

Band Toto plays metro Detroit

By NICK CHARLES



Toto is (from left) Bobby Kimball, Steve Porcaro, David Hungate, David Paich, Steve Lukather and Jeff Porcaro.

Toto, which has been on tour on and off since January, played two nights last week at the Royal Oak Music Theatre and one night at Canton Township's Center Stage.

The band features guitarist Steve Lukather, keyboardist David Paich, bassist David Hungate, vocalist/keyboardist Bobby Kimball, drummer Jeff Porcaro, and Jeff's younger brother, Steve Porcaro, who is responsible for keyboards and electronics.

Toto opened a recent show with the title tune from its second album "Hydra" (Columbia). Paich, who was dressed in tall hat and coat, sang as he teased the audience with his lively antics.

Kimball came up front in knee-high white boots to sing "St. George and the Dragon." Bassist Hungate remained in the background throughout the show. All the while the band filled the audience with songs like "Child Anthem," "Mama," "Good-bye Girl" and "White Sister."

Porcaro showed off his keyboard skill and speed on a well-known song from the first album called "I'll Supply the Love."

Hungate switched to acoustic guitar as Lukather took over lead vocals for the beautiful "Angela." The audience was happy to hear the single from the first L.P., called "Hold the Line" and "Hydra's" first single "101."

"It relates to 1984 where people have numbers instead of names," Hungate said, "but it's really just a love song."

"That's how simple it was," Porcaro said. "I could have been somebody's name. Instead he called her '98'."

Formed around the L.A. area, Toto is trying to shed its image as studio musicians.

Most people in music circles know the band for its work with Bob Seeger. Band members also have played individually with Alice Cooper, Burton Cummings, Gary Wright, Leo Sayer and Steely Dan.

In an interview in their hotel room, Porcaro explained, "We always wanted to be a band, but the studio thing is a steady income."

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Oakway makes plans for coming season

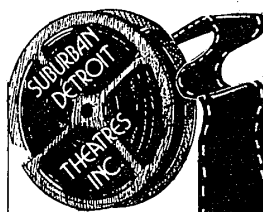
New formats and programs will be discussed when the Oakway Symphony Society holds its annual meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Botsford Inn, on Grand River north of Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

Oakway brass performers will provide classical and pops music for the meeting. Ernest Jones, chairman of the board of D'Arcy, MacManus and Manus, will be guest speaker.

Members will be asked their opinions on such matters as:

- Continuing to divide the six subscription concerts between Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.
 - Rescheduling Sunday concerts from 4 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Inaugurating a program of speakers and musical entertainment for organization meetings.
- Francesco DiBlasi, conductor and musical director, will outline the 1980-81 season, including a collaboration with the Harbinger Dance Company.

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WXYZ radio talk show host Dr. Sonya Friedman was awarded a high honor from the Detroit Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television.

Dr. Friedman, a Birmingham clinical psychologist, was awarded "Outstanding Achievement by a woman in Radio, Television, Related Business or Industry," from among all the women

nominated for 1980. Competing categories included sales, management, news, producers, directors and writers.

A private practitioner in metropolitan Detroit for 12 years, Dr. Friedman hosts a program during which psychological information and data is applied to listeners' lifestyles and personal problems. The program is broadcast from noon to 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Palmer Park plans review

The Allan Barnes Band, the Rod Lumpkin Quartet featuring Teddy Harris Jr., and singer Greta Hendrix will headline "Arts Review II - An Evening of Contemporary Jazz" June 7 at Temple Israel, 17400 Manderson at Merton in Palmer Park, Detroit.

The program, planned by the Palmer Park Center for the Arts in cooperation with American Black Artist Inc. also will feature "Roots in America," an exhibit of the history of blacks in Detroit as expressed by metropolitan black artists.

"Arts Revue II" is sponsored as a tribute to the memory of the late Dauris Gwendolyn Jackson. Mrs. Jackson was one of Detroit's leading educators, authors and advocates of equal rights.

Inn launching Poolside Cafe

The Poolside Cafe has opened at the Michigan Inn in Southfield.

The outdoor cafe is open from 11:30 a.m. and features a la carte and buffet entrees, in addition to exotic fruit and ice cream cocktails.

Library sponsors genealogy workshop

Baldwin Public Library is sponsoring a genealogy workshop on June 4 and 11. Classes will be conducted by staff members of the genealogical department of the Mormon Church, which maintains the largest collection of genealogical records in the world.

Located in Salt Lake City, Utah, its vaults contain more than three-quarters of a million reels of microfilm on which are recorded the names of people from all over the world.

A film of this operation will be shown on June 4 as well as an introduction to genealogy and the resources available. The June 11 session will be spent in learning how to begin the search. All members of a family, high school age and older, are invited to attend and learn how to trace their roots.

The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and last for approximately 1 1/2 hours. There is no charge.

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