### TRAVEL

# DSO embarks on exhausting 22-day European tour

Anyone who's ever taken one of those "all of Europe in a week" package tours can certainly empathize with the musicians of the Detroit Symphony Orches-

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Monday, the DSO embarks on a European tour that will wind its way through eight countries and is cities in just 22 days. The tour is being underwritten by a million grant from Gundan Industries in Auburn Hills, and and actarior trim systems. Bruce Smith and Lindan Sedden-Smith of Farmington Hills are among several married couples within the orchestra sanks. Both are veterans of previous Euro-Tours with the DSO, during the terms of Antal Doroit, Gunther Herbig and current was a manual of the couples within the standard beautiful to the sandard beautifu





Bruce Smith and Linda Snedden-Smith

Business travelers can probably relate.

"My passport? Let's see ... I had it here a minute ago..."

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Hopefully all papers will be in order, as the schedule calls for almost nightly performances by the orchestra. That leaves precious little time for such typically touristy pursuits as a stroll across the Charles Bridge into Mala Strana or enjoying a heaping plate of kolozsvari rakottkapazzta while overloading the Danube. Well, OK, the musicians will get to see some of the most opulent music halls and opera houses in all of the world, but after about the third stage, 19th century architectural masterpieces all begin to look the same, give or take a few.

One thing that certainly will

"I've been practicing this since Stuttgart. When the waiter comes, we say, Kolik stoji pul hodiny vodniho lyzovani! That will either get us the potato dumplings or a half hour of water skiing."

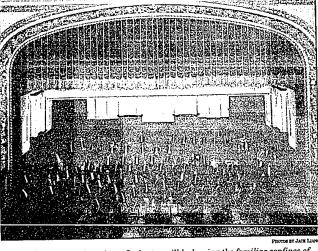
Beginning Monday in Manch-Beginning Monday in Manchester, the orrhestra flies (with little more than a quarter-rest for breathing) to concerts in Birmingham; Brighton; London; Madrid (where conductor Neemi Jarvis daughter Maarika is the principal flutist with the Radio/Television Orchestra); Valencia; Hamburg; Luxembourg; Frankfurt; Berlin;

DSO European Tour Schedule

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change is the weather, as the orchestra covers over 20 degrees of latitude and even wider variations in degrees Celeius. How to pack for all the fluctuations? Linda Snedden-Smith isn't taking any chances. "I'm taking a light rain jacket, like a windbreaker kind of thing and a couple of sweaters and some summery-springy kinds of clothes. If we have a winter storm somewhere, I guess I'll pick up something of maybe wear all my clothes at once," she said.

Then there are the language barriers.



Detroit Symphony Orchestra will be leaving the familiar confines of Orchestra Hall for a rapid tour of several famous European venues:

Cologne; Stuttgart; Vienna; Prague; Budapest; and, finally, Tallinn, Estonia, Jarvi's native city. What? No stop for Euro-Dis-ney?

"OK, let's see ... it's Saturday, and we're standing on the banks of a river, so we must be in Prague. Or wait, maybe this is Vienna. No, that was yesterday. Then this is definitely Budapest. I think."

Joining the orchestra in vari-ous ports of call will be guest artists including violinist Pamela Frank and pianist Leif Ove Andanes, both of whom have performed with the orchestra here in Detroit. European audi-ences will hear the DSO perform

works by a variety of American composers including Aaron Copland, Duke Ellington and William Grant Still, whose music has been championed by Jarvi and the DSO in concert and on disc. For good measure and a taste of local flavor, European classies will round out the programs.

Cellist Haden McKay of Birmingham is in his 15th season with the orchestra and is looking forward to exercising his verbal skills in a number of different languages. The German will come in handy because we have six concerts there or in Vienna. I'm expecting to use a lot of sign language in Prague and in Spain, though." Haden won't get too many-chances to test his

skills in French and Italian on this tour; maybe next time around.

"Can you help me with the exchange rate? How many From-mers are there in a Fodor?"

Following the Euro-Tour '9, the orchestra gots L few well deserved days off before returning to Orchestra Hall on Thursday, May 28. That will give the players time to soothe their aching muscles. Too much water skiing!

Paul Russell was an host on the former classical music sta-tion WQRS.

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The EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a White Water Rafting trip to Minden, W.Va., May 29-31. The tour is operated through ACE WhiteWater and includes all-day rating on Saturday; two-nights camping; buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; and an after-rafting party on Saturday night. Trip is open to anyone 18 and older, full payment is due on or before May, 1998. Members pay \$35, nonmembers pay \$110. Limited

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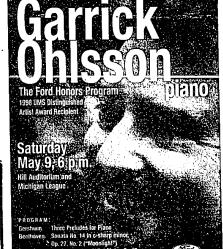
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