

Festival captures Arab mood

By JANAN GHANNAM

The smell of lamb *meat* (shab kebab) and falafel sandwiches fills the air while young students dressed in traditional embroidered caftan-like dresses dance the intricate steps of the dabka to the sounds of the strumming oud, the beating darbuka, the lilting sherebia and the clapping of hands.

It's the food and music of the Arab world, for 100,000 Arabs in the Detroit metropolitan area and their American friends at the Arab World Riverfront Festival Friday through Sunday.

As part of the bi-centennial celebration "On Tour" program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, a special Egyptian folk dance troupe will perform stick dances and harvest songs at the festival. Wedding feast songs, challenge songs, healing songs and simple village songs will also be presented by the 28 musicians, singers and dancers ranging in ages from 16 to 60.

THE GROUP contains villagers from the Aqawa, Solah and Shariya regions, as well as performers from Alexandria and Port Said.

"We are very lucky to have this troupe perform at our festival," said Paul Salamy, spokesman for the festival. "They are a group well worth seeing."

Dressed in their native village costumes, the folk artists began their United States visit with a one-week appearance at the Festival of American Folklife in Washington, D.C. Their schedule to appear in Detroit was made in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institute. The group will then go on tour to communities across the United States, joining thousands in a bi-centennial celebration.

Local musical talent will also be featured at the festival with Jaki Amouz of Southfield, an accomplished oud player, leading the Arab World Festival Orchestra.

Festival program chairwoman Helen Salamy explained that a cultural tent with artifacts from Arab countries will be on display at the festival.

ACCORDING TO Miss Salamy, Arab contributions to civilization and native handicraft from Palestine, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Yemen, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Syria will be displayed in the cultural tent—another invention of the Arabs.

Local residents gathering historical and cultural artifacts include Hale Ajlun of Southfield; Subella Ajlun and Farida Khouri of Birmingham. Miss Salamy said that a historical treaty signed by Morocco, recognizing the independence of the United States is on loan from the Moroccan government and will be on display in the cultural tent.

"As I discovered, Morocco was the first country to recognize the United States," said Miss Salamy. A special slide presentation relating the history of the Arab nations and their contributions will be shown in the cultural tent, she added.

DECORATIONS at the cultural tent and on stage will be coordinated by Marlene Arada of Southfield, giving the festival a total Arab look.

With more than 400 Arab-American organizations participating in the festival, food will be plentiful.

The Organization of Arab Students will feature their falafel, vegetable, burger, sandwiches, the Palestine Red Crescent Society will have plenty of tabook (wheat and vegetable salad), and the Arab American University graduates will sell their homemade kibbe. Almost every booth will offer baklava for dessert.

Because of the continuing war in Lebanon, a number of booths will be asking for donations to aid displaced and wounded Arab refugees. One of those booths is the United Holy Land Fund.

Dr. Elia Khouri of Birmingham, vice-president of the Detroit chapter, explained that the United Holy Land Fund is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization which raises money for Arab refugees as well as aiding hospitals and clinics.

"One goal of the ethnic festival is to educate the public about the Arab culture," said Dr. Khouri. "The United Holy Land Fund is dedicated to aid the people to preserve their culture."

Workshop in Woods closes concert season

Workshop in the Woods will present its final concert of the season on Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Duns Scotus College, Nine Mile and Evergreen Roads, Southfield.

Students from every area of greater Detroit and the Detroit Symphony Faculty will participate in the last of two chamber music concerts given during the season.

Works by Mozart, Schubert, Bach, Beethoven, Glinka, and others will be presented in the Italian gothic chapel of the Duns Scotus Seminary. Faculty includes Ray Benner, workshop director and founder; Mal Kaufman, Don Baker, and Clement Barone of the Detroit Symphony.

Sponsoring the six-week workshop are the Southfield Arts Council, City of Southfield (Parks and Recreation Dept.) and the Michigan Council for the Arts. Duns Scotus College is the sponsoring host.

The concert is open to the public.

AREA STUDENTS participating in the concert include Birmingham residents Brian Bell, horn; Mary Jones, violin, and Jo-Ann Ross, viola, and Farmington residents John Boyd, bassoon, and Gage Stamborski, clarinet.

"The atmosphere of the Duns Scotus Seminary and its wooded campus lends itself to music making," said Benner. "With our music and the cloistered setting we become like a family each summer. It is a creative experience where the faculty and the student become like one. It is in this sharing that perhaps one approaches an artistic ideal," Benner said.

Once again this summer's workshop includes excursions by the student groups to provide free concerts for shut-ins. The students have played hospitals, convalescent homes, old-age homes and orphanages.

New to the Workshop this summer will be a Michigan tour. To take place during the week immediately following the six-week session (Aug. 9 through 15). The students will give concerts and be hosted in Petoskey, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, and Mackinac Island.



Dressed in their native village costumes, folk artists from the East Delta of lower Egypt display their double reed flutes and tambourine. The Egyptian folk troupe can be seen at the Arab World Riverfront Festival Friday through Sunday.

Caribbean Feast set

A Caribbean Feast will be held poolside at the Troy Hilton Inn from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Aug. 14.

Complete with a spicy buffet of traditional dishes from Jamaica, Trinidad, Haiti and other island nations, the Caribbean Feast will also feature Noble Wilson's Caribbean Calypso, a native band imported from the Caribbean.

The Troy Hilton Inn's Caribbean Feast will include dancing and dining in an island atmosphere.

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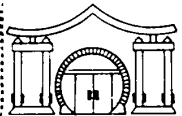
rhythm of the Caribbean Islands. Traditional favorites are blended with on-the-spot Calypso creations which spotlight the group's leader, Noble Wilson. Helen Trinidad.

The group's performance offers the congo drums and vocals of Kingston, Jamaica's Pato.

The Caribbean Calypso holds as one of its most memorable engagements a performance at the Inaugural Ball for Gov. G. Mennen Williams. It was also featured at the recent opening of the Caribbean Room at the Jamaica Hilton Hotel.

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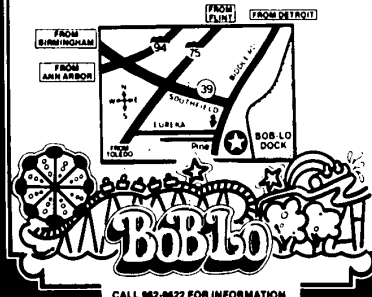
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