



Surrounded by greenery and directed by Sixten Ehrling, the Detroit Symphony delighted 7,000 first-nighters.

Classic night, classy occasion



Mrs. Sixten Ehrling signs in on a framed hide standing at Botsford Inn's front entrance. The hide is a replica of the type Indians used to restore historical events.



Philip and Sarah Power pause at the preview in the Penny Court where Detroit Chamber artists played before the symphony concert. Power is chairman of the board of Suburban Communications Corp.

Culture in a shopping center drew an estimated crowd of 7,000 to Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi Monday night.

Many of the guests began the evening with a dinner at Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills, before joining the crowds of music lovers who wanted to see the spacious new mall and hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra reunited with its former director, Sixten Ehrling.

Hudson's and some of the 50 other stores that comprise the center were open during the evening, but many had workers still stocking shelves as the strains of the music filled the evening air.

The program of lively and robust favorites like "Pomp and Circumstance" and the overture to "Merry Wives of Windsor" carried well even over a steady flow of conversation as visitors oohed and aahed over the mall's distinctive appointments.

Guests who sipped complimentary champagne and paid \$10 each for the preview evening commented on the spaciousness of the courts and the green look created by many trees and other plantings installed just days and hours before the preview.



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mandell (right) and Dr. and Mrs. M. T. McKinney inspect the newest Hudson branch during the preview evening. They are neighbors on Drake Road, Farmington Hills.

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Five friends attending the preview with the blessings of baby-sitting husbands queue up at one of the many cash bars. From left are Judy Patton, Farmington Hills; Joyce Wiggins, Southfield; Donna Johnson, recently moved from Southfield to Farmington; Amy Knoy, Farmington; and Nancy Lawton, Farmington Hills. They confided that their husbands "thought the stores wouldn't be open."



Dressed in their "Classic Night" best, guests strolled through the courtyards of Farmington's Botsford Inn with pre-dinner cocktails. Dinner was served at the historic inn before guests took off for Twelve Oaks Mall in time for the concert.