

# Musical excellence

## Scholarship winners join for concert

Young musicians who won scholarships for "Musical Excellence" will be the featured artists in a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, on 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road.

"We had more winners, more contenders and more money to give than ever before," said Linda McLaughlin, speaking for Farmington Musicales, which sponsors the "Awards for Musicales Excellence" competition every spring.

A few years ago, money was set aside to be used for those competing on the piano.

This year, in the ever-expanding competition, a separate fund was set up for young vocalists to further

their careers in music. In past years vocalists were competing for scholarships with instrumentalists.

In the vocal competition for 11th and 12th graders, soprano Juliet Ewing from Mercy High School, took the first prize. She was followed by Cindy Lynn from Farmington High School and James Akouri from North Farmington.

In the vocal competition for ninth and 10th graders, Holly Underwood took first place. Honorable mention was given to Teresa Theodore. Both attend North Farmington.

**MARIMBA PLAYER** Trevor Berg, from Harrison High, took the grand prize in the instrumental competition for 11th and 12th graders.

He was followed by flutist Jacqueline Krakow from Mercy and cellist Mark Schiefel from Harrison.

Honorable mention was given to clarinetist Marianne Leitch from North Farmington.

First prize for instrumentalists in the ninth- and 10th-grade category was given to flutist Amy Smith from Farmington High. She was followed by flutist Susanne Nigrant from Mercy and violinist Colleen Brady from North Farmington.

Violinist Amy Dunbar from Warner Middle School took first prize among instrumentalists in seventh and eighth grades. She was followed by oboe player Kirsten McLaughlin from East Middle

School and cellist Kristen Urevig from Power.

In the piano competition for 11th and 12th graders, Sandra Taylor from Farmington High took first prize. Karen Koch from Lutheran High Northwest and Kathleen Rhew from Andover High tied for second place.

In the piano competition among ninth- and 10th graders, Brook Beresh came in first. Yolanda Wu came in second. Bob Chen was given honorable mention. All attend North Farmington.

Brandon Cagnon, from Power Middle School, took first prize in the piano competition among seventh and eighth graders. He was followed by Emily Avers from Greenfield Peace Lutheran and Jennifer Sowman from Warner Middle School. Vincent Tugger from White Lake Junior High was given honorable mention.

**THE CONCERT** traditionally follows the announcement of the scholarship winners and is given to showcase the talents of the young musicians. The concert is free. Reservations are not necessary.

Again, following tradition, muscals members host an afterglow for the audience to meet the artists.

At the close of the concert the winners will receive cash awards as well as certificates from Roscoe Lewis, president of the musicale, and Sara Bunin and Linda McLaughlin, musicale members who co-chaired this year's scholarship competition.

Vocalists were judged by Caroline Rogers of Pleasant Ridge and Ted Still of Walpole Lake.

Instrumentalists were judged by Al Johnston of Walpole Lake and Marshall Hutchinson of Farmington.

Pianists were judged by Mary Scilliano of Livonia, Thomas Kuras of Birmingham, Isabel Tulk of Milford and Colette Rosner of Orchard Lake.



**Historical baskets**

Baskets, fashioned and dyed in the manner created by American Indians and the Shakers by Mary Bollert and Janine Rudzki, will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 9. The basketmakers join 60 other artisans for Farmington Community's spring Arts and Crafts show and sale throughout the building and grounds on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.



Juliet Ewing



Trevor Berg



Sandra Taylor

## OWL asks:

### Give 'em health on Mother's day

**THIS WEEK** members of Older Women's League across the country are addressing Mother's Day cards that will be mailed to their U.S. congressmen.

The cards read "Give 'em Health." The inside message is a request to vote for protection against the catastrophic cost of chronic health problems, an appeal for no more cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, a vote for income security for the spouses of those in nursing homes, and an appeal for action on the special health needs of women.

The massive card-mailing is one more step in the national organization's "Give 'em Health" campaign and coincides as Congress finishes next year's federal budget.

"It also coincides with important pending legislation that involves the country's health care system," said Margaret Walker, president of Farmington OWL. "It is very likely that key decisions will be made during this 100th Congress that will affect midlife and older women, especially when catastrophic care coverage and spousal impoverishment are debated."

Walker believes OWL is in a position to influence what direction the debates take, as well as the final outcome.

"OWL (members) have already testified at congressional hearings on catastrophic and long-term health care, representing the special fears and concerns that women face as they age," she said.

**THE FOUR KEY** requests on the Mother's Day card stem from an OWL survey called "The Picture of

Health for Midlife and Older Women."

"It is a disturbing picture," Walker said.

"About 5 million women between 40 and 65 have no health insurance of any kind. Women make up 80 percent of the aging population and outnumber men 2-to-1 in the over-75 group where health care costs are the highest. Among older women there is a greater prevalence of long-term chronic diseases."

"Fully half of all drugs prescribed in the U.S. are for women over 60. Four in five breast cancers occur in women over age 50, yet most public and private health insurance, including Medicare, will not pay for preventive breast screenings. The average nursing home costs are more than three times the median annual income for a woman over 65."

"You can see why health care is a women's issue. We think it's one that deserves priority."

Both Farmington OWL and Livonia OWL chapter members have made banners that will be displayed in Washington, D.C., when the Mother's Day cards will be delivered to offices on Capitol Hill. Those banners will join others sent from chapters throughout the country carrying messages relevant to the "Give 'em Health" campaign theme, "Health Care is a Right. Not a Privilege."



### The Good Doctor

"The Sneeze," one of nine vignettes in "The Good Doctor," is acted out by Kirk Hanley (from left), C. M. Novessa, Debbie Nymshack, Jan Salisbury and Ralph Rosati. The Farmington Players production of the Neil Simon

comedy runs for four weekends through May 16 in the Players Barn. Ticket information is given by calling the box office, 626-5061.

## Volunteers needed

Individuals interested in volunteering at Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour Crisis Center, are may attend an orientation session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Common Ground, 1090 S. Adams, Birmingham.

No appointment is necessary. For information about volunteer opportunities at Common Ground, call Connie Justice, coordinator of volunteers, at Common Ground's business line, 645-1173.

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