

# FAMILY FARE

# LET'S TALK

## Dudley Moore offers music class for all

By Sherry Jones

Sometimes getting children to appreciate new types of music can be a challenge. For instance, try giving a child the option of purchasing a "New Kids On The Block" tape or the latest classical release. There's hardly a child anywhere who wouldn't choose the New Kids. Children can be pretty narrow-minded when it comes to music.

In *The Making of Orchestra*, debuting Tuesday, Aug. 6 on Showtime, host Dudley Moore and conductor Sir George Solti join an ensemble of outstanding young music students as they speak out about their feelings and explain that good music is not so difficult to understand.

The half-hour special is the culmination of a 10-part series produced by Showtime that takes a music-video approach to the introduction of each orchestral section, from strings to percussion.

Going behind the scenes with the musicians, *The Making of Orchestra* offers young viewers an inside look at the world of classical music. By mixing entertainment with information, the program makes classical music more understandable and interesting to children and adults of all ages. By combining state-of-the-art sound, lighting and video techniques, this program brings the excitement and drama of classical music to life for young and old alike.



Kathleen Turner discusses her latest film *V.I. Warshawski* on Wednesday's *Entertainment Tonight*.

## Arsenio Hall not romantically linked to Sinead O'Connor

By Taylor Michaels

**Q: I would like more information on Arsenio Hall. I heard rumors he goes with Sinead O'Connor. Is this true? Also, is he or was he involved with Whitney Houston? If so, what kind of relationship? Can you also include his address? —Shoqualak, Miss.**

**A:** Arsenio Hall keeps his private life very quiet. For a while it was rumored he was involved with Paula Abdul, and he did appear in her video *Straight Up*. They were seen together a couple of times, but both have said they are just good friends. The same situation applies to Whitney Houston. As for Sinead O'Connor, Hall has met her, but they are not romantically involved. You can write him c/o Paramount, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90038.

**Q: I enjoy Peter Jennings very much on the ABC News. He's been in this country for many years. What is his reason for not becoming a United States citizen? —Mrs. Roy O'Hare, Holyoke, Mass.**

**A:** You're right, Jennings has been here for many years. I don't know his reasons, but if I were guessing, I would say he has loyalties to Canada and is proud to be a Canadian citizen. When I contacted ABC about your question, the spokesperson declined comment.

**Q: I am looking for the address for one of my heroes, Jean-Claude Van Damme. He is the reason I got into karate, and I like his movies. I've seen all of them. —Abbie Ware Jr., Rosepine, La.**

**A:** You can write to Van Damme at P.O. Box 4149, Chatsworth, La., 91313-4149.

**Q: Please, please, please help settle an argument between my brother and me. He says the actor James MacArthur, who is Helen Hayes' son and starred in the series *Hawaii Five-O*, was the same actor that portrayed *Boy* in the *Tarzan* movies and also starred in the later *Bomba* movies. I say James MacArthur never played either *Jungle* role and an actor named Johnny Sheffield portrayed both *Jungle* characters. You are my only hope in proving him wrong by printing the correct answer in your column. Please help!!! —S. Guthrie, Fountain Valley, Calif.**

**A:** If your brother is anything like mine, I'll bet he's been driving you



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crazy! So, I'm happy to tell you that you're right. James MacArthur never played those roles.

**Q: Can you tell me about Dennis Day? Is he still living? —A.V. Marten, Deming, N.M.**

**A:** The Irish tenor who was Jack Benny's sidekick on radio and television for more than 25 years died June 22, 1988. Although he technically died of pneumonia, Day had been suffering for nearly a year from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the degenerative nerve disorder known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was critically injured in a fall at his home in Brentwood, Calif., on March 9, 1988, and had been hospitalized more than four weeks. He was taken home from the hospital two days before his death. His 10 children and grandchildren were with him when he died but, tragically, his wife, Peggy, was hospitalized that morning after having suffered a mild heart attack. Day was 71. He was born Owen Patrick McNulty in New York and attended Manhattan College while planning to enroll at Fordham University's law school. He learned Jack Benny needed a singer and sent a recording to Benny's wife, which earned him an audition and a 2-week tryout. He first appeared on the show on October 8, 1939.

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