

Symphony Showplace '91 draws from suburbs

There will be a lot of suburban participation in Symphony Showplace '91 scheduled to be held at River Place Apartments of Detroit Oct. 5-20.

Interior designers from the Oakland and Wayne county suburbs make up more than half of those participating in this major benefit for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under chairwoman Barbara Zobl of Bloomfield Hills. It is sponsored by the orchestra's Volunteer Council, the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers and Stroh River Place.

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In addition to the tours of the lavishly decorated apartments, Symphony Showplace '91 will feature a series of special events — cooking demonstrations and luncheons by Chef Jimmy Schmidt, box lunch and fall color tours aboard the Detroit boat, how-to interior design seminars, sporting events at River Place Athletic and Croquet Club, music, art exhibits and special overnight

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packages at the River Place Inn.

"This isn't just another interior design tour," said Zobl, "It's a multifaceted event offering something for everyone."

Walter Cohen, River Place Apartments general partner, said "Showplace '91 visitors can catch a glimpse of elegant town home living while helping to support a very worthy cause."

Stroh River Place is a 30-acre, \$250 million redevelopment project on Detroit's east riverfront which includes the Stroh Brewery Co. headquarters, 600,000 square feet of general office space, 75,000 square feet of retail space, 301 apartments, an athletic club and a 107-room hotel.

The apartments, with occupancy beginning in January 1990, have high beamed ceilings, interior brick walls, massive windows, private entrances, landscaped courtyards and private terraces. Now under construction are 54 penthouse apartments atop the six-story parking structure.

Some of the ASID designers participating are: Thomas C. Grabowski, Hudson's Design Studio, Northland; Susan Peinberg and Maxine Carson, Walter Hertz, Inc., Franklin; Anna Kenedi, Anna Kenedi Design Inc., Southfield; Steve Teich, Perlmutter & Frieswald, Franklin; Laura Kaminsky, Laura Kaminsky Interiors, Livonia; Cynthia Oshlan, Birmingham; Barbara Wauldron, Wauldron Design Associates, Birmingham; Roy Hanks, Hanks Interiors, Troy; P. Karen Fields, P.K. Fields, Farmington; Sharon Chatham, Chatham Interior Design, Birmingham; and Bonnie L. Meyer, Meyer Interiors, Inc., West Bloomfield.

The student chapters of ASID at Lawrence Tech of Southfield and Eastern Michigan University at Ypsilanti are also participating along with other metro area designers.

The Volunteer Council of Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall is a 600 member group which works to assist the orchestra by sponsoring a variety of fundraising events, acting as docents in the educational outreach program and acting as hosts for visiting artists.



River Place Apartments in Detroit will be the site for Symphony Showplace '91.

Reading short stories

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parables, the characters exist in the story ultimately to illustrate a point, and need not be much more dimensional or believable than paper dolls.

It's just that after meeting the memorable, subtly rendered protagonist in "The Big Day," a story that

fairly sparkles with all kinds of freshness and wit, I was looking forward to something other than a collection of parables.

Maybe next time.

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