

# Thread By Thread

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director of Fulton Opera House, said the play will weave threads of one family's legacy quilt with music as funny, bold, and tender as the mothers and daughters it defines.

"It is a patchwork of strength, perseverance, determination, and love," Simmons said of the musical that will open April 27, 2000 and run through May 7.

Tickets, from \$12 to \$29, will be on sale at the box office. Call (717) 397-7425.

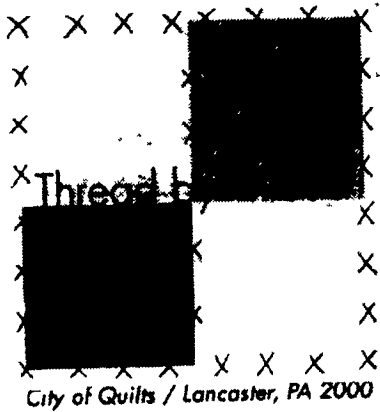
Heritage Center Museum of Lancaster County will be the site of an exhibition called "The Stars of Pennsylvania: Lancaster County Quilts." Almost all the historic quilts to be featured in the exhibition will be from private collections.

Peter Seibert, executive director of the Heritage Center, said, "From the broad stripes of Amish quilts to the intricate piecing of Mennonite and other work, the rich and endless variety of county quilts have captured the interest of collectors, writers, quilts, and the curious."

Accompanying the exhibition will be a publication of the same title written by local textile scholar Dr. Patricia T. Herr. The publication will feature 200-300 quilts. A day long symposium relating to the history and creation of quilts is being planned.

Heritage Center Museum is open April through December, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Seibert said a county-wide student contest will also be held in conjunction with the Heritage Center display. Three students will be given savings bonds for their award-winning original quilt pattern accompanied by a brief description of the quilting design.



Lancaster Galleries, 34 N. Water St., will conduct an exhibition on quilt patterns used in art through the centuries. Mike Heberlein, owner of Lancaster Galleries, said the patterns will range from primitive old drawings to contemporary realistic wood carvings of quilts by Fraser Smith. The exhibition is free and open to the public during the month of April 2000.

Lancaster Museum of Art will feature contemporary quilts by national artists in an exhibition scheduled from April 14-May 29, 2000. Cindi Morrison, director of the Museum of Art, said uncommon threads or unusual materials will be used in a variety of ways to create contemporary quilts.

An artists' discussion is also slated for Saturday April 29, 2000, from noon to 1 p.m.

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra will create a musical quilt representing a patchwork of musical styles. Kristie Davis, executive director of the Orchestra, said "Performances will feature three distinctively different styles of music, quilted together into one program, to form a Musical Quilt, scheduled April 8-9, 2000.

Subscriptions to the Symphony's Millennium Season as well as single tickets for this performance are available by calling the Symphony's subscription manager at (717) 291-4420.

Pennsylvania School of Art and Design (PSA&D) is planning for nationally-known quilt makers to bring a mixed-media approach during an exhibit that will incorpo-

rate photography, printmaking, painting, and other constructed objects.

Mary Colleen Heil, president of the school, said that crossover quilts will be on exhibit from January through March 2000 at PSA&D's main galleries, 204 N. Prince St. Admission is free.

Mary Stadden, director of publ-

ic relations for PSA&D, said, "Project partners believe that heritage, the arts, and culture are the core of a city such as Lancaster. Planned activities are expected to draw thousands of countians and tourists. More information will be released closer to the year 2000 celebration."

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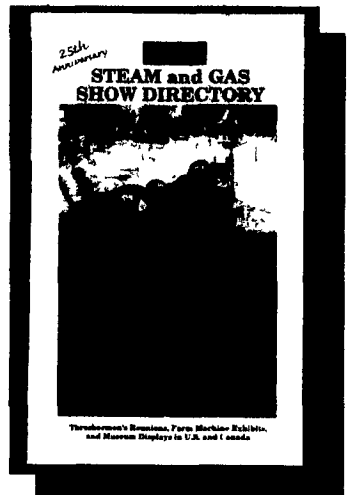
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