



Ballet Hispanico will add color and action to the Troy Community Concerts series next season

Ticket sales begin

Variety spices fall series

The Community Concert Association of Troy is launching its 1979-80 membership drive.

The concert series, held at Athens High School, originated in September 1976. It is part of Community Concerts of New York and Hollywood, a division of Columbia Artists Management Inc., which for 50 years has presented concert series in more than 600 cities in the United States and Canada.

The programs presented are a mixture of classical, jazz, ballet, folk dances, pianists and vocalists.

The first program scheduled for next October will be duo-pianists Stecher and Horowitz.

In December, the Fred Waring show will be on stage, starring Fred Waring and his 30 Young Pennsylvanians in a musical variety presentation entitled "More About Love."

In February, Jan Redick, the Metropolitan Opera auditions winner, will be singing a medley of classical and show tunes.

March will bring The Roger Wagner Choral. Later in March, as a finale to the season, the Ballet Hispanico will bring 12 Spanish-American dancers in a contemporary program.

As part of the current membership sales campaign, a headquarters office will open in Suite 141, World Realty Offices, in the Top of Troy, 755 W. Big Beaver Rd. on Monday morning, March 19. It will be open for one week, March 19-23. The telephone number is 362-3111, ext 9 or 15.

Julie Sessions to star in 'Philadelphia Story'

Tracy Lord, the pampered young lady up to her wealthy ears in romantic problems on the eve of her second wedding, will be portrayed by Julie Sessions, in Farmington Players production of "The Philadelphia Story."

Philip Barry's classy comedy about life on the Main Line in 1930's Philadelphia opens at the Players Barn May 4. The play runs May 4-6, 10-13 and 17-19.

Tickets are \$3 Thursday; \$3.50 Friday and Sunday, and \$4 Saturdays. They are available by calling the Players box office, 477-1066.

Nine of the 14 member cast will be making their first appearance with the Players third show of the season, including Ms. Sessions, of Novi.

A number of her problems, as Tracy, are caused by Gordon Stadler of Farmington Hills, both new faces on the Players' stage.

John Knock, of Farmington Hills, who appeared last spring in "The Bat," plays Tracy's persistent first husband.

THE CAST also includes Lisa Hane, Marge Ryan and Jim Benson, all of Farmington Hills; Bonnie Harrower and Phil Hadley of Southfield; Erik Carlson, Judy Urledge and George Urledge of Farmington; Tess Schafer of Keego Harbor and C. M. Novess III of Detroit.

Bel Canto Ensemble here to 'Sing Spring'

The Bel Canto Ensemble, of Marygrove College, will present a concert of Sacred music at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 29, in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, corner of Power and Shilawassee.

"Sing Spring" is a vocal and instrumental presentation under the direction of Sergio Pezzetti.

Tickets, at \$1.50 each, are available by calling Pat O'Toole, 477-9303.



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Many items, both old and new, will be sold at the Cranbrook Academy's Art/Antique Auction April 21.

The variety ranges from a 1938 watercolor by Clifford West to a suede patchwork bedspread by Jack Lenor Larsen.

Other pieces that have been donated to benefit the academy's scholarship fund are a 2,000-year-old fish hook, an early 19th century pine blanket chest with original brasses, a pine drop leaf table with Sheffield tube legs, an 1820 oval Wedgwood platter, a triangular-shaped Edwardian corner chair, a Marc Chagall print, and four Louis XVI side chairs with medallion backs among others.

Academy staff and faculty donations include a painting by Roy Slade, a color photograph by Carol Toth, a painted-steel sculpture by Michael Hall and an etching by George Ortman.

Among the pieces done by former academy faculty and students are two vases by Majia Grotel, a stoneware platter by John Glick, "egg charts" by

Ted Striewski, a ceramic bowl by Richard DeVore, an assemblage by Glen Michaels and a porcelain plate by Suzanne Stephenson.

Auction pieces may be seen at a champagne preview in the museum April 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. A variety of pieces not to be auctioned will be available for purchase at this time.

The auction will be April 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the museum. Admission is \$5.

Patrons, \$35 per couple, and benefactors, \$100 per couple, receive two tickets to the champagne preview, the auction and a cocktail party with academy president Roy Slade and his wife, Susan, at 5 p.m. April 18.

For ticket information, call Lucille Harper at 645-3393.

Art auctions have been a major source of fundraising at the academy

for more than 20 years. All art works are donated, as are the services of an auctioneer from Norman Levy Associates, Inc., Southfield.

Cranbrook Academy of Art, 500 Lone Pine Road, grants the bachelor and

master of fine arts and master of architecture to an enrollment of 150 students from around the world. With its contemporary art museum, it is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community.

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Funds approved to fight abuse

Two Oakland County agencies have been awarded service contracts through the Michigan Department of Social Services totaling \$150,000 to provide parent aides, homemakers and counselors to work with families involved in child abuse or neglect.

Both are located in Pontiac.

The funding is expected to provide protective services to more than 200 Oakland County families during the coming year. The contracts were negotiated for one year.

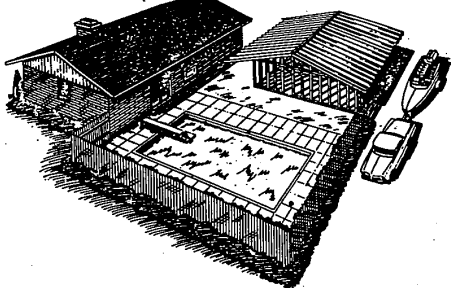
The Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service will receive \$76,000 to hire parent aides and homemakers to work directly in clients' homes as well as in the Cooperative Extension Service office at 1280 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

Counselors from Family and Children Services of Oakland, at 50 Wayne, in Pontiac, will also work with families in their homes. The contract awarded to Family and Children Services is for \$74,000.

Money for the contract consists of 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent state matching contributions.

Department of Social Services officials said some 80 protective services contracts, for a total of \$2 million, are expected to be approved statewide during the coming year under provisions of Title XX funds. That local allotment is based on a formula which takes into account a county's population, the percentage of low-income residents and other factors.

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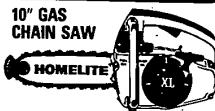
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