

'Ghandi' debut benefits DIA

The Founders Society of Detroit Institute of Arts will host the Michigan premiere of the film "Ghandi" in the theaters at Prudential Town Center, Southfield, Thursday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. A. Alfred Taubman of Bloomfield Hills are honorary chairpersons of the benefit event which begins with a champagne reception at 7 p.m. Following the film, an afterglow

will feature Indian refreshments and an open bar. Tickets to the premiere are available in the Founders Society's membership office in the DIA institute, or by calling 833-1454. Early reservations are suggested as tickets are limited to 500 persons. Proceeds from the \$50 per person donation will be used to fund the pri-

mary programs of the society; special exhibitions, education, conservation and publications. Donations are tax deductible according to current law. Founders membership is not required for this event. THE COLUMBIA Pictures release "Ghandi" has been 20 years in the making by director Sir Richard Attenborough.

The film follows 56 of the 79 years of Mahatma Ghandi's life and includes detailed reconstruction of the ashram, or commune, where he lived in 1917. "Ghandi" culminates in the funeral procession of 300,000 people. Ben Kingsley, the actor who portrays Ghandi, won the 1982 New York Film Critics Circle Award for best actor.

The script for the movie was written by John Briley, a native of Michigan, born in Kalamazoo and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of University of Michigan.

Briley, now living in England, has written: "Ghandi lived the most fundamental drama of all; the war between love and hate. He believed in only one victor. I have tried in the screenplay to give back what he has given to me."



In "Ghandi" Martin Sheen (at left) plays Walker, a journalist who befriends the great Mahatma, and Ben Kingsley stars in the title role of the spiritual and political leader. The Michigan premiere of the film will be a benefit for Detroit Institute of Arts.

New TV headquarters to salute state's art

DIV/Channel 4 has announced a program to buy more than 100 works of art by Michigan artists for the offices, lobbies and hallways of its Detroit headquarters under the newly established "Go 4 the Arts" project.

There will be several phases to be completed before the new building's grand opening in April: the purchase of 55 works of art by Michigan artists; commissioning of 22 pieces of fine art by students at Wayne State University, Center for Creative Studies and Cranbrook Academy of Art; the establishment of a changing display of art by area high school and college students and art associations; and a photo exhibit of Detroit's architectural highlights.

"Our new offices were built specifically to enable us to display art everywhere, to make it a part of and to enhance the everyday working environment," said Amy McCombs, vice president and general manager. "Michigan is full of talented artists. We want to acknowledge their talent in a way that also lets us share our resources with our audiences."

DIV has already commissioned a 30-foot painting for the new building by Aris Koutourlis, instructor, Center for Creative Studies.

Artists born or living in Michigan who wish to have their work considered

for purchase should submit a slide of the piece along with price to Sharian Douglas, 1800 Penobscot Building, Detroit 48226, by Feb. 1.

Selections will be made by Feb. 29. Slides will be returned if accompanied by a stamped self-addressed No. 10 envelope. Only two works by any one artist and up to 50 works from any group or gallery will be considered.

School or associations wishing to sponsor an exhibit for the changing gallery should submit proposals to Douglas by Feb. 15. The first 12 exhibits, scheduled for one month each, will be selected by March 4.

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