

The Bat

Die Fledermaus, Richard Strauss' "comic operetta of revenge," is Eugene Opera's second selection of the season. The nineteenth century ambience of the piece lends itself to elegant theatrical costumes. The centerpiece of the opera is a great ball. Since Strauss is the best known of all the dance music composers, the ball promises to be musically and visually delightful.

Conductor Philip Bayles and Director Thomas Gressler are supported by a cast which includes resident artists Cherine Bauer and Virginia Hurivitz, Thomas Poole, James Terrell (a Portland Opera resident artist), Kristina Carlson, Paul Lash, Brian Sevingle, and Frank Grafee. Gene Dent designed the set and lights, Eugénie Kathy Freedman designed the costumes, and Eugene ballet performer Devorah Frates choreographed the opera.

Die Fledermaus (The Bat) is a traditional New Year's Eve performance. It opens at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts Thursday, Dec 30 and plays again Friday, the 31st, at 8 pm. The opera is sung in English. "Sneak previews" by members of the Opera's cast will be performed Dec 27, 28 and 29 at the Metropal Cafe at noon. Further, a pre-show lecture on the storyline and musical history of the show will be given by Philip Bayles, Eugene opera's artistic director and conductor for Die Fledermaus.

Call the box office, 687-0020, for current ticket information.

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Etc.

WISTEC planetarium show at 3 pm is Winter Skies; also films shown throughout the day, a model railroad exhibit, "Lux Humana," a holography exhibit, from 12 noon-5 pm today through Friday. Admission \$1 adults, 50¢ students, and senior citizens and children under 6 are free. WISTEC is at 2300 Centennial, next to Autzen Stadium, 484-9027.

People's Party sponsored by Nurture House at 1857 Jefferson at 7:30 pm. Share poetry, musical instruments, baked goods, dancing energy. All ages. A non-alcoholic, non-smoking event. Call 345-9230 for more information.

Bingo at the Lane County Fairgrounds is sponsored by Rotary/Active 20/30 Club. 7 pm, 18 years of age and over, please.

Dance

Eugene Folk Dancers sponsor an evening of folk dances (learning and dancing) from many countries at Friends Meeting House, 2274 Onyx, from 7:15-10:00 pm, costs 80¢. Beginners and newcomers always welcome. Call David Seidel, 345-6687, for information.

Radio

Jazz Inside Out at 7:30 pm features two and a half hours of jazz on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Children

The Feathered Ogre, a post-holiday puppet show for children of all ages, is based on an Italian folktale about a fool's bravery and is presented by the Oregon Fantasy Puppets directed by Celeste Bennett at the Springfield Public Library. Showtimes are 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, and free tickets are available at the library. Must have a ticket to attend, so be sure to pick them up before the performance.

Radio

Henry "Red" Allen, trumpeter, is featured on Focus on Jazz at 7:30 pm and Jazz Alive features a Salute to W. C. Handy at 8:30 pm on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival at 8:15 am on KLCC features works by Mozart, Wolf, Brahms, Hauta-Aho, and Ravel.

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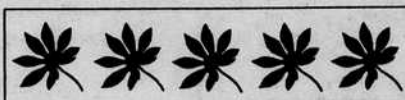
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