# Handel's opera, "Orlando," to be staged here

Michigan Opera Theatre will bring conductor Christopher Heg-wood and The Academy of Ancient Music to Music Hall Center in the only Midwest presentation of George Frederick Handel's heroic opera of 1733, "Orlando," at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 19.

The cast includes Emma Kirkby and Lynne Dawson, sopranos, Cathe-riane Hobbin, mezzo-soprano, James Bowman, tenor, and David Thomas, bass-bartione.

bass-baritone.
Hogwood and The Academy are celebrating their 15th anniversary

with a seven-city tour of North America. Following the tour, the troupe will return home to London, England, to record "Orlando" on the Decca/L'Olseau-Lyre label.

Hogwood founded the Academy of Ancient Music in 1973 with the Idea of assembling leading British play-ers of historical instruments in the first orchestra-size group capable of performing great baroque illerature.

semi-staged in three acts. It is a tale of magic and adventure, following the hero through travalls in order to win the heart of Angelica, Queen of Cathay, Typical of the style of that period, the opera consists almost entirely of solo singing preceded by recitatives.

Kirkhy, who will sing the role of Dorinda, the shepherdess, has made more than 80 recordings and has appeared as a soloist with the Detroit, San Francisco, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Montreal and Quebec City symphony orchestras.

Dawson will sing the role of Angelica. She is a regular soloist with the Academy of Ancient Music.

Bowman, who takes the title role, is familiar to Scottish opera audiences as well as those in Paris, Washington, D.C., and Santa Fe, N.M.

"ORLANDO" IS a special addition to the season and precedes the spring Grand Opera season. Michigan Opera Theatre productions open with Dame Joan Sutherland's final performance on any operatic stage in Bellini's "Norma"

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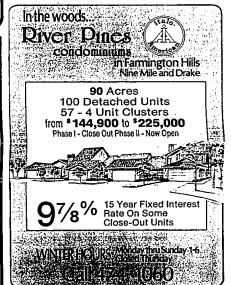
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