

Turkish group to folk dance

A Turkish folk dance group from Istanbul, Turkey, will appear in Detroit's Music Hall for a one-night stand Thursday (April 16). During their first visit to the United States the FOTEM ensemble of 38 men and women will perform in 20 cities during April and May with a return appearance scheduled in Detroit May 5 in the Masonic Temple.

The tour is privately sponsored by Turkish-American doctors who have contributed to the financial support of this (first North American appearance of FOTEM) designed to bring recognition of the Turkish cultural heritage in the United States. Among them from Birmingham-Bloomfield are Turkish-American Cultural Assoc. board members, Dr. and Mrs. Celal Colak and Dr. and Mrs. Ouz Ergin.

Minuteman series ends

The Detroit Institute of Arts Yachseure 10 cent Minuteman Matinee Series concludes April 24 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with the classic American film "Drums Along the Mohawk".

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name for the Turkish words "Center for Promotion and Education of Folklore", has been sponsored by the Turkish government to perform in international festivals, travels abroad regularly by invitation, and recently performed in Germany and Sweden. Their repertoire won first place among 22 competing nations at the International Folk Dance Festival of Dijon, France last year.

The performance features youthful dancers in costume with music to provoke a cultural exchange in living tradition pure in form and emotion. For the American art enthusiasts, authentic dance suites of nine regions of Turkey will be performed just as they would be at village squares in local festivities with very little choreography added.

Eight folk musicians will play double-headed musical instruments such as the zurna and mey; string instruments like the kemence, baglama, and saz (national instruments of Turkey); baglamas (sitar-like), accordion, clarinet, davul (double-skinned drum), kaval (flute), and pooms.

Some of these instruments are precursors of today's orchestral instruments. Three examples are the zurna, ancestor of the oboe, the mey, ancestor of the bassoon; and the kemence, ancestor of the violin. These ancient instruments have remained unchanged for three to four thousand years. The "spoon" dances from the Silifke region date back to the Turkman of the XI century.

Dances from the Black Sea region (Kazandini) are reflective of the influence of nature and the livelihood of the people. Fish is the source of food and work for the people and their dances have vigorous shimmering imitative of the constant motion of their catch, reflecting the temperament of the Black Sea people as tense and quick.

Tickets are available at the Music Hall box office, Hudson's and Grinnell's department stores. Group rates, senior citizens and student discounts are available.



Turkish dancers of Music Hall, April 16, will perform for the first time in the U.S.A. The Istanbul based group of 38 men and women include eight folk musicians. The FOTEM repertoire won first place among 22 competing nations at the International Folk Dance Festival in Dijon, France last year. Their dances carry authentic motifs of thousands of years old folk traditions accompanied by musical instruments that date back hundreds of years and are the ancestors of modern day counterparts.

Togetherhness at Playboy

The musical aggregation Togetherhness, comprised of four musicians and a vocalist, is appearing at the Detroit Playboy Club through May 1.

The music of Togetherhness ranges from soul to top 40 and contemporary. Togetherhness is Alfredo Walf, lead trombonist; Greg Drew, keyboard instruments; Toni Collins, vocalist; her brother Bill Collins, bass and vocals; and Art Shores, percussionist. They have appeared at night clubs and Playboy Clubs around the country.

Togetherhness is entertaining in the Detroit Playboy Club's Living Room, with shows beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. Reservations are recommended.

The Amira Amir Mediterranean Dance Review has been rescheduled to perform at the Detroit Playboy Club through April. Dancers are performed in authentic costumes, accompanied by live Mediterranean music in a display of rhythm and body movement.

The Amira Amir Dance Review performs Friday and Saturday nights only, April 16 and 17 and 22 and 24, with shows at 9 and 11:30 p.m. each evening. Reservations are recommended.

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