

2 new mini series added to festival

Two new mini series, a special variety non-series and children's concerts are scheduled this summer at the Meadow Brook Music Festival at the Oakland University campus near Rochester.

"The Star Series," one of the new mini series, includes appearances by Tom Campbell and Tammy Wynette, Sam Kinney, Jr., and Johnny Mathis. An "Easy Listening" series features the Detroit Concert Band, Fred Waring, and "Looked on Swing" with Larry Elgart and His Orchestra.

The festival's variety non-series of entertainment specials includes Jean-Pierre Rampal in recital, a patriotic salute on July 4 by the Meadow Brook Estate, Victor Borge having fun with the Metropolitan Concert Band, and a laser light show with the Detroit Concert Band.

In addition, the non-series events will feature appearances by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Pat Metheny, Little River Band, Air Supply, Sheena Easton and Mandarin Prancer.

A TWO-DAY marathon for orchestra from the tri-county area is planned as well.

Children will receive attention from Meadow Brook with three concerts: "Humperdinckin," an opera for children; "Peter and the Wolf," and "Poem-songs" that blends music and dance with a children's story. The audience at 11 a.m. on Selected Saturdays.

The classical music series by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Thursdays and Sundays, plus the Friday and Saturday variety attraction series, also

are part of the summer music festival.

Concerts at Meadow Brook start at 8 p.m. and are held in the Howard C. Baldwin Pavilion. Exceptions are the Rampal recital scheduled at noon and the Tri-County Orchestra Marathon at 4 p.m.

Entrances to lighted parking are off West Boulevard and Adams Road.

Information on season subscriptions and lawn coupon books for all series and special-event concerts are announced in a brochure. For more information, call the box office at 377-2010.

'The Evil Dead' deserves to rest in peace

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gularity of the Karo syrup from victims' arms, legs, necks, heads, eyeball sockets — you get the picture.

Such juxtapositions of word and action make for the film's funniest moments, but one senses that this picture was not made with laughter in mind.

Raimi admits to inundating himself with schlock from triple-feature horror

films at local drive-ins during the planning stages of "The Evil Dead." He also claims inspiration from another low-budget horror film that's become a cult classic, George Romero's "Night of the Living Dead."

UNFORTUNATELY, Raimi's aim was off, falling below the level of mediocre horror films and far from the mark of Romero's classic.

The trouble with this film is that it is

too earnest. It pays homage to the trashier horror films of the last 10 years while refusing to comment on them or range beyond the common denominator that binds them.

And, because of its zeal and one-dimensionality, it never comes close to capturing the spirit of a "Night of the Living Dead." The plot, although providing an abundance of grisly details for moviegoers to sink their teeth into, never

gives the audience much to chew on for very long.

There's no edge to this film, no suggestion at what might be at the heart of the calamity, no hint of subject matter broader than the plot outline or thought deeper than the paper walls in one of the scenes.

"The Evil Dead" is, at best, a grade below the more tasteless horror films of the last decade.

'Prisoner' opening at Somerset

Neil Simon's "The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue" will open Friday, June 3, at the newly decorated Somerset Drive-In theatre on the lower level of Somerset Mall in Troy.

The Jimmy Launce Productions offering will run through September, with performances Fridays:

Saturdays. Cocktails are at 7 p.m., dinner at 7:30 and curtain at 8:45. Tickets are \$18.95 per person.

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