



Meadow Brook music

Pop favorite Bobby Vinton will sing at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Longtime comedian Henry Youngman is the opening act. Pianist Ray Charles (left) and the comedy and song of the Smothers Brothers (below) are both on the musical program at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the festival in the Baldwin Pavilion on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Tickets for the Vinton concert are \$20, \$17 and \$12.50; Charles and the Smothers Brothers tickets are \$13.50 for the lawn — the pavilion is sold out. For more information, call the box office at 377-2010.



Art, food, fun fill Franklin Round-up

The Franklin Community Association's 44th annual Labor Day Round-Up will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, in historic Franklin Village.

The lineup of events begins with the art fair and continues with the biggest little town parade in the center of the village noon.

A midway with games, a horse show, the annual water battle between police and fire departments, a bake sale and contest, a garden product contest and cuisine de carnivals will be featured.

Chamber ensemble announces new season

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble will give eight concerts at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and a six-concert series at Orchestra Hall for its 1988-89 Note-able-Ninth season.

The opening concert, 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, will salute the ninth season with music for nine instruments by Haydn, Copland and Chausson and a special guest appearance by state Sen. Jack Faxon-D, Farmington, narrating Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals."

Season highlights include a special holiday concert in December at Orchestra Hall, a performance by the Lafayette String Quartet in January and a tribute to Irving Berlin's 100th birthday in February at the Ford House.

On three consecutive weekends, Jan. 28, Feb. 5 and 12, the ensemble will present a piano festival celebrating the development of music for the piano. The festival will bring eight Michigan pianists together — Cynthia Raim, Flavio Varani, Micha Kottler, Michael Gurt, Louis Nagel, Joseph Gurt, Karen Walwin and Fedora Horowitz, the Ensemble's artistic director. Each of the artists will perform selections from their favorite works. There will be discussions about the development of the piano in addition to a question and answer session during the third concert.

"Strike up the Band — Gershwin Gala II" will close the season April 9 with "An American in Paris" for two pianos and duets from "Porgy and Bess."

The last performance at the Ford House will be a Mother's Day concert with music by Mozart and Brahms.

For a brochure and ticket information, call Lyric Chamber Ensemble, 357-1111.

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