

Mallet percussion music kicks off wind and strings series

The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings kicks off its 2002-03 Nightnotes concert season on Friday, Oct. 4 with *Music Behind Bars*, a performance by a quintet of mallet percussion musicians. The performance features xylophones, marimbas and vibraphones.

A reception at 8 p.m. precedes the show, which is held at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 Old Woodward, in Birmingham. Tickets are \$19, \$10 for students 12 and under. Call (248) 559-2095.

At the end of the month, the Detroit Chamber will present

Mozart's *Serenade #10 in Bb, Gran Partita*. The concert, entitled "Mostly Mozart," is set for 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

The *Gran Partita* was scored for two oboes, two clarinets, two basses, four horns and contrabass. *Gran Partita* is considered one of the most beautiful woodwind pieces ever written.

For those who don't know what a basset horn is, there will be a presentation by clarinetist Laurence Liberson entitled "What Is That Thing —

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the Basset Horn" before the concert.

Also scheduled for the same day is the *Sonata for Four Horns* by Paul Hindemith, and Antonin Dvorak's *Bagatelles, Op. 47*. Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra — Corbin Wagner, Bryan Kennedy, David Everson and Karl Pitsch — will perform the Hindemith piece.

Tickets are \$25, \$19 for students and seniors over 60, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door and by calling (248) 559-2095.

Site promotes local bands

Sun Star Production Company is in the process of establishing a centralized Web site devoted to promoting Michigan-based bands.

The site's structure is up and running, but its debut at www.sunstarproductions.net is delayed as owner Eddie Mahone continues to compile links and information for local musicians looking for a little notoriety.

It's open to all musicians and it's based in Grand Rapids area and those bands who sign on early receive the service free of charge. A charge of \$90 per year will eventually be assessed for out-of-area bands who wish to be remain once the site becomes established. The fees will cover maintaining and aggressively promoting the site.

The site will include band bios and up to three MP3s per group. Another section is devoted to promoting, marketing and booking musicians. At some point, musicians will even be able to sell their records through the site.

Mahone hopes to make www.sunstarproductions.net a regular stop for record label reps, promoters, booking agents and other music-types to find the latest, most comprehensive contact information possible.

"They can jump on one Web site," he said. "It's easy to remember." The site will also include classified ad space. If you're looking to sell equipment or seeking a new drummer, it could become a valuable resource.

The only requirement? A press pack with all the basics about your band. For more information, send e-mail to eddie@sunstarproductions.net.



Don't try this at home...

even if you've got a crash helmet, fire-proof suit and skis. See it instead, at Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus today Sunday, Oct. 6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Max-Air Blizzard Battalion, with an explosive, pyrotechnic display of indoor ramp skiing and freestyle trampoline jumping, is among the daring acts at this year's show. Performances are 7:30 p.m. today and Friday, Oct. 4; 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Tickets are \$12.50, \$17.50 and \$20, with a limited number of \$30 VIP and \$45 front row seats. (248) 645-6666.

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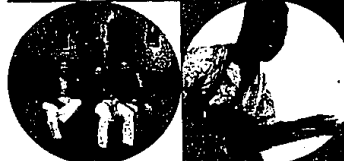
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