



Eduard Perrone conducts orchestra in pre-concert at Somerset Mall.



Brass section performs during free concert for shoppers.



Young musician plays in string section of Symphonia Domestica Philharmonic Orchestra. (Photos by Judy Huizenga)

Buddy Rich plays P'Jazz

Talk show celebrity, band leader and drum virtuoso Buddy Rich and the Big Band Machine will play their premiere P'Jazz concert Friday at the Hotel Pontchartrain in the Detroit Civic Center area. The outdoor P'Jazz concerts on the Pontch's poolside terrace run from 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and regularly drawn crowds of some 1,000 people for big bands like Maynard Ferguson and Woody Herman. One of the hottest personalities on today's musical scene, Rich and his 14-member Big Band Machine play high-energy, original compositions and arrangements. Rich played his first drum on stage at 18 months with his parents in vaudeville. He is now twice the age of his Big Band Machine—averaging 34—but still hard for them to keep up with. Food, cocktails and beer, and wheel valet parking are available at the concert. In case of rain, the Buddy Rich concert will be held in the hotel's Versailles Ball Room. Future P'Jazz concerts will feature the Dorsey and Duke Ellington bands, as well as local groups Austin Moro, Brocade Jazz Ensemble, Jimmy Wilkins and Concert Jazz Band. Phone 963-0200 for further information.

Disco show on Aug. 9

A Disco Fashion Show, with Paul Christy of WHIC, will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, at Northland Center in Southfield. It was incorrectly stated in the "Where There's Life" calendar of The Observer & Eccentric that the fashion show would be on Monday, Aug. 2. The fashion show will be a dance presentation, in and with music. Christy is known in the Detroit area for his disco shows in local spots. The Merchants Association is sponsoring the fashion show.

Young symphony debuting

A new orchestra composed of young people from the Detroit area will have its premiere concert Thursday night at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Symphonia Domestica Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Eduard Perrone, has an average age of 23 years. Seventy-five per cent of its members are of Third World origin. The Symphonia had a pre-concert performance at Troy's Somerset Mall on Saturday. The program for Thursday night's concert begins with Debussy's "Fetes". Haydn's "Symphony No. 104" will be followed by an intermission. "La Tarantelle de Couperin" by Ravel, Wagner's "Die Tragische Idylle" and "Fleders" by Beethoven will close out the evening. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call 831-4316.

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