

Nathan Gordon appears as symphony's soloist

Andrew Davis will be on the podium for three performances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra today through Saturday in Ford Auditorium. Soloist will be the symphony's principal violinist, Nathan Gordon.

Thursday and Saturday evening performances are at 8:30 p.m., and the Friday morning NBD coffee concert is at 10:45 a.m. preceded by a complimentary coffee hour at 9:30.

The program will include the Overture to Beethoven's opera "Egmont," the symphony's premiere performance of Berg's Three Pieces, Opus 6, and Berlioz's Harold in Italy.

Tickets for the Thursday and Saturday concerts are \$11, \$9, \$8, \$7 and \$5. In addition, a limited number of tickets for students and senior citizens at \$2 will be available one hour prior to the concerts. Tickets for the Coffee Concert are \$9, \$7.50 and \$6.

Tickets for all performances are available at the Ford Auditorium Box Office.

Maestro Davis has been music director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra since 1975. He made his North American debut with the New York Philharmonic in 1974 and has appeared regularly with all of the major orchestras in North America.

Gordon was born in New York and spent his early years in Cleveland, where he attended the Institute of Music. After completing his formal musical education at the Juilliard School, he embarked on a career which has included membership in the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the Pittsburgh and Chautauqua symphonies, the Symphony of the Air — which toured the Far East — and the NBC Symphony under Arturo Toscanini.

An active chamber musician, he has been a member of the NBC, Mischkof, and Krull String Quartets, and guest artist with the Budapest Quartet.

He conducts and coordinates the "Excursions in Music" project, which he founded, and is on the faculty of Wayne State University. He has taught at the Daloz School in New York City, Duquesne University, Chatham College, the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, Indiana University in Bloomington, Interlochen Arts Academy and National Music Camp, and the University of Michigan.

As a soloist, Gordon has appeared in the United States, Europe and Asia. He is the owner of a rare 1570 Gaspar da Salo viola.

Society plans concert

The St. John's Bach Society of Detroit presents the first in a series of benefit concerts at 8 p.m. Jan. 25 in St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 East Fisher Freeway (Woodward at the Fisher Freeway). Free parking is available.

The evening's program includes works by Brahms, Schuman, and Milhaud, and features Nancy Zanolli van Oeyen, Pamela Powley, Phillip Moortrey, Carroll Strickland, Janey Young, and John Guinn.

The benefit series helps support the society's three-day Bach festival held in June. Tickets are \$5; \$2 for students and senior citizens, and may be reserved by calling St. John's Episcopal Church, 962-7458. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Republicans to see Artrain

Michigan Artrain, preparing for its 10th annual tour, will make about 13 stops this year, the first of which will in Albion from April 7-11. Artrain's six railroad cars, housing an art museum and a studio for working artists, will be in Detroit from July 12-26, in time for the Republican National Convention July 15-18.

City slates goal setting

Rochester city councilmen will conduct two goals and objectives sessions this year.

At the first meeting, scheduled for Jan. 29, councilmen will meet with the city's department heads. They will discuss goals before the department heads prepare their 1980-81 budgets.

The second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5. Councilmen will meet to discuss their own goals and objectives.

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