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**Potpourri**  
by JULIE CANDLER  
Special Writer

They've jammed the calendar of the two-week Spring Festival of the Arts so full that it looks like the menu at Sardi's. It's a Detroit festival, but Birmingham-Bloomfield area people are mixed up in it, as you might expect.

It starts Sunday, and is sponsored by the participating institutions of Detroit Adventure, a project dear to this former Detroit Adventurer's heart.

My favorite ballet company will perform for festival audiences at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25. It's the Detroit Ballet Theatre (formerly Severo Ballet), performing at the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium, with Wayne Dunlop conducting members of the Detroit Symphony.

**TWO BIRMINGHAM-AREA** ballerinas dancing that night will be Judy Rau, daughter of the Louis W. Rau of Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, and Marlene Benvenuti, daughter of the Omero Benvenuti of Westbrook Parkway, Southfield.

The board of directors of Detroit Ballet Theatre contains the names of Birmingham-Bloomfield dance enthusiasts S. M. Vass, Mrs. William M. McGaughey, John C. Emery, Jr. (His Honor), and Eugene Bordinat.

The company is doing part of Swan Lake, Les Patineurs and Concerto, with Sandra Severo's original choreography to the music of Bach.

Marion (Mrs. S. M.) Vass says it's a "knock-out performance," and you can get tickets to and other festival events by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Detroit Adventure, 60 Farnsworth.

**THE WRITING** of one of The Birmingham Eccentric's drama critics, the creative and astute Esther Broner, will be featured at 8:15 p.m. April 25 at Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University. It's a verse-drama called "Summer Is a Foreign Land."

The Broner program is part of Miles Poetry week, and the week after that comes Modern Poetry Week, with some important events sponsored by the Miles Modern Poetry Committee, headed by William White of Bloomfield Township and the Wayne State University Department of Journalism. Dr. White's committee is topping off five nights of poetry lectures, discussions and readings with an evening of modern poetry on Friday, May 3. It will be led by two distinguished gentlemen, Mark Van Doren and Archibald MacLeish.

**AN UNUSUAL "Evening of Contemporary Music"** will feature a Beverly Hills man's compositions. He is Harold R. Laudenslager of 16089 Buckingham, violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Laudenslager is one of three Detroit composers whose work will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Community Arts Auditorium, Wayne State University. A Chamber Music Society concert becomes one of the first festival events at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Community Arts Auditorium. Mrs. Willys P. Wagner of Franklin is on that organization's board of directors.

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**Oakland Hills Bridge Tournament Winners Announced**

Winners of Oakland Hills Country Club's women's duplicate bridge tournament on last Wednesday were: first, Mrs. Chester A. Cahn; second, Mrs. C. Boyd Stockmeyer; third, Mrs. Joseph P. Stachinskas; fourth, Mrs. William S. Cooper and Mrs. Jack J. Mayes; fifth, Mrs. Philip Pretz and Mrs. Edmund K. Terry; sixth, Mrs. Joseph P. Stachinskas and Mrs. Chester A. Cahn.

Mrs. C. Boyd Stockmeyer is chairman of the ladies' bridge tournament, which is sponsored by the Oakland Hills special activities committee of which Don W. Graham is chairman. The tournament is directed by Mrs. Ernest Clinton. The final meet of the spring session of the tournament will take place Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the club's lounge.

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**Name Cast For Troy Arts Festival Play**

The cast for this spring's Troy Arts Festival original musical comedy, "A Day We'll Remember, Always," was announced this week by Mrs. Charles Reeder, director.

In the lead roles are Mrs. Paul E. Rathgeb, Jr., Gene Ryan, Alonso Brawner, Mrs. Graham Neilson, and Mrs. Howard Weldon.

Supporting them will be Mrs. Neven Ballestrine, Robert Ball, Wilbur D. Bollinger, Mrs. John Farley, James Harrison, Michael Kopecki, Lynn Lewman, Thomas Macan, Irene Marcello, Mrs. James Quetta, Cyril Tedman, Howard Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kreglow, Mrs. Joseph Kurzava, Mrs. Lawrence Halber, Mark and Mary Bell White, Terry and Pina Medici, Charlene Olson and John Urbanik.

Book and lyrics for the comedy are by Mrs. Reeder and Mrs. Mac Deloosh. Assistant director is Mrs. Marvin Olson; production manager, Russell Beckwith; musical director, Mrs. Ralph Harris; orchestration, Larry Dickerson; and costumes, Helen Wattles, Mrs. C. H. Ek and Mrs. Russell Beckwith.

**2 B'ham Principals Attend Conference In East Lansing**

Two Birmingham school principals participating in the annual meeting of the Michigan Education Association's department of elementary school principals today arrived in East Lansing.

Grant Barber of Quanton School will discuss "Beginning Principals" with fellow officials. Fritz Pinis of Adams School will meet with the executive board at the conclusion of the conference.

Eight hundred principals are attending the meeting. Evaluation of criticism currently being leveled at elementary education is one purpose of the conference. A second is the consideration of ways of helping the public better understand the schools.

**Local Girl Dances In Special Program**

Judith Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Rau, 6355 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, will be a featured dancer in the Detroit Ballet Theatre's special performance in conjunction with Detroit Adventure's Spring Festival of the Arts at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium.

Also taking part in the program will be Philip Steinhaus, organist and choir director at Kirk-in-the-Hills, who will play the organ.

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