

Something for all ages and tastes on upcoming CTPA programs

Two very diverse programs await theatre-goers this month at Longview's Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The first is Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, which will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

Set in Scotland, *Macbeth* is a classic exploration of the personal and moral consequences of ambition and the quest for individual power. Assured by three witches that he will be king, and that he cannot be killed "by any man or woman born," Macbeth yields to his - and his wife's - ambition. They betray their king, their allies

and, they discover, themselves.

This is an edgy new production by The Acting Company, America's premiere touring repertory theater. Founded in 1972 by Margot Harley and the late John Houseman, The Acting Company has so far performed 77 plays - including 18 by Shakespeare - for more than two-million people in 48 states and seven foreign countries. Company alumni include such fine stage actors as Lisa Banes, Frances Conroy, Kevin Kline and David Ogden Stiers.

Macbeth is the fourth production in CTPA's Roadshow Series, with corporate support

from Kirkpatrick Family Care.

Tickets for *Macbeth*, at \$15, \$25 and \$30, are available at the CTPA ticket office, 575-TIXX [8499] or 1-888-423-8499, or through TicketMaster and other independent outlets. Student, senior and group discounts are available.

About as artistically divergent from *Macbeth* as you can get, CTPA is offering The Duttons - Branson headliners, Nashville recording artists and stars of their own PBS special - at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.

Masters of the violin and a dazzling array of other instruments, The Duttons take their audiences from Bach to bluegrass, leaping effortlessly from Vivaldi to "Duelin' Banjos." They sing and dance, do their own arranging, advertising, choreography, technical and road work; run their own business office and arrange their own tours. Their theater in Branson, Missouri, is also a 100-percent Dutton operation, right down to ushering and serving popcorn.

Dean and Sheila Dutton weren't planning to get into the music business when they started the first of their seven children with violin lessons about 20 years ago. They just wanted their children to learn discipline and responsibility.

But the years of music lessons grew into much more. First participating in many youth and professional orchestras and symphonies, the

youngsters eventually mastered many musical instruments and styles. The family band - Mom and Dad were drafted to play the string bass and guitar - began touring (they've since given more than 2000 concerts) in 1991, and Dean soon left his position as a university professor of economics to tour full-time.

In 1994, the United Nations asked The Dutton Family to record and perform the theme song for the 1994 International Year of the Family. The Duttons have recorded three CDs/cassettes, including *One Step Ahead*, *The Family*, and *Best of The Duttons*, Volume 1. They've made two videos - *Music in the Mountains* and *Music in Your Heart* - and a popular PBS tele-

vision special, *Music in your Heart*. The Duttons began performing in Branson in 1997, and are now headliners at their own theater. They've also founded The Dutton Foundation, to aid children in need.

Today, their family band is growing, as the children marry and their spouses and, now, the grandchildren - 3-year-old Jessica and baby Rachel Ann - get into the act.

This program is part of the Family and Young People Series at CTPA and is sponsored by U.S. Bank and McDonald's. Tickets are \$8, \$12 and \$16 with student, senior and group discounts available. To order, contact the CTPA ticket office, 575-TIXX [8499] or 1-888-423-TIXX.

Job Fair opportunity for workers

The Fourth Annual Columbia County Job Fair will be Wednesday, March 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Management & Training Corporation (MTC) and the Oregon Employment Department (OED), the job fair will be held in the State Office Building at 500 North Columbia River Highway in Suites 300-320. (This is the backside of the old St. Helens hospital.)

Area employers, including Columbia County Human Resources, Gunderson, Peace Health, Reynolds Metals Co., Rose Valley Assisted Living Community, Safeway, US Gypsum, Wal-Mart and many others will be in attendance this year, in addition to training and education professionals. Employers will be on hand to discuss their businesses and employment opportunities.

Fair Workshops will include: 2:00 pm - "Building The Team"; Gary Jones, US Gypsum, and;

2:45 pm - "Finding the Hot Jobs"; Evelyn Roth, Oregon Employment Department.

Jones is manager of Human Resources for United States Gypsum. USG, a Fortune 500 company with over 13,000 em-

Workshops set on Gardening

Now is the time, and here are some ways to "dig" into spring! Join one of the following composting and natural gardening workshops in our area:

Saturday, March 25 - 10:00 to 11:30 am: *Earth-friendly gardening*; Max and Hildy's Garden Store, 19350 NW Cornell Rd., Hillsboro.

Saturday, April 8 - 10:00 to 11:30 am: *Raising flowers and insects: planting the right flowers to attract beneficial insects*; Max and Hildy's Garden Store, 19350 NW Cornell Rd., Hillsboro.

Saturday, May 6 - 9:30 to 11:00 am: *Composting*; Kennedy Community Gardens, SW 103rd and Kennedy, Beaverton.

For more information on the workshops or other recycling issues, call 234-3000, or contact councilor Susan McLain by phone at 797-1553 or e-mail mclains@metro.dst.or.us.

ployees, is the largest manufacturer and distributor of wallboard and gypsum products, will provide information about the company and staffing anticipated for its new Rainier facility.

Roth is a veteran of more than eight years with the Oregon Employment Department. During the past two years, she has worked with the Research and Statistics Unit researching labor market information, and can tell you where to find the fastest growing "hot" jobs.

The job fair is free and open to the public. For more information contact Diana Plahn with MTC, 397-6495 or Bruce Newman with OED, 397-4995.

Free local class on basic computer use

A free class in basic computing and Windows is taught on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Vernonia Public Library. L.V. Schoonover provides instruction at the 7:00 p.m. class for people who want to learn the basics of computer operations for home use.

Carnival on St. Pat's Day at Head Start

The public is invited to join in the fun at the St. Patrick's Day Carnival set for March 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The carnival is sponsored by Vernonia Head Start, and will be held in their facility at 500 California Avenue.

Tickets are five for \$1, and children age nine and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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