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ON THE MARQUEE



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Local orchestras have a part for you to play

Even if you don't play an instrument, there's a part for you to play in the Livonia and Plymouth symphony orchestras.

"There are a lot of things you can do — collect tickets at the door, be an usher at concerts, or help out at fundraisers. The door is open for volunteers. We want to get more community participation," said Betty Jean Arvey of Plymouth Township, newly appointed president of the Board of Directors of the Livonia Symphony Society Inc.

"You always need more volunteers. I would like to get the board more active. Anyone who wants to get involved in the symphony can call me, (313) 522-1100.

The Plymouth Symphony is also looking for volunteers to help their organization.

"This is a good time to get involved," said Pat Derdarian, director of VIPs — "Volunteers Improving Plymouth Symphony."

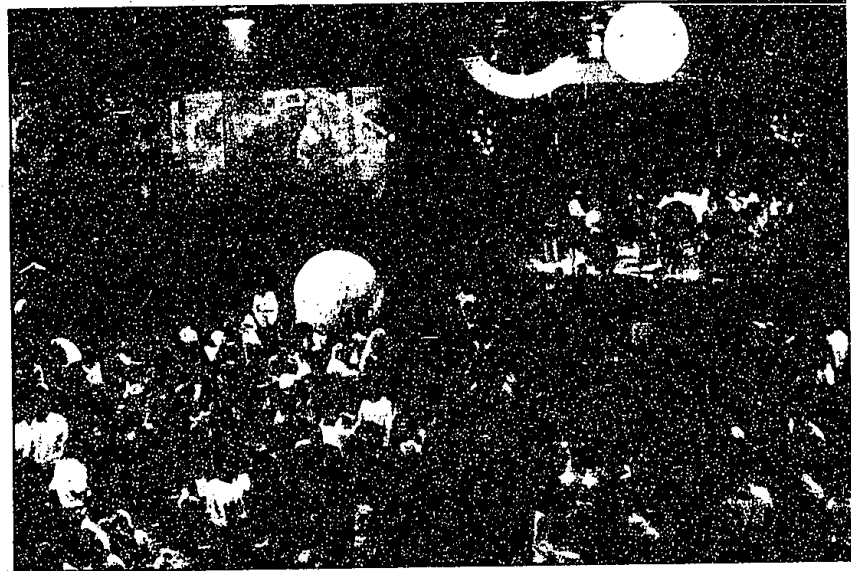
"We're celebrating our 50th anniversary this year and some really fun things are happening."

In addition to the concerts, other activities include a free concert in July at Canton Heritage Park, a kick-off reception in September, and a gala dinner-dance at Fox Hills Country Club in April.

Wilma Sedore of Plymouth has been a volunteer for two months. "I got involved just so I could do something useful," said Sedore who retired two years ago from Environmental Research Industry of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "I have run copies, cut tickets, and made phone calls. It's been kind of fun," she said.

VIPS is holding an organizational meeting 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, in the Plymouth Symphony Office, 42245 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (corner of Ann Arbor Road and General Drive). Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (313) 451-2112.

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Dancing: The dance floor at Center Stage is filled with dancers. Owner John Sassak of Livonia is putting smiles on the faces of dancers who are putting their newly learned Country Western Line Dance lessons to the test.



BY DIANE HANSON
Special Writer

Who here can a metro Detroit city slicker, turned urban cowboy or cowgirl, practice their newly learned alides, stomps, and stralls?

Short of traveling as far away as Pontiac or Brighton, taking in a private party, or forming a shetline on a small dance floor in their neighborhood bar, country/western dancers would just have to wait until their next dance lessons to practice "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and "Honkey Toak Boogie."

No more! The good news is that they can now pack their

dancing shoes and head west to Center Stage in Canton.

The Center Stage facility on Ford Road, just east of I-75, re-opened in February with country/western dancing as its main focus. With three large dance floors, and 200 square feet of video screens, the possibilities are putting smiles on patron's faces and shuffles and struts in their steps.

"This is beautiful! This is just gorgeous! This is better than any of the places that I've been to," said Diane of Westland. "Usually we dance out in Pontiac and Warren! We always go to the other side of town. This is really

exciting that this place opened up."

Roseann Born of Dearborn Heights was also pleased with Center Stage's close proximity to her home. "We've gone to a couple of other outings, but they were so far away, it took us an hour to get there," she said. "This is really the only one in this area that I know of. If a lot of people find out about it, I think it will take off."

Mary Owings came all the way out from Trenton. "There are a couple of country/western bars, but nothing like this," she said.

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NEW STOMPIN' GROUNDS

for Country Dancers

Center Stage
Where: 39940 Ford Road, (east of I-275), Canton
Open: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cover charge is \$3 and free video dance instructions are offered 7-9 p.m.
For information: Call the club after 8 p.m. (313) 981-5122. To inquire about upcoming performances or to leave a message, call Saker One, (313) 464-8447.

Now showing

- Dining**
Scott Winfrey of Westland is hoping to become the Detroit area's restaurant answer man.
- Theater**
Check out Entertaining Choices to find out what's on stage in your community.
- Movies**
Engaging, nostalgic, and thoroughly predictable, "Circle of Friends" has played to packed houses in its limited first-week run at the Maple.
- Travel**
Chicago is a city for art lovers, architecture aficionados, shopping addicts, gourmants, science fans and cityphiles of all kinds.
- Music**
Guitarless Morphine enjoys a painless existence in the music industry.

Looking ahead

- What's on stage in your community.
- "Circle of Friends" enjoy night out.

Jazzy trumpeter has a passion for teaching

BY MARK GALLO
Special Writer

When trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, perhaps the most prolific and admired jazz musician/educator in the metro Detroit area for the past 25 years tells you "I've been staying busy," you count it among the year's supreme understatements.

Though he was honored for national recognition in the 1970s when he was a mainstay in the dynamic Ray Charles Orchestra, and put in time with the legendary Charles Mingus, Belgrave bucked something of a local trend by not following the exodus of a string of soon to be internationally recognized Detroiters who relocated to Detroit.

While contemporaries Kenny Burrell, Donald Byrd, Yusef Lateef and Elvin Jones, among others, were banking in the critical and popular praise that came with the move to the most visible city in the country, Belgrave immersed himself in his passion — dedicating himself to the cultivation of up-and-coming young local musicians.

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Hot Tix

Jazz

Magic Bag — Tuck and Patti, April 7, Woodward at 9 Mile, Ferndale, (810) 644-3030.

Blue Monday Jazz Series — Alma Smith, April 17, at the Graystone International Jazz Museum, 1249 Washington Blvd., at Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-8131.

The Ark — Straight Ahead, April 21, 113 Adams, Ann Arbor, (313) 761-1451

Blues

7th House — Johnny Copeland, April 7, 7 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (810) 335-8100.

Old Woodward Grill — The Chisel Bros. featuring Thornetta Davis, April 7, Mike Ridley (Variety) April 8, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-9400.

Moby Dicks — Randy Vain & Sonie Blues, April 7, The Chisel Bros. featuring Thornetta Davis, April 8, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, (313) 581-3650.

Slake's — Robert Noll's Blues Mission, April 21, 5855 Monroe, Taylor (313) 278-3450.

The Ark — Rory Block, April 25

Folk

Lo Cass Series — Dave Moore and Radoslav Lorkovic, April 21, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward, (810) 648-4050