

## Last call to share your music festival memories

Meadow Brook Music Festival celebrates its 25th season this year. The occasion will be commemorated by a special section to be included in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers on Thursday, June 2.

Through pictures and stories, the section will chart the festival's growth. It will feature interviews with folks who were in on the planning during the early stages, as well as profiles of the staunch corps of present-day volunteers who work diligently to keep the festival the top-notch event that it is.

But in planning the section, it's probably also true that there are hundreds of faithful concertgoers

who have memories of their own they might like to share about why the music festival is so special to them.

We would like to include some of those special moments in the section. We are inviting readers to write and tell us about those memorable times. If your letter is selected, you will receive a pair of tickets to one of the Meadow Brook concerts.

It's Meadow Brook's "Silver Summer," but it's your golden opportunity to tell us just what the festival means to you.

Send your comments to: Meadow Brook Memories, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 35251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



### All-star revue

Kate Patterson will lead the second annual "Salute to Michigan Performing Artists," to benefit the Forum Foundation on Sunday, June 5, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. Tax-deductible donation is \$40 per person. For information, call 569-2799 or 559-1542.

## 'Red, White and Broadway' cast fills performance with energy

Performances of the musical revue "Red, White and Broadway" continue at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays through June 18. Each show is preceded by dinner at 5:30 or 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 349-4000.

By Rob McCabe  
special writer

Director/producer Michael J. Kiler and his talented production company, Theatre Arts Productions, present the third show of TAP's successful season at the Novi Hilton.

"America's Red, White and Broadway" stars a gifted quartet of performers — the effervescent Nancy Kolton, the appealing Kathy Blanchard, the suave, sophisticated Brett Blanchard, and the cohesive force that keeps the production together, the incomparable accompanist "Rebecca." This delightful evening of cabaret theater is a salute to the American spirit and the Great White

### review

Way, Broadway.

Following a rousing introduction of "What a Country," the singers perform a medley of songs in praise of great cities like "New York, New York" and "Chicago" and the state of California in "California, Here I Come."

Highlight of the evening is the presentation of scenes from the musical "I Do I Do," a comedic look at the institution of marriage and its trials and tribulations. Nancy Kolton is brilliant as the fiery Agnes, a woman living in a somewhat strained marriage with a vain, egotistical husband, played by Brett Blanchard. "Nobody's Perfect" is a wonderful duet that points out the numerous faults of the two spouses.

KOLTON'S RENDERING of "Flaming Agnes" is a guaranteed show-stopper. Blanchard's performance in "The Father of the Bride" is a comedic tour-de-force, which showcases his flair for comedy.

"Red, White and Broadway" also features a sing-along, and a "Name That Tune" game, which has become a staple with Kiler's productions. Other highlights of the evening are Kathy Blanchard's version of "New York, New York," where she definitely shines, and Kolton's rendition of Stephen Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns," which came close to bringing tears to this reviewer's eyes.

"America's Red, White and Broadway" is a fun show for the entire family.

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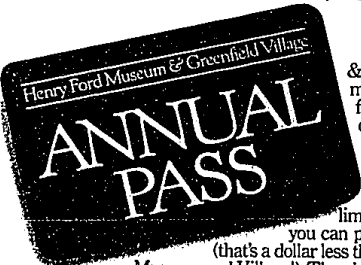
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