

1989 named 'The Year of Dance'

The Arts Foundation of Michigan has designated 1989 as "The Year of Dance," marking the Foundation's five-year plan to promote and support arts in Michigan by committing major funding dollars to a single discipline each year.

Kimberly Adams, executive director of the Foundation said, "Increased focus on one discipline per year will be beneficial. Limited funding dollars can be used to help many organizations within each discipline rather than just a few."

The Year of Dance will culminate in a week-long statewide Michigan Dance Festival in November, given

of interest to the dance community. Technique classes will be given throughout the metropolitan area with teachers from local schools and studios and instructors from participating companies. Students may purchase a "dance card" admitting them to all of the classes they choose to attend.

Representatives from the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest and other national and local funding agencies will be invited to attend the festival and view the companies.

There will be a black tie gala honoring the art of dance, a resource directory for dance in Michigan, extended residencies of management professionals and a possible statewide tour by companies presented at Music Hall.

For more information about these plans, call Arts Foundation of Michigan, 964-2244, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Papangena (Linda Milne) peers from behind her feathered mask while Papagena (Washington Holmes) reveals an enigmatic smile knowing the fine between "Lovers and Clowns" — the Valentine offering of Papagena Opera Company, Feb. 9-10-11, in the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 789-SING.

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