

Scandinavian Symphony

An important community ingredient

By Avigdor Zarom
special writer

Those of us who are accustomed to listening to highly professional performances by our Detroit Symphony Orchestra and visiting chamber groups tend to overlook the community oriented musical groups.

While there is no question that community oriented ensembles are no match against their more prestigious counterparts in terms of technical and musical ability, the importance of their role should not be underestimated.

For one thing, many prominent players have started their careers with such groups. Moreover, listening to such a performance can be a rewarding experience, even if one has to contend with imperfection.

THE SCANDINAVIAN Symphony Orchestra has been an important musical ingredient of our community for over a half century. Its title is derived from the fact that it was founded and supported by the large Scandinavian community in the area at that time. But presently it is based in Southfield and consists of mostly Southfield area young students of varied backgrounds.

A select chamber orchestra, composed of members of the complete group as well as a few guest players,

ushered in the new year with a benefit program at the Elmhurst Unitarian Church. The attractive program consisted of works by Mozart, Bach, Elgar and Grieg.

The performance was characterized by spirited enthusiasm and valid musical approach. Conductor Douglas Morrison has been with the orchestra for the past four years. The baton was passed to guest conductor David Levine for the performance of Bach's Double Violin Concerto.

Among the drawbacks was the fact that the sound wasn't sufficiently toned down for the small hall. This was particularly true in the first portion, consisting of the Mozart Divertimento K. 136 in D Major and the Bach concerto. But there was good cohesiveness most of the time.

The Mozart first and third movements were fresh and invigorating, but there was some dullness in the middle movement.

One of the highlights was achieved with the Bach concerto with a convincing performance and excellent phrasing by violinist Mary Stolberg and Tamara Goldstein. The latter is presently assistant concertmaster with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. The intimacy of the second movement was somewhat compromised by the overpowering sound.

BUT THERE WAS a good balance in the solo parts, with a genuine effort to convey the authentic structure.

The highest point of unified sound was achieved in Elgar's Elegy. It featured some of the most refined playing with controlled crescendos.

The program concluded with Grieg's Holberg Suite, which was the "Scandinavian" component of the event. There were some weaknesses in this performance.

The most pronounced weakness was in the role of the second violin. This group, which demonstrated some flaws throughout the program, sounded frequently out of tune in this closing selection. But there were some good qualities in the opening Prelude, the Air and the final Rigodon.

If some of these evaluations seem harsh, it is because this performance is being measured here by the same strict

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standard that is being applied to professional orchestras.

As a community orchestra, the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra certainly possesses a high potential, and is among the better groups of its kind. Any group capable of providing an inspiring program even if not consistently perfect, must be on the right path. Occasional mistakes notwithstanding, this group definitely has a good sense of direction.

Moga begins practice

Dr. Paul John Moga announces the opening of his general practice office at 23611 Liberty St., Farmington. The Liberty office is in the building of long-time Farmington resident and architect John Allen.

Moga is a 1970 graduate of Southfield High School and a 1974 graduate of Oakland University, Rochester, where he received degrees in biology and classical languages. At both schools, he participated in athletics and music, as well as Oakland's Slave Folk Ensemble.

While at the Kirkville, Mo., College of Osteopathic Medicine, Moga gained additional experience while working in hospitals in Jefferson City and St. Louis, Mo., Davenport, Iowa, Massillon,

Ohio, as well as rural clinics in northeast Missouri.

FOLLOWING GRADUATION in 1978, he served an internship at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. He has practiced in the Detroit area for two years, and at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, for one year.

While in Ohio, he served as associate team physician for the university football and hockey teams, as well as area high school teams. He also participated as a member of the Volunteer Clinical Faculty at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has continued his interest in sports medicine and assists the athletic department of Novi High School.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
(Summary)
A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Yoder on January 3, 1984, in Council Chambers, 3500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.
PRESENT: Mayor Yoder, Councilmen Tupper, Walker.
ABSENT: Councilmen Bennett, Hartsock
OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Desjardins, Director Billing, Director Selfert, City Attorney Kelly, Administrative Assistant Horner, City Clerk Busbey.
Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
Council held a Public Hearing to review the proposed uses of \$48,800.00 in 1984-85 Community Development Program funds.
Minutes of the Farmington Community Library of December 8, 1983, were received and filed.
Council received notices from the Michigan Municipal League relative to the upcoming Region IV meeting and a two-day teleconference on the future of local government.
Council designated the week of January 15-21, 1984, as JAYCEE WEEK.
Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Howard Aldrich from the Farmington Historical Commission.
Council accepted the low bid of Italia Construction Co., Inc. of Sterling Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$18,047.00 for the construction of the Drake Road Sidewalk.
Council authorized the purchase of a patrol vehicle and an administrative vehicle through the Oakland County Purchasing Department at a cost of \$17,438.12.
Council was advised that the Detroit Water Department proposes to adjust wholesale water and sewer rates effective July 1, 1984.
Council was informed that the Annual Report Calendar would be available for distribution within a week.
Council received the financial reports for the General Fund and the 47th District Court for the five months ended November 30, 1983.
Monthly bills were approved for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
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JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk
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CITY COUNCIL
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
1984
January 3, 9, 16 & 23
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
March 13, 20 & 27
April 9, 16 & 23
May 14, 21 & 29
June 11, 18 & 25
July 9, 16 & 23
August 13, 20 & 27
September 10, 17 & 24
October 9, 16 & 23
November 13, 20 & 27
December 10 & 17
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 1984
Mayor Williams opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council of January 9, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Allan Webb, Dudley, Soronen, Williams and Wolf. Absent: Hughes and Dolan. Others present: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, Assistant City Manager Costick and City Attorney Bibeau.
Mayor Williams received an award for service on Farmington Hills Arts Commission. Jack Burwell and William Lange received awards for service to the City as Council Members.
Council enacted Amended Ordinance C81-VV to the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate Section 506, Paragraph 1.d. to permit construction in accordance with market conditions. The summary for publication was approved.
Council approved extension of Site Plan Approval for Villages of Farmington Ridge located in Section 4 to January 9, 1985.
Mayor Williams appointed J. Allaire to represent Farmington Hills on the Southwest Oakland Cable Access Commission.
Traffic Control Order No. ST-115-1984 was adjourned to the next meeting. Council approved Traffic Control Order No. ST-116-1984 requiring east and westbound Salvador Avenue traffic to stop at Hugo Avenue.
Traffic Control Order No. P-55-1984 was adopted prohibiting parking on north and south sides of Nine Mile Road from 1000 feet east of Drake Road to 2974 feet west of Halsted Road.
Request of Mr. Roger Peck that the City's Housing Commission sponsor public housing project for elderly was adjourned to January 23rd meeting.
Council adopted Resolution to enter Agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation for surface texturing of ramp from westbound 1496 to southbound I-375.
Council approved three year labor agreement with Fire Fighters IAF Local 1359.
Council approved hiring two employees related to other employees or appointees for part-time seasonal duties.
Council adjourned decision on possible purchase of fire truck to a public meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 1984 at 9:00 A.M.
Council determined that applications would be accepted by the City Clerk's office until 4:30 P.M. on January 30, 1984 to fill the vacancy of a council seat. There will be a business meeting February 6, 1984 to interview candidates.
Council adopted policy that members will not request expenditure of time or expenses for non-essentials without Council approval at a public meeting.
Council discussed consideration of citizen committee for capital improvement plan.
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.
CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, Mayor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk
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