

Interlochen to offer hundreds of events

INTERLOCHEN — If you're like most visitors to the National Music Camp this summer, you'll probably want to time your visit around a concert by your favorite artist — like Marcel Marceau July 11 and 12, The Emerson String Quartet July 15, Ricky Skaggs July 16, the Hubbard Street Dance Company July 21 and 22, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra July 31 or Ray Charles Aug. 12.

If you're planning a day trip, however, here are some tips you may find helpful.

HOW TO GET THERE: As off-the-beaten-track as it may seem, the National Music Camp is only 20 minutes from downtown Traverse City via two- and four-lane highways. Traverse City natives know several shortcuts, but first-time visitors to the area may prefer the most traveled route. From Traverse City, take U.S. 31 south to Interlochen. Turn left at the traffic light onto M-137 and follow the signs to the National Music Camp. Parking, like rehearsals, student performances and even many concerts, is free.

WHAT TO DO: What can't you do is a better question. From camp's opening ceremonies June 21 to the traditional final concert Aug. 17, you can sample from hundreds of events offered daily Tuesday through Sunday. If your time is limited, however, you might want to consider a guided tour highlighting the 1,200-acre campus, with brief stops to observe rehearsals. Free, hour-long tours depart from the Information Booth every Tuesday through Saturday at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

If you prefer to go it alone, be sure to arm yourself first with a free map and a self-guided tour sheet — both available at the information booth — and plan your tour around rehearsals.

In general, bands rehearse in the afternoon, orchestras in the morning. One you shouldn't miss is the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, heard regularly on National Public Radio stations nationwide. For the best view, slip into a seat at the rear of Kresge Auditorium, where a panorama of towering pines, blue skies and sparkling

waters provides the backdrop for these gifted high school musicians. WYSO begins rehearsals promptly at 8:20 a.m. each Tuesday through Saturday in preparation for its Sunday night concert, and if you're lucky, you visit just might coincide with that of a famous guest conductor or soloist.

You can see beautiful things created all day long in the Visual Arts Building, where classes in metalsmithing, painting and drawing, ceramics, weaving, sculpture, printmaking and photography all take place. Or watch as budding composers and pianists practice their crafts using computers in Dow Science and electronic pianos and headphones in Mott Language. And don't overlook the dance building nestled on the shore of Green Lake, where continuous classes and rehearsals in ballet and modern dance are held in sunlit, glass-walled studios.

You'll probably discover your own favorite, but rehearsals popular with many observers include High School Shakespeare at 8:20 a.m., High School Choir and High School Jazz Band at 11 a.m., High School Musical at 1:20 p.m. and High School Operetta at 3:30 p.m. Since class locations change frequently, it's best to check with the information booth on the day of your visit.

WHERE TO TAKE THE KIDS: You can see the original sousaphone made for John Philip Sousa in 1898 and a saxophone signed by Adolphe Sax among historical treasures on display in the Giddings Concourse. Interlochen's 400-piece Leland B. Greenleaf Collection of musical instruments also includes an Austrian alpenhorn, a shofar played in Jewish services and an assortment of Civil War over-the-shoulder horns.

If you or your companions are nature lovers, you might want to consider a visit to the camp's Walter E. Hastings Museum featuring arrowheads and other Indian artifacts, sea shells, fluorescent rocks, and a variety of rough and polished stones. A wildlife photographer and lecturer for the Michigan Conservation Commission for nearly 30

years, Hastings donated his collection to the camp in 1956. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5:30 p.m., the museum also offers tours, films and special programs.

See a public radio station in action at WIAA-FM, northern Michigan's source for classical music, jazz and other fine arts offerings. In addition to carrying many National and American Public Radio programs like "A Prairie Home Companion" and "All Things Considered," the station also broadcasts music live from Interlochen.

Your visit should include stops at the Scholarship for Interlochen sweaters, sweatshirts and unique gifts with an arts theme, and at Mott Language, where you can purchase Interlochen records, tapes and photographs. As you make your selections, you'll have the added satisfaction of knowing the proceeds will help fund Interlochen scholarships for talented students.

And don't forget a bathing suit. While Interlochen's waterfront is open only to camp students, personnel and hotel guests, camp property on both sides of M-137 adjoins one of Michigan's largest state parks with 187 acres and beaches on two freshwater lakes.

WHERE TO EAT: Here you have two choices. If your idea of the perfect summer day includes a picnic lunch, Interlochen is one of the best places to enjoy it. Like an international airport, the camp is alive with activity and the babble of many languages, and you can soak up the atmosphere from a ringside table in the shade or the sun. Or grab a quick bite at the Melody Freeze, Interlochen's take-out food bar, where burgers, nachos and soft ice cream reign supreme.

OTHER HELPFUL HINTS: You can find restrooms, telephones and Michigan's largest daily newspapers at the Stone Student Center, which doubles as the campus hotel. Restrooms also are located throughout the Maddy Building and between Kresge Auditorium and the Interlochen Bowl.



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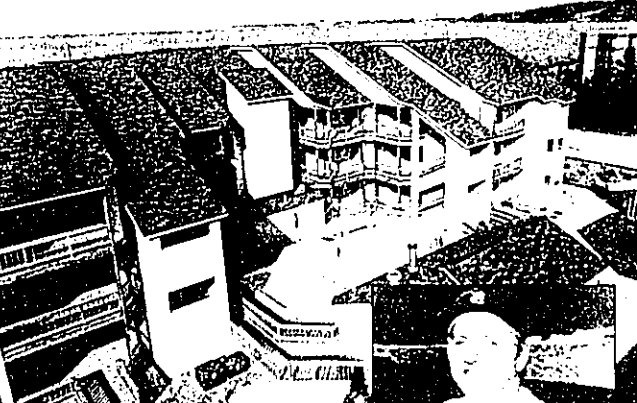
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