

# Whorf show portrays old-fashioned values



MIKE WHORF

By DAN McCOSH

The Mike Whorf show has many faces.

With his fame established by his Kaleidoscope radio program, the deep-voiced radio personality works regularly putting on special shows in the Detroit area.

May 15, he is coming to Farmington.

When the curtain goes up at the Mercy High auditorium, the audience will see a show which interprets the area's past in song and story.

But before that curtain raises, the people behind the scenes will have put in time and effort to make the show "live."

"Max is really in charge," Whorf said at a recent rehearsal.

"Max" is Max Davey, director of the Max Davey singers, which provide the musical background of the show.

"IT'S REALLY about people," Whorf says.

"The show will deal with local history, and the impressions national events had on Farmington."

Mixed with the narration are the songs of America's past. The singers will provide a musical panorama of the songs of each period.

The Whorf show is based on a script which he writes around local background.

He said he has researched the script through Lee Peel's book "The History of Farmington," the Power diary, and the Baldwin Public Library.

Members of the Farmington Historical Society have also been supplying information.

What appears on stage, however, is something else.

"IF YOU close your eyes, what you will hear is a live 'Kaleidoscope' show," Whorf said.

"People come to listen."  
"It's for information, education, but mainly entertainment," he added.

The script for the show includes facets of Farmington's past, with different segments of the history of the town providing the basis for musical numbers.

Whorf does his own scriptwriting and sound engineering for the show.

"There are a lot of lost American qualities which we try to bring out," Whorf said.

"PEOPLE are really thrilled when the show is over."

Whorf and the Singers have been making tours in the Detroit area, playing in Cobo Hall May 10-11, and the Raleigh House in Southfield May 14.

Tickets for the three-day performance are on sale at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, the student activities office at the Orchard Ridge campus of OOC; the Mercy High box office, Metro Bank's main office on Grand River; the Godmar-Bradley Rexall Pharmacy, 2336 Farmington Rd.; Bosco's Party Store, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake; or at Brown's Pharmacy, Orchard Lake and 13 Mile.



MAX DAVEY

Evert photos

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Tim Carruthers, of Longacre, was second grade winner; Mark Hein, first grade from Shiawassee, and Cheryl Sabbe, third grade from Middlebelt. (Evert photo)



SPELLING CHAMPS

Pat Lewis, of Kenbrook, was sixth grade champ; Scott Lutz, of Flanders, was fifth grade, and Jennifer Thomas, of Gill, tops in the fourth grade. (Evert photo)

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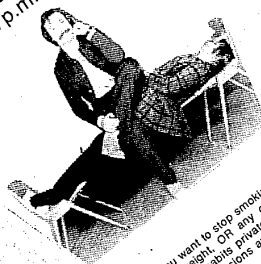


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