

New executive director helps perk up Will-O-Way

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Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre is on the upswing, with good news in several quarters including a new executive director, Helen Lanese, to guide the long-established theater school.

Ms. Lanese said last week that Will-O-Way has just gotten tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. "Now we can go ahead with fund raising to keep this place going," she said.

A Birmingham resident, Ms. Lanese has been working with the theater in Bloomfield Township on the Save the Will-O-Way campaign, started two years ago.

Her appointment as executive director was officially announced by W. Calvin Patterson II of Bloomfield Hills, Will-O-Way's executive board president.

BESIDES THE OK from IRS, Will-O-Way also has received notification from the Michigan Council for the Arts that a grant of \$3,500 to fund an executive director's position has been awarded.

"The major part of my responsibility will be to raise money for programs," Ms. Lanese said.

"The Michigan Council for the Arts can fund an organization that doesn't have status but nobody else will," she continued, in explanation of why the tax-exempt status is so important to fund raising.

Will-O-Way has been chartered since July 23, 1979, as a nonprofit organization.

In the grant request made to the Michigan Arts Council, "We applied for staffing support, to the organization's having an administrator for the first time," she said.

The grant is dependent upon the legislature getting the amount requested in its own budget, she said. A letter has gone out to Will-O-Way supporters, urging them to write their legislator to support funding.

Past president of the Arts Council Triangle of Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy, Ms. Lanese also worked at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills as an instructor and as interim coordinator of education.



Helen Lanese is the new executive director at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre.

FOR THE LAST three years, she has been coordinator of the Outreach Program for Senior Citizens, working on a Michigan Arts Council grant, as artist-in-residence at the Pontiac Art Center. She also has been teaching 1½ days a week in Royal Oak.

The \$3,500 grant awarded to Will-O-Way will be partial support for the full-time position of executive director, Ms. Lanese said. The theater school plans to raise additional funds for the position.

"What's significant is it's a vote of confidence from the Michigan Arts Council," she said. "The amount is not as significant as the vote of confidence."

Ms. Lanese said she and Celia Merrill Turner, director of Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre, have worked well together because both follow a humanistic approach in teaching.

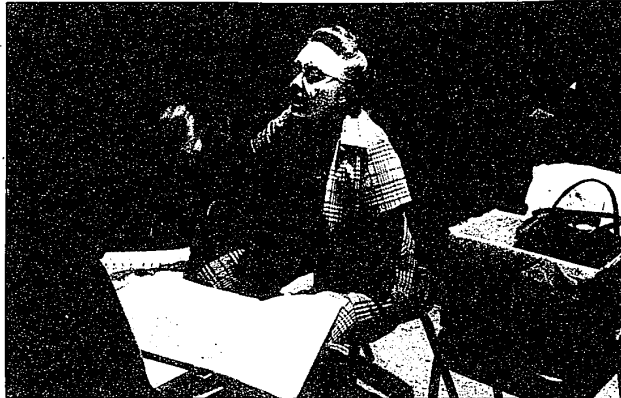
"I really believe in the humanistic approach," she said.

"Humanistic education is teaching in ways that help the individual to grow as a person, not just fill them up with information," according to Ms. Lanese.

Joe Giordano plays lounge

Win Schuler's Restaurant in Rochester is presenting entertainer Joe Giordano with music for listening through August.

Giordano plays a wide range of contemporary music, as well as original compositions. He has performed



Celia Merrill Turner, Will-O-Way's director, makes suggestions during rehearsal.

information," according to Ms. Lanese.

HER OWN BACKGROUND in humanistic education includes having worked with the Human Development Institute in San Diego, Calif.

"It's the same approach Celia has," she said. Mrs. Turner uses a positive method to teach her theater students, children and adults alike. "She points out what they do right," Ms. Lanese said.

Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre, the theater's performing group, currently is presenting the Broadway musical hit "Cabaret." The show, which continues through Aug. 23, has been playing to sold-out houses. For further information about Will-O-Way, call 644-4418.

Odd couple share best music yet

By NICK CHARLES

The odd couple — blond vocalist Keyboardist Daryl Hall and brown-curly-haired and mustachioed guitarist/vocalist John Oates — brought "Voices" (RCA) to the ears of thousands recently at Pine Knob Music Theater in Clarkston.

Little musclebound Oates looked like a West Side Story "big kid" in his sleeveless T-shirt and headband. The other half of the stage belonged to Hall who was fit loosely in a blue jacket and matching pants, looking classy.

After a few of the newer songs, including their latest single "How Does It Feel To Be Back," Hall said, "We'll do something a little more familiar." They slipped into "Rich Girl" from their album "Bigger Than the Both of Us."

This was followed by another old hit called "She's Gone," which contained a dynamite sax solo by Mr. Casual, Charlie Dechant.

DURING THE OLD soul song "Sweet Soul Music" by Arthur Connelly, Hall introduced each member of the band, who said "hello" by doing a fantastic solo. Each band member is tremendously talented and the main guys seemed to feed the audience blood from a rock, with unending energy on song after song.

"Sara Smile," "Wait for Me" from Hall and Oates last L.P. "X-Static" and one of their most beautiful songs, the lengthy "Do What You Want, Be What You Are," were performed.

After that fantastic display of talent containing two encores, Hall and Oates had a few things to say.

"We're very happy with what we're going," said Hall. "I think you're going to see a lot more coherence because we're not jumping from producer to producer and from side man to side man."

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