

ENTERTAINING CHOICES

Troy presents enjoyable farce



Troy Players is currently running the British bedroom farce, "Move Over Mrs. Markham," by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. A popular choice for community theater production, this farce endures because of its unpredictable humor.

ON STAGE

"Move Over Mrs. Markham"
 *Theater: Troy Players at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road.
 *Curtain Time: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 20-21.
 *Tickets: Adults \$9, students and seniors, \$6, call 678-1265.

evening of frolic. Urkshus fares well and appears to enjoy the part of Phillip, but could extend himself further as farce depends upon larger-than-life comedy to fully succeed. Low-key grumbling, by contrast, works with his demeanor; "I've got all the complications of having a mistress, and you're having all the fun!"

Linda and Henry Lodge are played by Holly Hellsten and Robert Zawideh. The Lodges both wish to use the Markham residence for their affairs, unfortunately on the same evening. Robert Zawideh is enjoyable as Henry and falls nicely into the farceur patter. Holly Hellsten gives a stronger performance in Act II as her character becomes more animated and energized.

Of course there are a few more interesting characters tossed into the script to add complication of the funniest variety. Craig M. Juleff plays Alastair Spaulden, the decorator. Juleff is quite skilled in the comedy arena, and he possesses a friendly stage presence which makes his performance pleasant to watch.

David B. Anderson and Shirley Biggs turn in performances which are true farce style — broadly exaggerated comedy. The Troy Players have created a comfortable version of "Move Over Mrs. Markham" which, although at times slow, is still an amicable production.

Sally Dubats of Royal Oak is an actress, director and teacher, who teaches at community theaters in the metropolitan area.

Entertaining Choices lists upcoming concerts, plays, dance performances and special events. 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.

COMMUNITY THEATER

■ **SRO PRODUCTIONS**
 "Ten Little Indians" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through May 22 at theburgh on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road in Southfield. Call 354-9362.

■ **PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**
 "Isn't It Romantic" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 21 at the playhouse in Northville. Call 340-7110.

■ **PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN**
 "Hello Dolly" weekends through May 22 at the playhouse, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Call 661-TKTS.

■ **AVON PLAYERS**
 "Into the Woods," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through May 21 at the theater on Tinkers Road, 114 miles east off of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$10 with senior citizen and student discounts available. Call 376-1390.

■ **FARMINGTON PLAYERS**
 "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" continues 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, through May 21 at the playhouse, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, Call 563-2955 for tickets.

■ **ST. DUNSTON'S**
 "City of Angels" opens 9 p.m. Friday, June 3 in the outdoor Greek Theatre and continues weekends through June 18. Call 644-0527.

CHILDREN

■ **TEDD E. BEAR**
 "Ted E. Bear Does Broadway," 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentice Morris Building, 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. Admission \$25 per family (3-5 people), \$10 general admission, \$5 seniors. Call 967-4030 or 661-7632.

■ **KIDS' KONCERT**
 Alice Bentley, Ray Sage, "Bouquet of Songs," 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 21, Room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets \$3.25, call 354-4717.

■ **MARQUIS THEATRE**
 "The Princess and the Goblin," 11:30 a.m. Saturdays through June 18 at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. Call 349-8110.

■ **LUNCHEON SHOW**
 "Velvetine Rabbit," noon Saturdays, through May 21 at Genitt's in Northville. Tickets \$9.99 children, \$11.99 adults, includes lunch. Call 349-0522.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **LUNCHEON CONCERT**
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■ **DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY**
 Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, Rochester. Tickets \$10 available at the door. Call 650-2655.

■ **CHAMBERWORKS**
 A Family Named Mozart, 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, Christ Church Cranbrook — Guild Hall, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 643-7788.

■ **LANGFORD SINGERS**
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