

New series geared for entire family

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representing two generations of Russian composers."

Similarly, the "Grand March" from Verdi's opera "Aida" demonstrates Berlioz's influence on Verdi in its expansive orchestration. "Aida" is considered as having something for everyone.

NEXT IS BIZET'S "Carillon" from his piece "L'Arlesienne," written for a stage work. Listen for the horns as the piece begins. They sound like bells. Then the horns come in with the strings. The horns' theme returns as the end of the piece recapitulates its opening. Moviegoers may know this French composer's opera "Carmen."

Next piece is from Hungarian composer Bela Bartok's "Hungarian Sketches." The sketches are performed in a "slightly tipsy" peasant.

The concert concludes with a 60-second piece. While cute and clever are not usually coupled to describe a musical composition, these words do illustrate American composer Paul Whiteman's "Mosquito Dance" from his "Five Miniatures." The instruments of the orchestra imitate the sound of a mosquito buzzing for a minute around and around until a spatstick is heard, and the music ends.

Daniels hopes "there will be something to capture everybody's imagination. When I was a kid, I grew up

in this little town, and I never saw a real orchestra until I was in my teens. It's great to be in a place where there is a great symphony orchestra like the Detroit Symphony right here and, for that matter, community orchestras, and on TV. I envy kids today, I must say."

His first introduction to symphony orchestras was the old 78 RPM record. "I was a teenager with a disposable income when LP's were coming in," he says. "And when they came in, the 78 records went on sale. I remember saving my allowance and buying the 'Rite of Spring' (by Stravinsky). It was a famous piece. I'd read about it, but I'd never heard it. It was so exciting to finally hear it at last. It was really an exciting time. I had an older brother in college, and he began bring home records. He introduced me to so much."

TO HEAR a concert, Daniels' mother would take him to Rochester, N.Y., when he was in high school. Yet his most vivid memories are in junior high school when he got "the fever." Eventually, he acquired his bachelor degree at Oberlin, his master's degree from Boston University and his doctorate in conducting at the University of Iowa.

He came to Oakland University in 1969. For the last 15 years he has been conductor of the Warren Symphony Orchestra. He also is director of the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony.

upcoming things to do

MEADOW BROOK

Jazz singer/guitarist George Benson will open Meadow Brook Music Festival's second week at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Baldwin Pavilion. (Tickets: \$22.50, \$21.50 and \$15). Grammy award winner Rickie Lee Jones and Texas singer/songwriter Lyle Lovett will perform together Wednesday, June 27. (Tickets: \$22.50, \$18.50 and \$14). Brazil's most popular artist, Milton Nascimento, will appear Thursday, June 28. The singer/songwriter has collaborated with musical greats Herbie Hancock, Pat Metheny and Paul Simon. (Tickets: \$18, \$15 and \$15). Broadway, television and recording star Michael Feinstein will sing and play the piano in an evening of American music with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Friday, June 29, and Sunday, July 1. Fireworks will follow the concert. (Tickets: \$20, \$15 and \$10).

Bob McGrath of Sesame Street will perform a children's concert at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30. (Tickets: \$8, \$7 and \$5). Jazz pianist/singer Harry Connick Jr. appears with the Harry Connick Jr. Orchestra on Saturday, June 30. Opening the concert will be young jazz saxophonist Christopher Hollyday. Fireworks will follow the concert. (Tickets: \$25, \$21 and \$14.50).

Tommy Tune's co-star in the musical "Bye Bye Birdie," scheduled for Tuesday-Saturday, July 17-21, will be actress-singer-dancer Ann Reinking. She is best known as the featured dancer in the movie "All That Jazz" and as Daddy Warbucks' secretary in the movie version of "Annie." Ticket information for all Meadow Brook concerts is available by calling the box office at Oakland University in Rochester Hills at 377-2018.

DANCE DRAMA

Meera, an Indian dance drama, will be performed by the dancers of Nandanā, Inc., at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Meadow Brook Theater on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. The performance, by a cast of 35, will include authentic music and costumes, plus original choreography by Nandanā's artistic director, Chaula Thacker. Tickets at the door are \$10 and \$15. For more information call Chaula Thacker at 642-6663.

TO STRATFORD

The Community House in Birmingham is planning a trip to Stratford, Ont., to see Damon Runyon's "Guys and Dolls" on Tuesday, July 10, and Shakespeare's "Macbeth" on Wednesday, July 11. A deluxe motorcoach will leave the Community House on the morning of July 10 and return the evening of July 11. Cost of \$249 per person double occupancy (\$40 single supplement) includes one night's accommodation at the Festival Inn, main floor theater tickets, a

travel escort, dinner at Rundles on July 10 and dinner at the Elm Hurst Inn on July 11. To make a reservation call 644-5632.

AT PALACE

Chart-topping country stars will appear when Butteville presents the 1990 Summer/Fall Country Concert Series at the Palace of Auburn Hills, with one show each month beginning in July and running through December. Series ticket packages offer six shows for the price of five and guarantee the same seats for the following shows: K.T. Oslin, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, with special guest B.J. Thomas, Saturday, July 7, 8 p.m.; Hank Williams Jr. with special guest the Kentucky Headhunters, plus an opening act to be announced, Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m.; Reba McEntire with special guest Ricky Skaggs, plus an opening act to be announced, Saturday, Sept. 15, 8 p.m.; Oak Ridge Boys with special guest Ballie and the Boys, plus an opening act, to be announced Thursday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m.; Louise Mandrell Christmas Evening with special guest Arienne Mandrell, Sunday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m.; plus one show to be announced.

Series tickets are \$22.50 per strip. Series tickets are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets also may be charged by calling 645-6666. Subscription deadline is Saturday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets at \$18.50 for the July 7 concert with K.T. Oslin,

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and B.J. Thomas also are on sale.

CASTING CALL

Oakland Community College's Summer Arts and Sciences Program, in conjunction with the Oakland County Cultural Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts, announces its 1990 performing arts season. Auditions for productions of "Spoon River Anthology," "Anne of Green Gables" and "Beauty and the Beast" begin Sunday, June 24, at the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Auditions are open to all ages.

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