

Symphony to spotlight classics, jazz, guest trumpeter

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SPECIAL WRITER

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of music from classical to jazz with guest trumpeter Armando Ghitalla in the second concert of the orchestra's 19th season 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Churchill Hill School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

As an added attraction an original composition written in honor of the late President John F. Kennedy by LSO violist Christopher Tew, "Elegy for Strings," November 1963, will make its Michigan debut.

Tickets are \$10, seniors/students \$6, children 15 and under \$3, available at Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Hammell Music 15630 Middlebelt and at the door before the concert. For information call the symphony hotline 458-6575, or office noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday 421-1111.

"The November concert gives

people a taste of different kinds of sounds," said Livonia Symphony Society president, Kenneth Kelsey of Farmington Hills.

"What makes a live orchestra so special over listening to a CD is being able to watch the different instruments. A novice can watch and see what makes the deep thrumby tone to start learning that's the sound of the bassoon." Along with Tew's elegy other selections on the program include Mikhail Glinka's, Overture to Russian and Ludmilla, Antonio Dvorak's, Symphony in E minor, Op. 95: From the New World, and Harold Farberman's, Double Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra spotlighting Ghitalla who premiered the piece with the Boston Pops under Arthur Fiedler.

"It's very unusual that you would hear jazz and classical in one concerto for one trumpet," said LSO conductor, Francesco DiBlasi. "Armando Ghitalla is a top notch trumpeter who played first trumpet for 20 out of the more than 25 years he was with the

Boston Symphony."

Ghitalla, who studied at Illinois Wesleyan University, New York University and The Juilliard School, gave the first complete trumpet recital in the history of New York's Town Hall in 1958. He has played first trumpet with the New York City Opera, Band of America under Radio City Music Hall director, Paul LeValle, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, and as a soloist from England to Japan.

Teaching positions include Boston's Berkeley Music School, Boston University, University of Hartford, New England Conservatory of Music, and Tanglewood Institute. Currently he is professor of music at the University of Michigan, participating regularly in symposia, festivals and master classes.

Ghitalla has premiered concerti by many leading American composers. He has recorded for Cambridge Records, Deutsche Grammophon, and Opus Records to name a few.

After intermission Tew leaves

his chair in the viola section to take the conducting reins for his elegy.

"I started writing melodies the night before President Kennedy was assassinated. The melodies were sad and melancholy. It was fitting they be used in the elegy," said Tew.

"A lot of what people felt that weekend besides sadness was anger and shock. Each section ascends to moments of anger, and contains all or part of the initial melody."

Tew wrote the composition for strings he said, "because they can sing without breaking the melody." "It is a melodic work. Everything that people don't like about modern music isn't in there. It's a natural free flowing melody using basic harmonies."

Tew has played viola for more than 25 years in community orchestras. He studied music theory and composition under Dr. Harold Luce and M. Thomas Cousins at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "I think any composer writes



Guest trumpeter: Armando Ghitalla will perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 14.



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Garden series offers 'Classical Adventure'

Southfield's Concerts in the Garden series will present a "Classical Adventure" starring violinist Linda Snedden-Smith, John Thurman, cellist and Cameron Smith, pianist 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, and at 11 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel Southfield. Tickets are \$7.50 for concert and continental breakfast and \$4 for concert and coffee only. For information, reservations call 354-4717.

The Southfield Symphony's opening concert of their 40th season will be 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 in the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion on Evergreen Road, north of Civic Center Drive. For ticket information, call 354-4717.

Linda Smith has performed as soloist with the DSO under Sixten Ehrling and Arthur Fiedler, as

recitalist at Lincoln Center and in recent years as violinist with numerous chamber ensembles.

At age 5, John Thurman was the youngest full scholarship student in the history of the Manhattan School of Music. He also studied composition with Nadia Boulanger in France.

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