



Karl Haas' lecture series will begin Wednesday.

## Haas marks anniversary with visual arts series

Karl Haas will celebrate 20 years of Detroit broadcasting with a series of five weeknight talks entitled "The Romantic Connection" at the Detroit Institute of Arts, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Subsequent dates are Feb. 7, March 7, April 3 and May 16.

Each talk will be presented at 8 p.m. in the museum's Recital Lecture Hall. Tickets for the series are available at the art institute ticket office, 832-2730.

Similar to a series given by Haas at New York's Metropolitan Museum, the talks will explore romanticism in music, literature and the visual arts.

Pertinent musical illustrations will be performed at the piano by Haas.

Host of the Peabody Award winning "Adventures in Good Music," which is now heard in 80 U.S. cities and overseas, Haas was appointed director of fine arts by radio station WJR in 1959.

Karl Haas has been appointed "Officier d'Académie" and "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres" by the French government; has been awarded the First Class Order of Merit by the German government; and has received seven honorary doctorates in music, fine arts and humanities.

## Long laundry list figures in record year at Plaza

As the 73-story, 1,400-room Detroit Plaza Hotel pursues its day-to-day business of providing individualized service for all of its guests, it has accumulated an astonishing list of "unofficial records":

- The hotel laundry washed a total of six million pounds of laundry last year, including 1,440,000 sheets; 1,022,000 pillow slips; 522,000 bath towels and 324,000 uniforms. One thousand pounds of soap and approximately 375 pounds of bleach enabled the crew to get the laundry its "whitest white."

- More than 8,000 pounds of lettuce; 4,800,000 eggs; 20,000 pounds of coffee and 7,500 gallons of vodka were required to stock the hotel's 13 restaurants and lounges during 1978.

- Housekeeping has bed-making down to an art form. In-house attendants have made 427,110 beds during 1978. More than 380,000 bars of soap and 80,640 rolls of toilet paper were used to stock guest rooms.

- To accommodate the Chevrolet new car introduction in December, guest services delivered 7,000 pieces of luggage within 24 hours, with each piece at its destination within 30 minutes.

- One thousand gallons of water are used each time hotel greenery has to be watered. Greenery includes 720 mums, 1,500 grape ivy plants, 3,500 philodendrons, 180 weeping fig trees (ranging from 6 to 45 feet), 20 kentia palm trees and 500 assorted plants in hotel offices and suites.

- Six thousand windows were washed during 1978 and more than 10,000 light bulbs were replaced.
- The largest number of arrivals for 1978 was 1,363 rooms on July 30. The largest number of departures was 1,180 rooms on Oct. 22. Aug. 20 was the busiest day for the front office with 1,000 arrivals and 1,038 departures.

Two news-making events that set the Detroit Plaza apart from the others:

June 23 — Chemist Dennis Martz challenged Jerry LaChapelle, Detroit Plaza garage manager, to a race up 100 flights of stairs to the Summit. Both broke the Guinness World Record. Martz was the victor with a time of 19:24.

Dec. 8 — Two local Detroiters, Judy Tapp and Alvin Kerr, were pronounced man and wife during the 96-second ride up the glass-enclosed Summit elevator.

## Nikki heads concert night

Nikki Corvette and the Convertibles will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Helene Ballroom, 214 E. Fourth, Royal Oak.

Scott Price, of Liberty Productions, is presenting the concert. "This is Nikki's only area performance before departure for Los Angeles," he said.

Nikki Corvette, a female vocalist, currently has a hit single "Young and Crazy."

Also appearing in the concert will be R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots) and the Boy Dogs. Tickets are available at the door.

## Record crowd hears concert

Detroit's own Ted Nugent drew a record crowd of 41,639 on Dec. 28 in the Pontiac Silverdome's Mini-Dome.

The show, which also featured The Cars and a spectacular indoor fireworks show, was produced by Brass Ring Productions of Detroit.

The Silverdome's Mini-Dome features a huge curtain which divides the spacious Silverdome in half and provides an intimate atmosphere for musical concerts.

The Mini-Dome's previous one-night attendance records was 36,618 set by the group Boston last August.

## Tryout dates announced

A large cast in the Central West Bloomfield production of "Fanny and Alexander" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 10 and 11, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Steve Goldsmith is directing the show, which will be presented in March. For information call 661-1000, ext. 229.

## Critic Rex Reed talks about the movies

Rex Reed, controversial movie critic and panelist on the "Gong Show," will appear Wednesday at Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall.

Reed has been hailed by Time Magazine as "the most entertaining journalist in America since Tom Wolfe." His articles have appeared in such leading publications as Esquire, Holiday, Cosmopolitan, Harpers

Bazaar, and the New York Times, and his reviews of movies are syndicated throughout the country.

Reed, though still in his 30s, has spent most of his lifetime as an avid moviegoer. His youth was spent traveling from town to town, due to his father's job, and he withdrew from always being that new kid by whiling away his time at the movies every afternoon.

He still loves the movies and claims he would see the 10 shows a week he does, whether or not he was getting paid for it.

In some circles, he has a reputation for being a hatchet man. While he has written unfavorably about a few stars, the vast majority of his sketches are laudatory and he is held with high personal and professional esteem by most celebrities.

Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall series ticket-holders will join "Rex Reed at the Movies."

The 10:30 a.m. lecture is at Roma's of Bloomfield, and a noon celebrity luncheon will follow for season ticket-holders only at Roma's.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling 688-1223, or Mrs. David Parker at 332-2343, by Monday.

## True Grist announces 1979 spring season

True Grist Ltd. Dinner Theatre in Homer, west of Jackson, has announced its schedule for early 1979. Following a three-week vacation close from Jan. 1-21, The Bin Room Lounge will reopen for lunches Jan. 22.

Feb. 1 is opening for Simon's comedy classic about two crochety ex-audubons, "The Sunshine Boys." It

will play through March 11 with matinees set for Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and March 7.

Opening March 15 and playing through April 15 is a new play by Judith Ross, "An Almost Perfect Person."

This comedy takes an affectionate look at a warm and lovely woman and

the men in her life. Matinees are scheduled for March 21 and 28 and April 4 and 11.

"The Goodbye People" is a view of a delightful world of engagingly offbeat people. It is written by Herb Gardner, author of the highly successful "A Thousand Clowns." The show in its Broadway run won rave reviews for

Milton Berle in the lead role. Matinees are planned for April 25, May 2, 9 and 16.

The True Grist Box Office will open Jan. 22 for reservations for the 1979 spring season. The usual Thursday-Sunday evening schedule for performances will be in effect with the Wednesday matinees as noted.

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