

U-M Jazz Band to play for benefit

The University of Michigan Jazz Band, widely recognized as one of the finest college jazz bands in the country, comes to perform in Harrison High School for the All Sports and Variety Show.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 for the Farmington Community Band benefit.

Although Ann Arbor is home base for the jazz band, most of the band's recognition has come from out-of-state festivities.

It holds the "outstanding band" award won at one of the nation's most celebrated jazz festivals, the Collegiate Jazz Festival sponsored by University of Notre Dame. It also holds the distinction of being invited to perform for the 25th Annual Congressional Dinner in Washington, D.C.

The band has given a benefit performance in Orchestra Hall to aid that renovation project, performed several concerts for the American Federation of Musicians' Trust Fund and for Ann Arbor Federation of Musicians' annual benefit.

The group has appeared as guest band for Michigan Center Jazz Festival and in 1978 accompanied the U-M football team to the Rose Bowl.

The band is under the direction of Louis Smith, jazz performer, clinician, arranger and recording artist.

Tickets for All Sports And Variety Show are \$5, or \$3 for students and seniors, available in Farmington and Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 23715 Farmington Rd.



University of Michigan Jazz Band comes to Farmington Hills with a repertoire of arrangements from the libraries of Count Basie, Woody

Herman, Duke Ellington, Buddy Rich, Stan Kenton and Thad Jones.

BBAA features works of Jerrine Habsburg

The featured 'Artists of the Month' for March in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association's (BBAA) Sales and Rental Gallery is Jerrine Habsburg.

Co-owner of Garret Studio Gallery in Farmington, teacher of life drawing, still life and portrait classes, her works are shown in Detroit Institute of Arts Rental Gallery and in many juried and invitational shows.

Her watercolors and portraits will be on display from March 3-30 in the association at 1516 South Cranbrook, Birmingham.

Discussing her views as an artist, she says, "I am a firm believer in the artist's inner eye, but I think it can come into full play only when all technical problems have been reasonably mastered."

"I rely heavily on the visual reference; discovering and exploring the effect of light and shadows on the human head or on an object, which is a source of endless fascination."

With an early academic training which stressed drawing skills, Ms. Habsburg moved naturally into portraiture.

After receiving her degree in fine arts in Boston, she spent two years at Art Students' League in New York; then additional years of study at BBAA under Robert Wilbert.

"OIL PAINT, with all of its malleable, juicy qualities is especially appropriate to my own personal expression," she says.



JERRINE HABSBURG

Ms. Habsburg's other love, watercolor, gives her an outlet which she pursues with a special joy between portrait commissions.

The BBAA is a community sponsored art center, funded in part by a grant from Michigan Council for the Arts.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There is no charge for visiting and browsing through the galleries.

Mothers of Twins Club looks for new members

Mothers of twins, or those who have given multiple births, are invited to learn about Farmington Area Mother's of Twins Club by calling Lita Henry, 478-8751.

The group meets in one another's homes to share ideas and problems,

and get new information on child health, child behavior, breast cancer detection, and the like, "but most of all friendship," said Linda Noble.

"We know that caring for twins is a challenging and rewarding experience,

and if you would like to join, call," she said.

Future topics scheduled for discussion by the local club are managing stress, pre-school testing, and measuring a child's artistic levels.

The club sponsors a spring and fall

clothing and equipment exchange. It also sponsors a Christmas party and a summer picnic for the children.

In spite of its name, the Farmington Area Chapter of the club has members from Southfield, West Bloomfield, Novi, Milford, Canton and Highland.

New movie series begins

A series of four family films has been announced by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department to run in Wooddale Elementary School and Shiawassee Recreation Center beginning Friday and Saturday, Feb. 29 to March 1.

Show time is 3:15 p.m. every Friday at Wooddale and at noon every Saturday at Shiawassee.

The series leads off with "National Velvet." "Dr. Doolittle" is scheduled for March 7-8; "My Side of the Mountain" will be shown March 14-15; and

"Charlotte's Web" on March 21-22.

A movie series pass to all films will cost \$1.50 for children and \$3 for adults, which may be purchased in the Parks and Recreation office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, or at the first showing date.

Individually, shows will be 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

There will always be enough seats available, but those who choose may bring their own pillow or cushion.

Refreshments may be purchased during show time at Shiawassee only.

Master of mime will conduct workshop here

Leonard Pitt, master of mime, will visit the Detroit area to conduct a workshop Saturday, March 15, focusing on mime and mask theatre.

Arrangements for the workshop are being handled by Laurie Ross, a Farmington Hills resident who studied with

Pitt at his school in California, then spent a year in Java studying the mask dances of that country.

Pitt studied mime in Paris with Etienne Decroux and was a member of two troupes under his direction.

Pitt conducted mime workshops in France and Switzerland and has performed with the Studio II Mime Company in Denmark. In Bali he studied the traditional Balinese 'Topeng' with Blainese Mask Theatre.

He has created and directed several mime pieces, notably "Welcome Walter," and "Doppo: Clown of Yesterday."

Inquiries will be taken by calling Ms. Ross at 626-1471.

Naturalists meet

Farmington Area Naturalists meet at 8 p.m. tonight in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. The program, called "Attracting and Photographing Birds in Your Back-

yard," will be led by Betty and Al Sinek.

All meetings of the club are open to all persons interested in nature.

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