

## FOR THE COASTAL PLAYERS, CHARITY BEGINS AT THEATER

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The Coastal Players have thought of a way to lure people to their performances, and at the same time raise money for charity.

The Jupiter theater group is donating the proceeds from four of this season's performances to charities in North County. The charities will get money and, if things go right, the Coastal Players will get audiences.

"I'll tell you why we're doing this," Coastal Players member Susan Emley said. "We have to build an audience. That is our main project for the next couple of years."

The 21-year-old amateur company will perform Cactus Flower at 8 p.m. Thursday at Jupiter Community High School. Tickets will be \$10. Proceeds will help pay for a new building for the Jupiter-Tequesta Chamber of Commerce.

The Players' Feb. 7 and 8 performances of Little Me will benefit Growing Together Inc., a drug rehabilitation program.

And one of its March performances of The Dining Room -- the Players aren't sure which one -- will benefit the Jupiter Inlet Sertoma Club, which supports programs for the hearing impaired.

Emley said she believes the benefits will attract many people who wouldn't otherwise go to a community theater performance.

For tickets, call 746-6303.

### Sculptor goes public

West Palm Beach sculptor Gloria Drew Starr first saw Brother Joe Ranieri at a service at Bethesda By-The-Sea Church in Palm Beach.

"I thought he had a very, very interesting face," Starr said.

Starr, who has studios in West Palm Beach and New York, asked Ranieri, the founder of The Lord's Place family shelter, whether she could sculpt his head in clay.

"He said, 'Yeah, a lot of people would like to have my head,' " Starr said.

Starr sculpted Ranieri and cast the head in bronze. Ranieri plans to sell it and later this year give the money to The Lord's Place.

Ranieri isn't the only local public figure Starr has sculpted. Not long ago, she persuaded Will Ray, executive director of the Arts Council, to sit for her.

"He's an understanding person, compassionate and quite brilliant," Starr said. "He was very easy to work with, very cooperative."

Starr hasn't finished the sculpture yet. She will finish it at 2 p.m. Sunday at a demonstration at the Hyatt-Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach. The demonstration will be part of the Hyattfest for the Arts, which lasts all weekend.

### Why did Starr decide to sculpt Ray?

"I thought it would be good publicity," she said.

### Interest in Hammer grows

The Norton Gallery of Art in West Palm Beach is preparing for the Nov. 16 opening of the Armand Hammer collection of western European and American Art.

The collection, which includes works by Rembrandt, Titian, Rubens, Toulouse-Lautrec, Pissarro and many others, has been at the Norton before. More than 110,000 people saw it when it was at the gallery in 1981.

Gallery spokesman Sue Whitman said she expects even more people this time around.

"Every day there's something in the newspapers about Armand Hammer," she said, referring to stories about Hammer's party for the prince and princess of Wales and his rumored connections to communism.

"Some of that publicity has to help the exhibition," she said.

The exhibition will close Dec. 29.

Here's to the arts

The Palm Beach County Commission last week proclaimed Friday the county's Arts Day. The proclamation, signed by the commissioners, County Attorney Gary Brandenburg and Clerk of the Courts John Dunkle, honored these individuals and organizations:

\* The Norton Gallery of Art, which received a \$50,000 grant from the state Division of Cultural Affairs;

\* The Caldwell Playhouse, which the Division of Cultural Affairs recently recommended for state theater status;

\* Senate President Harry Johnston, D-West Palm Beach, who worked to get \$10 million in state money for an arts center;

\* Mary O. Johnston, Johnston's wife, who is a member of the Florida Arts Council;

\* All county artists and arts organizations, for attracting tourists to the county and developing the largest private arts council in South Florida.

Happenings around town

The Actor's Workshop and Repertory Company will hold its second Original Material Night at 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$2 and are available at the door. Magicians, musicians and comedians will perform. Herald Staff Writer Frank Cerabino will be one of the comedians . . . The Palm Beach County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors will exhibit timepieces at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum from Tuesday to Nov. 19. Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions about the rare clocks and watches. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12 . . . John Whiting's *The Devils* will open at the Florida Atlantic University Theatre next Friday and will run through Nov. 17. FAU theater professor Jean-Louis Baldet will direct . . . A champagne brunch to benefit the Delray Beach Playhouse will be held at the playhouse Nov. 24. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling 272-1282. The group is trying to raise money to renovate its theater, which is slowly sinking into the soil . . . Let's twist again: Chubby Checker will appear at Heartbreaker Cafe in West Palm Beach at 10 p.m. and midnight Thursday. Tickets are \$10 and are available at 655-6004.

Mike Wilson's column appears every Saturday. If you have an item of interest, please send it to him at The Miami Herald, 75 NE Federal Highway, Delray Beach, Fla. 33444. or call him at 272-2626 (South County) or 737-1009 (Central and North County).

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