

Opera theater opens subscription drive

In celebration of Michigan Opera Theatre's (MOT) 10th anniversary, supporters have launched a statewide subscription campaign to help "sell-out" the 1980 fall season which runs Sept. 12 through Nov. 2.

Co-chairmen for ticket sales are Dr. and Mrs. Kim Lie and Mr. and Mrs. Scott McKean.

This fall, MOT will perform "Die Fledermaus" directed by Dominic Missini; "Of Mice and Men," directed by Charles Floyd and "Rigoletto," directed by Rhoda Levine. The fourth opera, "Don Giovanni," will be directed by Italo Tajo.

"Our campaign, in addition to selling individual subscriptions, also features group discounts, gift subscriptions, and a special 50 percent student discount for Sections 5, 6 and 7," said Mrs. McKean. "Special program accessibility for the handicapped opera-goer is also available."

Top salespersons in the campaign will get their pick of prizes donated by local businesses.

THIS YEAR'S prize list includes din-

ner certificates from Sinbad's and the Sheikh, weekend accommodations at the Detroit Plaza Hotel and the Dearborn Inn, and gift certificates from the Sign of the Mermaid, Saks Fifth Avenue and Walton Pierce.

David DiChiera, MOT general director, said, "In view of the spiraling costs of producing opera, it is imperative that our theater be filled for all performances. We are dependent on the continued support of our subscribers and the community at large."

"MOT series tickets are real 'inflation beaters,'" said Lie. "Corporations, small businesses, and organizations can purchase blocks of tickets at a substantial savings (5 percent for groups of 10-24 and 10 percent for groups of 25 or more)."

Opera enthusiasts interested in assisting the ticket committee or in purchasing their series tickets should contact the MOT office at 963-3717.

Among those serving as area chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ajluni of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lantz of Southfield.

Storytellers meet May 17

Detroit Story League meets at noon Saturday in the Livonia home of Bette Copeland, 31516 Bennett, for stories having to do with the color purple in keeping with the theme, "Color Me A Rainbow."

Co-hostess for the day is Linda Aldrich of Plymouth.

Stories will be told by Lucille Lentz of Dearborn and Ann Ewaszko of Southfield. The workshop will be given by Louise Chase of Livonia on the subject "Adding Color to Stories With Music."

The event is open to guests by calling the hostess at 261-1527.

Violet Allschuler of Farmington Hills takes over the presidency of the league this spring when installation

ceremonies will be held at the May meeting. Her vice president will be Mrs. Aldrich.

Other incoming officers are Ruth Breault of Redford, Doris Cousey of Redford and Maxine Hoffman of Dearborn.

The Detroit Story League will be represented by 12 of its members in Warren, Ohio, at the end of the month during the third annual Ohio Story Festival. Traditionally, the local league is the only out-of-state group involved in the festivities.

After that, delegates will be chosen to represent the local league in the National Story League Convention, set for June, in Las Cruces, N.M.

Greencastle sells rummage

Residents in Greencastle subdivision get together for a joint rummage sale when garages open to shoppers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 30-31.

"It's the first time we've ever attempted this but our residents are enthusiastic," said Joan Stenerson, social chairwoman for Greencastle Civic Association.

"Those who don't have enough things to sell in their garage can take their rummage to our open field where tables will be set up," she said.

On Saturday evening after sale hours, "our merchants of Greencastle will celebrate with a picnic," she said. Greencastle subdivision entrance is on the south side of 12 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.



'Give our regards to . . .'

Farmington area youngsters team up for "Give My Regards to Broadway," one of the show tunes used for Novi Ice Arena's seventh annual ice show called "On Broadway." From left Jennifer Branton, Lizann Estauanko, Hollie Goodman and Cheryl Jackson join skaters

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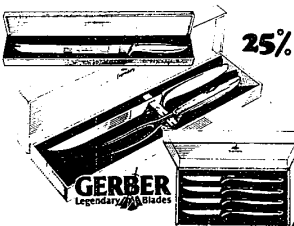
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