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About Town

6 FRIDAY

The world premiere of Charles Deemer's play **Christmas at the Juniper Tavern**, is presented by the **New Rose Theatre**. The play is set in a small logging town in Central Oregon where a religious group following the teachings of "Swami Kree" has come to build an Ashram. On Christmas morning two unemployed mill workers steal one of the Swami's 26 expensive cars, and an encounter ensues between citizens of Juniper and the Swami and his followers. The situation is examined fairly and with humor. Though similar to a recent clash in Antelope, or with the arrival of the Rajneesh, **Juniper Tree** is neither a satire of that affair nor a comment on it other than indirectly.

Christmas at the Juniper Tavern will be performed at the Wilson Center for the Performing Arts, YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th, from January 6 through February 4, 1984. Curtain times are 8:00 pm Thursday through Saturday, and 7:00 pm Sunday. All seats except Preview night are \$7.00. New Rose Theatre subscribers may apply their 50¢ subscriber discount to ticket purchases.

Call 222-2487 for more information and to make reservations.

Angry Housewives is a musical comedy about four middle class women in their 30s who form a punk rock band on a wild impulse. During a "Betty Jean" cosmetic party given by Bev, a recent widow struggling to make ends meet, they see a flyer for a punk rock contest at Lewd Fingers' Club that Bev's son's band is entering. Although they haven't the faintest idea what a punk band is, and the only song they all know is "Kum-By-Yah," they decide that the \$1000 prize is more money than they'll ever get from selling cosmetics to each other.

So they call themselves the "Angry Housewives" and secretly begin practising. They start with an accordion, a bass drum, and an acoustic guitar, and when Bev's son enters unexpectedly they try to convince him they've been hired as a marching blue grass band for a cosmetic convention. But within a week, the women get different instruments, write their punk song, work on their attitudes and make costumes which they are confident will disguise them.

It is after their appearance at Lewd Fingers that the complications really begin and the fun goes on in this engaging musical.

Angry Housewives opens January 6th and plays Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, at the **Storefront Theatre**. Curtain on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is at 8:00 pm and on Sunday at 7:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$7.00 Thursday and Sunday and \$8.00 on Friday and Saturday.

The Oregon premiere of A.R. Gurney, Jr.'s **The Dining Room** plays in the **Portland Civic Theatre's Blue Room** from

January 6 until February 11, Thursday through Saturdays at 8:00 pm. Jerry Leith directs six actors who portray 57 characters in a delightful series of vignettes, involving an assortment of families and characters of all ages and generations, all around the dining room table.

The Dining Room is a fresh and original look at a sometimes gracious, sometimes stifling, thoroughly American way of life.

The cast includes Richard Morley, Tom Klug, Douglas Mouw, Marla Kaufmann, Jean Miller, and Dee Dee Van Zyl. Call 226-3048 for details and tickets.

Portland audiences will once again have the opportunity to view American life through the eyes of Sam Shepard when **Sirius Production** brings **The Curse of the Starving Class** to the Critical Mass Theatre. Peter Fornara, lauded for his work in Shepard's "Buried Child" and "True West" will feature Carol Holden, Tim Streeter, Kelly Brooks, Gary L. Cole and director Fornara.

The production, which opens January 6, will run Thursday-Saturday at 8 pm, and Sunday at 7 pm. Critical Mass Theatre is located at 938 NW Everett. Call 244-9481 for reservations.

7 SATURDAY

January and February at the **NW Film Study Center** will be highlighted by films of and about the many fine jazz, blues, rock and country musicians who have provided great art and entertainment to the public. In the years since the advent of sound film, a great variety of musical styles have been captured on film — from the jazz orchestras of the 1930s to the raucous sounds of 1980's New Wave. This survey will present music and performances that will please every musical taste. Co-sponsors of the **Rockin' And Reelin'** series are **KGW-62 Radio** and **Willamette Week**.

Tonight, at 7 pm, the **T.A.M.I. Show**, a filmed concert from October 24, 1964, is a virtual time capsule of mid-sixties rock, with James Brown, Chuck Berry, The Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, the Supremes, and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles.

The Big T.N.T. Show, at 9 pm, is the follow-up concert featuring Bo Diddley, The Byrds, Ray Charles, The Ronettes, and many others.

Theatre abounds with four productions to choose from. See Friday 6 for more information.

Rev. Jack St. John sings original music at **Judy's**, 15th & NE Broadway from 8-12 pm. No cover.



Peter Fornara in Sam Shepard's *Curse of the Starving Class*.

8 SUNDAY

The Cotton Club and **Minnie the Moocher** show at the **NW Film Study Center** at 2 pm and 7 pm today. Part of the **Rockin' and Reelin'** series, the **Cotton Club** recaptures the spirit of the 1930s, night life at Harlem's legendary night spot. **Minnie** is a portrait of that reigning hipster, Cab Calloway.

11 WEDNESDAY

The **NW Film Study Center** presents three films at 8 pm that deal with women and labor. **What Could You Do with a Nickel?** tells of the Black and Latin women who formed the first workers union in the U.S. **Willmar 8** chronicles the struggle of eight women to fight sex discrimination in a small Minnesota bank. **Maria** documents union organizing in the garment industry.

Presented in cooperation with the Oregon AFL-CIO, comments and discussion will follow by local labor leaders.

12 THURSDAY

The **NW Film Study Center** presents at 8 pm as part of their **Rockin' and Reelin'** series, **Blues Country**. Using rare photos, recordings and film footage, Joe Vinikow's film is a complete retrospective of country blues singers, their roots, their styles and their influence on other musicians. Filmmaker Vinikow will be on hand to present this film.

Theatre abounds today, Friday, and Saturday, with four productions to choose from. **Angry Housewives**, a musical comedy, plays at **Storefront Theatre**; **Portland Civic Theatre** presents **The Dining Room**, featuring six actors who portray 57 characters; Sirius Productions presents **The Curse of the Starving Class** by Sam Shepard at the **Critical Mass Theatre**; **Christmas at the Juniper Tavern** is performed at the Wilson Center for the Performing Arts at the YWCA and is presented by **The New Rose Theatre**. See Friday the 6th for more information about these plays.