

Oakway announces its concert season

Five subscription concerts will be presented at 3 p.m. Sundays during the 1985-86 season by the Oakway Symphony Orchestra.

The season opens with a "Spanish Spectacular" starring Maria del Carmen and Grupa Espana, plus 16-year-old violinist Patrick Foley and Ernest Jones as guest conductor during the afternoon, Sept. 29 at Madonna College in Livonia.

"Viva Vivaldi," with duo violinists Emily Austin and David Cerone, will be featured during a "Salute to American Music Week," Oct. 13 at Southfield High School. "The Nutcracker Ballet," presented by the Contemporary Civic Ballet directed by Rose Marie Floyd, will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

"Artists of Tomorrow," with winners of the Oakway Competition, will be presented Feb. 23 at Harrison High School. Final subscription concert of the season will be "Rachmaninoff with (Mischa) Kotelik" in Piano Concerto No. 7, April 27 at Harrison High School.

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Francesco DiBlasi is Oakway's music director and conductor. Oakway will give its 13th annual Cabaret Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Madonna College. Fat Bob Taylor will be master of ceremonies; Sister M. Francilene Van de Vyver, guest conductor; Ernest A. Jones, guest conductor; and John Cannon, pianist.

For ticket information, call the Oakway Symphony Society at 476-6544.



Francesco DiBlasi is music director of the Oakway Symphony Orchestra, which begins its 13th concert season with "Spanish Spectacular" on Sunday, Sept. 29.



Sharon Radom of West Bloomfield is Jennie and Bob Overmyer in George in Neil Simon's "Chapter Two," opening the Birmingham Village Players' 63rd season on Friday, Sept. 27. The show continues Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 28-29, and Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5. For ticket information call 644-2075.

upcoming things to do

ROCK WALK

Pepsi's "Walk Thru Rock" brings the legends of rock 'n' roll and the artists of today together in a multimedia exhibit, which presents a comprehensive selection of rock 'n' roll films, music display and memorabilia. Detroit is the second city on the 24-city tour, with the show running through Monday, Sept. 23, at Cobo Hall. Tickets at \$8 are available at Ticket World outlets, Hudson's and Cobo Hall.

CROSSROADS SEASON

The seventh season of educational touring productions has been announced by Crossroads Productions Ltd., a Michigan professional traveling theater organization. The Family Classics Series features plays designed for young people. For teenagers and adults, Crossroads' Contemporary Social Dramas examine topical issues. Crossroads also makes available an extensive selection of programs for all age groups. New this season are two storytelling programs designed for small audiences. Free brochures and additional information are available by calling Crossroads, headquartered in Redford, at 537-4850.

FOLKTOWN CONCERTS

Its sixth season of traditional and original folk music concerts will be presented by the Southfield coffeehouse, Folktown each Saturday night from Sept. 28 to Nov. 23 and also Dec. 14 at the Southfield Civic Center in the Parks and Recreation Building on Civic Center Drive. The inaugural concert features folk duo Ric and Time Music, and traditional songs and blues. Admission is \$6. For further information, call Folktown 699 p.m. at 855-9848.

ACTOR TRAINING

A new six-week term of actor training programs is offered at the Actors Alliance Theatre Company in Southfield. Acting classes for all skill levels are available for Fall Term I from Saturday, Sept. 28, through Thursday, Nov. 7. Registration is open for the beginner through advanced level classes. For a free brochure, call the theater at 642-1235 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

VIVACE SEASON

Four concerts have been announced for the 1985-86 season on the Vivace music series at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Sundays. Included are: "The Jazz Concert with the Ursula Walker and the Buddy Busdon Trio, Oct. 13; the New World String Quartet, March 23; Igor Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat" (A Soldier's Tale), orchestral work played by several members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, plus mime and narration, April 27; and "From Sondheim to Strauss," with songs by four members of the Michigan Opera Theatre, Nov. 10. For reservations and further information, call Bob Phillips at 681-5533 or Joan Rose at 643-5912.

RESTAURANT DUGLASS

Anthony Lange plays piano music for diners every weekday at Restaurant Duglass 10 Southfield. The Wilbert Pesgler Quartet offers dance music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Saturday.

CARROLL RECITAL

Dr. Frederick L. Marriott, carillonist of Kirk in the Hills will play two 30-minute concerts, at 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 29, at the church in Bloomfield Hills.

FRY'S PLAY

"A Sleep of Prisoners" by Christo-

pher Fry will be presented by the University of Detroit Theatre Company on Jan. 15, as one of the attractions in the series of programs at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Kalros Institute at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. For further information, about the series, call 852-8292.

Plastic Jazz styling by Dick Sharp and Trio is presented from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays at the Drake Restaurant in West Bloomfield. Sharp plays solo 7:30-11:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays.

ARTS WEEK

Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan will kick off Michigan's celebration of National Arts Week, Monday, Sept. 23, through Friday, Sept. 27, with an ice cream social from 27 to 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday on the front lawn of the Capitol Building in Lansing. The event, free to the public, will feature entertainment by the Randy Gelpie Jazz Quartet and the Greater Lansing Symphony Brass Quintet. For more information, contact Marilyn Wheaton, executive director, Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan, P.O. Box 12116, Birmingham 48012, or call 847-2223.

COMEDY PARTY

The Detroit Producers Association will present the "Detroit Comedy Jam Party," with a screening of the first Detroit Comedy Jam, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Comberne Stage, 1350 Comberne, Troy. Comic Mike Binder from Birmingham will appear in person. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be munchies and a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the arts in Michigan. Tickets are \$10, call DF-0720. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

SMITH THEATRE

The Detroit Chamber Winds opens the season at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Other musical events at the theater in 1985 include J.C. Heard's Big Band at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2; the OCC Community Chorale at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, and the OCC Jazz Band, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. The concerts continue in 1986, with Donald Walden and the Detroit Jazz Orchestra, Feb. 8; Detroit Chamber Winds, March 7; Alexander Zonjic, April 8, and the traditional OCC Jazz Band at 8 p.m. and 24. For reservations, call 471-7700.

IRISH MUSIC

Stockton's Wing, a seven-piece band from Ireland, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at McAuley Auditorium at Mercy College in Detroit. The group plays traditional songs, as well as "the new music of Ireland." The concert is presented by the Traditional Irish Music Organization, a newly formed group. Tickets at \$8.50 are available at Musical Oasis in Dearborn and Village Records & Tapes in Grosse Pointe. For further ticket information, call 537-5489.

Information for the Upcoming calendar may be submitted to Ethel Simmer, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Mailing address is: P.O. Box 503, Birmingham 48012, or 26251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150. Entertainment events should be open to the public. Preference is given to information about residents of, or events within, the circulation area of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

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