

Dorati Conducts Detroit Symphony

The Meadow Brook Music Festival will move into its next-to-last week at Oakland University on Thursday evening, Aug. 6 at 8:30 p.m., when the distinguished conductor-composer Antal Dorati leads the Detroit Symphony with famed violinist Itzhak Perlman.

On Thursday evening Perlman, who is returning to Meadow Brook for a third season, will play Beethoven's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D major, Opus 61. Saturday evening, Aug. 8, at 8:30 p.m., Perlman will again appear with Dorati and the Detroit Symphony, playing the Tchaikovsky Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D major, Opus 35.

Norfolk America's top rock group, The Guess Who, will make its Meadow Brook bow on Friday, Aug. 7 at 8:30 p.m. The Guess Who is currently riding the crest of its popularity with a fourth hit record in a row and a very recent engagement at the White House where the group was invited to entertain their Royal Highnesses Princess Anne and Prince Charles of England.

Sunday evening, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m., Dorati will again conduct the Detroit Symphony, with guest pianist Gyorgy Sandor in an all-Russian program. The program will open with two works of Stravinsky's, "Schcherzo a la russe" and "Circus Polka." Dorati will then conduct the orchestra and Mr. Sandor in Rachmaninoff's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 2 in C minor, Opus 18. The program will close with the Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Opus 47 by Shostakovich.

Sandor, currently artist-in-residence at the University of Michigan, has performed extensively on six continents. A piano student of Bartok's in Budapest, Sandor became a world-famed interpreter of Bartok's music.

1,400 Dogs Expected

About 1,400 dogs are expected at the Pontiac Kennel Club's all-breed dog show and obedience trial Sunday, Aug. 16.

The weekend promises to be a busy one for dogs and dog-lovers as Traverse City and Genesee County Kennel Clubs have also planned dog shows.

The Pontiac show will be in a new location this summer, at Lakewood Farms on Bogie Lake Rd., two miles south of M-59, in White Lake Township. Spectators will have an opportunity to see nearly 50 different breeds during the show, which runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Premium lists and entry forms are available from the Bow Dog Show Organization, 909 Broad St., Detroit.

Original Is Entertaining

By MARTHA MAHAN

One of life's titillating experiences for this reviewer was seeing "Taming of the Shrew" advertised as "the original Kiss Me Kate."

"A Trip to Chinatown," now playing at Greenfield Village's American Drama Festival, carries somewhat similar renown. It was the model for Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker," and its musical version, "Hello, Dolly!"

FIRST PRODUCED IN 1890, "A Trip to Chinatown" is credited with starting the trend of musical comedies. Three of its songs remain well-known even today: "The Bowers," "After the Ball," and "Reuben, Reuben I've Been Thinking."

As a critic, this reviewer prefers to relax and enjoy the entertainment, and there is much to enjoy in this turn-of-the-century farce, which involves innocent but complicated intrigue on the part of the young people seeking a night out with a visit to Chinatown as the excuse and a romantic mixup with a flirtatious widow.

Kenneth Chomont's back in a character role as Welland Strong, a fun-and-rum relishing hypochondriac "with one foot in the grave," once again provides his deft comedy after an unfortunate attempt as "My Partner."

Harry Gilfill's Jerry Lewis style antics as a waiter are show stoppers, especially his performance as both protagonists in a dog fight. Jacqueline Terri is knowledgeable and adept as a widow with "biff" and handles her songs well.

Only six of the original production's 22 musical numbers still are known, so the Drama Festival crew added 11 songs of the period to fill in the gaps. The result is an evening of nostalgia as well as glee as the cast performs such old favorites as "Belle of Avenue A," "Tell Me Pretty Maiden," "Chinatown, My Chinatown," "Last Night on the Back Porch," and "Strike Up the Band."

Chomont composed five other songs to round out the show.

The season's only musical, "A Trip to Chinatown," alternates with "My Partner" and "Our American Cousin," long a favorite with American Drama Festival devotees. "Chinatown" will be presented Aug. 6, 12, 18, 23 and 29 and Sept. 2, 7 and 11. "Sherlock Holmes" will open Aug. 10 and run through the Sept. 12 season's end.

Puppet Show

A wacky collection of animal puppets called "The Will-O-Way Puppet Theatre," will perform for school-age children at the Somerset Mall in Troy at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from Aug. 3 to 8.

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