

What's on the Weekend

IN THE SUBURBS

- **PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATER** — Deana Summer performs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 19-22. Lawn seats only. In Clarkston. Call 647-7790 for information.
- **ROMA'S OF BLOOMFIELD** — Teen disco at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission payable at the door. In Bloomfield Township. Call 332-9237 for information.
- **MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL** — Violinist Vladimir Spivakov performs at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, with Kazuhiro Spivakov conducting. Cellist Lynn Harrell performs at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21. The New England Conservatory Ragtime Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 22, with Gunther Schuller conducting. In Avon Township. Call 377-2010 for information.
- **TWEENY'S CAFE** — Bess Bonnier performs at 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, with Joe Lo Duca and Ken Everts. Bess Bonnier and Jack Brokensha perform at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, July 20-21. In Birmingham. Call 644-0650 for information.
- **IN THE PARK** — Free outdoor concert series in Birmingham's Shain Park continues with the 5th Michigan Regiment Band at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19. In case of inclement weather, call 645-0730 for indoor location. Bring folding chairs or blankets.

IN DETROIT

- **HART PLAZA** — Afro-American Ethnic Festival Friday-Sunday, July 20-22. Hours are 6-11 p.m. Friday, and 12 to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. In downtown Detroit.
- **BRUNCH WITH BACH** — Concert series at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court presents James Dapogny, jazz pianist, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 22. Advance reservations required. Call 832-2730 for information.
- **FISHER THEATER** — "On the Twentieth Century," starring Rock Hudson and Imogene Coca, continues through Saturday, July 28. Call the ticket office, 875-8831, for information.
- **CANADIAN FILM FESTIVAL** — Festival continues at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 20, at the Renaissance Center. The Detroit Kite Kaleidoscope begins Sunday, July 22, at the Waterfall Pylon, promenade level, at the Ren Cen.
- **ATTIC THEATER** — Detroupe, mime troupe, performs at 12 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 20-21. Darcy Dean hosts. Call 963-7789 for reservations.

Youth enjoy jazz

By MARK GALLO

Maynard Ferguson brought his big band and their version of jazz to the Meadow Brook Music Festival Friday night in front of the largest audience yet this year.

To label Ferguson's brand of music jazz is like referring to Rippie as a fine wine, but it certainly serves a beneficial service to jazz music. It's much like Arthur Fiedler's knack for drawing young people to his symphonic pop concerts and having them go away with an appreciation for — or at least a curiosity of — bona-fide classical music.

In much the same manner, Ferguson's rock-oriented perform mances turn the young people on to the world of real jazz by interspersing jazz standards like "Stella By Starlight" among the pop azz numbers. His 14-piece band of mostly fresh-out-of-college young men sounded more like Blood, Sweat and Tears, or Chicago, than a big jazz band, though that's what was expected and was very appreciated by the audience.

Opening with Josef Zawinul's "Brilliant," from Ferguson's "Carnival" album, the generally young and hip audience was treated to an evening of supercharged energy to complement the hot, humid evening air. These people seemed to know this music as their reactions to song titles and musicians' names indicated. This was more a party than a concert for many.

FERGUSON SPENT precious little time soloing, leaving more time to his

talented charges. When he did, it was always entirely predictable.

Born in Montreal 51 years ago, Ferguson made his reputation in the mid-'50s Stan Kenton organization with his high pitched trumpet notes. His technique is looser and lazier, but the screeches linger on and the fans were wild for them. In "Gabriel," a song from a forthcoming album, he held one screaming note for a good three minutes, much to the howling delight of the audience.

Considering the astonishing talent of bandmembers like saxophonist Mike Migliori and trumpeter

Stan Mark, it seems highly suspicious that the audience reserved their greatest applause for a man's reputation more than for actual talent.

All of the songs sounded very much alike, which is to say predictable. Their new single, "Rocky II" sounded like "Birdland" and Stanley Clarke's "Day Ride" sounded like the great Sonny Rollins' classic "Airbag" — and its no small feat to turn a 23-year-old standard into a discish contemporary number.

The conspicuous rock underpinnings and the super-precise lights, (obviously by Maynard's own people, as Meadow Brook's spotlight people are notorious bad aims), all added up to a nice and energized evening of rock-jazz.

Hopefully, some converts were made and we'll see them come out in the next few weeks to see Tex Beneke, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman and Count Basie — REAL jazz.

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