

Monday, September 29, 1980

Birmingham Temple

Vivace enters fifth season

Birmingham Temple launches its fifth Vivace Sunday Music Series with Laurie Jacobs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the temple at 28611 12 Mile Road.

"In an age when series come and go, for amateurs to have lasted five years is an accomplishment," said Trudy Driker speaking for the music committee of the temple which started Vivace with a single chamber music concert.

"The committee found their members as well as the community at large both supportive and enthusiastic," Ms. Driker said. "So they held another chamber music concert and then a Jewish opera night, and then decided to offer a Sunday evening series."

The series has hosted several modern dance recitals, opera nights, hot

and cool jazz, folk groups, concert pianists and classical trios.

The reputation of the Vivace Series for quality entertainment has grown steadily.

VIVACE committee members do all the work, from auditioning groups to negotiating contracts, from selling tickets to baking cookies. "They have delivered harpsicords, built risers for a dance concert and constructed their own light bar," Ms. Driker said.

As the series grew, so did the committee members in developing his or her own area of expertise.

Caren and Larry Rapp now handle all the programs. Jerry Laytner takes charge of posters. Gloria Krohner or-

ders tables and dishes for cabaret nights. David Lytner is the bookkeeper.

Gene Schoener is chairman of Vivace this time around, and Ms. Driker is taking care of the publicity.

It has become a tradition to launch each year's series with a cabaret concert, and the October show will feature Ms. Jacobs, who has become known as "Detroit's own mistress of the ballad." Refreshments served during the cabaret are included in the ticket price.

MS. JACOBS is a songwriter as well as a singer whose latest success is her single record, "Tugboat Annie."

During her appearance at the cabaret she will sing many of her own compositions.

Ars Musica, baroque music ensem-

ble from Ann Arbor, will be the Vivace artists on Jan. 25. Playing authentic baroque instruments, the group gives an original sound to a variety of music from Bach to humorous gigs and dances.

Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius take the spotlight at Vivace on April 5 for a program of the best of "Brel, Brecht, and Friends."

Esser is known to Detroit audiences for the long-running "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris."

Tickets for the series are \$18 and single tickets are \$7. Reservations are requested by calling Evelyn Kreger, 544-8350.

The series offers group rates by calling the temple, 477-1410.



Folksinger Lori Jacobs, a Detroit area singer who has achieved a national reputation, will sing many of her own compositions when she appears Oct. 12 in the Vivace Sunday Music Series Cabaret Night.

Fat Bob will sing at Pops Concert

Robert Taylor, known as "Fat Bob, the Singing Plumber," will be the guest artist of the Farmington Community Band when it presents the bi-annual Pops Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 in Harrison High School's gym, 29955 12 Mile Road.

Taylor is known for his appearances on the J.P. McCarthy Show and for his singing of the National Anthem at major sporting events. He has appeared on the Mike Douglas Show, Bill Kennedy Showtime, and with the Plymouth, Scandinavian and Oakway symphony orchestras.

Born in Leamington Ontario, Fat Bob moved to the U.S. in 1941, attended high school in East Lansing, college at Michigan State University and joined the U.S. Air Force, where he began singing.

After his Air Force days, he began nightclub appearances and sang with

the D'Oyle Carte Opera Company. Because singing jobs were hard to find, he joined his father-in-law's plumbing firm and began to earn his master plumbing license.

But his love of singing won out. He studied both music and drama at Eastern Michigan University, formally, then took extensive voice training with voice coach Millard Cates.

IN LESS THAN a year's time Fat Bob won the Metropolitan Opera regional auditions, and was offered a scholarship in New York. Though tempting, he had to turn the scholarship down. With a family to support he was unable to make ends meet on the Met's small stipend.

Now Fat Bob is a disc jockey with W'AAM (1600-AM) and ever since Western Union discontinued its singing tele-

grams, he has taken over that service. "People like to have me sing something special to their near-and-dear on birthdays, you know, or any other special occasion," he said.

The baritone soloist will sing selections from Carousel, Camelot and Man of La Mancha with the Farmington Community Band during the first half of the Oct. 11 bill.

For the second half of the evening, guests will be invited to dance to the sounds of the Farmington Community Jazz and Dance Band.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes cabaret seating. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available and door prizes will be given.

Tickets may be obtained by stopping in, or writing to Parks and Recreation Department, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48024. The telephone number is 474-6115.



FAT BOB THE SINGING PLUMBER

Herring brunch goes gourmet

The Sunday morning herring brunch, hosted once a month by The Swedish Club of Metropolitan Detroit, will be a gourmet affair, prepared by executive chef Sture Olaf Andersson, this Sunday.

The chef, who has worked in several of the better eating houses in the Detroit area since coming here in 1971, will be leaving to be a regional team captain for the U.S. team when it competes in the 1980 U.S. International Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, Germany, on Oct. 14.

Chef Andersson won a gold medal when he was the team captain for the American culinary artists in the competition in 1976, and he took two gold

medals and one silver when he competed in the First Competition of Jewish Culinary Arts in Israel in 1978.

In addition to the medals he is holder of 46 trophies in competition since he left his native Sweden.

THE SWEDISH Club is now in the process of leaving its home in Detroit for a move to Farmington Hills.

The Sunday herring brunch is one of a long string of fund-raisers members sponsor to start building their new base of operations on Freedom Road and Ruth Road.

Meanwhile, most of their activities, including the brunch, are given in Finn-

ish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Road.

The Oct. 5 brunch will be the last benefit Chef Andersson gives before leaving for Germany.

The herring served for The Swedish Club will be pan-fried fillets with onion gravy and boiled potatoes, the Swedish way. The chef will add Swedish chicken fricassee with sweet-and-sour dill sauce, a sauce native to that country.

Branch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Club members, who have always accepted guests at the door without reservations, ask in this case for advanced reservations by calling Dorothy Lind, 476-4559. Donation is \$6.50 per person.



CHEF STURE OLAF ANDERSSON

Collage jacket

Instructions on how to create a collage jacket, one of fashion's newest items, will be given in an all-day workshop by Minnie Vantrease in Farmington Community Center, Nov. 14. There is no kit, students are on their own to mix and match from remnants, to create the lined garment for a total of about \$20. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, and register now by calling the center, 477-8404. (Photo by Pat Bordinan)

'Pack more fun into traveling,' says Fabulous Friday lecturer

Guests will learn how to pack more fun into traveling during "Have Luggage, Will Travel," the first of a seven-part series of Fabulous Fridays, at Farmington Community Center.

"I learned early to make the most of the allotted space. It's the clothes in your suitcase that count, not how you pack," said Jan Brock, who leads the program that runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 3.

Ms. Brock was one of the first female fashion buyers to travel abroad for Hudson's in 1961. She was allowed one suitcase and expected to dress fashionably for the one or two month buying trips.

At the Fabulous Friday session, she'll show the secrets of packing for a weekend jaunt or a two-month stay. She promises to demonstrate how a

suitcase packed with 12 to 15 items of visible outer clothing can be transformed by coordination into 35-45 different outfits.

"Coordination is the key. You can't afford to become bored away from home or you'll lose your confidence," she said.

MS. BROCK will ask her audience to plan a trip for a specific type of vacation. "Then they'll be able to think out their trips, after learning the basics," she said.

"Thinking-out," she explains is calling ahead, for example, to learn what weather conditions can be expected so one isn't caught cold or wet and running for the closest sweater shop.

"I like to be able to lift my bag alone and carry it myself," she said, though added, "I always accept help graciously offered."

Ms. Brock shares her dressing and packing know-how in many locations throughout the metropolitan area. She is a fashion consultant for women's specialty shops in Connecticut and Ohio. She travels and lectures on wardrobe planning and the psychology of looking one's best.

She refers to herself as "an image consultant" and accepts private clients. "Businesswomen seem to be particularly interested in my ideas and suggestions," she says. "Also the women who travel with their husbands for business or pleasure and the senior adults who belong to travel clubs in the area."

THE FASHION consultant is a big supporter of, and a long-time volunteer for, Heartline, a halfway house in Detroit for women on their way back into society from prisons.



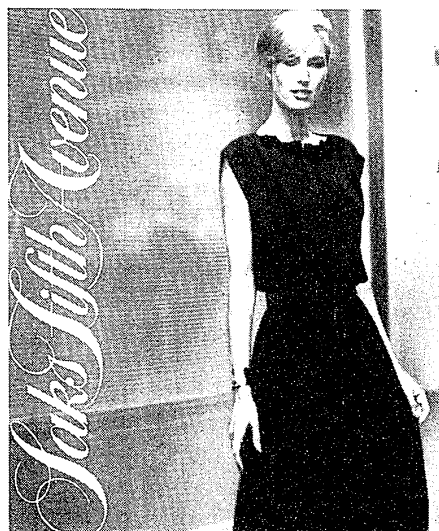
JAN BROCK

"I guide them in dressing correctly for their first job interviews," she said. "I use the same tips and ideas I give any woman who attends my lectures."

"The enhancement of their self image is the key, as it is with all of us."

Reservations for "Have Luggage Will Travel," as well as the other six sessions in the Fabulous Fridays series, can be made by calling the center, 477-8404, or stopping by in person at 24705 Farmington Road. Fee for the morning program is \$7.

"Cooking With Herbs," led by Caroline Jamison is next in the series, set for Oct. 10. After that is "In the Williamsburg Way" with Pat Bentley, set for Oct. 17.



Dining out again? Diane Von Furstenburg solves the dilemma of dressing for dinner with something disarmingly simple: the little black dress. Belted at the waist with a tripunto stitched belt...shirred at the shoulders with a delightful strand of black velvet flowers appliquéd round the neck. In rayon crepe, for sizes 4 to 14, \$118. In the Diane Von Furstenburg Boutique...where we are all the things you are!

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Jayettes call craftsmen to show and sell

Artists and handicrafters interested in displaying and selling their works in the Farmington Area Jayettes annually-sponsored show are invited to call Barb Kenerson, 478-7600, ext. 252.

Table rental is \$15, or \$25 for a double table.

The arts and crafts sale this year will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 in Farmington High School.