

4 top conductors set for series at Meadow Brook

The Meadow Brook Music Festival, summer home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Oakland University, has announced a Sunday Pops Series featuring four of the world's greatest pops conductors: Henry Mancini, Andre Kostelanetz, Arthur Fiedler and Richard Hayman.

Henry Mancini will lead off the series June 23 in "An Evening with Henry Mancini and the Detroit Symphony Pops."

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will also perform in four additional programs of the 10-week Sunday series. On July 16, Andre Kostelanetz will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a "Russian/French Pops Evening" with Carole Farley, soprano. The program will include music by Offenbach, Tchaikovsky, light music from the Russian masters and Ravel's Bolero.

"Star Ship Encounters" is the theme for the July 23 Detroit Symphony Pops with Richard Hayman conducting and Leonard Nimoy, star of TV's famous Star Trek, narrating. The show will include music from "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "Space Odyssey 2001" and other extraterrestrial music. A feature of the show will be a laser-light show in combination with the concert.

ON AUG. 6, the festival will present a Pops Opera Night with stars from the Metropolitan New York City Opera and Chicago Lyric Opera.

Ezio Flagello, Enrico di Giuseppe, Louise Russell and Barbara Windham will sing arias and ensembles from the great popular operas including Verdi: "Nabucco" Overture, Verdi: "Don Carlos" "Ella giammai m'amo, Donizetti: "Daughter of the Regiment" "C'est un le sai, Puccini: "La Boheme" Che Gelida Manina, Bellini: "I Puritani" Duet, Gounod: "Faust" Trio, Grandos: "Coyescas" Intermezzo, Verdi: "Orthello" Ballet Music, Verdi: "La Traviata" "Ah, fura e lui; sempre libera, Donizetti: "Elixir of Love" Una furtiva Lagrima, Rossini: "The Barber of Seville" La Calumnia, Verdi: "Rigoletto" Duet, "T'amo, ris-

petto, Mozart: "Don Giovanni" La ci darem la mano and Verdi: "Rigoletto" Quartet, under the direction of The Alcantara.

On Aug. 13, Arthur Fiedler returns to Meadow Brook for a concert with Robert Merrill, leading baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, joining him. Other specials on the Pops Series will include the return of Up With People, back to Meadow Brook for the third year July 2. This group of young vital singers and musicians have established a tradition for the Fourth of July weekend at Meadow Brook that has grown in popularity everytime they have appeared.

ON JULY 9, Virgil Fox makes his debut at Meadow Brook with David Snyder's Revelation Lights and an organ program. Background synchronized lighting is the feature of this program along with his organ techniques and style.

July 30 will mark the return of Ferrante & Teicher. On Aug. 20 the festival will host the show "Jacques Breil is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" with Elly Stone and Joe Masiell and, finally, on Aug. 27 the Sunday Pops Series will conclude with Bobby Short. "Our Sunday evening concerts wind up the weekend, and we like to program them primarily as comfortable entertainment for the entire family," Leon C. Petrus, managing director of the festival, said. "To do that, we must provide a broad mix of entertainment to reflect the varied tastes of differing age groups within the family. And the Sunday pops programming of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra provides a pleasant transition between the popular music of the day and the classical music of the ages."

All Meadow Sunday Pops concerts start at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the July 9 Virgil Fox concert and the July 23 "Star Ship Encounters" concert because of their use of lights. The time for those two concerts will be 8:30 p.m. Ticket and program information is available through a call at the Festival Box Office, 377-2010, on campus in Rochester.



'Scenes from a Marriage'

Liv Ullmann received critical acclaim and two Best Actress awards for her portrayal of Marianne in the condensed film version of Ingmar Bergman's "Scenes from a Marriage." The six-part work

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Organist Virgil Fox is making his first appearance at the festival.

Ella, Tony star on Friday jazz

The Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester has announced its Friday Jazz Series. For the last two years, the series has been sold out on subscription and has been one of the most popular evenings of the festival.

On June 23 Ella Fitzgerald and Trio will return for a gala jazz opening. Tony Bennett will take over the bill June 30. This is Bennett's third appearance at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. His last appearance in 1976 was the most popular evening of the summer.

The jazz techniques of Oscar Peterson have become almost a tradition at Meadow Brook and this year he will perform July 7 with Joe Pass.

A bit of nostalgia will come to the fore July 14 with the Fabulous Four, a show featuring The Four Lads, The Four Freshmen, The PiedPipers and The Ink Spots.

THE FIRST HALF of the summer series will conclude with Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians on July 21.

In a more contemporary vein, the second half of the summer jazz series will begin Aug. 4 with Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger, Chuck Mangione and the Chuck Mangione Quartet on Aug.



ELLA FITZGERALD

11 and a return of Cito Laine and his husband, John Dankworth, Aug. 18 and, finally, a command performance by Helen Reddy on Aug. 25 after her box office triumph in 1977.

Friday night jazz series starts at 8:30 p.m. with festival park opening two and a half hours before the performances. Tickets range from lawn reserved seats. For additional ticket information the phone number is 377-2010.

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