

20th season begins at Meadow Brook

Meadow Brook Music Festival opens its new season tonight with a replay of the outdoor festival's first concert 20 years ago.

Conductor Sixten Ehrling, Meadow Brook's first artistic director, will lead the Detroit Symphony in the identical music by Brahms, Wagner and Sibelius from the premiere program, and with the same soloists, violinist Gordon Staples and cellist Italo Babin.

Meadow Brook's evening concerts start at 8 p.m. in the Baldwin Pavilion on the Oakland University campus near Rochester.

The Lettermen and the Four Freshmen bring their vocal stylings to the Meadow Brook stage tomorrow.

LASER LIGHTS and cannons will highlight the "Oo La La - Vive la France" program with Richard Hayman conducting the Detroit Symphony Pops on Saturday. Soprano Wendy Gartner-Bloom will

sing French cabaret numbers.

A children's concert will feature "Rumplestiltskin," performed by the Piccolo Opera Company, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Ehrling conducts the DSO in the world premiere of James Hartway's "Monuments" on Sunday. Hartway is composer-in-residence at Wayne State University.

Leonard B. Smith leads the Detroit Concert Band in a Sousa spectacular Wednesday. "Festival" a new march by Smith, will be dedicated to Meadow Brook and performed for the first time. Soloists are cornetist James B. Underwood and soprano Imogene Bird.

Information on tickets, lawn coupon books and programs is available at the festival box office, phone 377-2010. Tickets are available at the festival box office, as well as Hudson's, all CTC locations and any AAA location.



The Detroit Concert Band, conducted by Leonard B. Smith, will play Smith's new march, "Festival," during a Sousa spectacular Wednesday at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Nancy Gurwin projects energetic Nellie Forbush

Performances of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific," presented by Nancy Gurwin Productions, continue at 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays at the Botsford Inn's Theatre Under the Stars in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10 per person. For reservations call 474-4800.

By Barbara Michals
special writer

Conjuring up images of palm trees and balmy nights, "South Pacific" seems an ideal choice for Botsford Inn's new Theatre Under the Stars on the garden terrace. The bubbly Nancy Gurwin, producer of this perennial favorite is light and refreshing for a hot

review

summer's night.

"South Pacific" is one of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals in which every song is memorable. It still sounds fresh and appealing whether one is seeing the show for the first, third or 10th time.

Set on a South Pacific island occupied by U.S. forces during World War II, the show focuses on two poignant love stories with interracial complications.

Ensign Nellie Forbush (Nancy

Gurwin), a naive young nurse from Little Rock, falls in love with Emile DeBeque (Lou Emmert), a French planter with a shady past. Nellie cannot cope when she learns of DeBeque's two Polynesian children from his first marriage.

MEANWHILE, Lt. Joseph Cable (Gary Jones), a young Marine on special assignment to the island, falls in love with Liat (Louise Rizzi), a beautiful native girl. Cable finds the prospect of an interracial marriage unthinkable, though.

The attractive and sophisticated Gurwin may not seem the most naive of Nellies, but she exudes plenty of verve and style. Her strong, clear voice nicely handles the songs that portray

Nellie as a "Cockeyed Optimist" who proclaims, "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy" but resolves "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair."

Gurwin rather cleverly manages to do the latter without wetting her hair.

Emmert, repeating the role he created for the Farmington Players' production last spring, has gained in stage poise in the interval. His DeBeque is charming and sincere, and Emmert's impressive baritone shines in the hauntingly beautiful numbers "Some Enchanted Evening" and "This Nearly Was Mine."

Jones is convincingly earnest as Lt. Cable, a serious-minded young man who is taught to unwind. He offers a

pleasant rendition of the romantic "Younger Than Springtime" and seethes with controlled anger in "You've Got to Be Taught," the show's invective against prejudice.

JUDIE COCHILL is delightful as the lusty Bloody Mary, Liat's shrewd and coniving mother. A good-natured mix of larceny and licentiousness, Cochill's Mary casts a romantic spell with "Ball Hal" and celebrates love with "Happy Talk."

Director Edgar A. Guest III plays the lovable rogue Luther Billis, a Seabee who believes naval regulations exist as a direct challenge to his ingenuity. With a perpetual mischievous twinkle in his eye and an "aw-shucks" grin, Guest makes Billis an audience favor-

ite. His ebullience is a stand-out in a cast that never lacks enthusiasm, and he seasons the role with just the right amount of barn.

In drag Guest teams with Gurwin in the hilarious "Honeybun" number. He also leads the Seabees in a lively chorus of "There Is Nothing Like a Dame."

Steve Sell and Joe Lannen are effective as the island's commanding officers, and Rizzi is a stunning Liat. Yong Heide Dillon and Danny Gurwin look enchanting as DeBeque's children and enunciate nicely on the "Dites-Moi Pourquoi" number.

A cash bar is available prior to performance and at intermission. Historio Botsford Inn, dating back to 1836, also offers dining before the theater.

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