

Talent abounds at Oakway's cabaret

Oakway Symphony's annual cabaret concert Saturday night in Madonna College's activities building promises to have more than its share of talented performers.

For one thing, things should get off to a lively start the moment "Fat Bob" Taylor — also known as the "singing plumber" — steps to the microphone to emcee the event. Taylor will also perform several numbers.

Another highlight will be a performance by the Max Davey Singers.

The group's jovial leader, Max Davey, will also conduct the symphony and choir in a medley of Broadway favorites. Included will be selections from "Hello, Dolly," and "Cabaret," and Leonard Bernstein's "Tonight" from "West Side Story."

THE SINGERS WILL also present their own stylized versions of "Sailing Down the Road," and the Beatles' "Yesterday," as well as "When

the Saints Go Marching In" and "As Time Goes By."

Oakway maestro Francesco DiBlasi will conduct the orchestra but will relinquish the baton to two favorite guest conductors, Sister Franciscine, president of Madonna College, and public relations exec Ernest Jones. Both have performed directing duties at other concerts.

Soprano Nancy O'Keefe, recently selected as Miss Livonia, will be featured in a singalong in musical

highlights from "The Sound of Music."

Adding to the fun of the evening also will be several benefit drawings, one of which will allow the winner to lead the orchestra in John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

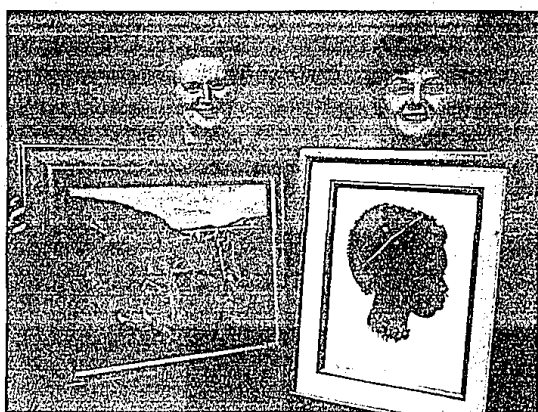
Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For information/reservations, call 555-9128 or 555-9280.



"Fat Bob" Taylor
cabaret concert emcee



Max Davey
his Singers featured



Spectrum Art Club to exhibit

"Around the World in Oils" will be the theme of the 13th annual Spectrum Art Club exhibition from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in Faith Covenant Church, Fourteen and Drake roads in Farmington Township. Several hundred paintings will be on display including those of Nora Oxley (above, left) of Livonia and Kitty Weaver of Garden City. At right is Muriel Linton, art club instructor, who was featured in a recent Observer & Eccentric story for her work in miniature paintings she calls "art in the palm of your hand." Linton plans to have some mini water colors in the show. A framed oil painting will be given away in a benefit drawing. Light refreshments will be available.



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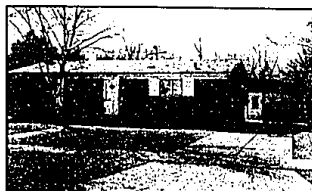
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