



Founders Club to host Judy Collins on Dec. 15

ROCHESTER — The Founders Club of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester has invited Judy Collins to perform during the sisters' annual holiday benefit at the Eastman Theatre, 26 Gibbs St., on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Best known for such hits as "Both Sides Now," "My Father," "Amazing Grace," and "Send in the Clowns," Collins will perform at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

This marks the ninth annual fundraiser to benefit the education fund of the Sisters of Mercy. Past shows have featured such performers as Bill Cosby, Andy Williams, The Canadian Brass, Rich Little and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Tickets for "The Judy Collins Holiday Show" cost \$15, \$21 and \$25. They are available from the Founders Club Box Office at the Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road; by calling the box office at 288-4817; from TicketExpress, 100 East Ave., Rochester (222-5000); or by calling TicketMaster, 1-800-382-8080.

Patron tickets also are available, entitling patrons to the concert and a reception with Judy Collins following the 7:30 p.m. performance.

NBC anchorwoman Faith Daniels to deliver speech, awards at St. Joseph's on Nov. 23

ELMIRA — Faith Daniels, news anchorwoman and co-host of NBC's *Today* show, will be the keynote speaker when the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation honors 12 health-care workers at the foundation's fifth anniversary dinner on Saturday, Nov. 23. The dinner is scheduled for the downtown Holiday Inn.

In addition to speaking on the topic of "News in the 90s," Daniels will also help present the awards.

Twelve hospital workers were nominated by their peers for outstanding service to health care in the Southern Tier. All the nominees will receive a special certificate for being nominated. Three individuals will receive special "Spirit Awards" plaques for

their service to the residents of the Southern Tier.

David Sullivan, executive director of the foundation, said he hopes that the awards become an annual event.

"I don't think there is enough done to recognize health care workers. They give so much of themselves to others and this event is one small way to say 'thank you,'" Sullivan said. "All the nominees are outstanding individuals. There are no winners or losers. All the nominees are dedicated health professionals and volunteers who embody the spirit of caring for the sick."

Tickets for the dinner cost \$75. All proceeds will benefit the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation. For discount ticket information call 607/737-7004.



POLICE BUSINESS — First-graders at St. Theodore's School in Gates were recently fingerprinted by the Gates Police. This annual service provides the police with information to ensure the students' safety. Above, a Gates police officer fingerprints Melissa Louis.



DRIVE TOPS GOAL — After selling 1,973 magazine subscriptions for a grand total of \$31,400, the students at St. John of Rochester School, 10 Wickford Way, Fairport once again exceeded their goal during the school's annual magazine drive. Above, sixth-graders Ashleigh Cirilla (left) and Katie Scarsella were the top individual salespeople this year.

Christmas concert to benefit Crisis Pregnancy Center

ROCHESTER — Loretta Cisterna Doyle, a resident cantor/soloist at St. Theodore's Church in Gates, will perform her annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at Corpus Christi Church, 864 Main St. E.



Entitled "Celebrate Christmas," the concert is free and open to the public. Freewill offerings will benefit the Problem Pregnancy Help Center, Inc., 3252 Lake Ave. In addition to offering information and referrals to pregnant women, the center provides baby furniture, maternity and baby clothes to women.

The Christmas concert will feature new songs as well as traditional hymns and carols in Italian, French, German and Latin. Teryle Maar, the director of

the senior choir and string program at the Rochester City School District's School of the Arts, will accompany Doyle. Maar also serves as music director at St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Ave., and as director of the Rochester Peace Child Chorus.

Keesha Fleth, a Nazareth Academy senior, will also perform at the concert.

Doyle has recorded a number of albums throughout her career, including her most recent release *Celebrate Christmas*. She has also recorded *Loretta Doyle Sings Favorites*, and a live performance entitled *Back to Broadway*. In addition to her duties at St. Theodore's, Doyle also sings with the chapel chorus at St. Mary's Hospital and at St. Thomas More Church.

Refreshments will be served following the concert. Call 716/865-0360 for information.

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Hibernians sponsoring Irish essay contest for youths

ROCHESTER — The Monroe County Board of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring a National Irish Essay Contest for school-aged children in the Rochester area. The organization is dedicated to increasing awareness of Irish history and culture.

The contest is open to children in Catholic, public and private schools. Students in grades sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades are asked to write an essay on "Irish Myths and Legends." High school students must submit an essay on "The Irish Potato Famine." Entries must be received by Jan. 2.

Entries will be reviewed and the winners will be awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds. The winning essay from each group will be sent on to the state level for another round of competition. The winning essays at the state level will be awarded cash prizes. Those essays will be sent on to the National Irish History Contest. Cash prizes up to \$1,000 will be awarded at the national level.

Eligibility requirements and contest rules can be obtained from school principals and by calling 716/473-7843 or 467-3393.

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