

Jazz performers give single concert



Akiyoshi-Tabackin Big Band will appear at the Music Hall Center.

Voted the No. 1 band for 1978 by Downbeat Magazine, the Akiyoshi-Tabackin Big Band arrives at Detroit's Music Hall Center on Wednesday, May 16, for a one-night-only concert.

Led by composer/pianist Toshiko Akiyoshi and featuring Lew Tabackin as principal soloist, the band continues the Duke Ellington tradition of using each musician's individual sound and style as an important part of the group's musical identity.

Early in her career, Toshiko Akiyoshi was recognized by Oscar Peterson as "the greatest female jazz pianist" he'd ever heard. She has developed successfully as a composer and conductor and has performed with several major symphony orchestras in her native Japan.

Ms. Akiyoshi was named one of Mademoiselle's top 10 women of the year for her composition, "A Jazz Suite for String Orchestra."

Concerts

LEW TABACKIN is highly respected for his unique style on the tenor sax and flute. He has recorded as soloist with numerous jazz artists including Maynard Ferguson, Cab Calloway, Clark Terry, and Thad Jones/Mel Lewis, but is more popularly known for his work with Doc Severinsen's "Tonight Show" orchestra and that of Bob Rosenzweig on the "Dick Cavett Show."

Toshiko Akiyoshi and her husband Lew Tabackin co-lead the Personal Aspect Quartet at Japan's Expo '70. They have received critical acclaim for their appearances at the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Newport Jazz Festival, and their "Jazz in Personal Dimension" at Carnegie Hall.

Music of the Akiyoshi-Tabackin Big Band is flavored with the best of the swing era, the Orient, and today's deep, progressive sounds. Their performance

at the Music Hall begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the Music Hall box office, 350 Madison, Detroit, or by calling 963-7680 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Group rates are available by calling Joan Heidt at 963-7622.

Mother's Day brunch combines with a view

Mothers can be treated to a scenic view as well as brunch on Mother's Day at Detroit's Top of the Pontch, according to Louis Giordano, food and beverage manager at Hotel Pontchartrain.

The brunch will be served 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the 25th floor penthouse, whose wrap-around picture windows offer a view of Detroit and Canada.

Reservations are being taken for the brunch, priced for adults and children under 12. Children 3 and under are free.

The buffet will feature lamb chops, sauteed chicken livers, cheese blintzes, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, baked ham, steamboat round of beef, poached salmon, scrambled eggs, bacon, sau-

sages, hash browns, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, jello molds and salads, fruit, relish trays, bread pudding, English trifle, a sweets table and a giant original ice carving.

Reservations may be made by phoning 965-9200.

Guitarist appears at Fox and Hounds

Ted Strunk, who has been playing guitar and singing in local clubs for four years, is appearing through July 28 at the Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward at Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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