

# Many stars to shine at Oakway's Cabaret Concert

Oakway Symphony Orchestra's annual Cabaret Concert will feature a wide array of performers, as well as libation and snacks, for its audience at 8 p.m. March 21 at Madonna College Activities Building (1-96 and Levan).

The program hosted by Fat Bob Taylor, local media personality, will present lyric soprano Mabel Arvo, Mrs. Michigan; soprano Heidi Hepler, Mrs. Michigan; pianist Fontaine Laing, as well as the Oakway Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Francesco Di Biasi and guest conductor Sister Mary Francilene Van De Vyver, president of Madonna College.

Fontaine Laing has a bachelor's and master's in music from the Universities of Texas and Michigan, respectively. She has recorded with Erwin Monro, a first chair of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

A resident of Novi, she has toured extensively in Canada and Germany. Her contribution to the evening's program will be Liszt's Hungarian Fantasia.

BENTLEY HIGH School graduate and Livonia resident Heidi Hepler, current title holder of Miss Michigan, is a student of voice coach Margorie Gordon and has studied at Interlochen and Wayne State. She has sung with University of Michigan's Opera Theater and Detroit's Piccolo Opera.

Lyric soprano Mabel Arvo is the current Mrs. Michigan and the first grandmother to receive this award. She is a Novi resident. Mrs. Arvo, aside from her music accomplishments, is a student at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus.

Bob Taylor, a Whitmore Lake resident, is currently with WAAM radio in Ann Arbor. A frequent concert performer, he is a winner of the Grinnell Vocal Composition and has been offered a contract with the Metropolitan Opera.

Aside from his duties as master of ceremonies, Taylor will participate in duets with Mrs. Arvo and Miss Hepler and direct the audience in a sing-along of selections from the '20s.

Bar service and snacks will be available to the audience from 7-11 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, with discounts for advance service of full tables with a table of eight going for \$40 and a table of 10 for \$50.

Tickets are available at the door. Tickets also may be purchased at Hamell Music, Madonna College and Southfield Parks and Recreation.



Beauty contest winners, lyric soprano Mabel Arvo, Mrs. Michigan (left) and soprano Heidi Hepler, Miss Michigan, will be soloists at the annual Cabaret Concert.

## obituaries

**EFFIE MARY SCHLICHTER**

Mrs. Schlichter, 91, of Livonia died March 6 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Crowley Miller, Detroit.

Survivors include: one sister, Olive Vanest; two brothers, Leroy and Orville Schlichter.

Services were held at Mathews Funeral Home, Gladwin with the Rev.

**LOGAN SPARKS**

Logan Sparks, 91, of Walled Lake, died March 6 in Farmington Nursing Home, Farmington.

He was the first Justice of the Peace in Walled Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Eliza; daughters, Mary Dodds, Eva Feuerbacher, Monivene Buchanan, Marie Wagers and Freda Parker; sons, McClellan.

**Wilson, Dean, John and Vinson.**

Services were March 9 in the Richardson-Bird & Lynch Funeral Home, Walled Lake and the Walled Lake

Church of Christ with Mr. Coy Roper, Mr. Sam Flannery and Mr. Carson Spivey officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

## Art auction to benefit garden club

Farmington Hills Garden Club hosts an art auction for the year's fundraiser that begins with a wine and hors d'oeuvre preview at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, in Gallery Art Center. The gallery is at 18831 12 Mile Road, in Lathrup Village.

The club takes care of flower planting around Farmington Hills City Hall. The group contributes to Farmington Goodfellow. It has made donations to the Farmington YMCA landscaping fund, and donates to a scholarship program for College Week at Michigan State University.

But its biggest efforts are spent with young boys who are residents of Sarah Fisher Home. Members and residents plant and care for a large vegetable garden on the grounds and last year the youngsters made a profit by selling their surplus.

Advance tickets, at \$2 each, are available by calling Diane Ekblom, 851-4069. Tickets at \$3 each are available at the door.

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