

# Top Entertainment Free At State Fair

Shows by top stars of the entertainment world will be a big bargain at the Michigan State Fair this year. They'll all be FREE to State Fair visitors. Music and fun will be the keynotes in the Music Shell and on stage in front of the Grandstand.

On Thursday, September 2, a new crew of entertainers will come into the Music Shell.

The Supremes, Detroit's own singing group which has been an international hit, will take the stage at 2, 4:30, and 9 p.m. on Thursday; at 2:30, 5, and 9 Friday through Sunday; at 1, 3, 5:30, and 9 p.m. daily.

Jack Jones with the Jimmy Wilkins Orchestra will also be on hand those days. They'll go on at 8:30 a. and 10 Thursday through Sunday, and at 4, 7, and 10 on Labor Day.

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# Wally Roberts

## GOING UP CURTAIN

In 1941 Anton Chekhov, the classic Russian playwright, wrote "The Cherry Orchard." It was always his feeling that this play was certainly funny, at least, it was conceived so.

Director John Hirsch, a new, brilliant addition to the directing staff of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival has staged "The Cherry Orchard" with Chekhov's comic conception firmly in mind. (A fortunate meeting of minds.)

"Cherry Orchard" as done by the Stratford Shakespearean troupe has a light flippant touch. It's a play which stands in life. Indeed, the happy side is what most of us prefer to view. Too often tragedy means a life. Indeed, the happy side is what most of us prefer to view. Too often tragedy means a life. Indeed, the happy side is what most of us prefer to view. Too often tragedy means a life.

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Too many productions seen by old Wally (four in number) have almost put me to sleep. Recently, I appeared in the Stratford version. Was this to be another long-winded, dull production?

All laughs replaced long digressive monologues. Each of the highly competent Stratford players gave a polished performance which should have been as good as the best.

Each of her empty, displaced, purposeless friends, that try to cheer her, only served to magnify the huge social upheaval taking place in Russia. Chekhov, of course, never gives any clues in his play to suggest he approves of this social upheaval.

An interesting and exciting thing is that you as a fortunate member of the audience at the Stratford Festival have the opportunity to witness the play from the perspective of the audience.

He hope you find time to see this memorable production of "The Cherry Orchard." It's one of the finest old Wally has seen in the past ten years at the Ontario house of great.

"The Cherry Orchard" will be done eight more times this season. Dates are as follows: Aug. 16, 21, 23, 29, September 1, 4, 10, and 11. Buy your tickets now, must "sell" a ticket to this rare theatrical event of the decade, do go by all means.

Fisher Theater has another smash hit in "Pickwick," the British musical that is arriving on Broadway in such the same manner as "Oliver" did.

"Pickwick" opened in Los Angeles in June and is hopping over the cities with entering bushes of critical acclaim before it docks for a long stay in a New York theater.



By doing four weeks of capacity business at the Fisher—his first attraction of his 1965-66 season—Roberts, a British musical comedy singer, plays the lead part as the round, plucky Mr. Sam Rickard.

Many of the same folks that put "Oliver" at the top have combined their talents to bring home another musical comedy winner Peter Cod is directing.

Advance reports from Variety indicate that the music is equally as melodious as was in the earlier Dickens musical. Box office sales at the Fisher are brisk.

Parents and one child in a family are admitted for regular prices. All other children in the family (14 years or younger) are admitted without charge as guests of the Museum and Village.

According to a recent announcement by Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, sponsors of the American Drama Festival, the following family rate now prevails for all performances:

The plays are Anna Ritz's 1845 comic satire, "Fashion," Benjamin Woolf's social reform melodrama, "The Almighty Dollar," and James Barlow's "Superstition," a tragedy based upon actual historical events that affected the early Puritan communities.

Performances are given at 8:30 p.m. six nights weekly. There are no performances on Thursdays. On Saturdays, there is a 2:30 p.m. matinee in addition to the regular 8:30 p.m. performance.

## Free Art Demonstration Slated Aug. 15 at Franklin

"Suburbanites living in communities in western parts of the metropolitan area are an art-conscious group. In Livonia alone, there are more than 2,000 active amateur painters, according to former school board member Herb Nelson.

"People who live in Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia, and other affluent communities can afford the cost of canvas, paints, brushes and other materials needed to pursue artistic avocations," Nelson said. "Moreover, art instruction in our suburban schools is top-quality, and inspires kids to excel by sparking a parental interest in arts and craft activities."

Nelson, who runs the Livonia Custom Picture Framing Company, is co-sponsoring the local appearance of painter Helen Van Wyk at Franklin High School on Sunday, Aug. 15 with the adult education unit of the Livonia Board of Education.

Miss Van Wyk, a frequent visitor to Livonia, will show her work to artists in all and conduct a color symposium. Of special importance to painters, she is to use a self-life age, which shows how new polymer materials can be used to create excitingly different creations.

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