

Youth symphony presents concert

The sounds of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony will fill historic Orchestra Hall in Detroit with both classical and contemporary sounds 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Divided into three levels of accomplishment, MYS numbers nearly 300 students, grades 5-12, representing 45 metropolitan Detroit communities.

Concert tickets will be available at the Orchestra Hall Box Office, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$16 for box seats and dress circle, \$11 and \$9 for Main Floor and Balcony.

At the podium of the award-winning MYS Symphony Orchestra will be Alan McNair, concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and orchestra director of the Troy High School Orchestra.

McNair will lead the symphony orchestra in a performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's well-known



Rehearsing: Members of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony string section rehearse for their Feb. 13 concert.

and loved "Scheherazade Suite." Conducting the MYS Concert Orchestra will be Richard Phipps. An avid promoter and performer

of chamber music, Phipps also serves as artistic director and conductor of the Dearborn Summer Music Festival and adjunct cellist

with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

In a departure from the usual, the concert orchestra will perform a contemporary composition by John Downey, composer-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Entitled "Declarations," the work was first performed in 1985 in New York. Not only will the students play the work, they will have the rare opportunity of working with the composer in two rehearsals.

Downey will also attend the Feb. 13 concert.

Arrangements have been made for another major Rimsky-Korsakov work: The "Russian Easter Overture" will be performed by the MYS String Orchestra, conducted by Jacqueline Coleman.

Coleman is department head and director of the middle school music program at Detroit Country Day School.

Musica Viva



String Quartet: The Petersen String Quartet of Berlin will present a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, off Orchard Lake Road at 12 Mile and I-696 in Farmington Hills. Tickets \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. Call (810) 932-0400 or 471-7700.

Chinese restaurants celebrate new year

Welcome the year of the Dog, celebrate Chinese New Year at these area restaurants. Greetings, cuisine and the Lion Dance are a part of the festivities.

Here are some places to celebrate:

■ Hunan Palace, 3825 W. 10 Mile, Farmington, is celebrating Chinese New Year, 5 p.m. Sun-

day, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Call 473-3939 for information, reservations.

■ Ocean Inn of Rochester Hills, 68 N. Adams Road, in the Meadow Brook Village Mall, is celebrating the Chinese New Year with a 12-course gourmet dinner, Feb. 10-20. The Lion Dance will be performed at these dinners —

7 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 10 and 17; Fridays, Feb. 11 and 18; Saturdays, Feb. 12 and 19; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Call (810) 375-9200 for reservations.

■ Rickshaw Inn, 6407 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, celebrates New Year 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$35 per person. Includes dinner, Chinese

music, good luck prizes. Call 851-6400.

People born in the Dog years are those born in: 1994, 1958, 1922, 1982, 1946, 1910, 1970 and 1934. People born in these years are faithful, affectionate, generous, devoted to loved ones, loyal, intuitive, and have a great deal of energy and devotion.

Festival offers taste of international cuisine

Travel to Japan, India, Brazil, Israel, France or Italy through March 6 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

The seven-week International Cultural Festival offers more than 75 events highlighting international culture and cuisine. For a schedule or to make reservations, call 441-2100 or 441-2000.

Each week of the festival, the hotel will host wine tastings, dinner theaters, cabaret concert sets, international coffee nights and grand Sunday brunches.

Brazil is the destination this week, followed by Israel, Feb. 14-20, France, Feb. 21-27 and Italy, Feb. 28-March 6.

International Coffee will be served 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays in the

Lobby Lounge. Cost is \$10 per person and includes beverage with an international dessert prepared by the visiting chef of the featured country, and cultural music selections.

Afternoon tea will be served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guests will enjoy tea accented with international

pastries or tea sandwiches created by the visiting chef.

The Wine and Spirits tasting will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Guests will enjoy breads and cheeses to cleanse their palates while they enjoy culinary demonstrations and cultural entertainment. The cost is \$15 per person.

Concert features Irish tenor

Frank Patterson, the Irish tenor who has thrilled audiences worldwide, will present a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$18 at the door. Call (313) 296-2358.

Patterson will perform with his wife, Eily O'Grady, and son, Eanan Patterson. The evening's

entertainment will also feature the Irish humor of comedian Shaun Connors.

The concert is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen, a social and charitable men's organization. Concert proceeds will help support food programs at St. Patrick's parish in Detroit.

Concerts in the Garden showcases African dancers

The Omowale African Dancers and Drummers will be featured in Southfield's Concerts in the Garden Series 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, in room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and include a 3 p.m. high tea. Call 354-4717.

The program will feature the colors, sounds and dances of Africa. With a troupe of drummers and dancers, the Omowale African Dance performance will feature a still-walker/dancer. The concert will showcase West African drums, dancing, singing, language, acrobatics and colorful dress.

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7631.

Featured performers will be singers Maria Cimmarelli, Betsy Bronson, Karl Schmidt, Mark Vondrak of the Michigan Opera Theatre, and director/accompanist, Kevin Bylman performing the music of Jerome Kern, Andrew Lloyd Weber, Steven Sondheim, Rogers and Hart, and Harold Arlen.

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