

New Marriott plays happy tune for Orchestra

Help and support for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is coming from a fresh source — the new Detroit Marriott Troy, Big Beaver between Livernois and I-75. The announcement was made at the "topping off" ceremony for the hotel. That's a celebration when all of the floors of the building have been poured and a tree, in this case, a Michigan white pine, is hoisted to the top of the structure.

"We're proud to announce a partnership with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall," said Patrick Tinetti, director of marketing for Detroit Marriott Troy. "We started with the premise that we wanted to help the Symphony. From there we found that there were a number of ways we could help that were within our capability and that were of vital importance to them."

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- The list of commitments the Marriott is making begins with naming of one of the meeting rooms the "Symphony Suite" and making it available to the Orchestra four times a year for meetings.
- The hotel will make a direct donation to the orchestra.
- The Detroit Marriott Troy will host at least two fund-raisers per year for the Orchestra in its ballroom, which will be the largest in the area.
- Visiting musicians and conductors will be given rooms at a guaranteed nominal rate.
- As opportunities arise, the hotel management has expressed its wish to accommodate the DSOH to the best of its ability.

Tinetti said he hoped this cooperation between the Orchestra and the Detroit Marriott Troy would inspire other corporations and groups to help support the Orchestra.

The 17 story full-service Detroit Marriott Troy is expected to open next March. The largest Marriott in Michigan, it will have 350 guest rooms and five hospitality/meeting

suities. The 11,500 square foot Peninsula Ballroom, will be the largest in the area, second to the ballroom at the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

The hotel's owners are a joint venture partnership comprised of affiliates from Interstate Hotels of Pittsburgh, Pa., Kojan Properties Inc. of Bloomfield Hills and the Travelers Realty Investment Group of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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upcoming things to do

GREATER TUNA
Eastern Michigan University's Spengler Theatre production of the off-Broadway comedy "Greater Tuna" is being held over for two more days, with performances at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 8-9, on the Ypsilanti campus. Call 487-1221 for reservations.

FILM SHOWN
"The Sun Comes Up" starring Jeanette MacDonald and Lloyd Nolan will be shown at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak. Admission is \$3. For additional information, call 585-3186.

GREATEST SHOW
"The Greatest Show on Earth" is coming to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Showtimes for the 118th edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 3-6. Thursday, Oct. 5, matinee is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, there are three shows, at noon and 4 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, shows are at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices for all performances are \$11.50, \$9.50 and \$7.50.

COUNTRY MUSIC
The 1989 Marlboro Country Music Tour will continue its fall 16-city tour with a stop at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The multi-headliner, high-tech concert will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Featured are Alabama, Merle Haggard, Ricky Van Shelton and Restless Heart. Tickets at \$18.50 are available through all Ticketmaster locations.

JAPANESE FILM
Detroit Film Theatre of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present "Onibaba" a 1983 Japanese film directed by Kaneto Shindo, at 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, in the DIA's 1,150-seat auditorium. This story is of an old woman and her daughter-in-law who make a living during Japan's civil wars by stealing the armor from dead Samurai. Tickets at \$3 may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information or to request a free copy of the Detroit Film Theatre schedule, visit the DIA ticket office or call 332-2730.

DINNER THEATER
Holiday Inn Windsor & Tap Ltd. will present Neil Simon's comedy "I Ought To Be in Pictures" opening Friday, Sept. 15, and continuing every Friday in October and November. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and showtime at 8. Brunches are available. "I Ought To Be in Pictures" revolves around Herb, a once-successful Hollywood scriptwriter, who is having a dry run

and his confidence is shaken. For more information and reservations, call the Holiday Inn Windsor at 943-7580.

FALL CLASSES
Registration for fall programs at the Center for Creative Studies-Institute of Music and Dance is now open. Registration for private lessons is available throughout the year. College credit in both music and dance may be obtained by registering through the CCS-College of Art and Design. Of special interest is the expanded jazz faculty which will be teaching improvisation, arranging, composition, theory and jazz ensemble, as well as private lessons. The jazz faculty includes Doc Holladay, Marcus Belgrave, Bass Bonnier, Ursula Walker, Buddy Budson, Walt Szymanski, Randy Gelsple and Donald Walden. For more information call 831-2870.

FOLK MUSIC
Inkster Rotary Club announces the launching of the "Seasons 4 Folk Music" series beginning Saturday, Sept. 16, at Robichaud High School in Inkster. The series will include concerts by such folk stars as Mustard's Retreat, Matt Watroba and Robert Jones of WDET radio, and Joel Mabius, Kitty Donahoe, Neil Woodward and Lady of the Lakes. The series begins with Detroit-area political and social songwriter Ralph Welton of Westland. For ticket information, call 729-9548.



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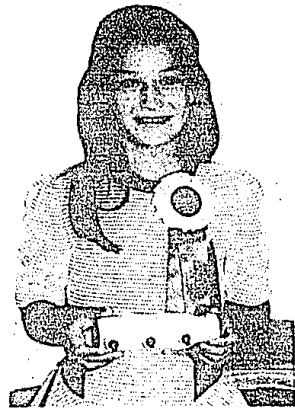
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