OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas
Bargain matinee daily plus $3.25 (Thru Late) show daily

Canton 6
Ford Rd., 1 Mi west of I-275*
(313)981-1900
Advanced same-day tickets available
*Denotes VIP Recliners

GIFT BOOKS NOW ON SALE

THE RAINMAKER (PG13)
SUN-TUE 12:20 (4:00 @ $3.25) 7:00, 9:50; WED. 12:20, (4:00 @ $3.50) 7:00
TITANIC (PG13)
SUN-TUE 12:00 (4:00 @ $3.50) 8:00; WED 11:00, 3:00, 7:00
SCREAM 2 (R)
SUN-WED 12:30, 1:50, 2:20 (4:30, 5:10 @ $3.50) 7:10, SUN-TUE ONLY 8:00, 9:50;
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
SUN-WED 12:05, 2:30 (5:00 @ $3.50) 7:30, SUN-TUE ONLY 10:00
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
SUN-TUE 2:00, 2:15 (4:40 @ $3.50) 7:15, 9:45; WED 12:00, 2:15 (4:40 @ $3.50) 7:15

Novi Town Center 8
Novi Rd. South of I-96
(810)344-0077
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GIFT BOOKS NOW ON SALE

TITANIC (PG13)
SUN-TUE 12:00, 1:00 (4:00 5:00 @ $3.50) 8:00, 9:15; WED 12:00, 1:00 (4:00@ $3.50) 6:10
HOME ALONE 3(PG)
SUN-WED 12:00, 2:30 (5:00 @ $3.50) 7:30, SUN-TUE ONLY 10:00
*THE JACKAL (R)
SUN-WED 1:30 (4:10 @ $3.50) 6:50, SUN-TUE ONLY 9:30
FOR RICHER OR POORER (R)
SUN-WED 12:00, 2:30 (5:00 @ $3.50) 7:30, SUN-TUE 10:00
ANASTASIA (G)
SUN-WED 12:15, 2:45 (3:15 @ $3.50) 7:35, SUN-TUE ONLY 9:50
MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
SUN-WED 1:45 (3:30 @ $3.50) 6:50, SUN-TUE ONLY 9:20
*FLUBBER (PG)
SUN-WED 12:15, 2:30 (4:45 @ $3.50) 7:00, SUN-TUE ONLY 9:30

Rouge Twin Cinema
Orchard Lake Rd. at Cass Lake Rd.
682-1900
Sat. & Sun. only All Seats $1.50 before 6 pm, $2.50 after

THE LITTLE MERMAID (G)
SUN. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
THURS. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
AIR FORCE ONE (R)
SUN. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
MON-TUE 7:15, 9:45; WED 7:15
THUR. 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
THE RAINMAKER (PG13)
SUN-TUE 6:50, 9:35; WED 6:50; THUR 6:50, 9:35

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 8-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
810-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

JACKIE BROWN (R)
12:00, 1:00, 3:20, 4:15, 6:40, 7:30, 9:50, 10:50
MR. MAGOO (PG)
11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
AMERICAN WEREWOLF (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
POSTMAN (R)
11:20, 3:00, 7:00, 10:30
TITANIC (PG13)
12:00, 4:00, 8:00
TITANIC (PG13)
11:00, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
10:40, 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25
MOUSE HUNT (PG)
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:05, 9:10
AMISTAD (R)
11:30, 2:50, 6:20, 9:20
SCREAM (R)
10:50, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
11:40, 2:30, 5:10
FLUBBER (PG)
10:50, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00
ANASTASIA (G)
12:45, 12:40

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313 561-3440
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

AMERICAN WEREWOLF (R)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
POSTMAN (R)
11:30, 1:00, 7:00, 10:30
MR. MAGOO (PG)
10:45, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:30
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50,
SCREAM (R)
11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
9:10
ANASTASIA (G)
12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:35,
FLUBBER (PG)
12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph & Big Lake Rd. W Side of Telegraph
810-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

MR. MAGOO (PG)
11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20
JACKIE BROWN (R)
12:00, 3:25, 6:45, 9:50
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00
SCREAM 2 (R)
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 10:10
FLUBBER (PG)
11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2455 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
810-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

POSTMAN (R)
11:30, 3:10, 7:00, 10:30
AMERICAN WEREWOLF (R)
12:30, 3:50, 5:35, 7:35, 9:45
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
TITANIC (PG13)
11:00, 2:45, 6:30, 10:15
TITANIC (PG13)
4:00, 8:00
MOUSE HUNT (PG)
12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25
AMISTAD (R)
12:00, 3:15, 6:20, 9:30
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
10:45, 1:50

Quo Vadis
Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
LATE SHOWS FRIDAY & SATURDAY
THRU THURSDAY

JACKIE BROWN (R)
12:15, 3:15, 6:45, 9:45
MR. MAGOO (PG)
11:00, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
AMERICAN WEREWOLF (R)
11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
MOUSE HUNT (PG)
11:10, 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 7:35, 9:40
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 9:50
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
11:15, 1:55, 4:20
ANASTASIA (G)
10:50 AM

Showcase Westland 1-8
6500 Wayne Rd.
One Blk S of Warren Rd
313-729-1060
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
10:30, 1:35, 3:50, 6:50, 9:25
POSTMAN (R)
11:30, 3:00, 7:00, 10:30
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00,
TITANIC (PG13)
11:00, 12:00, 2:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:00, 10:15,
AMISTAD (R)
12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:40
SCREAM (R)
10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:00,
FLUBBER (PG)
10:45, 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20,

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No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
SUN-TUE. 11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45, 11:00; WED. 11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP TITANIC (PG13)
SUN-TUE. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; WED. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00
NO VIP TICKETS
NP MOUSEHUNT (PG)
SUN-TUE. 10:50, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 10:45; WED. 10:50, 1:00, 3:15
NO VIP TICKETS
NP AMISTAD (R)
SUN-TUE. 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45, 6:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:30; WED. 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
SUN-TUE. 12:45, 3:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15; WED. 12:45, 3:30
NO VIP TICKETS
FLUBBER (PG)

SUN.-TUE. 11:30, 1:45, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00; WED. 11:30, 1:45, 4:30
ANASTASIA (G)
SUN-WED. 11:45, 2:15, 5:00

Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
853-2260
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
No one under age 6 admitted for PG 13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE POSTMAN (R)
1:15, 5:00, 8:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP TITANIC (PG13)
11:30, 1:30 3:30, 6:00, 8:00, 10:15,
NO VIP TICKETS
NP TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:55,
NO VIP TICKETS
NP AMISTAD (R)
11:45, 12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:40, 10:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SCREAM 2 (R)
11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30,
NO VIP TICKETS
JACKIE BROWN (R)
12:30, 3:00, 6:15, 9:15,
NO VIP TICKETS

Star Southfield
12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern at I-696
248-355-STAR
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP TITANIC (PG13)
10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:15, 8:10, 10:1
NO VIP TICKETS
NP TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:40, 9:20, 9:50, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP MOUSEHUNT (PG)
10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SCREAM 2 (R)
10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 6:45, 8:25, 9:00, 9:35
NO VIP TICKETS
NP AMISTAD (PG)
10:00, 11:45, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 8:00, 10:00- NO VIP TICKETS
NP FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
10:45, 1:30, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20
NO VIP TICKETS
NP HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
11:10, 12:00, 1:35, 2:40, 4:15, 5:00, 7:10, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
ALIEN 4: RESURRECTION (R)
11:10, 2:10, 5:20, 7:50, 10:50
NO VIP TICKETS
FLUBBER (PG)
11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
THE RAINMAKER (PG13)
11:20, 2:20, 6:10, 9:10
THE JACKAL (R)
7:40, AND 10:25
ANASTASIA (G)
10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15

Star Winchester
11361 S. Rochester Rd.
Winchester Mall
(810) 656-1160
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP MOUSEHUNT (PG)
12:15, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NP HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:20, 8:45, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
FLUBBER (PG)
11:35, 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
ANASTASIA (G)
11:30, 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10,
LA CONFIDENTIAL (R)
11:10, 2:00, 5:00, 7:50
RAINMAKER (PG13)
12:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:35
THE JACKAL (R)
11:45, 6:40
MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL (R)
3:00, 9:20
ALIEN RESURRECTION (R)
10:10 PM ONLY

United Artists Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily, for all shows starting before 6:00 PM
Same day advance tickets available.
NV - No VIP tickets accepted

United Artists Fairlane
Fairlane Town Center
Valet Parking Available
313-593-4790

ALL TIMES FOR SUN-THURS
BARGAIN MATINEES DAILY FOR ALL SHOWS STARTING BEFORE 6 PM.
SAVE DAY ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE

JACKIE BROWN (R) NV
12:45, 4:30, 8:15
& 1:45, 5:30, 9:15
TITANIC (PG13)NV
11:30, 3:30, 7:30& 12:00, 4:00, 8:00;
MOUSEHUNT (PG) NV
12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10
HOME ALONE 3 (PG) NV
12:30, 2:35, 4:55, 7:10, 9:20
ALIEN RESURRECTION (R)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
THE RAINMAKER (PG13)
7:05, 9:50;
ANASTASIA (G)
12:40, 2:55, 5:05
THE WINGS OF THE DOVE (R) NV
1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40
EVE'S BAYOU (R)
12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

United Artists Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
810-585-7041
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)NV
12:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30 & 1:00, 4:00, 8:00
MR. MAGOO (PG) NV
12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15
SCREAM 2 (R) NV
12:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10 & 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
810-585-7041
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13) NV
11:45, 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20;
MOUSEHUNT (PG) NV
12:30, 2:40, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30;
MR MAGOO (PG) NV
12:15, 2:25, 4:30, 6:40, 9:15
SCREAM 2 (R) NV
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
AMISTAD (R) NV
1:00, 4:15, 8:00

United Artists West River
9 Mile,
2 Block West of Middlebelt
810-788-6572
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

TITANIC (PG13) NV
12:00, 4:00, 8:00;
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG) NV
11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
JACKIE BROWN (R) NV
12:05, 3:30, 7:00, 10:05
AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN PARIS (R)NV
12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35
THE POSTMAN (PG13) NV
12:15, 4:10, 8:15
MOUSEHUNT (PG) NV
12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25;
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13) NV
8:15, 10:30
FLUBBER (PG)
12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30;
HOME ALONE 3 (PG) NV
11:45, 1:30, 4:00, 6:10
SCREAM 2 (R) NV
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

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NP TITANIC (PG13)
11:00, 2:50, 6:40, 10:30
NP AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG)
11:00, 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
NP JACKIE BROWN (R)
2:10, 4:50, 8:15, 11:00
NP THE POSTMAN (R)
1:00, 4:40, 8:45
NP TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:45, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
NP MOUSEHUNT (PG)
11:00, 1:25, 3:05, 6:35, 9:10
AMISTAD (R)
11:00, 2:00, 6:35, 10:00
SCREAM 2 (R)
11:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:30
FLUBBER (PG)
11:00, 12:50, 4:55, 7:25
THE RAINMAKER (PG13)
10:55 PM ONLY

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FAIRY TALE (PG)

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HOLIDAY MATINEES

THE LITTLE MERMAID (G)
1:30, 3:30, 5:30
IN AND OUT (PG13)
7:30, 9:30
MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE
(PG13)
7:40, 9:40
AIR FORCE ONE (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
FAIRY TALE (PG)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20,

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THE POSTMAN (R)
12:45, (4:20 @ $3.25) 7:50
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
1:40, (4:10 @ $3.25) 7:00, 9:45
AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN PARIS (R)
12:15, 2:30, 4:40 @ $3.25) 7:40, 9:45
TOMORROW NEVER DIES (PG13)
11:50, 2:20, (4:50 & 4:50 @ $3.25) 7:20, 9:50
MOUSEHUNT (PG)
12:10, 2:15, (4:30 @ $3.25) 7:10, 9:15;
TITANIC (PG13)
12:00, 1:00, (4:00 & 5:00 @ $3.25) 8:00, 9:00;
HOME ALONE 3 (PG)
12:20, 2:40 (5:10 @ $3.25) 7:20, 9:40;
SCREAM 2 (R)
SUN-TUE 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, (5:00 @ $3.25) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30; 10:00; WED 12:00, 2:30, (5:00 @ $3.25)
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
12:00, 2:30, (5:00 @ $3.25) 7:30, 10:00
FOR RICHER OR POORER (PG13)
11:45, 2:20, (4:50 @ $3.25) 7:30, 9:55
FLUBBER (PG)
12:30, 2:45, (4:45 @ $3.25) 7:15, 9:20
ANASTASIA (G)
11:40 AM

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DECONSTRUCTING HARRY (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
THE SWEET HEREAFTER (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
THE WINGS OF THE DOVE (R)
1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, arts reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Send items for consideration in Art Beat – Oakland County to Frank Provenzano, arts reporter, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax (248) 644-1314.

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AT CRANBROOK

Cranbrook Art Museum invites families to participate in a variety of hands-on activities based on the current presentation of architecture and photography in their current exhibit, "Evidence: Photography and Site."

Young visitors, ages 3-10, will also be able to construct an artistic holiday gift.

1221 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3323.

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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra home page is now on the World Wide Web. The address is: **www.detroitsymphony.com**

The site was developed and hosted by EDS' Interactive Architects business.

The new site will feature the latest DSO concert information, broadcast schedules and ticket information, DSO and Orchestra Hall history and information on DSO educational programs.

In early 1998, visitors to the Web site will be able to purchase tickets, CDs and other DSO merchandise.

NEW PLAYWRIGHT-IN-RESIDENCE AT MEADOW BROOK

Karim Alrawi has been named Meadow Brook Theatre's first playwright-in-residence and literary manager. He will oversee the theatre's development of new works, and assist in outreach programs to local schools.

Born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt, Alrawi has had his plays produced in his homeland, England, Canada and the US. His best-known plays include "Migrations," "Fire in the Lake," "Child in the Heart" and "Patagonia."

Alrawi has won the Whiting Award, Edinburgh Fringe First Award and Canada's Jesse Richardson Award. He has also written several feature length films and television documentaries that have aired on the BBC.

He comes to Meadow Brook after serving as artistic director of the New Play Centre in Vancouver, Canada.

OPENING RECEPTION

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts a reception to meet artist Barbara Demgen 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington. The public is invited.

The mixed media exhibit features watercolor still life by Demgen, a Livonia painter who retired as an art teacher in the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School. The exhibition continues through Jan. 30.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

FINAL DAYS

William Craft Brumfield, photographer and historian of Russian architecture, captures the catastrophes of the 20th century (revolutions, famine and massive political terror) and its' disastrous effects on Russia's magnificent cultural heritage in an exhibition continuing through Jan. 4 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor.

Historic architecture, particularly in the countryside and provincial towns, has suffered from neglect and outright destruction. In the face of current economic uncertainties, the challenges of restoring a culture and its memory are too often met by scant resources for renovation. The exhibition, "Lost Russia" illuminates the fate of this cultural legacy in 46 stunning silver prints depicting beautiful but dilapidated churches, monasteries and country estates dating from the 12th to 19th centuries.

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

Madonna University is hosting an "Origami" art exhibit of folded and colorful painted paper designs Jan. 8-30 in the library wing's second floor Exhibit Gallery, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

The public is invited to an opening reception and free origami lesson 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8.

Pieces included in the exhibit are hats, geometric forms, animals, birds, and design motifs.

Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 432-5711.

LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITS

Award winning artist Connie Lucas of Canton will display lively watercolor and gouache paintings through Feb. 6 in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5325 Elliot Drive, Ann Arbor.

Lucas is one of several artists showing their work as part of the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off-Site Exhibitions on Location Program. The program offers Michigan artists the opportunity to display their work at various business locations and provide art exhibits for public enjoyment.

For more information about the program or to exhibit work call Sharon Currey at (313) 994-8004, ext. 122.

VOCAL COMPETITION

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan (based in Canton) and the Italian American Cultural Society is looking for Michigan high school students to compete in its' fourth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition." Ten finalists will be selected. Deadline for submitting tapes is Feb. 15. For additional information, call (313) 455-8895.

Vocal winners: *The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for Michigan high school students to enter its' fourth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition. Pictured here are the 1997 winners Ryan Kelly (left) of Traverse City High School, first prize; Ruth Crismley, Bethany Christian High School, Troy, second prize, and Allison Baty, Traverse City High School, third prize.*

Dedicated: *Village Players held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in early December to commemorate the opening of their renovated playhouse in Birmingham. Gail Gotthelf, left, Birmingham Mayor Archie Damman, Village Players President Dianne McKeon, and playhouse members Kelly Gustafsson and Sharon Jordan.*