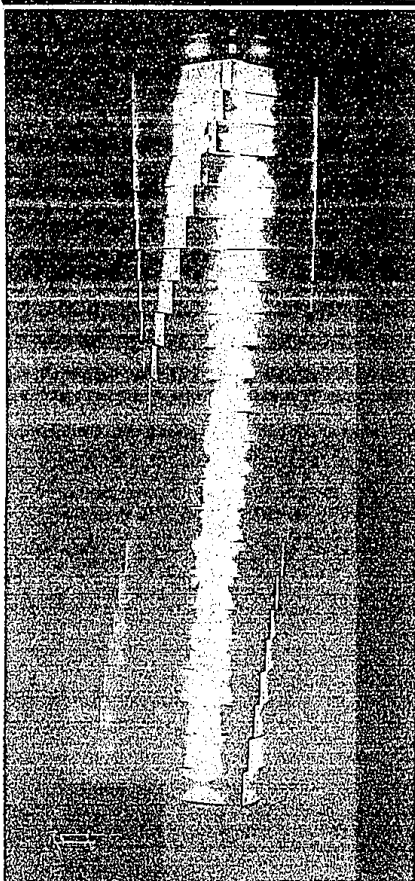




On exhibition

"Transition," a work of cast glass with aluminum by George Duquet of Penland, N.C., will be on exhibition in a show, "The Radiant Object," from Saturday, Feb. 7, through Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Habitat Galleries in Lathrup Village. "The Radiant Object" features nine artists, showing new and alternative ideas to lighting. Also exhibited at the gallery will be the work of three artists, whose medium is glass: John Luebnow, Kerl Schantz and Paul Manners. A reception to meet the artists will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 7.

Vocalists to appear with symphony

Under the direction of Nathan Gordon, the Southfield Symphony Orchestra will perform in its second concert of the season at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Southfield Lathrup High School.

Guest artists will be Bob Taylor ("Fat Bob, the Singing Plumber") and Linda Weston, a former Metropolitan Opera District Competition winner.

Taylor, who studied voice at the University of Michigan, won the Great Lakes Regional Metropolitan Opera contest in 1986. After a brief stint in New York, he returned to

Michigan for further study.

He met local disc jockey J.P. McCarthy, and his singing career was launched. Taylor has since appeared with stars such as Arthur Godfrey, Jimmy Durante, Woody Woodbury, Duke Ellington and Rich Little.

Taylor also appears at sporting events to sing the National Anthem and has sung at the Detroit Tigers opening baseball games for 16 years.

Weston's repertoire includes opera, musical comedy and dinner theater. She has been an artist in residence at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

and a faculty member at Eastern Michigan University. In addition, she has appeared with major symphony orchestras from Miami to Detroit.

Included on the program Feb. 6 will be Von Suppe's Poet and Peasant Overture, arias from Puccini and Verdi, and a medley from "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Hero" from the Chocolate Soldier, and "Make Believe" from Showboat.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 for senior citizens and students. They are available at the Southfield Civic Center and the box office the evening of the performance. For information, call 535-6928.



"Fat Bob" Taylor the singing plumber

P.M. classes focus on art appreciation

Creativity in 20th century art and how to develop an art collection are the topics for two Cranbrook P.M. courses starting in February.

Hope Palmer will give a three-week course, "Rulers of Sensibility: The Persistence of Art of the 20th Century at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 9, 16, 23. The topics are: Impressionism-Expressionism 1880-1920; Utopian Realities 1940-1970; and Painterly Gestures 1970-1987. Palmer is an art professor at Henry Ford Community College and adjunct art historian at Detroit Institute of Arts.

A 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday series on Feb. 10, 17, 24. Through slides, lecture and discussion, Rattner, art historian and critic, will present background information to help those wishing to develop a personal art collection — critical evaluation, resources, creative collections and choices.

Rattner, former art history in-

structor at Wayne State University and University of Windsor has also done curatorial work at Detroit Institute of Arts.

Each course is \$27.50. For registration information, call 645-3635. Cranbrook P.M. is a program of continuing education and outreach sponsored by Cranbrook Schools. Proceeds aid scholarship programs.

Dance program slated

"Dance and Song," a multi-media, all-dance show, will be given at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park.

It will be a nostalgic tribute to 60 years of performing arts at the Center and will feature the Festival Dancers in an Irving Berlin Suite and the Tuesday Troupers with "In the Mood."

Hora Aviv will contribute a lively Israeli dance and a group of 5- and 6-year-olds will present the Jewish Wedding Sherele.

Guest artists include the RC22, the improvisation company and dancers, Marion Sandweiss and Cathy Lichtman. Evelyn Orbach, Detroit actress, will be the narrator. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members, children and seniors \$3. For information, call 967-4030.

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