

Kendallarks begin season with new acts, new schedule

The Kendallarks of Farmington, a woman's choral and specialty acts group that has been performing for 23 years, are putting together its performance schedule for the season while simultaneously welcoming new members.

The Kendallarks offer musical programs that run from 20 minutes to an hour in length, tailor-made to fit the season, the occasion, or the special-interest audience.

The repertoire is varied and includes contemporary and show tunes, songs from the good old days and folk songs. The programs feature soloists, duets, trios and a new barbershop quartette.

Sara Woolard, who enters her second term as president of the Kendallarks this fall, described the programs as "a little bit of dancing, a little bit of acting and a whole lot of singing."

The group is supported, in part, by The Michigan Council For The Arts.

The Kendallarks are directed by Jim Whitten, a resident of Plymouth who holds a bachelor's degree in music.

Susan Garr, the group's accompanist, is a Wayne State music major and a professional organist.

members and learn the workings of the group.

Open rehearsals are set this fall for 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in North Farmington Baptist Church on 13 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake.

Mrs. Woolard will take inquiries at 553-0182.

"I am taking calls from anyone who would like to sing with us, and I am also putting together the performance schedule this year so I can answer any questions groups might have about our shows or our availability," she said.

Marcy Yutendale is Mrs. Woolard's vice president. Carol Cushing is secretary and Joyce Messing is treasurer for the coming year.

The Kendallarks have given a reputation for singing "fun music" at luncheons, banquets, festivals and concerts. They come with their own costumes and props, and sometimes, specialty acts, or invited artists.

Membership consists of students, career women, housewives, and some are all three.



Fun music is chosen for next season's repertoire by Susan Garr, Sara Woolard and Jim Whitten. Ms. Garr is accompanist for the Kendallarks of Farmington. Mrs. Woolard is the group's president, and Whitten is director of the all-women chorus. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

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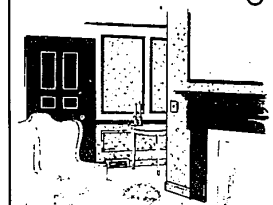
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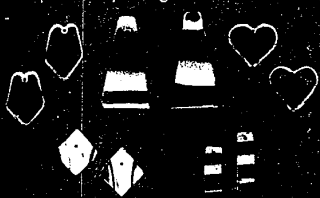
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