

ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Southfield presents fireworks extravaganza

Don't miss the fireworks extravaganza in Southfield Friday, July 1, on the Civic Center Front Lawn (36000 Evergreen, south of 11 Mile). At 7 p.m. the Midnight Riders Fire & Drum Corps will kick off the event. At 7:30 p.m. four skydivers from the Parahawks Exhibition Skydiving Team will jump from above to land near the stage. One skydiver will carry the American flag as he descends. At 8 p.m. Bower & the Sting Rays will perform music from the 1950s and 1960s.

As the summer sky darkens, the Shore Line Concert Band will perform patriotic tunes prior to and during the fireworks, which will brighten the sky about 10:10 p.m. For more information, call 354-9603. The fireworks are part of the 1994 Star Spangled Southfield Festival.

■ The Saturday, July 2, concert at Meadow Brook featuring Maureen McGovern with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra has been canceled. Refunds are available at point of purchase. McGovern, who has been performing in Las Vegas, strained her vocal chords and is following doctor's orders to rest.

■ Avid choral music fans who have had to suppress their urge to sing during performances can sing with the University Musical Society Choral Union 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, July 11, 18 and 25 in Auditorium 4 in the University of Michigan Modern Language Arts Building.

"Summer Sings" — is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for singers of all ages and abilities to sing with the Choral Union. No auditions are required. Just bring \$5 to cover the cost of a Monday-night session. The University Musical Society will provide the scores and refreshments at break time. For information, call 763-8997.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- What's new at the movies.
- Upcoming plays and concerts in your community.

DSO concerts celebrate American music



The Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present an encore to last summer's sold-out concerts on the museum's Village Green. This year they will offer three concerts July 1-3.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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PREVIEW

If you haven't made plans for the Fourth of July weekend, consider taking your family to see the Detroit Symphony Orchestra perform at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Concerts will be presented on the Village Green Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 1-3. The DSO will perform two different programs of American music: "July 4th on Broadway," 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 1; and the "Second Annual Salute to America," 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 2-3.

Tickets are \$15 adults; children ages 5-12, \$7; and children younger than 4, free. Parking is free, and concerts will conclude with a fireworks display. Tickets are available at the Orchestra Hall box office, Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, (313) 271-9150, all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers, or by calling 645-6666.

Bring beach style lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on if you like to sit near the stage so you won't block

your neighbor's view. There's plenty of room on the sidelines for people who prefer regular lawn chairs.

You can bring a cooler and picnic lunch but not glass containers or alcoholic beverages. A variety of box lunches will be offered for sale, along with hot dogs, frozen custard and ice cream, soft drinks, lemonade, beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages.

Fourth of July weekend concerts at Greenfield Village are becoming a tradition in many families. My husband and I took his parents last year, and everyone had a grand time. We were happily surprised at how organized everything was. There were plenty of restrooms and people to give directions. Be sure to buy tickets in advance; they sold out last year.

Greenfield Village will close its gates at 5 p.m. each concert day and reopen at 7 p.m. Strolling historical characters such as Annie Oakley,



Warming up: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra rehearses for a series of three concerts July 1-3 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Orville Wright, George Washington Carver and a lightning rod salesman will entertain crowds before the concert.

Featuring hits of the Broadway stage, "July 4th on Broadway" showcases the DSO led by conductor Joel Levine, joined by soprano Katherine Terrell and baritone Lew-

is Dahlé Von Schlanbusch. Concert-goers will hear music from "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun" and other Broadway favorites.

This concert closes with George M. Cohan's patriotic "Star Spangled Spectacular" and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

Grand concert to feature Swedish music

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Lillian Lagerkvist of Rochester Hills grew up listening to her father play the violin and sing songs of his native Sweden. "It stays with you," said Lagerkvist who directs the Scandia Women's Chorus of Detroit. At 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, over 150 singers will perform on the stage of the auditorium in Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, on the southeast corner of 10 Mile and Taft in Novi. The admission is \$5. Tickets will be available at the door.

The concert is part of festivities planned during the American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division's Convention, July 6-9 at the Hilton Hotel in Novi. For information, call (810) 646-4073.

Scandia, along with its Arpi (men's chorus) and the Swedish Club of Metropolitan Detroit in Farmington Hills, are hosting the convention which is held every two years.

Most of the songs will be sung in Swedish, but some will be sung in English. The singers represent choruses from Florida, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan. Scandia is the only women's chorus.

"I enjoy singing," said Dorothy Anderson of Redford, a charter member of Scandia. Her daughter, Ingrid also sings with the chorus.

"My father sang in Arpi for many years," said Diane Johnson Sparks. You get interested in the culture." The convention is dedicated to her father, Erik Johnson who is past president and an AUSS member for 50 years.

Jean Branzel of Farmington Hills has directed Arpi for the past six years. "You don't often hear big choruses sing," said Branzel. "It's very thrilling."

Singing is just one of the activities offered at the Swedish Club of Metro-Detroit. The club welcomes all Scandinavian Americans.



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Rehearsing: Members of the Scandia Women's Chorus of Detroit, Lillian Lagerkvist (piano), Maj Benson (accordion), Eunice Phillips (left to right), Greta Nilsson, Diana Sparks, Dorothy Anderson, Margaret Retting, Mille Brogren, and Mary Bengtsson rehearse for the American Union of Swedish Singers Central Division grand concert on July 8.

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