

Spring music scholarship applications available

Applications are out now for all students in grades seven through 12 who want to compete in Farmington Musicals' annual spring "Awards for Excellence in Music."

The competition this spring marks the 14th time the musicale offers cash awards for youth who wish to further their musical education. It is open to youth who attend Farmington Public Schools, parochial or private schools in the Farmington area, or live in the area but attend schools elsewhere.

The musicale applications have been distributed to the heads of all area music departments. "If we've missed anyone, one will be sent on request," said Rev. Notestein, chairwoman of the competition this year.

Mr. Notestein will take calls at 476-1729, after 6 p.m.

The applications are to be completed and returned by midnight Thursday, April 1.

The competition will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in Harrison High School's music room.

"We expect between 50-60 participants this year," Mrs. Notestein said. "That number holds pretty steady from year to year."

CATEGORIES of competition will be in brass, percussion, woodwinds, piano, strings and voice.

There will be cash awards given in both junior and high school divisions. Voice competition, however, will be limited to high school students, only.

Money for the awards come from fund-raising activities sponsored by the

musicale, but chiefly from its annual rummage sale.

Farmington Musicals is affiliated with National Federation of Music Clubs and aims to promote interest in and increase the standards of music.

The musical encourages the youth in their musical studies with the awards program every spring.

The musical entertainment that is a part of regular monthly meetings, is always open to the public. The meetings are held in Farmington Hills Branch Library.



When the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association held its music festival at Oakland Community College last month, Rev. Notestein (seated) was piano accompanist for about 30 of the participating students. She's taking on that same job now for

young musicians who will be entering Farmington Musicals' "Awards for Excellence in Music" competition this spring. She is flanked by Tracy Balog and Carrie Balog on her left. And by Erin Berger, Amy Orwig and Scott Orwig on her right.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Indoor garden is concert setting



down to earth
**Alice
Burlingame**

Lorenzo Storioni. The violin had an ethereal tone.

THE ARTS COMMISSION will have its next concert March 21. If you enjoy music in a beautiful setting in mid-winter, make an early reservation.

I recently called on a retired engineer whose hobby is gardening. He was eager to show me the containers of seedlings he had started 10 days earlier in his basement. A week ago today is early, but he had a greenhouse to heat up the next stage of plant growth. The important thing is the pleasure he re-

cives from the care of the seedlings. On a table, he has a fluorescent light hanging over several foil meat-meal pans which he has poked with a nail for drainage. They are filled with sterilized mix you can get by the bag. Small seeds were barely covered. The surface was watered with a plastic sprinkling bottle. Each loaf pan was enclosed in a plastic bag while the total project was in a large plastic bag. He wants light to penetrate but not dry out the tiny seedlings. The engineer added that all of the seed packets were from last year, and he is "testing," but intends to use the seedlings.

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If you are a gardener, or interested in gardening, you too are probably interested in all facets of it. I thoroughly enjoyed Brunch in a Garden with a Concert on Feb. 21. The affair was sponsored by the Southfield Cultural Arts Commission.

The location was the Prudential Town Center. In the lobby of the building, the developers have devoted at least an acre to a formal garden with at least 20 tall Ficus Benjaminia trees amid walks where there are mounds of ornamental green plants. There is also an irregular patio with a fine grade of soil for the flooring.

More than 300 persons had gathered for the brunch and concert, sitting in comfortable chairs at card tables with attractive tablecloths and carnation centerpieces. Franklin D'Antonia of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a former student of Heifetz, performed solo with a violin made in 1779 by

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