

Student stages abortion play

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Figuring out a way to present a play you really believe in isn't something usually on the minds of 16-year-old girls.

But Jaime Newman, a junior at Cranbrook Kingswood High School, is a student with a passion and commitment to theater. "I found the script for 'Keely and Du' about 1 1/2 years ago and loved it. I thought it was wonderful," said Newman who will be presenting Jane Martin's controversial drama with an adult cast 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18-21 at the Roper Theatre, (inside Roper School, 1051 Oakland Avenue, enter parking lot on Adams Road) the school is three blocks north of Maple Road between Maple and Big Beaver Road, Birmingham. All tickets are \$10, pay at the door. Call (810) 489-8445.

Newman wanted to present the show with an adult cast. She showed it to Joyce Morehouse,



Rehearsing: Du (Joyce Morehouse) left, and Keely, (Jaime Newman) share a tender moment during a rehearsal of "Keely and Du."

one of her instructors, who "loved the play," and Apollo Theatre Productions was born. In addition to Morehouse who plays Du, the cast includes Edgar Guest and Ryan Carlson. Newman plays Keely.

"This is a really controversial play about abortion, and the rights of rape victims," said Newman. "Keely is about 23 to 24. She's been raped by her ex-husband, is pregnant, and wants an abortion. A Pro-life group kidnaps her."

Du is about 65, and a very pro-life Christian.

"The play is about the relationship that develops between Du and Keely."

■ The Independent Artist's Society, a theatre company of stu-

dents from Birmingham Seaborn High School, is presenting John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Thursday, June 1, and Saturday, June 3 in the Little Theatre of Seaborn High School, 2430 W. Lincoln, Birmingham. Tickets are \$5, call (810) 644-6595. To order tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope and check made out to Patrick Darragh, 1424 Dorchester, Birmingham, MI 48009.

"Of Mice and Men" is the Depression-era story of two farm workhounds who share a dream of owning their own piece of land.

The show is directed by Patrick Darragh, a senior at Seaborn who will enter the Juillard School of Drama in New York City in the fall of 1995.

Nardin Park Series closes with duo

Nardin Park United Methodist Church will close their 1994-95 music series with a concert featuring Anne and Todd Wilson, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

A reception will follow the program. The public is invited, there is no admission charge or

offering. The church is at 29887 West 11 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 478-8860 for information.

Also on the May 21 program are Anne and Todd Wilson will join together to perform musical selections for organ and pi-

ano. Collectively, they have won 17 organ competitions, and are in great demand as recitalists throughout the Midwest.

The concert will culminate a day-long celebration, featuring the dedication of the church's Petrof Grand Piano.

Southfield Symphony hosts famed violinist

Violinist Mark Lubotsky will perform with the Southfield Symphony Orchestra 7 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. Valery Leonov will conduct.

Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 students (18 and under), and senior citizen s. Call (810) 354-4717, or (810) 851-7408.

Lubotsky will perform "Violin Concerto No. 1" by Alfred Schnittke, which he premiered in Moscow in 1963. This premier began a long collaboration with Schnittke, who subsequently ded-

icated three violin sonatas and second violin concerto to Lubotsky.

In turn, Lubotsky recently recorded some of Schnittke's chamber works with cellist/conductor Mstislav Rostropovich and the English Chamber Orchestra. Also on the May 21 program are Tchaikovsky's "Antiantic Cantabile," from "String Quartet No. 1, Op. 11;" and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade, Op. 35."

Lubotsky, who has played through Europe, New Zealand, Japan, Israel and the United



Mark Lubotsky

States, is known for his Mozart and Beethoven interpretations, but also as performer of contemporary music, including his premieres of Schnittke and Benjamin Britten.

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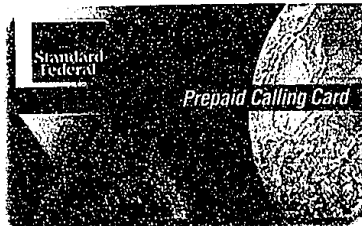
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