## The 'King' returns to sing with symphony

Elvis is alive and singing with the Livenia Symphony Orches-

the Livonia Symphony Orchestro.

OK, Kelly Boesl is not really Bevis Presidely, and he netually went be performing with the preheaten but between their segments in a benefit concert, and all-out celebration on March 6, Boesl will rock the house, with Elvis tunes such as "Don't Be Cruul," "Teddy Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. The orchestra and conductor to the such as "Don't Be Cruul," "Teddy Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. The orchestra and conductor to compare the such as "Don't Be Cruul," "Ceddy Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. "On the such as "Don't Be Cruul, "Teddy Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. "On the such as "Don't Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. "On the such as "Don't Bear" and "Suspicious Minds. "On the such as "Don't Bear" and "Suspicious Minds." "All the such as "Don't Bear" and "Suspicious Minds "Don't Bear" and "Suspici

mance with an orchestra. A used car salesman by day, the Water-ford resident puts on his jump-suit ovenings and weekends to

## Classical guitarist plays at Madonna

International concert guitarist Fabio Zanon and special guest Victor Antonio Sakuluskas, a concert classic guitarist, will be featured in recital 8 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 14 in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36500 Schoolcraft (1-96) and Levan, Livonia.

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Tickets are \$14.50 in advance, \$16 at the door, and available by calling (248) 975-879.

Brazilian guitarist Fabio Zanon came to international prominence in 1996 when he won first prize in the 30th Francisco Tarrega International Competition, the most prestigious guitar competition in Europe.

Sakaluaskas, a Michigan antive and graduate of Madona-University, earned his batchelor's degree under Helene Rottenberg in 1996. He debuted as a soloist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra the same year. He has also performed at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

## Cabaret Concert

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs a variety of selections ranging from "Don Glovanni" to light clas-sics and Eivis tunes at its annual benefit concert.

Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Cost: Tickets are \$25, and available at the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop or by calling (734) 421-1111/464-2741.

become a hunk of "Burning Love" at clubs and senior centers

around town.

"In 1963, me and my uncle went to see "Viva, Las Vegas" and I've been an Elvis fan ever since," said the 41-year-old

singer. "Later, I won first place at a talent show impersonating Elvis and I've been on my way

ever since."

Board member Rose Knchnowski first saw Boesl perform as Elvis at a 50th anniversary celebration for Madonna Univer-

as Evis at a out anniversary celebration for Madonna University.

"I, of course, grow up in the Elvis era and saw him in porson," said Kachnowski. "We asked Keily to perform just for the fun of it. The cabaret is fun. We want to make sure everybody has fun. We'll have a smattering of music from light classic to show tunes and pop;" doining Bosel on the guest roster is soprano Liz Mihalo and baritone Sachal Vasonation in the said in the same continuing as conclaim? Vasonation in the same continuing as conclaim? Vasonation in the same continuing as of the same continuing the same c

Mihalo is a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills where she studied with Lawrence Teevons and was a member of the Mercyaires. In just a few short years, Mihalo's become a veteran performer. She' toured Germany, Austria, France and The Netherlanda as part of the Blue Lake Interna-tional Choral Ensemble in 1995.

A native of Livonia, Mihalo participated in the All-State Choir program at Interlechen Arts Camp last summer and received first place vocal scholarships from Farmington musicale in 1995 and 1996. Her sonior year at Mercy, she studied voice with Francis Brockington at Wayne State University and presently takes classes willis Patterson at School of Music in Ann Arbor. She has acted in several Mercy High School musicals and a Nancy Gurwin production of Fiddler on the Roof.

"I've been singing since forever, but studying voice since I was in high school," said Mihalo. "It's good to be nervous in that you care about your performance."
Vocal talent seems to run in Mihalo's family. Mether Carole Mihalo is choir director at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills. Father Daniel sings with the Schoolcraft College Community Choir. Liz, a cantor at St. Collete Church in Livonia, frequently performs with her mother at weddings, funerals and masses at various churches in the Detroit metropolitan area. "I will always be singing in churches," said Mihalo. 'It's always important to give back your talent to God and Community."

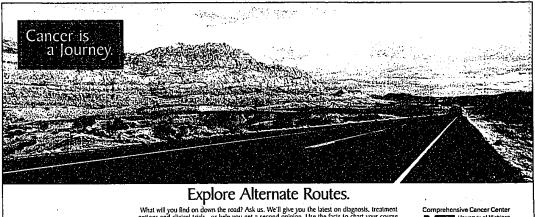
For 23 years, the Livonia Symphony held Young Artist Competitions to spotlight emerging talent. The past two years lack of funding prohibited the orchestra from holding an official contest

but continues to support young musicians and vocalists by featuring them in their concerts.

"We're always highlighting young talent," said Kachnowki. The key factor with holding the competitions was money for the prizes. We hope eventually to reinstate the competitions.

Now in its 25th season, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, prior to 1888, was known as the Oakway Symphony, bort for Oakland and Wayne counties from which its members hailed. Today, it's composed of about 75 professional and semiprofessional musicians from a number of area communities.

"This is a fund-raiser," said Kachnowski. People will be able to bid on conducting the orchestra. It costs a lot of money to put on concert. We're so fortunate to have a community orchestra. We'd like to see as many members of the community come out and support the orchestra. It's their orchestra as well."



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