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# Music makers join for gala week of song

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Bands, orchestras, dancers and singers of many kinds of music from Detroit's northwest suburbs join to celebrate National Music Week May 3-10 with a variety of concerts staged in Southfield's Tel-12 Mall.

Since 1924 when President Calvin Coolidge served as the first honorary chairman for music week, each of the nation's chief executives has given his moral support to the annual observance.

In his message to the National Federation of Music Clubs this year, President Ronald Reagan said:

"Music — the Magic Key to Daily Living," chosen as theme for the week, "expresses so poetically the special experience music brings to each of us. We are very proud to applaud the National Federation of Music Clubs and the work it has done to foster this nation's young musicians."

The celebration marks the 58th week of its kind, offering the opportunity to all citizens to salute music and musicians everywhere.

The week-long celebration in this area is co-sponsored by Farmington Musicales and Birmingham Musicales, both members of National Federation of Music Clubs.

AT 1 P.M. SUNDAY, May 3, the Oak-



RANDY BORST, staff photographer

Paul Barber strikes up the Farmington Community Band every May for a part of the celebration which observes National Music Week. This

year 25 members of the band play the songs of the Big Band era in the concert which begins at 3 p.m. Sunday in Southfield's Tel-12 Mall.

way Symphony Orchestra takes center stage for the opening concert of the series in the shopping center at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads. The orchestra is the only one in the area which boasts six regular subscription concerts, and, as its name implies, draws members from, as well as serves, both Oakland and Wayne counties.

At 3 p.m. that same afternoon Paul Barber leads the Farmington Community Band. Barber and the musicians he leads in a number of different groups and ensembles is now a tradition for Music Week concerts.

At 1 p.m. Monday the Southfield High School Madrigal Singers and Girl's Glee Club sing under the direction of John Carter Cole. The madrigal group is a show choir which also performs dance routines. The glee club, made up of 40 teens, presents about six concerts a year.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the Cranbrook Chambers Singers, who sing 15th and 16th Century music, take the stage under the direction of Fred Bellinger.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Renee Beck brings the mixed chorus from West Bloomfield High School for a program of easy-to-listen-to music.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sheryl's School of Dance students called 'The Sherylites' don western hats and boots for tap and jazz numbers.

THE COLORFULLY costumed Madrigal Singers of Birmingham Musicales sing 15th and 17th century music at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

That evening at 7:30 p.m. Robert Gatzke leads dancers from 5 to 22 years of age from Julie Adlers School of Dance through tap and jazz routines.

At 1 p.m. Thursday, Grant Hoemke leads the Farmington High School symphonic band in its performance of show

tunes, movie music and favorites from the big band era.

Northville's 62-member Symphonic Community Band is led by Bob Williams for its performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Friday, three groups perform popular music from different eras. James Sinela leads the West Hills Singers, made up of a seventh grade choir, an eighth grade girls ensemble and a ninth grade choir.

The Birmingham Elementary School Honors Band, which includes fifth and sixth graders, demonstrate their musical talents in a performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Their director is Jack Horner.

The final day of the celebration begins with a 1 p.m. program Saturday

given by the Livonia Youth Chorus under the direction of Dr. David Albaugh. Because of its outstanding musicianship, the group has recently been named Michigan Youth Chorus. The seventh and eighth graders will perform selections from "Chorus Line."

THE BOUNCY and versatile Mercyaire, under the direction of Larry Teevens, close the celebration at 3 p.m. Saturday. The group, all teens who attend Mercy High School, will sing, dance and accompany themselves to a wide variety of songs and routines.

In talking about Music Week, this year's chairwoman, Joyce Schack, a member of Farmington Musicales, quoted from Longfellow.

"He wrote 'Show me the home wherein music dwells and I shall show

you a happy, peaceful and contented home."

"The objectives of this annual observance are an effort to reinforce those words," she said.

"We can do this by helping to create an understanding and appreciation of the value of music in the home, music in the community, music in the nation and music in the world."

The Farmington Musicales, a financial supporter of musicians, has aided the Farmington Community Band, Oakway Symphony and Detroit Music Hall.

The club also sponsors an annual scholarship competition open to young musicians from seventh through twelfth grades. This spring the competition drew 59 young people.



Francesco Di Blasi conducts the Oakway Symphony Orchestra for the 1 p.m. concert on Sunday which opens up the local observance of National Music Week. The performance is followed by 14 other performances that continue through the week of May 3-10.



The Sherylites, a fast-stepping jazz and tap group from Sheryl's School of Dance, step into the spotlight at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, in the national salute to music and musicians.



## It's a small world

Kenbrook Elementary School students Kirk Cornell (left), Jennifer Engle and Ricky Goren help with preparations for "It's a Small World," the school's spring carnival that runs from 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, on the school grounds.

32130 Bonnet Hill. The Small World Parade leads off the festivities followed by the opening of a midway of games and prizes, a variety of sale booths and food for snacking. No charge for admission to the grounds.

## Chinese cook teaches best of the cuisine

Ina Tchen, respected Detroit-area authority on authentic Chinese cooking, yearly tours Hong Kong, the Republic of China, as well as the People's Republic of China, in search of new recipes to share with her Farmington Community Center cooking classes.

Her spring sessions begin Tuesday, May 12, in evening classes which run

7:30-10 p.m. The class meets three consecutive Tuesdays.

In each of the classes, students will learn to prepare a complete meal, sample authentic recipes from various regions of China and receive fool-proof recipes and cooking techniques.

Mrs. Tchen says she strives to present a comprehensive sequence of class-

es in Chinese cuisine in which she emphasizes the professional methods one cannot learn from a cookbook.

She's proud of the real Chinese cuisine and is happy to demonstrate the ingenuity of food preparation Chinese cooks are famous for all over the world.

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