

# Suburban Life

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## When words fail . . . Musicians line up to join for week of song

"Music Speaks When Words Fail" is the theme for the 65th annual observance of National Music Week staged throughout the country by affiliates of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

In this area Farmington Musicale and Birmingham Musicale members joined forces to present a week of continuous music Monday through Saturday, May 2-7 in Tel-12 Mall, Southfield.

Musicians in bands, orchestras, ensembles, quartets, choruses and choirs perform in late morning, afternoon and evening appearances. They bring their own special kind of music, from light-hearted pop to classical.

### The Line Up

#### MONDAY, MAY 2

1 p.m.: Susan Berry directs The Classical Bells of Metropolitan Detroit.

4 p.m.: Piano Duet performed by Irene Mattiati and Marion Slatczynski. Both are members of Birmingham Musicale.

7 p.m.: The Gentlemen Songsters sing barbershop style under the direction of Dan McDaniel.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 3

11 a.m.: The Eagle Elementary School Choir performs directed by Jennifer Davidson.

1 p.m.: The Jefferson Junior High School Concert Band and Jazz Band, directed by Timophy Humphrey.

4 p.m.: The Chamber Singers and

the Jills, both from Andover High School, directed by Bruce Snyder.

7 p.m.: The Lahser High School Chorus, with The Knights Singers and the Knights Men, directed by Jack Cole.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

1 p.m.: The Farmington Musicale Women's Chorus, accompanied by Carolee McDaniel and directed by Joyce Bigelow.

4 p.m.: Harrison High School Jazz Band directed by Mark Phillips.

7 p.m.: Lahser High School Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band, directed by Paul DeRubeis.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

1 p.m.: Seaholm High School's Maple Chorus, directed by Tom Welles.

4 p.m.: Seaholm High School's Symphonic Chamber Winds, directed by Tom Course.

7 p.m.: The Sanctus Choir of Royal Oak United Methodist Church commemorates the church's 150th anniversary in concert, accompanied by Doris Hall and directed by Chris Hall.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 6

11 a.m.: Derby Middle School's Eighth Grade Chorus is directed by Sue MacDonald, and the Seventh Grade Band, directed by Lynette Malberg.

1 p.m.: Costell Elementary School's Fifth Grade Chorus and Orff Instrumentalists directed by Cathy Pond.

Performing will be the Classical Bells of Metropolitan Detroit; Irene Mattiati and Marion Slatczynski of Birmingham Musicale; the Gentlemen Songsters; the Eagle Elementary School Choir; the Jefferson Junior High School Concert Band and Jazz Band; the Chamber Singers and the Jills from Andover High School; the Lahser High School Chorus, with the Knights Singers and the Knights Men; the Farmington Musicale Women's Chorus, accompanied by Carolee McDaniel; the Harrison High School Jazz Band; the Lahser High School Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band; Seaholm High School's Maple Chorus and Symphonic Chamber Winds; the Sanctus Choir of Royal Oak United Methodist Church; Derby Middle School's Eighth Grade Chorus and the Seventh Grade Band; Costell Elementary School's Fifth Grade Chorus and Orff Instrumentalists; the Singing Seniors from Royal Oak Senior Center; Southfield-Lathrup High School Madrigal Singers, Jazz Ensemble and String Ensemble; and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra and String Orchestra.

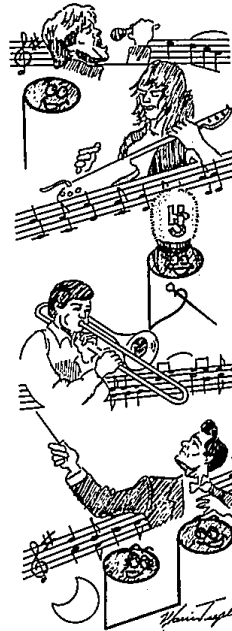
2 p.m.: The Singing Seniors, from Royal Oak Senior Center, are accompanied by Harlet Geden and directed by Pat Duensing.

4 p.m.: Southfield-Lathrup High School Madrigal Singers directed by Robert Martin, Jazz Ensemble directed by Tom Miller, and String Ensemble directed by Carl Woodson.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

Noon: The Metropolitan Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra directed by Douglas Bianchi.

1:30 p.m.: The Metropolitan Youth Symphony String Orchestra directed by Judith Culler.



## Odyssey

### Adventures that excite and stimulate

Living the life of a pioneer, a day at the circus or the zoo, a bicycle trip or a trip to a dairy farm, a ride on the Huckleberry Railroad — all are Odyssey Adventures.

The thrust is to learn about the environment outside the classroom. The aim is to educate, excite and stimulate the imagination.

A particularly heavy programming and traveling time for Robert Lipsitz, director of Odyssey Adventures, is spring break, then revving up to start the summer schedule.

"Odyssey Adventures is not just a booking agent," Lipsitz said. "Our professional staff takes care of all details involved in transportation, instruction, chaperones, necessary equipment and activity fees."

"We hire experienced leaders who have backgrounds in a variety of disciplines to support each group for our trips, no matter how large or small, all professionally designed to provide a variety of adventures that help promote physical and emotional growth."

"We assure each trip to be a valuable learning experience."

THE SUMMER schedule is ready now for mailing. A schedule will be sent on request by calling Odyssey Adventures in Farmington Hills, 661-3600.

Full-day and half-day programs are designed for third to fifth graders to stimulate the learning process through fun and hands-on

adventures throughout southeastern Michigan.

A sampling of the offerings for Saturdays or spring break were "Introduction to Theater," "Windsor Wildlife" and "Indian Culture."

The offerings for sixth to eighth graders are designed to challenge their physical abilities, discover their personal and social values and learn team work.

Some of the offerings for spring are "Ropes Course Challenge," "Creature Feature" and an overnight trip to Niagara Falls.

Excursions throughout the U.S. are offered to ninth-12th graders for a day, a weekend or a week. Coming up is a day of hot air ballooning, a weekend of caving in Kentucky and a weekend of whitewater rafting in West Virginia.

The goal of Odyssey Family Adventures is to open and improve the lines of communication among the family members. Owl Prowl and canoeing are one-day events. "Escape to the Ranch" is scheduled for May 13-15.

"Odyssey Adventures creates vacations for adults that most people just dream about," Lipsitz said.

"Imagine hiking through lush Hawaiian rain forests, exploring hidden caves, relaxing on isolated beaches. We put adventure in vacations."

LIPSITZ HAS a background of 17 years programming for camps, universities, schools, recreation departments and churches. Odyssey Adventures is about 10 years old, non-profit and dedicated to offering innovative ways to invest leisure time throughout the year.

"There is a continual desire — and need — for year-round, challenging alternatives for families and youth who spend large blocks of time visiting and congregating in the shopping malls," Lipsitz said.

"These youth need other ways to channel their energies and socialize in a more rewarding and productive manner. We offer this alternative."

"All that's required is an active mind and eagerness to encounter new environments and fascinating experiences."

Odyssey Adventures has a high staff-to-youth ratio that allows for all necessary orientation, instruction and special attention for the less experienced. Youngsters are supervised from the beginning to the end of their trip.

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### First place winner

The blue ribbon will hang from Joan Welsch's "Cottage at Dusk" during Farmington Artists Club's spring exhibit Friday through Sunday, April 29 to May 1, in Mercy Center. The show and sale closes Sunday afternoon with a raffle of 10 original paintings donated by members of the club. Admission is free.