

Musician explores evolution of music at OCC

Multitalented musician Karaku Mafu and his one man show, *The Evolution of Music*, is the next presentation in Oakland Community College's Just For You entertainment series at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The program will trace the history of American Music from the drums of Africa through spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz and rap.

Billed as the Ninth Wonder of the World, Mafu's main instrument is the saxophone, although he is proficient in all woodwinds and also plays trumpet, guitar, bass, drums and piano.

A noted composer, arranger and singer, Mafu has performed with greats Sammy Davis, Jr., James Darren, Leslie Uggams, Aretha Franklin and Nancy Wilson. During his 10 years at Motown he also backed such acts as the Supremes, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, the Temptations and Smokey Robinson.

Admission is \$15. For more information call (248) 822-3667.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Single Mingle Dances

MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

Ski/Dance Party

Enjoy skiing, dancing and more 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Mt. Brighton.

Darts/Bowling Sub

Subs are needed for MSP dart and bowling leagues. For more information call (248) 851-9909.

Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

SINGLES CALENDAR

at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball

Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and neighborhood at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Duxton Road.

Euchre

MSPs play euchre 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Pot Inn in Farmington Hills.

Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.sssic.org.

Fun & Fine Dining Parties

Join MSPs every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

West Side Singles

Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older.

Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Helka-Stauffer

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Helka of Indian River, formerly of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Lynn, to Robert Stauffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stauffer of Plymouth Township, formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High Westland and earned her bachelor's degree in communications/public relations from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in December. She is employed as a development officer at the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Albion College as well as a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as controller for Electro-Matic Products, Inc., in Farmington Hills.

A February wedding is planned at Concordia University Chapel in Ann Arbor.



Seed-Walker

Bob and Tina Seed of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie, to Matt Walker, son of George and Linda Walker of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a teacher with Farmington Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Harrison High School and Michigan State University. He is currently attending the University of Detroit Law School.

A June wedding is planned.



Anders-Diponio

Kenneth and Mary Anders of Belgium, Wis. announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Joseph DiPonio, son of Mary Frances and Ben DiPonio of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Brandywine High School South in Indiana and is currently attending Wayne State University to earn a degree in business. She is currently employed at Bank One.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Harrison High School and Macomb Community College with a degree in applied science. He is currently employed with Land Rover in Farmington Hills. A February wedding is planned on the Island of St. Lucia.

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cry when something touches them deeply.

Most of us overlook Regular Guys because the other guys make waves and call attention to themselves. Look between the waves, you'll find a bunch of Regular Guys swimming for all they're worth.

It may seem like there aren't enough Regular Guys in the world, but I don't believe that's true. Many of my friends are in love with Regular Guys who are in love with them. The love of my life is a Regular Guy, and I thank God every day for the

simple gift of his presence.

All of us know Regular Guys, but because they're doing what they're supposed to be doing, we don't think to tell them how lucky we are to know them. We don't tell them how they make the world a better place just by being a good father, a good partner, an honest employee or a good friend.

Those are words people think but don't say, because it seems silly to thank someone for doing the right thing, for just being a kind soul.

So I'm going right out on a limb and say thank you to all the Regular Guys — all of you who rake the leaves, mow the lawn and fall asleep on the

couch, who read to the cat when there's nobody home and tinker with something you have no hope of ever fixing, who make the mortgage payments every month without complaining about the department store credit card balance.

Even if the people you love don't say it, they appreciate you, more than you'll ever know.

Joni Hubred is editor of the Farmington Observer. She welcomes your comments in person or by mail at 3341 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335; by phone, (248) 417-5450; by fax, (248) 417-9122; or via e-mail, jhubred@ec.home.comcast.net.

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