

# Ford pledges \$2 million to symphony

Ford Motor Company Fund has pledged \$2 million toward the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall extraordinary operating initiative campaign to raise \$18.2 million.

This amount is an addition to the Ford Fund's annual operating support and funding for the Ford Youth Program, and is contingent upon support from the corporate community, the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit, as well as DSOH's compliance with its Five-Year Business Plan.

"This is an historic season for the DSO. Being home again at Orchestra Hall is only one of the reasons to celebrate and feel optimistic about our future," said Deborah Borda, executive director of DSOH. "The willingness of our musicians to participate in shaping a new four-year contract, along with the devoted efforts of our staff and board, have already made a significant impact in beginning a new era for DSOH. We still have a long way to go in securing a sound financial future, but the Ford Fund's response to our appeal starts us off on a very positive note."

Ford Motor Company is a long-time major contributor to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, including special funding for the Ford Youth Program which enables young people to attend concerts free.

The Ford Youth Program also

partially funds the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, a pre-professional training orchestra for young career-oriented musicians that emphasizes the location and development of minority talent.

"We are pleased to be able to participate in the campaign to secure exceptional operating funds for the Orchestra," said Stanley Seneker, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Ford Motor Company. "The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is one of Detroit's finest treasures, which bring world-class musical talent to the cultural life of our city. It is incumbent upon the members of our community to insure the financial stability required to maintain

this invaluable asset and to guarantee its place in the future of Detroit."

The need for \$18.2 million in extraordinary operating funds was identified with the unveiling of DSOH's Five-Year Business Plan in June 1988.

In order to retire an accumulated deficit of \$8.2 million and an additional \$10 million projected over the next four years, a campaign was launched to secure the necessary funds from the state, city, and corporate community with the goal of achieving the plan's projected balanced budget at the end of the five-year term.



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# WeeBees to show their miniatures

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The annual showing of works crafted by miniaturists from Southeastern Michigan will be at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. It is sponsored by the Wee Bees Club, 16 artisans who craft home furnishings, silver, rugs, crystalware and accessories, usually on a one-inch-to-the-foot scale.

The show will feature the work of artisan Betty Gleeson of Farmington Hills, a Wee Bees member. Also featured will be the Wee Bees dollhouse and its Halloween trimmings. The dollhouse is booked for educational and charitable purposes

through 1990 at area libraries and historical museums.

Show admission is \$2, or 50 cents for children 12 and under accompanied by adults. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For information, call Miniature Makers' Workshop at 549-8633. To submit a collector's item for possible showing, call Betate Robinson at the above number.

For the show, the Wee Bees created an eight-inch glass dome containing a child playing with her furnished dollhouse. Suitable for a table centerpiece, it will defray costs of maintaining and touring the Wee Bees dollhouse.

It took the Wee Bees eight years to create the

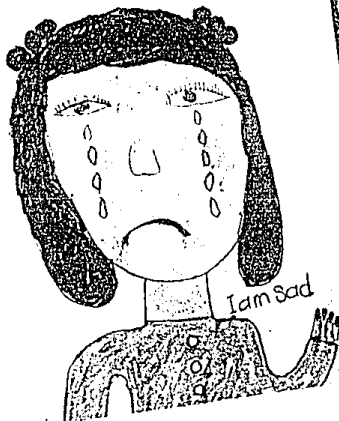
scale model of a contemporary eight-room house and patio.

Gleeson's display will include an Oriental-style living room and a toy shop with shelves stocked with stuffed animals and other playthings. A miniature for 12 years, Gleeson stresses her work with wood.

The show also will include room boxes, houses, and miniatures collected by other area hobbyists. Among them is a foot-high, four-story tree stump house built on a scale of one-quarter inch to one foot.

"A very good witch lives there in the forest," says its creator, Wee Bees president Liz Lubera of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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