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Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. Tickets \$8 adults, senior citizens and children \$7 at the door. Call (810) 349-7110 for information.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$1 off at Six Speedy Printing Center, 435 S. Main, Plymouth or Heavenly Bakery, 4303 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville.

Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts Program will present "The Miracle Worker," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 28 to May 13 at the Theatre Guild on Beech Dale, one block south of Five Mile Road, Redford. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$5 students and senior citizens. Call (313) 531-0554.

This moving drama by William Gibson, directed by Gail Susan Mack, takes place in mid 19th century America. It portrays the true story of Annie Sullivan and her struggle to communicate with the blind and deaf Helen Keller.

Thanks for your support of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual pops concert benefit 8 p.m. April 28 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The event, which begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar), fol-

lowed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. is sold out. For more information about the Plymouth Symphony's 50th anniversary season, call (313) 451-2112. The symphony is also looking for volunteers to help the orchestra. There's no better time than now. This week is National Volunteer Week. The symphony would like to thank their many volunteers who will be honored at a reception on June 28.

Lisa Petro, 28, of Livonia also needs your help. She is battling Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a pre-leukemia disorder, and her best hope of long-term survival is a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, her sister is not a suitable match and she is looking for a donor. It's an expensive search. To help pay some of the expenses, which could exceed \$100,000, The Raven, a well-known local folk musician, is hosting a benefit concert for Lisa with Neil Woodward and Ray Brown, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Botaford Inn in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 532-3299, (313) 534-2394 after 6 p.m., or (810) 349-9420 for tickets and information.

Mark this date on your calendar — 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, flutist Gi-



Flutist: Gina Gerova Ortega will perform the world premier of "Song of the Mountains," at the third annual Michigan Flute Festival, May 7 at Orchestra Hall. The event also features guest artist Raffae Trevisani.

ka Gerova Ortega, artistic director of the Musica Viva concert series, will perform the world premier of "Song of the Mountains," by celebrated Chinese composer Wang Shu for the "Third Annual Michigan Flute Festival" at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Call (313) 633-3700 for ticket information.

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## Songsters from page 1B

Chorus members promise the evening will be fun filled with song and dance for everyone. Advance tickets are available at the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, Five Mile Road at Farmington Road, (313) 201-2200. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Farmington Community Chorus, over 60 voices strong, presents its 15th anniversary concert, "As Time Goes By," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at Harrison High School, Farmington Hills.

The chorus, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, accompanied by Susan Garr, will sing songs from the last six decades including "As Time Goes By," "Rock-A-Round the Clock," and "42nd Street."

Several soloists and small ensembles will also perform, and there will be some comical numbers too.

Get your tickets early, they sold out last year. Advance tickets are available from any chorus member, and at the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, 31500 11 Mile Road. For more information, call chorus manager, Kathy Hall, (810) 471-4516.

Farmington Community Chorus is sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills, Dept. of Special Services.

### In Concert

Plymouth Community Chorus "Remember the Song" When & Where: 8 p.m. Sat., April 29, 4 p.m. Sun., April 30, Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, (west of Canton Center Road), Canton.

Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens, students. Call (313) 455-4080.

### Livonia Civic Chorus

"Shakin' the Blues Away" When & Where: 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., May 5-6, Claremontville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 senior citizens, students. Call (313) 261-2260.

### Farmington Community Chorus

"As Time Goes By"

When & Where: 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., May 12-13, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 senior citizens, students. Call (810) 471-4516.

## Jazz from page 1B

The Ramo Group repertoire includes several standard tunes, such as Gertrude's "Summer-time and Cole Porter's "Night and Day." But the heart of the Ramo Group consists of their own highly original compositions, with Ramo writing the music and Hepler supplying the lyrics.

From the light and airy "Summer Sun" and "Talk of the Waves" and the very hip and playfully strutting "Groovy Hat" to the fast lane energy of "I-94 East," their music delights the senses and brings joy to the heart.

Ramo and Hepler were married last fall, but they almost never met. Ramo left Italy to come to the United States just as Hepler was leaving the United States to travel and perform in Italy. They met by chance when Hepler was visiting home and friends took her to hear Ramo in concert.

Ramo performs solo on "Finally We Met," a ballad of exceptional lyric beauty which he composed to mark their meeting.

If you have grown weary of synthesized, electronic sounds, you will find the natural, acoustic sounds of the Ramo Group a welcome change of pace.

## Festival showcases outstanding artists

The 102nd Ann Arbor May Festival, hosted by the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan, and sponsored by Ford Motor Company, is May 11-14. Call (313) 764-2538 or 1-800-221-1229 for ticket information.

Here are some highlights: ■ Thurs., May 11, 5:30 p.m. — Prelude Picnic Buffet — Dow Atrium, Chemistry Building. Tickets \$35. The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra performs 8 p.m. at Hill Auditorium. Tickets range from \$20 to \$48. Program — James Levine conductor, Margaret Price, soprano —

Schubert: Symphony No. 8 in b minor, "Unfinished;" R. Strauss, "Four Last Songs," Mussorgsky, "Pictures at an Exhibition."

■ Fri., May 12, 8 p.m. — MET Orchestra with James Galway, flute, Hill Auditorium. Tickets \$20 to \$52. Program — James Levine, conductor — Stravinsky "Firebird Suite;" Liebermann: Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, Op. 39; Galway, flute; Doppler/Galway: Andante and Rondo for Two Flutes, Op. 25; Galway, Michael Parloff, flute; Gertrude's "American in Paris."

unlike anything you have heard before.

On May 14, the Ramo Group will appear at the Gen Theatre in a 10:45 a.m. Mother's Day brunch hosted by the Lyric Chamber Ensemble. Call (810) 357-1111 for ticket information.

The Ramo Group will be appearing 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

■ Sat., May 13, 6:30 p.m. — Gela Celebration Dinner in honor of James Galway, featuring the Michele Ramo Latin Jazz Group, black tie optional. Tax deductible tickets \$150-\$500 per person.

■ Sun., May 14, 4 p.m. — The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Edith Wiens, soprano, Florence Quivar, mezzo-soprano, and the University Musical Society Choral Union. Tickets \$16 to \$46. Program — conductor Jerzy Semkow, Thomas Sheets, music director, UMS Choral Union — Mahler: Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection."

There is no charge for this outdoor concert celebrating National Museum Month.

For more information, on appearances by the Ramo/Hepler Duo or Ramo Group, call (313) 421-6449.

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## Schoolcraft features choir, offers fun musical courses

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Livonia native Donald Stromberg, will present their 30th Anniversary concert, "A Celebration of Song" 8 p.m. Sat., April 29 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. The concert will feature guest conductor David Jorlett, who will lead the choir in a selection of African Freedom and Folk songs composed by Johannes Brahms.

Donations to the choir will be accepted during intermission. Faith Lutheran Church is at 3000 Five Mile Road, between Meritman and Middlebelt Roads in Livonia. For more information, call (313) 462-4448.

■ Schoolcraft College is also ac-

### PREVIEW

cepting registrations for these musical offerings May 8-17. Call (313) 462-4448 for registration information.

"Let's Go to the Symphony" 6-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning May 8. Participants will attend two performances at Orchestra Hall during the four week course. The fee is \$83.

Learn music fundamentals in "Let's Read Music," an eight week course, 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 17. The fee is \$53.

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's time to register with Selective Service at any U.S. Post Office.

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