

Kendallarks Set 5 Shows In May

The Kendallarks, a woman's chorus from Farmington, have scheduled five shows this month.

The choir entertained at St. Fabian's Church on May 8, and at Grace Lutheran Church, May 10. It will sing for the Pallette and Brush Club, May 16; the Walled Lake Rotary Club, May 22; and the Church of Our Saviour, May 23.

Music of Becharach and Simon and Garfunkel is being heard at all the shows, along with excerpts from "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "Walking Happy" and "Oliver." These are performed by a duet, a trio

and several soloists. The Kendallarks are also working on "Cabaret." Their director is William Feucht.

Accompanist, Stafford Preston, will play a piano medley entitled "Autumn in New York."

Rehearsals for the group will close this month, but will resume early in August to prepare for an October concert.

Anyone interested in joining the Kendallarks or having them sing should call the president, Mrs. Lawrence Gignac, 3939 Terrybrook, Orchard Lake, or Joan Happy and "Oliver." These are performed by a duet, a trio

amusements



ALLEN STREET AND PAULA MILLER are recapturing sounds of the big band era Tuesday through Saturday, in the Viking Lounge of the Holiday Inn of Farmington, 10 Mile Road near the Freeway Center. They're on stage between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. Street, a former sax man with name bands plays organ, saxophone and clarinet. His wife accompanies on a full set of drums. They've appeared at many well-known clubs throughout the country.

Westland Group To Play For Choir

The Westland Civic Symphony Orchestra, established just this year, will participate in a "Save Orchestra Hall" benefit concert in Detroit at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 14. The concert will be performed in the hall at Woodward and Parsons, Detroit. The orchestra will accompany the 150-voice Bachman Symphony Choir, directed by Charles S. Heard of Westland. Heard is also the orchestra's conductor. The program will include

works by Copland, Hanson, Thompson, Hovhanness, Brubeck and Stravinsky.

Tickets are \$2 for general admission, \$1 for students and \$5 for patrons.

The concert is being sponsored by the University Center for Adult Education and the "Save Orchestra Hall" Foundation, as a further effort to save the 53-year-old hall.

The choir is the official choral group of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Redford To Host MYI

A concert group composed of 100 high school musicians will present a concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 21, in Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford Township.

The concert, by Musical Youth International, is being sponsored by the Redford Township Music Society, which also sponsors the Redford Civic Symphony. Tickets, at \$1 each, will be on sale at the door.

PROCEEDS WILL go to the MYI scholarship fund and to the society's scholarship fund which assists talented Redford Township music students.

The MYI chorus and band, which has toured Europe, Japan, Mexico, Canada and all parts of the U.S., will tour the Mediterranean for a month this summer giving concerts in Greece, Yugoslavia, Tunis and several Greek Islands.

Edwin Tower, director of instrumental music in Farmington High School, is MYI band



RAYMOND VOOHEES
(Chorus conductor)



EDWIN TOWER
(Band conductor)

conductor. He is currently president of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and was on the MYI staff in 1969 when the group toured Japan and the U.S.

Raymond Voorhees, head of vocal music education in the Fenton Public Schools, has

Psalm 130, arranged by Bender, and songs by Hovhanness, Bach-Truster, Kennedy and Fast.

The band will play "Procession of Nobles," by Rimsky-Korsakov; "Third Suite," by Jager; "Marche Militaire Française," by Saint-Saens; highlights from "Promises, Promises," by Bacharach; and "American Variations" by Blum.

For a grand finale, the band and chorus will present the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

MYI members come from throughout Michigan and Ohio. They practice regularly during the winter, and before going overseas present a series of concerts in Michigan.

At a recent concert in Monroe, the group received a standing ovation.

MYI is an organized People-to-People Youth Club, using music to carry the message of international friendship.

Mrs. Lester McCoy of Saline is the executive director.

Amy Wins \$475 Art Scholarship

Sixteen-year-old Amy Vorech of Plymouth will spend eight weeks studying art at Interlochen Camp of the Arts this summer after winning a \$475 scholarship from the Michigan State Federation of Women's Club.

Miss Vorech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Vorech of 1421 Hartsoog, was an entrant from the Plymouth chapter and was the winner in the Southeastern Michigan district. There were five winners in the state.

The scholarship covers half tuition for the eight week program beginning at the end of June.

A 10th grader at Plymouth High School, Miss Vorech entered two oil paintings in the contest but will study drawing and sculpturing while at Interlochen.

Her interest in art has developed through art classes taken in school.



AMY VORECH (right), of Plymouth, shows her winning entries in the contest sponsored by the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs to Mrs. Robert Willette, president of the Plymouth Women's Club. (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)

Artists

Plan Trip

The Palette Guild is planning a "spring fling" for members and guests to the Toledo Art Museum, on Tuesday, May 16. Transportation will be by chartered bus, and the outing will take the place of the regular May meeting.

Interested persons may contact Mrs. D.B. Swanson, 3509 Middleboro, Livonia.

Membership in the club includes women from northwest Detroit and all the surrounding suburbs.

The officers are Mrs. Edward Tiedeman of Redford Township, president; Mrs. John Cosgrove of Farmington, vice president; Mrs. Harold Leman of Livonia, recording secretary; and Mrs. George H. Armstrong of Redford Township, corresponding secretary.

The club is planning to hold an art exhibit in Livonia's Wonderland Shopping Center in June.

Met Tickets

Still Available

DETROIT Tickets for the 1972 Metropolitan Opera performances in Detroit are now on sale in several price categories at the Ford Auditorium box office.

Operas for which tickets are available include "Otello," "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Faust," "Fidelio" and "La Boheme." A few singles, standing room and post seats are available for "La Traviata" and "The Daughter of the Regiment."

The Metropolitan will offer evening performances, from May 30 through June 3 and a Saturday matinee on the latter date. All performances will be in the Masonic Temple Auditorium.

Symphony Says 'Si' To Ceccato

Aldo Ceccato, 38-year-old internationally-acclaimed conductor from Italy who has enjoyed extraordinary musical successes in the past few years, has been named principal conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra effective with the 1973-74 musical season.

The signing of a two-year contract by the handsome maestro was announced Wednesday by symphony president Robert B. Sample.

CECCATO HAS enjoyed a stunning series of guest conducting triumphs with such illustrious orchestras as those in New York, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, among others in this country and abroad, and he has been acclaimed in such prestigious opera houses as La Scala, Convent Garden, at the Glyndebourne Festival and with Chicago's Lyric Opera.

Sixteen Ebeling's tenure as music director and conductor of the Orchestra will continue through the 1972-73 season, ending May 1973. He will be rounding out 10 seasons of service in Detroit.

CECCATO'S DEBUT with the Detroit Symphony will be

made in Ford Auditorium on Dec. 7 and 8. He also will appear with the orchestra in a guest conductor role on Feb. 22 and 24, 1973.

Ceccato is married to the former Eliana de Sabata, daughter of the late distinguished conductor Victor de Sabata.

Collectors Will Hold Reception

DETROIT A "meet-the-collectors" reception is being held from 2 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 14, in the Detroit Institute of Arts, as part of the show "Detroit Collects: Prints and Drawings."

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