



Riva Capellari



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## Italian concert opening season

The Oakway Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Francesco Di Biasi, will open its new season with an "Italian Spectacular" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Madonna College in Livonia.

Dino Valle will be master of ceremonies and singer, along with soprano Riva Capellari and baritone John Redmon. They will present light and popular songs from the Italian repertoire.

The orchestra will play Respighi's "The Pines of Rome."

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets also are available at Madonna College, Hammond Music and the Oakway Office. For ticket information, call 532-2444.

An Italian dinner is an option. It will be served at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Madonna College Residence Hall. The meal of spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea and milk is priced at \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. For reservations, call the Madonna College Director of Activities at 591-5056 by Monday.

THE SEASON'S second concert will feature soloists from the Oakway Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at Southfield-Lathrup High School. Ernest A. Jones is guest conductor.

Third concert will be "The Nutcracker" Ballet, presented by the Contemporary Civic Ballet directed by Rose Marie Floyd, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

"Artists of Tomorrow," winners of



Dino Valle

the Oakway competition, star at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Harrison High School. Oakway sponsors the largest artist competition in Michigan, with prizes totaling \$3,000 awarded by the Michigan Foundation for the Arts.

Last of the five subscription concerts will be "Bach Concert" with pianists from the Farmington Musicale, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Harrison High School.

The season will conclude with Oakway's 12th annual Cabaret Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Madonna College.

Ernest A. Jones and Sister M. Francine Van De Vyver will be guest conductors. Pat Bob Taylor is master of ceremonies.

## upcoming things to do

### NEW SEASON

The Birmingham Village Players has announced its 62nd season playbill. The season opens with the Agatha Christie mystery "Mousetrap," Friday-Sunday, Sept. 23-30, and Friday-Saturday, Oct. 5-6. "The Trading Post," comedy by Larry Keiran, follows Friday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18, and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 23-24. The musical "Damn Yankees" runs Feb. 8-10 and 15-16. "To Grandmother with Love," drama by Joanna M. Glass, runs March 22-24 and 29-30, and "Move Over Mrs. Markham" comedy farce by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, May 17-19 and May 24-25. For season ticket information, call 643-5016.

### COMEDY-MYSTERY

"Murder Among Friends," comedy-mystery by Bob Barry, will be presented Friday-Saturday beginning Sept. 21 at Somerset Dinner Theatre at Somerset Mall in Troy. Offered by Jimmy Launce Productions, the show was originally scheduled to open Sept. 7. Cocktails are at 7 p.m., dinner at 7:30 and curtain at 8:45. Reservations at \$18.95 per person inclusive, for dinner and show, may be made by calling Alfred's at 643-8855.

### AUDITIONS OPEN

Auditions for the Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre production of "Witness for the Prosecution," murder mystery by Agatha Christie, continues at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, and Friday, Sept. 17, at the theatre, 775 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township. The play directed by Celia Merrill Turner will open Oct. 19 and run at 8:30 Friday-Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 17. Actors should be familiar with British, Cockney and Scottish accents.

### CONCERT CANCELED

Larry Gallo and the Gallo brothers will not be appearing Saturday, Sept. 18, at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. The concert was canceled earlier this season.

### AT CRANES

Entertainer Dick Haynes is appearing through September at Cranes in the Quality Inn on N. Woodward, two blocks north of Square Lake Hotel, in Pontiac. He recently released an 11-month engagement at Lido on the lake in St. Clair Shores. Haynes and his band present classic hits, original

pop jazz and blues compositions, using self-programmed computers and synthesizers.

### PERSONAL AMPLIFIER

Nicholas George Theatre, which operates the American West Theatre in West Bloomfield, has installed a prototype, personal amplifier system for the use of moviegoers with hearing problems. The system, available at the Americana West, is called the Williams Sound Personal PA. Receivers are available by request at no cost, for listeners to sit anywhere in the auditorium, during the movie.

### PROGRAM AIRED

Oakland County radio station WPON will air a special program on the visit of Pope John Paul II to Canada 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. Also featured on the program will be the Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot, president of St. Mary's College, who will assist in translation and interpret the role of Orchard Lake, St. Mary's College, and the Pope John II Center.

### MUSIC, DANCE

The Michigan Renaissance Festival will present a Music and Dance Weekend on Saturday-Sunday at the Coombe Center in Clarkston. Daily performances will be given by the Silver Swan Singers, a Lansing choral group directed by Harold Spickmull. The unofficial debut of the Renaissance City Chamber Players will be featured Sunday. For more information call the festival office in Birmingham at 643-9540.

### ST. REGIS

Tea dances are back in town, from 4-8 p.m. Fridays at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Dancing is to the Greg Porcetti Trio, who plays a medley of Top 40 tunes as well as Big Band sounds. Tea dances continue through Nov. 18.

### ETHNIC FESTIVAL

The Yugoslav Festival will mark the finale of Detroit's Ethnic Festival season Friday-Sunday, Sept. 14-16, at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Dancers and singers from Yugoslavia will highlight this year's event with performances by Jozs Vlahovic, a group of 40 dancers, and recording stars Nedelko Bilic and Novica Negovanovic.



## second runs Tom Panzenhagen

"La Dolce Vita" (1961), 12:27 Friday night on Ch. 9. Originally 173 minutes. TV time slot last program on schedule.

You're not a Federico Fellini fan, you say. Well, that's understandable. The Italian cineaste has fashioned his share of highly pretentious, overly wrought films, especially in the last 15 years. "La Dolce Vita" is one of his earlier works, though, and a shining example of the innovative and daring movie making for which Fellini's most remembered. Marcello Mastroianni stars as a troubled press agent who finds life along Rome's glamorous Via Veneto both decadent and intoxicating. As Mastroianni searches for his own identity while fluctuating between real and imagined worlds, the lifestyles of Italy's "beautiful people" are ingeniously, and sometimes humorously, exposed. Anita Ekberg, Anouk Aimée and Lex Barker co-star.

Rating: \$3.40.

"The Last Dinosaur" (1977), 1:15 Sunday night on Ch. 7. Originally 100 minutes. TV time slot: 130 minutes.

None of us who fancy the occasional movie about prehistoric monsters don't ask for much, nor do we expect much. Just a battle or two and some standard trick photography usually does the trick. If that's your criteria, too, you won't be disappointed by "The Last Dinosaur." It's a Japanese-made but far better than all those "Godzilla" imitations. Richard Boone, Joan Van Ark and Tyrannosaurus Rex co-star.

Rating: \$2.75.

### WHAT'S IT WORTH?

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