OPECIAL EVENTS Food and wine gala benefits Michigan Culinary Team

Athletes aren't the only ones "going for the gold." Chefs from across Michigan are getting ready for the World Culinary Salon in Berlin, Germany, to compote with chefs from around the globe.

To get to Berlin, the Michigan Culinary Team must raise \$100,000 to cover expenses for the trip.

In support of Team Michigan, 20 of metro Detroit's best restau-rants are joining togethor to pres-ent the 1996 Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extraveganza 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Mac & Ray's harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township, 30075 North

River Road, loss than three miles east of 1-94.

Tickets are \$65 per person (general admission) and \$125 per person (Gold Salon) and available by calling (810) 463-9660. Gold Salon patrons receive eveninglong admission to the VIP room, which includes special appetizers prepared by Mac & Ray's, an open bar and table seating.

The theme for the event is "Gelebrating Mardi Gras." Guesta will have the opportunity to sample food and wine patings, meet current and former members of Team Michigan and dance to the sweet sounds of Detroit Jazz, all in support of local chefs.

Joining Mac & Rays, participating restaurants include: Andiamo Italia, Beverly Hills Grill, Cass Avenue Cafe, Emily's, Five Lakes Grill, Fox & Hounds, Gar Wood's, Golden Mushroom, Grey Gables Inn, il Centro, Merchant's Warehouse, Mon Jin Lau, Opus One, Pike Street, Ristorante Di Modesta, Sweet Lorrain's, Tom's Oyster Bar, Too Chez, The Whitney, and Unique Restaurant Corp.

All 20 restaurants will vie for recognition as a panel of restaurant critics judges the food and wine pairings as well as the displays. The panel of judges includes Observer & Eccentric wine

columnists May and Eleanor Heald. Felicia's Bakery will serve pastries.

Adding to the education benefit of the event, the culinary programs at local colleges will compete in the Student Team Invitation Culinary Baion for a grand prize of \$1,000. Teams from Schoolcraft College, Oakiand Community College, Macomb County Community College, and Henry Ford Community College.

There will be a silent aution. There will be a silent aution featuring such items as a trip for two to accompany the Michigan

Culinary Team to Berlin.

Team Michigan, sponsored by the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association, includes executive chefs Rendall Smith of the Country Club of Jackson and David Iselli of the Paint Creek Country Club chefs Douglas Ganhas of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

DSOH Preludes program opens with brunch

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council's Preludes program opens aoon Study, Pob. 18 at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club with a brunch hoated by Preludes Downriver featuring a String Quartet with Bogos Mortchiklan, violin; Joseph Striplin, violin; Beatriz Budinszky Staples, viola; and Paul Wingert, cello.

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Tickets are \$20 per person for

each event. Children 8 years old or younger are \$10. Senior citizens, students and groups of 10 or more \$18. Call (313) 962-1000 Eat. 285 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays for reservations.

Designed to bring the DSO and Volunteer Council closer to the communities they represent, Preludes combines lunch or brunch with concerts followed by conversations with the performers.

Futuro Preludes include:
Preludes Wast — Lucheon at
Temple Beth El, noon Friday,
Feb. 23 — String Quartet. Brunch
at Birminghem Country Club,
noon Sunday, March 24. Concert
features Mario DiFiore and
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Preludes East — Grosse Pointe
War Memorial, 2 p.m. Friday,
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Preludes Downtown — Brunch at the Renaissance Club, noon Sunday, March 17, concert fea-tures Ervin Monroe, flute.
Proludes Downriver — Grosse Ils Golf and Country Club, noon Sunday, April 14, brunch, concert features Laurie Landers, violin and Philip Dikeman, plano.

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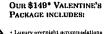
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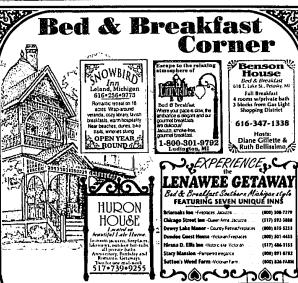
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