

Interlochen concerts to mark 25th anniversary

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INTERLOCHEN — How do you top a school year that produced freshmen for Curtis, Harvard, Eastman and Juilliard and netted more than \$1 million in college scholarships for its graduates?

Interlochen arts academy director Bruce Galbraith isn't sure yet, but he'll have nine months to try as the high school opens for its 25th year Sept. 13.

"In typical Interlochen fashion we'll present our first concert a day later," says Galbraith, who this fall will begin a two-year term as board chairman of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, the regional accrediting group for independent schools.

Enrollment is expected to be at last year's record high of 425 boarding and day students, and again almost half of them will be new to the Academy. This year's foreign contingent will be larger than ever, with 32 students coming from Brazil, Chile, France, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Some 135 Michigan students are also electing to study at Interlochen this year.

The Academy will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a host of special concerts, recitals and other events involving some of Interlochen's 125,000 alumni. "One of the highlights is Interlochen Day World-Wide," Galbraith says. "We're hoping that on March 22, 1987, in as many towns, cities and villages as possible, there will be an activity of some kind that will focus on Interlochen."

In conjunction with the anniversary celebration, the Academy Orchestra will perform in New York's Alice Tully Hall and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Dance Ensemble will embark on a five-state tour of the upper Midwest. Other student groups have been invited to appear at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Directors Conference in Chicago and at the Midwestern Conference in Ann Arbor.

In response to a growing demand for skilled stage technicians, the Academy is expanding its design and production program and adding an instructor and another costumer to its current faculty of three.

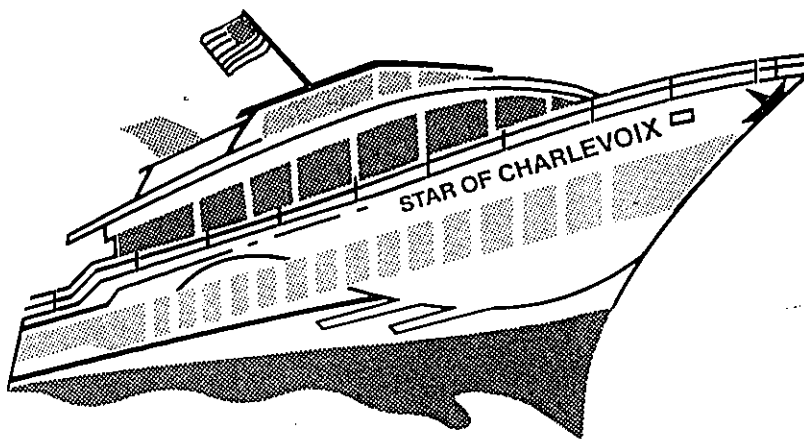
Other new faculty include voice instructors Louise Lerch and Jeffery Norris, director of choral activities Kenneth Jewell, English instructor Jean Gaede and mathematics instructor John Velis. Former instructor of theatre Jude Levinson will become chairman of the theatre department this fall and horn instructor John Jacobson will head the music department.

The Academy concert calendar will feature perennially popular events including the Collage Concert in October and the full-length December ballet, this year "Sleeping Beauty." The Interlochen Chamber Players will return with six concerts and the International Concert Series will offer the Theatre Ballet of Canada and musical productions of "A Christmas Carol" and "Candide."

For a concert calendar or more information, call Interlochen's Concert Office at 276-9221. Visitors are always welcome on campus.

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