

ENTERTAINING CHOICES

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.

AUDITIONS

■ TROY PLAYERS
Auditions "Night of January," a courtroom murder mystery, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 6-7, Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call 1-810-573-7572.

■ AVON PLAYERS
"Lend Me A Tenor" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at the Avon Playhouse on Tenken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Call 1-810-666-1068.

■ FIRST THEATRE GUILD
Try-outs for "Ask Any Girl" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 6 and Sept. 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Knox Auditorium, 1609 W. Maple, Birmingham. Call (810) 540-0561.

■ SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Thirty-five roles available for full theatre production of Peter Weiss' "Marat/Sade" or (The Prosecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as performed by

the inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the direction of the Marquis De Sade). Auditions 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 6-7, Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Auditions open to the public and no experience is necessary. Call (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5270.

■ PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY
Monday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth-Salem High School. The symphony welcomes all who are interested in auditioning, and is looking to fill the string section and principal bassoon positions in particular. Call William Hulaker (313) 925-8143.

■ NOVI THEATRE
Children's Annex, "The Golden Goose" at the Novi Civic Center, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 15. Call 1-810-0400.

■ POS
Fonic-Oakland Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 6-7, room 321, Varner Hall on the Oakland University Campus. Vacancies for principal flute and tuba, string sections and various wood and percussion sections. Call 1-810-391-0229.

THEATER

■ AVON PLAYERS
"Sound of Music" opens 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16 with shows on weekends through Oct. 8 at the theater on Tenken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Call 1-810-375-1590 for tickets.
■ PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"The Spirit of Broadway," a musical revue featuring highlights from your favorite Broadway shows, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Call 1-810-349-7110 for tickets. Show continues weekends through Oct. 8 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville, 1 mile west of I-275.

CLASSICAL

■ CARILLON RECITAL
Resident carillonneur Phillip Burgess and the Midnight Five & Drum Corps, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4 at the Church on the corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge.

■ CANTABLE WOMAN'S CHORALE
Concerts featuring sacred and secular music, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Orchard Lake Community Church, 5171 Orchard Lake Road; 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Union Lake Road at Hutchins Road. Call 1-810-698-3100 or 1-810-363-9609.

■ CHINESE OPERA
Chinese opera singer Tien Wang Man-po will perform her famous role as Judge Bao in "Qin Xianglian, the Forsaken Wife," 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17 at Saabholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham. Event proceeds will support the Taiwan Girls High School Alumni Association's food drive for the homeless in metro Detroit and visits to area nursing homes. Call 1-810-689-5667 or 1-810-928-7197.

JAZZ

■ TRADITIONAL JAZZ QUINTET
At 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, Sept. 11, Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township. They will play hymns in the New Orleans jazz style, as well as favorite jazz selections. The public is invited.

■ SHEILA LANDIS
Jazz vocalist, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in September at Alban's, 190 N. Hunter, Birmingham. Call 1-810-258-6788.

CHILDREN'S THEATER

■ MARQUIS THEATRE
"Rumpelstiltskin," opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 135 E. Main St., Northville, shows 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 Fridays through Sept. 25. Tickets \$5, children under 3 1/2 will not be admitted. Call 1-810-349-8110.

DINNER THEATER

■ MURDER MYSTERY
After dinner, guests will enjoy

Original comedy



One man show: *Gashouse Gorilla Productions* presents "Trapped in the Rubber Room," an evening of original comedy written and performed by Timothy Campos at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, east of Haggerty, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 8-10 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Tickets \$6, call 1-313-928-1944.

"The Not-so-OK Cornell," a murder mystery comedy with music, through Nov. 13 at Gentili's Lit-
tle Theatre, 108 E. Main Street, downtown Northville. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

Ballet company to hold 'Nutcracker' auditions

Michigan Classic Ballet Company, directed by Mary C. Geiger, announces open auditions for its annual production of "The Nutcracker" ballet performed with the Birmingham-Bloomfield

Symphony Orchestra on Dec. 3 and 4.
There is a \$12 audition fee. Auditions will be held at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 5626 Drake Road, West Bloomfield.

Call 1-810-661-2430 for information.
These are the audition times: Saturday, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m. — apprentices, age 7 or younger,

and junior company, ages 10-12. Saturday, Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. — senior company, age 13 or older.
Monday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. — junior and senior company only.
The Detroit Folkdance Club starts its 31st season 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 at Brookside Elementary School, Cranbrook at Lone Pine Roads in Bloomfield Hills. Call 1-810-338-0624 for information.

Franklin Round-Up marks Labor Day

Franklin Village is the place to be on Labor Day, Sept. 5, for the 50th Annual Franklin Community Association Round-Up and Parade.

The day's activities kick off at 7 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts and The 22-class horse show begins at 9 a.m.

The midway closes at 4 p.m. but the book sale and art show continue until 6 p.m.

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ MORTON'S
World's Largest Winemaker Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Morton's of Southfield, One Towne Square. Dinner honors Napa Valley winemaker Fremont Abbey's 25th anniversary and the fall harvesting of its 25th vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon Boesche. Tickets \$85 per person. Call 1-810-354-6006.

6625) on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1. Special menu featuring the best of Michigan's harvest, \$36.95 per person with a wine package available for \$19.95 per person. Prepaid reservations only.

■ UNIQUE RESTAURANT CORPORATION
Fall festival at Morels, (1-810-642-1094) Thursday, Sept. 29, and at Sebastian's (1-810-649-

■ WATER CLUB GRILL
"Whitefish Festival" through Sept. 16, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Special dishes featuring whitefish. Water Club Grill is open for dinner seven days a week, with luncheon service available Monday through Friday.

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■ KENNY REHAB is hosting an Afternoon of Jazz, a benefit for people with disabilities 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. The event will be held at a private residence in West Bloomfield, and feature the Jeff Haas Trio. Tickets range from \$50 to \$250. Call 1-800-237-3422 for tickets.
■ WALLED LAKE CENTRAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE is performing at the Montroz Detroit Jazz Festival on the riverfront in Detroit, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 at Hudson's Bob Shop Stage. Led by Paul Helm, the band performs at various gigs in the Walled Lake area. Call 1-

313-963-7622 for information.
■ THE SOUTHFIELD BASED LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE opens its 15th Anniversary Season with "Schubert et al," an elegant afternoon of "salon" music featuring Detroit Symphony Orchestra principals Theodore Olen (clarinet) and Nancy Chateaux (cello) in a concert at the Gross Point War Memorial, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Tickets are \$16, students and seniors \$14. Call 1-810-387-1111 for concert and season schedule information. The group will be presenting concerts at the Southfield Center for the Arts on

Feb. 26 and April 2. Stay tuned to Entertainment for details.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Entertainment sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, 1-313-963-2106, fax 1-313-621-7279, E-Mail keely@online.com or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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