

Observerland Gets Theater Buses

MAKING AMUSEMENTS Casting Call

Observerland young people and their parents will have an opportunity this year to see live, professional theater on a regular basis.

The Youth Theater Magic Carpet Coach will be leaving Saturday, Oct. 7, from five major shopping centers including Westland and Northland. It's the first of 12 trips arranged by the shopping center merchants' associations in cooperation with the Detroit Institute of Arts Youth Theater.

The round-trip charter-coach service, a theater ticket for a children's performance at the Arts Institute, plus a celebrity party will be available for \$2 per person.

between the ages of five and 12 and for all adults who are young at heart.

All who attend will meet the performers at the celebrity party afterwards.

For all the performances, children must be accompanied by an adult.

For children's groups, such as Cub Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Girls, the DIA is recommending one adult for every 15 children. It will be the leader's responsibility to arrange for the tickets and for this chaperone.

hours. The low cost of the outing has been made possible by the merchants associations of the shopping centers which are underwriting most of the expenses of this service. The price of a ticket to the performance alone is \$1.50.

TICKETS FOR ALL 12 performances are now available at Hudson's. All are for the five to 12-year-old age group. The program, if successful, may be expanded to include DIA performances for older children.

The schedule is as follows: Oct. 7 - "Mother Goose Assembly," by the Prince Street Players.

Nov. 4 - "Swiss Family Robinson," a musical play by the National Theater Company.

Nov. 18 - "Folk Song Jamboree," a hottenanti sing-along led by the Ripple of Hope Singers from Max-million Productions, New York City.

Dec. 2 - "Hansel and Gretel," a children's opera to be staged by New York's PART Foundation.

Dec. 23 - "Cinderella," a musical to be staged by the New York Prince Street Players.

Jan. 6 - "Rumpelstiltskin," a children's opera written and

produced for young people by Michigan's famed Overture to Opera Company. This will be a world premiere.

Feb. 3 - "Aladdin," featuring elaborate sets and costumes plus a lively musical score by the Prince Street Players.

March 3 - "Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys," a musical play featuring some of the 1776 heroes. This is described as a perfect show for boys in the family, with

group rates for clubs, Boy Scouts, Indian Guides, etc.

April 7 - "Jack and the Beanstalk," another musical play by the Prince Street Players.

April 21 - "Peter Rabbit's Easter," a puppet show. There will also be an Easter Bonnet parade with prizes and a personal appearance by the Easter bunny mother.

May 5 - "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," a new country-rock musical by the National Theater Company.

May 19 - Tom Glazer, a folk singer.



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Film Course Scheduled

A workshop on black and white film will be offered by Oakland University's division of continuing education this fall. Registrations can be made at the university.

The course includes four sessions in darkroom facilities with all materials furnished. It will provide students the opportunity to gain actual experience in developing and printing.

The class begins Sept. 25 and will give students information on developing different kinds of film and techniques for printing.

Open auditions for "Man of La Mancha" will be held by the Lathrup Players in the Southfield - Lathrup High School auditorium, 12 Mile Road, east of Evergreen, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 18-20. Auditions will be heard beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The play calls for a cast of 25. Tenors, sopranos and baritones are needed in addition to actors and actresses. All rehearsals will be held in Southfield.

"Man of La Mancha" will be directed by Karol Klaphor and is scheduled for four performances on Nov. 30 - Dec. 3.

Mobile Unit, the touring theater of the Jewish Community Center, 18100 Meyers, Detroit, will hold auditions at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14.

Director Judy Levinson is looking for actors, singers and dancers for presentations before community groups and women's groups.

Miss Levinson has studied theater at Western Michigan University and has appeared with the WMU Theater, the Center Theater, Concept East, the Utica Music Theater and the Kalamazoo City Theater.

Organizations interested in booking the Mobile Unit should call Betty Hurwitz, 27505 Berkshire, Southfield, or the center theater weekday mornings.

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