



Director James Smela directs the Jazz Rock Ensemble from Bloomfield Hills' West Hills Junior High School.

For a song



Musicians gather for National Music Week

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The Farmington Musicales and the Birmingham Musicales have teamed up again to bring another seven days of music to Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall in celebration of National Music Week.

Band, choruses and singers of all varieties, with music ranging from jazz to classical, from pop to barbershop, will be heard from May 7-14 under the theme "Music: Birthright of All People."

The two sponsoring groups are both members of the National Federation of Music Clubs, which mark its 55th annual observance of the week, in its dedication to the advancement of music.

Its objective is to create an understanding and appreciation of the value of music in the home, in the community, in the nation and the world.

SHOWTIME IS 3 p.m. Sunday, when the spotlight in the center mall focuses on Farmington Community Concert Band, a 60-member group with an exciting sound conducted by Paul Barber.

The Groves Symphony Band, a 62-member group under the direction of Eugene Hanson, join the Groves High School majorettes for a program at 1 p.m. Monday.

On Monday, at 7 p.m. shoppers will be introduced to the students of Pontiac-Birmingham Suzuki Institute in concert. Youngsters, under the direction of Jan Ryan, will play selections of Handel and Vivaldi on their violins.

The Select Girls Choir from Steven-

son High School in Livonia entertain at 1 p.m. Tuesday. The 50 voices under the direction of Lowell Everson sing both secular and sacred music.

The Neo-Renaissance Singers from Walled Lake Central High School are directed by Roger Longrie. The 20 selected madrigal singers will perform Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, at 1 p.m., the North Farmington High School Stage Band comes with its big band sound, under the direction of Douglas R. MacQueen.

The Kendallarks of Farmington, who make music fun while they sing contemporary and show tunes, stage their show for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The 40 women sing under the direction of Jim Whitten.

THE BARBERSHOP Chorus and Girls Octette, from Southfield-Lathrup High School take the stage at 1 p.m. Thursday. The group is a newly organized chorus under the direction of Dave Jarlette.

The West Hills Junior High Jazz Rock Ensemble, from Bloomfield Hills, comes for a performance at 1:30 p.m. Friday, under the direction of

James Smela. The ensemble has been in existence for five years, playing today's music with a strong beat.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday music from the '50s through the '70s will be heard from "Paradise." The band is from Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Saturday's concerts begin at 11 a.m. with The Agnes Prentice Highland Dancers, 12 competitive dancers accompanied by bagpipe.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, music comes from the Novi High School Jazz Rock Ensemble, when the 25 piece band is conducted by Craig Strain.

The week of music winds up at 3 p.m. Saturday when Fred McPayden directs the Wolverine Chorus. The group is three-time district champions of the Oakland County Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

The mall will be decorated with 500 posters, coming from children in Farmington elementary schools, who drew pictures for the week using the theme, "Music: Birthright of All People."

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Lisa Wurster, from Southfield-Lathrup High School, brought together in Tel-Twelve Mall by the Farmington Musicales and Birmingham Musicales. is one of hundreds of young musicians who will sing out in celebration of National Music Week.



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The Kendallarks take center stage at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. With director Jim Whitten are (from left) Bea Scaglione, Marie Clark and Ann Brincat, who specialize in "fun music."



Stu Greenspan, a guitarist with the North Farmington High School Stage Band, brings the big band sound to Tel-Twelve's center mall at 1 p.m. Wednesday.



Dave Jorlett leads four members of the Beauty Shop Octette (at left), who are Jeanne Kedzie, Lisa Wurster, Elizabeth Stoller and Miriam Sussman. (Above) Eugene Hanson strikes up the Birmingham Groves Symphony Band.