

ional Trade Mart lobby The ITM celebrates the holidays in festivities featuring Christmas trees decorated by eight international consultates, plus appearances each weekday at noon by area musical and choral groups, beginning with an opening ceremony featuring the **Philippine Community Choir**, 11:30 a.m. Tues.

Arts-Grants Workshop — Xavier University Administration Building. The Arts Council of New Orleans and the New Orleans chapter of Links Inc. sponsor a workshop on details of the Louisiana Division of the Arts' grant programs and the application process for grants, 10 a.m. to 1 Wed. For information call 523-1465.

Frank J. Lewis Planetarium — Dominican College, 526 Pine St. The planetarium presents "The Christmas Star," a sky show about "the surprising celestial object that appeared in the sky at the time of the birth of Jesus," 7:30 and 8:30 Thurs. By admission. For information call 865-7761.

CONCERTS

"Pontilly" Christmas Concert — Southern University in New Orleans, 6400 Press Drive, Brown Hall. SUNO hosts the fifth annual choral concert featuring participants from churches and schools in the Gentilly and Pontchartrain Park areas, plus the **Rehabilitation Choir of Orleans Parish Prison**, 7:30 today. Free.

Baton Rouge "Nutcracker" — Centroplex Theater for the Performing Arts, Baton Rouge. The **Baton Rouge Symphony** presents the **Eghevsky Ballet Company of New York** in a production of the popular Tchaikovsky ballet classic, conducted by **James Yestadt**, 8 today, 2 and 8 Sat, and 2 Sun. For information call 387-6166 in Baton Rouge.

Glenn Miller Orchestra — President riverboat, Canal Street Wharf. **WWIW Radio** presents the big band directed by **Larry O'Brien** in a concert/dance cruise, with the **Razzberrie Ragtimers** opening, 8:30 today (boarding begins at 8). Tickets at Ticketmaster outlets, or call 522-1450. See "Hilites of the Week."

Folk Music and Dance Workshop — First United Methodist Church, 3401 Canal St. The South Louisiana Chapter of the **American Orff**

Junior Philharmonic Society Concert — Tulane University, Dixon Hall. The society presents its second concert of the season featuring young singers, instrumentalists and dancers, plus the **NOCCA Brass Ensemble**, 10:45 a.m. Sat. Free.

Ballet Auditions — The **Riverside Civic Ballet Company**, directed by **Sharon T. Hayman**, holds auditions for its junior company, noon to 1:30, and senior company, 1 to 3, both Sat, at the **Dance Workshop**, 163 Hickory Ave., Harahan. For information call 737-6492. . . . The **West Bank Ballet Company**, directed by **Kathy Thornton Gamble**, holds auditions for both its junior and main companies, 4 Sun at 3451 Kabe! Drive, Algiers. For information call 394-5000.

"Nutcracker" Selections — Members of **Hysell Ballet Arts** who will be participating in **New Orleans Ballet's** annual production of "The Nutcracker" (Dec. 17-19) perform "special selections" from the popular Christmas-time dance classic, 2 Sat at **Oakwood Shopping Center mall**; 2 Sun at **Ursuline Academy Auditorium**, 2635 State St.; and 7 Mon at **Chateau Village Shopping Center**. Free.

The Opera — Theater of the Performing Arts. The **New Orleans Opera Association** presents Verdi's 1843 opera "I Lombardi" in a production starring soprano **Cristina Deutekom**, tenor **Carlo Bergonzi**, bass **Ferruccio Furlanetto** and tenor **Rico Serbo**; conducted by **Anton Coppola**; and directed by **Cynthia Auerbach**, 7:30 Sat. Final performance. Tickets at Ticketmaster outlets, or call 529-2278.

Piano Recital — Loyola University, Nune-maker Hall. The **Rev. Thomas Culley, S.J.**, plays a recital in honor of the **Golden Jubilarians of the New Orleans Province of the Society of Jesus**, 8 Sat. Free.

Slidell "Nutcracker" — Slidell City Auditorium. The **Slidell Dance Theater**, directed by **Darlene Dauth Haik**, presents its ninth annual production of the popular ballet classic, 8 Sat and 2 Sun. By admission.

Randy Meisner — President riverboat, Canal Street Wharf. The rock singer appears in a concert-cruise, 9 Sat. Tickets at Ticketmaster outlets, or call 524-7245.

Jackson Square Concert — Appearing in the



Laura Lepler left, Ann Greene, Tyann Clement and John Kinchen are Junior Philharmonic Society recitalists on Saturday at Dixon Hall.