

Uses Grant For Inner City Concerts

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., in support of a two-week inner city music project planned for next spring.

The Symphony announced that the grant will enable the orchestra to present approximately 24 concerts in various inner city public schools in May and June. All of the programs, including two for parents of students, will include music by black composers.

FOR THE student concerts, the symphony will divide its normal player complement into two orchestras of approximately 50 members each, each with its own conductor and a separate itinerary of schools to visit. The programs will include informal talks by the conductors and demonstrations of instruments by orchestra members.

The project will be administered in conjunction with the music department of the Detroit public schools.

"We wanted very much to implement this program and the grant gives us the means to move ahead with our plans," commented symphony General Manager Howard Harrington.

The grant will cover about two-thirds of the symphony's

costs, he said.

Harrington also pointed out that while the program will introduce some innovative techniques for communicating with audiences, the Symphony also will be enlarging on the success of earlier programs conducted in the schools.

"THE SYMPHONY presented concerts in the schools in 1966 and 1967 with federal funding—under Title I of the National Elementary and Secondary Education Act," he said. "The funds were subsequently reallocated to brick and mortar projects, which was a disappointment to us, but the symphony continued the in-school program at its own expense in 1968."

2 Livonians Play At WMU

Two Livonia students will be performers when the annual Christmas Concert opens Dec. 14 on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo.

They are: Forrest Chaffee of 14333 Brentwood and Bill Donahue of 9895 Henry. Chaffee is a member of the WMU Grand Chorus, while Donahue is a member of the University Symphony Orchestra.

Award grants of \$50,000 each for four other major U.S. orchestras also were announced recently by the National Foundation for the Arts, all of the grants to assist "innovative programs."

The other orchestras and their grant programs are: the Atlanta Symphony—for chamber music and ensemble tours; the Boston Symphony—for experimental videotaped programs; the Minnesota Orchestra—for a regional audience development project; and the New York Philharmonic—for concerts for AFL-CIO members and their families.



MOLIÈRE — "The Bourgeois Gentleman" is currently playing in the Hilberry Theatre on the Wayne State University campus. Appearing in this scene are (from left) John O'Connell, Jeffrey Tambor and Dorcy Pulliam.



WHOSE DOG? — Folks in the neighborhood of West Chicago and Wayne Road are hoping to find the owner of this friendly Alaskan husky that followed a child home from school a week or so ago and has hung around ever since. Young Bob Burns, 12, of 35252 West Chicago, and his mother along with others living nearby have been feeding and caring for the beautiful animal whom the children have named "Snicker." He pulls the youngsters' sleds and romps with them after school. "I hate to see him have to go to the dog pound," Mrs. Burns mourned.

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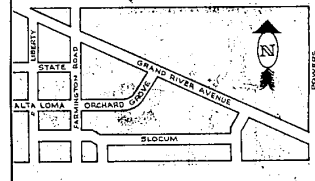
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