Local companies stage 'Nutcracker'

Santa Claus will deliver the of-ficial Nutcracker doll to Clara for the "Nutcracker" ballet to be pre-sented by Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Com-pany, and the Southfield Sym-phony on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Royal Oak Musie Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets are \$15 and \$20. Call 546-7610 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

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Santa Claus will arrive at the theater 1:30 p.m. on a horse drive on carriage to deliver the doll to Clara for the afternoon ballet. He will be available for pictures with children 1:15-2:30 p.m.
Rose Marie Floyd's Contempo-rary Clvic Bellet Company, and the Southfield Symphony Orches-tra, conducted by Valery Leonov, will present "The Nuteracker," at 3 p.m.
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Guest artists are Sabina Al-lemann, principal dancer with the San Francisco Ballet Company, and Serge Lavoie, principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada.

Oakland Festival Ballet performs the "Nutcracker" at the Birmingham Theatre, 231 S. Woodward through Dec. 19. Guest artists Randi Ulevog, Robert Royce, and Dennis Lue of De-

troit's newly formed Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, will appear in featured roles. The ballet is choreographed by Cornelia Sampson, founder of Oakland Featival Ballet Company, and director of the Rochester School of Dance. Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Friday performances to Dec. 10 and 179; 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday shows, Opec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19). Tickets available through all Ticketmaster outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office, 44:43533. Seats for Friday matinees are \$10 each; prices for all other performances are \$15 for children and seniors, \$17 for adults.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Company will be performing "The Nutcracker" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Southfield High School, 10 Mile at Lahser, Tickets \$10, call 433-5515.

Michigan Classic Ballet company will present the "Nuteracker" 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at South Lyon High School. Call 437-8105. Tickets for that performance are \$12 adults, \$10 sen-

Doner, 16 of Franklin, will dance Clara in "The Nut-cracker" pre-sented by Floyd's Con-

iors and children under 12. Group trates are available, Call 661-4349, will be performed 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Louis B. Schmidt Auditorium, 2015- is B. Schmidt Auditorium, 2015- is B. Schmidt Auditorium, 2015- is annual "Nuteracker Ballet" with ets range from \$12 to \$15, call

temporary Civic Ballet Company on Dec. 12.

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Classical concerts to note

The Rochester Symphony Or-chestra, under the direction of James Hohmeyer, will present se-lections from Handel's "Messlah" 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at Church of Christ, 250 W. Avon Road, (he-tween Livernois and Rochester roads). Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 children age 12 and under. Tick-test will be available at the door, or call 651-4181. ■ Oakland Centre for the Arts will present a holiday recital

featuring cellist, Borislav Strulev, 17, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at Shenandoah Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Rond, West Bloom-field. For information, call 646-6455.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Events lists upcom-ing holiday performances. Send litems to be considered for public cation to: Keely Wygonik, Enter-tainment editor, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

VOCAL MUSIC

■ INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Parnington Hills, Christmas concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, featuring music by English and German compos-ers, reception follows, 476-8860.

■ FAMILY MUSICAL Troy Baptist Church, 3193 Ro-chester Road, 689-2015, "Christmas is Calling You Home," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sat-urday, Dec. 10-11, 6 p.m. Sun-day, Dec. 12.

■ FARMINGTON CHORUS Farmington Community Cho-rus "Ring In The Holidaya" 8

p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11 at Harrison High School, 471-4516.

■ TROY CHORUS
"Holidays From the Heart," 8
p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 at Troy
High School. Tickets at the
door.

E LANGSFORD SINGERS Christmas Celebration in Song, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, North Congregational Church, 26276 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 682-5028.

MEADOW BROOK ESTATE

Holiday Spectacular, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University Campus, 370-3013.

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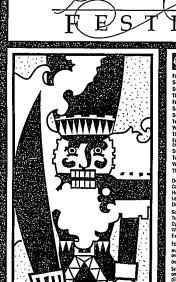
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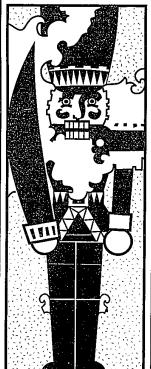
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