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Featured soloist: Pauline Martin will be the featured soloist at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's season premiere Oct. 15.

Martin is a West Bloomfield resident and affiliate faculty member at Wayne State's music school. She is a Canadian native known for masterful interpretations of a wide range of repertoire.

She was the featured soloist with a Detroit Symphony Orchestra string ensemble's "Tribute to Glenn Gould." She has also performed with the Orchestra London Canada and many other Canadian orchestras, the New American Chamber Orchestra and the Florida West Coast Symphony.

She is a founding member of the St. Clair Trio, which has recorded a series of soon-to-be released compact discs. The other trio members are concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert and assistant principal cellist Marcy Chan-teaux.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra continues their season 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Belleville High School. The concert "English Variations," will feature enchanting sounds of the English countryside.

Livonia Symphony program DiBlasi and the 65-member Livonia Symphony Orchestra will be joined by husband and wife piano team, Ralph and Tina Votapek, who will perform Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos" at the season premiere concert on Oct. 22.

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The program, entitled "Double Your Pleasure," offers variety, said DiBlasi. It includes Gabrielli's "Fanfare for Double Brass," performed with two brass choirs. There is Sibelius' Symphony No. 2, one of the conductor's most popular works and an enjoyable one for audiences, DiBlasi said.

Vaughn-Williams' "Fantasy," will be performed with two string orchestras and five string soloists. Also on the program is music from the hit musical, "Les Miserables."

"There's a little bit of something for everyone. You have music for people who love strings, music for brass lovers, a complete symphony and two excellent soloists performing piano music," said DiBlasi, who is in his 22nd year as conductor of the Livonia Symphony and its predecessor.

The Votapeks live in East Lansing and are on the MSU piano faculty. Both have had distinguished performing careers, dating back to 1962 when they met while studying at the Juillard School of Music in New York.

That year, Ralph Votapek won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow, which featured 45 pianists from Europe and North America.



Talented duo: Husband and wife piano team, Ralph and Tina Votapek will perform at the LSO's Oct. 22 concert.

He has performed around the world and appeared with the symphonies of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Detroit.

Tina Votapek made her New York Town Hall debut in 1982 to critical acclaim. She studied in Rome with Carlo Zecchi on a Fulbright Scholarship.

The couple has given two-piano, four-hand recitals at MSU, and have been soloists in two-piano concert of Bach, Mozart and

Mendelssohn, including a performance of Mozart's work during the bicentennial of the composer's birth.

They have appeared on some of the most prestigious recital series in the country, including the Van Cliburn Series in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Pabst Theatre series in Milwaukee.

"We've got the best season around," said LSO conductor Francesco DiBlasi. "We always try to have interesting programs."

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Oct. 18-23. Join in the fun. There will be live entertainment, prizes and games, German food and drink specials. For details, call (810) 476-3500 (29668 Seven Mile, Livonia) or (313) 513-0080 (35000 Warren, Westland).

Andrea Pionter of Westland wrote me a very nice letter about one of her favorite restaurants Border Cantina at 21420 Novi Road, between Eight and Nine Mile in Novi, (810) 347-7827.

"The atmosphere is fantastic — it's cozy yet fun and hip," she wrote. "The fajitas are fabulous and the unlimited chips and salsa is terrific." Check it out! Pionter was nice enough to send me a menu. I was impressed by the variety of dishes which included Mexican favorites like enchiladas and Chimichangas, as well as, a variety of salads, barbecue chicken, and ribs. There's even a

special menu for kids 12 and under.

Be sure to let us know about your favorite restaurants so we can pass the word!

Circle Thursday, Oct. 20, on your calendar. St. Mary's Hospital is hosting "Hollywood Nights II" at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center to benefit St. Mary Mother and Infant Loving Care Enterprise. The event includes dinner and a concert featuring flutist Alexander Zoujic with his award-winning ensemble and a host of other great talent. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call (313) 591-2980.

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Like "Nothing On," it's also part sex farce because the director (Randall Haynes) is secretly wooing both the curvaceous, but spacey actress (Shirley Ann Kaladjan) and the company stage manager (Suzi Regan). Not only must he juggle the two women and the last-minute pressures of pulling together a cast of quirky personal-

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ities for opening night, just hours away, but he must also keep the ancient alcoholic actor (Donald Ewers) from an amorous rendezvous with a bottle, and keep squabbling lovers (Guy Paul and Jenny Turner) from sabotaging

the production.

Kaladjan and Sherry Skinker camp up their roles by flinging their arms dramatically, and striking overblown theatrical poses. Richard Schrot, Guy Paul, and Jenny Turner capitalize on the humor in a plate of sardines that gets endlessly misplaced, forgotten and finally squished.

Alexander Webb and Guy Paul round out the cast that exceeds at comedy dialogue and at maintaining the frantic pace in Fryn's hilarious theatrical dance.

Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield teaches college writing classes and works as a freelance writer.

# University film series feature classics

Current and classic films, shown on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus this fall, are open to the public. There is no charge to attend the film series sponsored by the University's Student Activities Board.

Movies begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation and Organizations Center on the UM-D campus. Ev-

ergreen Road between Michigan and Ford roads. For more information, call (313) 693-6390. The schedule is:

Oct. 6, "The Paper," with Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Marias Tomei, Randy Quaid and Robert Duval.

Oct. 12-13, "With Honors" with

Joe Pesci, Brenda Fraser and Maura Kelly.

Oct. 22-23, Weekend Cartoon Festival, with showings at noon and 3 p.m.

Oct. 29, Halloween 3-D double feature: "Creature from the Black Lagoon" and "It Came From Outer Space." Showtime 2 p.m.

Nov. 2-3, "When a Man Loves a Woman," with Andy Garcia and Meg Ryan.

Nov. 9-10, "D-3 The Mighty Ducks," with Emilio Estevez.

Nov. 16-17, "The Crow," with Brandon Lee.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, "I Love Trouble."

Madonna University, 56600 Schoolcraft, Livonia will present three free films in Kresge Hall on campus as part of its Humanities Film Series. Films will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 591-5197 for information.

The schedule is:  
■ Thursday, Nov. 10 — "An Angel at My Table."  
■ Thursday, Feb. 2 — "Passion Fish," Feb. 2  
■ Tuesday, March 14 — "Enchanted April."

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