

# Local companies stage 'Nutcracker'

Santa Claus will deliver the official Nutcracker doll to Clara for the "Nutcracker" ballet to be presented by Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, and the Southfield Symphony on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20. Call 546-7610 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Santa Claus will arrive at the theater 1:30 p.m. on a horse-drawn 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 Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, and the Southfield Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Valery Leonov, will present "The Nutcracker," at 3 p.m.

Guest artists are Sabina Allemann, 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-

## PREVIEW

troit's newly formed Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, will appear in featured roles. The ballet is choreographed by Cornelia Sanson, founder of Oakland Festival Ballet Company, and director of the Rochester School of Dance.

Certain times are 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Friday performances (Dec. 10 and 17); 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday shows, (Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19). Tickets available through all Ticketmaster outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office, 644-3533. Seats for Friday matinees are \$10 each; prices for all other performances are \$15 for adults and seniors, \$17 for children.

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 433-5151.

Michigan Classic Ballet company will present the "Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at South Lyon High School. Call 437-8105. Tickets for that performance are \$12 adults, \$10 sen-



Leading role: Noelle Doner, 16 of Franklin, will dance the part of Clara in "The Nutcracker" presented by Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company on Dec. 12.

iors and children under 12. Group rates are available. Call 661-4249, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily for information.

Michigan Ballet Theatre's 28th annual "Nutcracker Ballet" with

## Classical concerts to note

The Rochester Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of James Holmeyer, will present sections from Handel's "Messiah" 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at Church of Christ, 250 W. Avon Road, (between Livonia and Rochester roads). Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 children age 12 and under. Tickets will be available at the door, or call 651-4181.

Oakland Centre for the Arts will present a holiday recital

the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 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, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Tickets range from \$12 to \$15, call 464-6455.

featuring cellist, Borislav Strulov, 17, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at Shemendob Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. For information, call 646-6455.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Events lists upcoming holiday performances. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

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.

## VOCAL MUSIC

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

**LANGSFORD SINGERS**  
Christmas Celebration in Song, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 682-5028.

**FAMILY MUSICAL**  
Troy Baptist Church, 3193 Rochester Road, 689-2015, "Christmas is Calling You Home," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12.

**MEADOW BROOK ESTATE**  
Holiday Spectacular, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University Campus, 370-3013.

**FARMINGTON CHORUS**  
Farmington Community Chorus "Ring In The Holidays" 8

**CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK**  
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**Christmas FESTIVAL**

**The Nutcracker Ballet at the Fox Theatre**

Friday, December 10	8pm
Saturday, December 11	8pm
Sunday, December 12	1 & 5pm
Thursday, December 16	8pm
Friday, December 17	8pm
Saturday, December 18	2 & 8pm
Sunday, December 19	2 & 8pm
Tuesday, December 21	8pm
Wednesday, December 22	8pm
Thursday, December 23	2 & 8pm
Friday, December 24	11am & 3pm
Saturday, December 26	2 & 8pm
Sunday, December 27	2 & 8pm
Wednesday, December 29	8pm
Thursday, December 30	2 & 8pm

Detroit Symphony Orchestra  
Conductors: Andrew Sewell (Dec. 10-12)  
Henry Charles Smith (Dec. 18-19)  
Leslie B. Dunbar (Dec. 21-23)  
Dance: Detroit • Jacob Laszlo, choreographer/actor  
Soloists for evening performances:  
Tina LeBlanc & Christopher Stowell (Dec. 10-11)  
Cynthia Harvey & Stephen Legato (Dec. 18-19)  
Wendy Whitton & Nicki Martin (Dec. 21-23)  
Evelyn Cisneros & Anthony Randazzo (Dec. 26-30)  
Fox Theatre Tickets: \$25, \$22, \$17  
Matinee Only: 1/2 price for children 12 and under and seniors 60 and over.  
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**At Orchestra Hall:**

**The Detroit News/Target Young People's Concerts**  
Saturday, December 11 11:30am & 2pm  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra • David Alan Miller, conductor  
Tickets: \$21 (box), \$13, \$10, \$7

**Holiday Pops**

Thursday, December 9	8pm
Friday, December 10	8:30pm
Saturday, December 11	8:30pm
Sunday, December 12	3:30pm

Detroit Symphony Orchestra • Richard Waddy, conductor  
Madrigal Chorus of Southfield, Robert A. Martin, director  
WSU Concert Chorus, Prof. Dennis Tini, director  
Tickets: \$50 (box), \$31, \$28, \$15

**Handel's Messiah**

Friday, December 17	8pm
Saturday, December 18	8pm (sing along)

Detroit Symphony Orchestra • James Paul, conductor  
Jayne West, soprano • Marietta Simpson, mezzo soprano  
Joseph Harris, tenor • David Evans, bass baritone  
Choral Union of the UMS, Thomas Sheets, director  
Tickets: \$45 (box), \$30, \$25, \$15

**The Chieftains**  
Sunday, December 12 8pm  
Tickets: \$50 (box), \$30, \$25, \$15

**"Night In Old Vienna" New Year's Eve Gala**  
Friday, December 31 8pm  
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