

## SPECIAL 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 compete 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 restaurants are joining together to present the 1996 Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Mac & Ray's harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township, 30075 North

River Road, less than three miles east of I-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 evening-long 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 "Celebrating Mardi Gras." Guests will have the opportunity to sample food and wine pairings, 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 & Ray's, participating restaurants include: Andiamo Italia, Beverly Hills Grill, Casa Avenue Cafe, Emily's, Five Lakes Grill, Fox & Hounds, Gar Wood's, Golden Mushroom, Grey Gables Inn, Il Centro, Merchant's Warehouse, Mon Jan Lau, Opus One, Pike Street, Ristorante Di Modesto, Sweet Lorraine's, Tom's Oyster Bar, Tom's, 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 Ray and Eleanor Head. 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 Salon for a grand prize of \$1,000. Teams from Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College, and Henry Ford Community College will be judged by a panel of professionals using guidelines of the American Culinary Federation.

There will be a silent auction 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 Randall Smith of the Country Club of Jackson and David Iselli of the Pointe Creek Country Club; sous chefs Douglas Ganhua of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

and Randy Emert (team captain) of Pike Street Restaurant; and pastry chef Lawrence D. Brubaker of Mac & Ray's. Joseph Benito, chef and proprietor of Ristorante Il Centro in Detroit, and Mario Ettemed, executive chef for Machus Management Services, are managers of the team.

## DSOH Preludes program opens with brunch

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

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 Ext. 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.

Future Preludes include:

Preludes West — Luchean at Temple Beth El, noon Friday, Feb. 23 — String Quartet. Brunch at Birmingham Country Club, noon Sunday, March 24. Concert features Mario DiFiore and Friends, Music for Cello.

Preludes East — Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 2 p.m. Friday, March 15 — formal tea follows performance featuring Ramon Parcels, trumpet. Grosse Pointe

War Memorial noon Friday, April 21, brunch; concert featuring Stephen and David Molins, bass; Craig Rifel, piano.

Preludes Downtown — Brunch at the Renaissance Club, noon Sunday, March 17, concert features Ervin Monroe, flute. Preludes Downriver — Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, noon Sunday, April 14, brunch, concert features Laurie Landers, violin and Philip Dikeman, piano.

## GREAT ESCAPES

Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax (313)591-7279.

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