

MUSIC

Songsters present concerts

Concerts to be presented this Sunday by the Langford Singers at Mercy Center Chapel, and Kathy Wagner and Rich Rindenour at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, showcase classical and modern choral works.

■ Vocalist Kathy Wagner and pianist Rich Rindenour perform the Music of Tin Pan Alley — Joplin, Balcom, Waller, Debussy, Ger-schwin, Rodgers, Berlin and Porter — 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. No admission charge, reception follows.

■ The Langford Singers, con-

PREVIEW

sisting of male and mixed chorus, will present a concert of classical and traditional choral music 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Mercy Center Chapel (11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road), Gate 4, Building D, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 553-0053 for information. There is no admission charge.

The program will include works by Bachmannoff, Palestrina, Mozart, Copland, and Thompson.

In existence since 1988, the Langford Singers originated with

a group of Wayne State University Men's Glee Club and Chamber Singers alumni. The group presents semi-annual concerts and has toured Great Britain to compete in the Musical Eisteddfod.

Members include a wide range of vocations and interests — musicians, teachers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, nurses and students. Although many are WSU alumni, others hail from schools across the country. All share a love for performing music.

Dr. Harry M. Langford conducts the male choir. A Farmington Hills resident, he celebrated his 50th year as director of the WSU Men's Glee Club in 1994.



Singers: The Langford Singers, male and mixed choir, will present a concert Sunday at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Guitarist plays classics

Classical guitarist David Richter will present a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, 23100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Tickets are \$5, and include coffee or tea. Call (810) 424-9022. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Richter, a resident of Florence, Italy, will be performing for the Concerts-in-the-Garden Series sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Southfield.

He has performed to critical acclaim throughout the United

David Richter

States and Europe with a repertoire of classical masterpieces, rarely heard pieces, and new premiere works. A four-time first prize winner in competitions, including the 20th International Guitar Competition in Milan, Italy and the National Wurlitzer Artist Competition in the U.S., Richter has also been the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including a Solo Recitalist Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Festival showcases Baroque music

Christ Church Cranbrook is presenting "An English Baroque Music Festival," a celebration of the life and music of England's greatest Baroque composer, Henry Purcell, Nov. 4-5 at the church in Bloomfield Hills. The church is at Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, (one mile west of Woodward) in Bloomfield Hills.

The festival, sponsored by the Michigan Institute of Attention Deficit & Related Disorders in Troy and Northville, will include a free children's program Saturday, Nov. 4, and a gala concert with choir and orchestra Sunday, Nov. 5.

Tickets for Sunday's concert are \$75 for patrons, which includes reserved concert seating and "Baroque Feast," catered by Palate Plesser, \$20 for general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students. Call (810) 644-5210, Ext. 56.

Other corporate sponsors include PaineWebber, Farmington Hills; Neiman Marcus, Troy; Evola Music, Palate Plesser, and Kathryn Scott in Birmingham.

This year churches, cathedrals, musical foundations, and educational institutions the world over are honoring Henry Purcell's contributions to the Anglican music tradition and to the body of secular music as well. This year marks the 300th anniversary of his death.

■ The festival gets off to an informative and entertaining start 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, with a free "Program for Children," featuring music for children's voices, organ, trumpet and string quartet. Members of the Christ Church Cranbrook Boy-Girl Choir and the Junior School Choir of Detroit Country Day School, accompanied by a chamber ensemble, will perform.

A highlight of the program will be the appearance of "Mr. Purcell" himself, both as a boy chorister and as an adult, to introduce his lively Baroque music and tell the children about his life in 17th century London. Refreshments will follow the program.

■ The gala festival concert will be presented 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 by the Christ Church Cranbrook Choir, the Christ Church Chamber Choir, soloists and orchestra. Among the music to be performed is Purcell's ode, "Come, ye sons of art," his "Te Deum," and "Jubilate," and orchestral excerpts from his most elaborate theatrical work, "Fairy Queen." Of special note will be the Michigan premiere of a musical ode on the death of Henry Purcell, "Come, come along for a dance and a song," by Jeremiah Clarke.

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