

GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

In the Torrance and South Bay Area

'Hansel and Gretel' Performed by Puppets

"Hansel and Gretel," the Humperdinck beloved childhood opera, will be given eight matinee performances by world renowned New York Marionette Theater throughout Christmas week at Culver City Memorial Auditorium, Culver Blvd. and Overland, just off the San Diego Freeway.

The full-length production will double bill the musical fairy tale with an important premiere, "Legends of the Orient," an original puppet drama lavishly produced with kabuki wigs from Japan, brocade costumes and authentic miniature properties imported from Hong Kong.

Performances will begin at 10:30 and 2:30 Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 26, 27 and 28, with Sunday shows scheduled for 2:30 and 4:45 p.m.

The distinguished puppeteers are making their first West Coast appearances after many tours of the eastern seaboard and a critically hailed run in New York.

CHILD-SIZE
A total of 50 child-size marionettes seen in this presentation represent 10 years of experimentation and preparation by the theater's director, Sky Highchief.

Member of the American Indian theatrical family which gave dance the bal-

lerinas Tallchief, Sky designed and operated the original "Skating Marionettes" act in Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice and many major TV shows, created the puppets for the Broadway production of "Carnival," and made the gigantic balloon figures seen in all major U. S. parades, including New York's Thanksgiving Day parade.

MAGICAL EFFECTS
For "Hansel and Gretel," he has augmented the timeless appeal of puppetry with the magical effects of modern age: marionettes almost three feet tall of miracle plastics and fibreglass, high fidelity stereophonic sound, three dimensional scenery, and props in Fairyland color with a glittering snowfall, complete lighting board and equipment, and every effect of a "grown-up" Broadway show, some five tons of touring equipment in all.

PREMIERE
The West coast premiere of the New York Marionette Theater is being presented as a Christmas week treat for the young through combined efforts of the International Concerts Exchange, a non-profit cultural foundation, and Culver City Council. Tickets are \$1.50 for children, \$2 for adults with reductions for 20 or more.



REBELLION AND PAIN are present in dramatic moment from the El Camino College production of "The Miracle Worker." Play is the story of Helen Keller, born blind and mute, played by

Saundra Lowell, and her teacher, Anne Sullivan, played by Goyle McClellan (left). Final performance will be presented Sunday in the Campus Theater at 2:30 p. m.

MORMON CHURCH WILL PRESENT 'MESSIAH' AT PHILHARMONIC

The Southern California Mormon Choir will present Handel's "Messiah," Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, it was announced by Robert S. Stevens, choir president.

This annual presentation, now in its eighth year, has become one of the outstanding cultural highlights of the Christmas season for the greater Los Angeles area, and is anxiously awaited by music lovers everywhere.

The famed 150-voice choir will be conducted by Frederick Davis and accompanied by a full orchestra selected from Los Angeles' finest instrumentalists. Four nationally renowned singers will perform the solo roles: Berna Fitzell, soprano; Peggy Coburn, contralto; Richard Riffel, tenor, and Ned Romero, bass.

WIDELY ACCLAIMED
The 159 singers in the widely acclaimed choir represent the Mormon community in the Los Angeles area and come from the farthest reaches of the San Fernando Valley, San Bernardino, Santa Monica, the Long Beach and Garden Grove areas, as well as central Los Angeles. Each singer is selected by audition and must be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

HUMBLE BEGINNING
Frederick Davis, who has conducted the choir since its inception in 1953, has directed its success from a humble beginning to a polished musical organization that has made more than 100 national radio broadcasts, sung in Hollywood Bowl on several occasions, including a performance this past summer with John Scott Trotter, appeared on the Dinah Shore and Steve Allen television shows, appeared at Shrine Auditorium on the Los Angeles Concert Series, concertized throughout California, appearing in San Francisco Opera House last spring, and will appear with Igor Gorin at Philharmonic Auditorium in March.

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The publication said service station sales in 1962 amounted to \$18.6 billion, up from \$10.5 billion a decade earlier. During the same period retail sales in general increased by 39 per cent.

The retail price of gasoline, not counting taxes which now average more than 10 cents a gallon, decreased by 4.3 per cent a gallon during the decade.

FROM THE WINGS

By Betty Schroeder

Members of the Torrance Chapel Theatre family are saddened at the loss of one of their most dedicated and devoted members. Max Eugene Wilmarth passed away Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 at his home 1025 17th St., Hermosa Beach.

Mr. Wilmarth and his wife, Marion have made Chapel Theatre their life's work and diligently worked for the theatre since its inception fifteen years ago and have been "Mr. and Mrs. Box Office" since then. Mr. Wilmarth is responsible for obtaining different local artists to exhibit their creations in the theatre's auditorium during the run of each production and was ever seeking new talent in an effort to bring culture to the City of Torrance and to enable artists to establish a foothold toward realizing their ambitions. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Chapel since its

incorporation. The Annual Award dinner was handled for seven years by Max and Marion, and for many years treated the work crews at the theatre with handsome lunches during their "work parties."

Mr. Wilmarth was born in Wentworth, South Dakota, March 3, 1897 and served in the Marine Corps during the first World War. He has been a member of the Elks Lodge and was employed at Mobile Oil as senior chemist for 32 years before his retirement. His hobbies were many and varied and had painted in mosaics since 1945. The Wilmarths have resided in Hermosa Beach for 33 years.

Funeral services will be held at White and Day Mortuary Chapel, Redondo Beach at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 with Rev. Richard Parker officiating.

He is survived by his widow.

Children Present Yuletide Concert

Young vocalists from schools in Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Hermosa Beach and Lawndale comprising the Children's Choral Workshop will present their first annual Yuletide Concert on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Marymount College.

Directed by Mother Claude, R.S.H.M. of Marymount High School in Palos Verdes and Mother de la Passion, R.S.H.M. of Marymount Junior School in Brentwood, the 45 chorists will present a fare of traditional holiday carols and folk songs.

Programmed
Programmed are a greeting by Valerie Werner, "Carol, Sweet Carol," Czech carol; "The Holly and the Ivy," French carol; "Drummer Boy," Simeone; "Fum, Fum, Fum," Spanish carol;

"Christmas Rose," Yon with solo by Veronica Richards; "Silent Night," Gruber, and "Cantabile," Robinson, with harpist Gelinda Quintile.

Also listed are "What Child Is This," old English; "Tou-ro - Louro - Louro," French carol; "Carol of the Indian Children," Taylor, with recorder by Katie Kilpatrick and drum by Raymond Saar, "Sleigh Bells," Bentley, and "Snowflakes," Burgmuller, pianist Kristina Lamb, "Hush-a-Roon Carol," Evans, "Christmas Folk Song," Reese-Gordon, and "Let There Be Peace on Earth," Miller-Jackson.

Sally Baxter will recite the ever-popular "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and Marianne Bergeron, Alyson Bilich, Barbara Heck-

man, Katie Kilpatrick, Veronica Richards and Nancy Quass will sing "Wiegeliel" by Mozart.

Schools participating include the Revere Junior High School and Bellagio Road West School of Los Angeles, Marymount Junior School in Brentwood, Pier Avenue School in Hermosa Beach, Holy Trinity School in San Pedro, Jane Adams School in Lawndale and Aviation High School in Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Edmund Barley is the accompanist for the program which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Student-Faculty Center on the Palos Verdes Estates campus of Marymount College. Tickets at \$1.00 may be obtained at the door.

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