



Musician-comedian Victor Borge appears Sunday night at 8 in Rudder Auditorium, courtesy of MSC OPAS.

Borge performs here Sunday night

Q. What do you get when you cross a classical pianist with a comedian?

A. Victor Borge, the man who has been called the "comedian's comedian ... (and) the musician's musician."

His biography states that "his irresistible humor, supreme pianism and extraordinary ability as an orchestral conductor have made him one of the foremost box office attractions of all time" — a claim proven by his world record of 849 performances on Broadway for a one-man show.

Borge will present his "Comedy in Music" program, ranging from "Bach to Bernstein and Steve Martin to Steve Allen," at Texas A&M University Sunday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

The performance is spon-

sored by the Memorial Student Center Opera and Performing Arts Society.

Borge, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, has been knighted by the kings of Norway, Denmark and

Sweden, has been honored by the U.S. Congress and has performed for numerous U.S. presidents and Queen Elizabeth.

Last week, he was knighted in Finland. He was honored for his help in establishing the "Thanks to Scandinavia" program which provides scholarships to Scandinavians who wish to study at American universities.

Performing with Borge is opera soloist Marylyn Mulvey, who has been a member of the Victor Borge Company for several years.

Circus schedules three-day run

Ladies and gentlemen, this weekend, in the center ring, the "World's Largest Circus Under the Big Top" comes to Bryan.

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus performs Friday through Sunday, October 16-18, in the Townshire Shopping Center parking lot.

Over a hundred performers and animals travel with the circus, which has been entertaining crowds for 98 years.

They will have a busy weekend, starting with circus elephants raising the gigantic

blue-and-white big top tent Friday morning from 7 till noon.

Shutterbugs are advised that the best picture-taking times are between 8 and 11 a.m. Donna Lewis, marketing director of the circus, said the tent-raising usually goes like clockwork because it has been done so many times, but it still fascinates her.

The elephants are the main attraction again on Saturday, with a race between the lumbering pachyderms scheduled for high noon, just before the first performance. Disc jockeys from radio station WTAW will turn into elephant jockeys for the race, along with representatives of The Eagle, The Press and KBTX-TV.

At the Saturday morning performance, local children will be painted and costumed by circus clowns and will become circus stars for a day.

Lewis said the Clyde Beatty

Circus usually performs on the East Coast and hasn't been to Texas in about 20 years.

Circus Vargas usually performs in this area, and appeared in Bryan-College Station last year.

Showtimes are 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Advance tickets are available today for a \$1 discount at Sears, with regular priced tickets available at the performance.

Aggies with a current I.D. receive a discounted ticket price of \$3.

Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, and \$3 for children 12 and under and adults over 65.

Reserved seats are \$1 extra.



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