

Week's event focuses on GT fine arts

Artsphere '87, a week-long celebration of the fine arts of the five-county Grand Traverse region is almost here!

Performers of music, theatre, and dance as well as creators of visual arts, films and literary work will come together to entertain, enliven, and bring pleasure to residents and visitors alike.

The fanfare begins on Friday, May 15 at 8 p.m. with performances by the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and the Old Town Playhouse Studio Theatre.

The orchestra will be presenting its spring concert, "A Spring Classic," featuring works of Brahms and Shostakovich. The studio theatre will be performing "Veronica's Room," an adult psychodrama with a twist ending. The symphony will be in Corson Auditorium, Interlochen, and the Old Town Playhouse is on the corner of Cass and 8th Streets.

Wednesday, May 20, begins three nights of special Artsphere programs at the City Opera House when the Grand Traverse Chorale and the Northwestern Michigan College Madrigals will have a performance beginning at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, May 21 at 8 p.m., the second Opera House program, "An Evening of Literature," will bring forth talented writers of poetry and prose. The readings will reflect the lives and interests of the people of the region.

On Friday, May 22, the final Opera House program in the series will be tradi-



tional music by area musicians and will begin at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, May 23, the week culminates with a day at the Traverse City Senior High, full of music, drama, dance, visual arts, films, literary workshops and art demonstrations. A modern jazz and ballet dance concert at Corson Auditorium that evening at 8 p.m. will be the final program of Artsphere '87.

The Saturday celebration will have artists and audiences in all age ranges. There will be events to captivate children such as juggling, face painting and theatre and dance participation. Everyone may enjoy demonstrations and exhibitions of many visual art forms, as well as expositions of dance, drama and films, and readings of poetry and prose. Throughout the festival musicians will be performing a variety of music from opera to folk. This exciting celebration of the arts promises to bring together diverse people and interests in a day of shared experiences. For further information call 941-8882.

Artsphere is sponsored by the Traverse City Arts Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Arts council plans shows

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Spring will be very busy for the Traverse Arts Council. Starting in May the Arts Council will sponsor its annual juried exhibition. This show, going into its 17th year, gives area artists an opportunity to have their work judged by a qualified person and, possibly, win money.

This year's show will run May 4 through May 29 with a reception and awards presentation on Sunday, May 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. Juror this year is Susan Bades, the director of the Kresge Art Museum and associate professor of Art History at Michigan State University.

May 23 will be the busiest day of the year for the Arts Council. Artsphere, the day-long festival of arts, will be held at the Traverse City Senior High. Exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations, hands-on exhibits, and food are only a few of the highlights of this family day.

In June the Arts Council Gallery is featuring the 1986 Michigan Wildlife Art Awards Exhibition sponsored by the Cranbrook Institute of Science. This competition is designed to foster a deeper appreciation of wildlife among high school students and to encourage development of creative wildlife art.

The exhibit features two works by Traverse City Senior High students. Lisa Weber, senior, won for her colored pencil drawing of Blue Wing Teal Ducks and Bob Green, 11th grade, won for his colored pencil drawing of a Brown Bear. This show will run from June 1 to June 20 and a reception for the two artists is being planned.

June is also the Arts Councils election month and annual meeting with polluck dinner. This meeting/dinner gives arts council members a chance to meet the new board and socialize. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Arts Council, either on the board or as a volunteer can call 947-2282.

July will feature two Sesquicentennial exhibits funded by a Yes 150 grant from the State of Michigan. First at the Arts Council Gallery is "Fifty States: A Salute to Michigan's Sesquicentennial." The Arts Council has invited (through each state art council) every state to send one piece of art work for an exhibit to honor Michigan. "I don't believe a show like this has ever been done before," said arts council director Terry Tarnow, "but the response from other states has been very positive and we expect the exhibit to be a very exciting one." The exhibit will run from July 6 to Aug. 7 at the Arts Council Gallery.

The second Sesquicentennial exhibit is "Artists Celebrate Michigan," being held at the Grand Traverse Resort, also in July. Thirty local artists have been invited to exhibit a work of art inspired by living and working in Michigan. Both these exhibits will be available for the governors and their staffs and families to view while they are here for the National Governors Conference.

For more information on the Traverse City Arts Council call 947-2282 or stop in to the gallery/office, Monday-Friday 1-4 and Saturday 11-2. The office is located at 309 E. Front. Activities of the Traverse City Arts Council are supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

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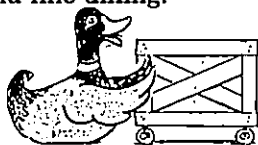
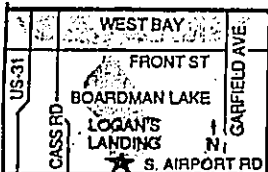
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