

Entertaining Choices

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Classical

VIOLIN SERIES

Second series concert 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at Birmingham Temple, 2651 W. 12th, Birmingham. Tickets \$10. "Music from the Heart" and "Music & Master," features our pianists Yoko and Tomoko Matsui. Program will include works ranging from Mozart to Gershwin. Admission \$14 general, \$12 seniors, citizens and students. Attergo with the performers.

TUESDAY MUSICALE

Feast Day celebration, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Central United Methodist Church, 1000 W. 12th, Birmingham. Program to feature the Birmingham Musicale, Birmingham String Ensemble. "Annual Red Scholarship" auctions. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. Applications must be requested by Dec. 1. Call (313) 673-1717.

HOLIDAY MUSIC

Pop Concert, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Temple Beth El. "An Evening of Symphonic Favorites." (313) 647-4632.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

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AMERICAN ARTISTS SERIES

Silver Anniversary Season opens 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Knobwood Auditorium, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$14, students half price.

CHAMBERWORKS

Al Teermann concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov.

4 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Guild Hall, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Admission \$11, senior citizens and students \$8. (313) 952-5207.

GERMAN LAKE SCHOOL

Classical pianist and composer Edwin Kowalek, band since childhood, performs a program of selections by Paderewski, Chopin and Szymanowski at the Orchard Lake School, 1300 N. Selden, Nov. 6. The concert in the Galena on campus is free. The schools are located northwest of Detroit in Orchard Lake Village in W. Bloomfield. Admission \$14 general, \$12 seniors, citizens and students. Attergo with the performers.

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Theater

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Season continues with "The Man Who Came to Dinner," at the playhouse, 32332 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (313) 553-2955.

TEOY PLAYERS

"Night of January 16th" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 and continues weekends through Nov. 13. (313) 683-7285.

AYON PLAYERS

"Lend Me a Tenor" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 and continues weekends through Nov. 19. (313) 375-1390.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Sugar" — A New Musical opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 and plays weekends through Nov. 23 at the playhouse in Birmingham. (313) 645-8800.

BT DUNSTAPLE

"The Dunstable" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 and plays weekends through Nov. 19 at the playhouse on the Cranbrook campus. (313) 642-1846.

BROOKDALE PLAYERS

Season continues with "Return Engagement," shows weekends through Nov. 20 at the playhouse in Troy. (313) 433-1572.

JET

"Lost in Yonkers" through Nov. 13 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, Aaron Deloff Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6000 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 222-2000.

THEATRE HOUSE THEATRE

"Things We Couldn't Say," a reader's theater romance about women who was born in the 1920s. Resistance to World War II, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, northeast corner of 278th & 6 Mile. (313) 242-5700. Show continues Friday and Saturday through Nov. 19. (313) 654-6302.

KANCY GURVIN

Open auditions for "The Music Man," 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, (adults); 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 (adults); at the Jewish Community Center. Show opens Jan. 7. (313) 554-2243.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE AUDITIONS

Auditions for "The King and I" 8-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 (children) and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, dancers; adults. (313) 554-2243.

p.m. Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 28-29 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. General admission \$12, \$10 for the over-70s. (313) 220-2963.

Benefits

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Volunteer Council "Miznerkoff Boutique Luncheon," 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. Tickets \$30, \$50, & \$75. (313) 962-1000, Ext. 265.

BARRON COOK

Classical singer Barron Cook sings Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Westin Hotel in a benefit for the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute. Known as "The Voice of the Year," Cook, who was inducted into Broadway's Hall of Fame in January, will appear with her accompanist, Wally Hirsch. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 for young adults ages 18 and younger. A dessert afterglow will follow the concert. (313) 539-5535.

OAKLAND FESTIVAL BALLET
The ballet company is raising money by selling the "Entertainment Book." Each book contains hundreds of "two-for-one" offers to local restaurants, theaters, food, movies, hotels and special events. The book is being sold by the ballet com-

pany for \$40 and a portion of proceeds help fund their production of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 10-12. (313) 220-2963.

Rehearsals

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SEAS PLAYERS
Rehearsals for G.F. Handel's "Messiah," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. Bede's Social Hall, 1100 W. River Road. (313) 557-7243 for information.

FARMINGTON
Rehearsals weekly 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 at Harmon High School band room. Halloween concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 at Twelve Oaks Mall. (313) 478-5074.

Children

KIDS CONCERT
Comedy and Juggling act of Tommy Truett, 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Room 115 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 25000 Evergreen, Southfield. Tickets \$3.25. (313) 334-4717

YOUTHEATER
"Charlotte's Web," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at Music Hall Center, 1000 W. Woodward, Royal Oak. Ages 7 and older. No one under 5 admitted. (313) 963-2366.

Neighborhood Project by Nov. 7.
Call (313) 967-1112 for information.

Dishes must be submitted to the JPM-JCC for judging by noon, Nov. 13. Prizes will be awarded the day of the event.

Free samples of kosher food products from local dealers to demonstrate; cooking demonstrations; holiday table setting displays sponsored by Jewish Federation Apartments; and discussions with a dietitian from Sinai Hospital.

There is no charge for the kugel competition. Admission to the fair is one kosher food donation to Yed Ezra Kosher Food Pantry.

Kosher food fair

The fourth annual Kosher Food Fair will draw food lovers to the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation's Neighborhood Project, the fair will feature the first "Kosher Kugel Cook-Off." All kugel entries must be made with kosher ingredients. The Greenfield Noddy Co. has donated the noodles for the competition, and they may be picked up at the JPM-Center during working hours. Interested participants for the kugel competition must register with the

Event showcases stars of ballet

Music Hall Center continues its dance series Saturday, Nov. 5 with an Evening of Ballet Stars featuring principal dancers from the finest ballet companies including American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet. Call (313) 653-2366 or Ticketmaster (313) 645-6666 for information.

Among the numbers to be performed are George Balanchine's "Tarantella," the "Grand Pas de Deux from Sleeping Beauty," and a world premiere by Oleg Brashko set to music by Boris Blacher.

The stars of the evening include Martha Butler of the American Ballet Theatre, Li Cunxin of Houston Ballet, and Kaitlin Waldo and Mikko Nissinen of San Francisco Ballet.

The American premiere of the Nutcracker Dance Theater, Israel's imaginative young dance group to benefit the Michigan Cancer Foundation, will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Birmingham Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and \$30. Call (313) 833-0715 Ext. 361.

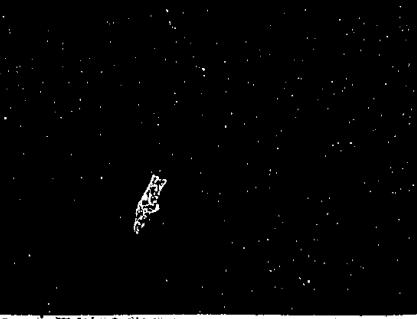
The Thaumaturge Dance Theatre (Thaumaturge is a play on the Hebrew words of joy, movement and theater) is made up of primary, junior high and high school stu-

dents. They are touring the Midwest part of the Mid East/West Fest, an international community arts program designed to share the distinctive cultures of the U.S. and Israel.

Event chairperson Heidi Stein of Bloomfield Hills said Thaumaturge is a contemporary dance performance that mixes the individual athleticism of gymnastics with the beauty and theatrics of a precision dance troupe.

Ballet Electric Regional Dance Company, will present their second winter concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, on Middlebelt between 7 & 8 Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$6 adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call (313) 477-3830.

New works and recent favorite dances by Detroit Dance Collective artistic directors Barbara Selinger and Paula Kramer will be presented along with works created by company members Kay Davis and Linda Simmons, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at Oakland Community College, Royal Oak. Tickets \$8, call (313) 544-5550.



Dancer Ethan Stiefel of the New York City Ballet, will be one of the performers featured at Music Hall Center's "Evening of Ballet Stars," 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

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