

## upcoming things to do

● **FARMINGTON PLAYERS**  
Farmington Players present "Bus Stop" starting 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 through Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12

Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$7, call 553-2955.

● **MADRIGAL CHORALE**  
Madrigal Chorus of Southfield

performs a benefit concert "From Broadway With Love" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at the Macomb Performing Arts Center, Hall (M-59) at Garfield in Clinton Township.

● **SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY**  
The Southfield Symphony, performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, north of 11 Mile, Southfield.

For information, reservations, call 354-4717.

● **BAROQUE ENSEMBLE**  
The Oakland Baroque Ensemble performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Call 379-3013 for ticket information.

● **TROY PLAYERS**  
Troy Players present the musical

"Fiddler on the Roof" 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, and Saturday, Feb. 29, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 and March 8, 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, east of I-75 in the Civic Center Complex. Tickets \$9, or \$8 for senior citizens over 60 and students under 18. For ticket information, or reservations, call 879-1285.

# Ars Poetica delights audience

By Avigdor Zarnop  
special writer

The Allied Jewish Campaign has been raising money annually for a variety of causes. Helping ex-Soviet Jews resettled is but one. This campaign received a significant artistic boost recently, when the Ars Poetica chamber ensemble donated its special program for the cause.

Anatoli Chelnikov, the founder and artistic director of this group, is himself a Soviet emigre who left behind what seemed then to be a promising musical career. The Ars Poetica is an unusual group, consisting of musicians from Chicago, Cleveland and our own area.

Under these circumstances, it is rather difficult to schedule frequent rehearsals and performances. Yet the artistic energy and determination of

this group goes a long way in compensating for such a logistical drawback.

THE EVENT, which took place at Temple Beth El in Birmingham, drew a sizeable audience that filled much of the enormous sanctuary area.

The group was also joined by a special guest artist — cellist Yuli Turovsky. He is known throughout his many recordings, which number over 60, according to his estimate. Turovsky came to this country from the Soviet Union 14 years ago, and his art is much in demand.

The ensemble had to surmount another hurdle for this event. Most of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians who performed with this group in the past were not available this time, leaving it without winds and horns.

This didn't prevent Ars Poetica from presenting

a most elegant and attractive program.

It consisted of the Concerto Grosso for Two Violins in A minor by Vivaldi, Prayer, Supplication and Nigun by Bloch, the Divertimento in F major, K. 130 by Mozart and the String Sonata in C major by Rossini.

TUROVSKY WAS featured only in the Bloch pieces, which are based on Hebraic idioms. His endowed tone quality and inspired expressiveness made me feel disappointed that his talent was not featured more extensively on this program.

The cello solo roles for a pure string orchestra are limited, to be sure. But if he had chosen to play a Bach suite for unaccompanied cello, it would have greatly enhanced the artistic impact of the event.

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