night clubs, cruise ships and even had a continuing role on the soap opera "One Life to Lead."

The production is directed by Gordon Reinhart of Westland and features six vocalists, who perform songs of the era and dances like the frog, pony and watusi. Performances of "Beehive" run Thursdays through Saturdays.

"Student Rush Tix" are available half off ticket price, a quarter hour before curtain. Call the New Center Theatre Box office, 875-8284, the Strand Theatre box off-

ice, 335-8100 or Ticketmaster, 645-6668.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford is working with Livonia's Creative and Performing Arts program again this year. The students benefit by becoming involved in their community theater, and the Guild benefits from their help. They will be presenting Noel Coward's witty comedy, "Private Lives," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 12 through Nov. 27 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile, across from Redford City Hall. Call 538-5678 for tickets.

Crittendon Hospital in Roches-

ter Hills is hosting its 17th annual Gourmet Gala 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$50, \$100 and \$150. Proceeds go toward the Crittendon Prostata Center. Call 652-5345, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for tickets.

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## 'Oliver' from previous page

and Elaine Keimert is very good as his shrewish wife.

Greg Visomi is splendidly menacing as the notorious villain Bill Sykes, the very mention of whose name invokes terror in one and all.

Director-choreographer Kathi Bush does an excellent job with the large chorus of youngsters ranging in age from five-year-old Nathan Keen (who performs with amazing aplomb) to college junior Mike Thompson. Most of the time the kids enunciate the songs

well, dance with skill and energy, and are generally adept at moving around the crowded stage.

The simple representational sets work well, and the ragged clothes of the workhouse kids and street urchins are well-suited.

Overall "Oliver!" is a real winner.

Barbara Michaels is a retired Southfield English teacher. A theater critic for the last 20 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

## Farmington band, LSO host ghostly concerts

Farmington Community Band and Livonia Symphony Orchestra are getting into the spirit of Halloween.

Farmington Band's eighth annual "Spooktacular" will be 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at Twelve Oaks Mall at I-96 and Novi Road in Novi.

Concert features festive music, a costume parade, and trick-or-

treating at stores throughout the mall for children.

Adorned in costumes, the 60 member band, led by conductor Paul Barber, will play spine tingling selections that are sure to please ghosts and goblins of all ages.

Call 476-5014 or 489-3412 for a concert schedule or more information about the Farmington Con-

cert Band. The annual holiday concert will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra members attired in Halloween costumes, will present a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at Churchill High School, Newburgh at Joy Road in Livonia.

There will be an audience cos-

tume competition for special prizes, and a guest narrator who will "thrill and chill" the audience. Call 421-1111 or 464-2741 for LSO concert information.

Next on the calendar is the LSO Holiday Pops concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Churchill High School featuring the Stevenson High School Choir.

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