

Mitch Miller delights audience at Meadow Brook



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Concert goers were treated to a triple hit at Meadow Brook July 4 with Mitch Miller conducting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, soprano Gail Nelson, and a spectacular fireworks display for the finale.

Seeing Mitch Miller in person was a real thrill for me. I have fond memories of singing along with Mitch at Christmas time. Miller came up with the idea of the popular "sing-along" series of albums that led to his prime time television show, "Sing-Along With Mitch," in the 1950s when he heard popu-

lar recordings at Columbia Records. He has appeared many times with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and has frequently donated his services in raising money for the restoration of Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

His enthusiasm for oldie was contagious. Young and old alike were captivated by his charm, and given a better understanding of the music of American greats George Gershwin and Irving Berlin. Miller frequently introduced pieces with anecdotes, and urged the audience to listen closely for interesting passages in the music.

Soprano Gail Nelson who has performed on Broadway shared Miller's enthusiasm for the music. The two of them were having a good time on stage, and the audience did

too. She marched in place while singing "Strike Up the Band," and the crowd loved it.

The second part of the program featured popular Irving Berlin songs, including "Always," "How Deep is the Ocean," "Easter Parade," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

For the finale, what else but, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." By then the thunder was rolling, and some people weren't sure if the roar was cannons or thunder.

The rain held out long enough for the singing and fireworks. Everyone stood up to sing "God Bless America."

Patriotic favorites and marches including "God Bless America," sung by Kate Smith were played

over the new public address system adding to the festive mood.

Families sat on the lawn with their children who seemed to be having a good time too. Children 12 and younger are admitted free to lawn sitting at DSO concerts when accompanied by a paying adult.

Some people are disappointed to learn at the gate that alcoholic beverages are no longer allowed since Meadow Brook got a liquor license. They are offered for sale on the grounds.

You are allowed to bring picnic baskets, coolers, umbrellas, short-legged lawn chairs, tarps and blankets.

Parking is \$5. There are plenty of people to direct you to a parking spot, but not enough to help when the concert is over. It would help if

there were more people with flashlights to show patrons the way out. Take your time going back to your car.

Olympia Arenas Inc. which took over management of the Meadow Brook Music Festival this season, is working hard to make patrons happy and comfortable. There's more signage which helps when you're trying to find your seat, improved accessibility for handicapped patrons, and expanded concessions menu.

Nenad Jovic conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring "Music from Fantasia," 8 p.m. Friday July 10 and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger perform 8 p.m. Sunday, July 12. For tickets call 645-6666. For information, call 567-6000.

Area students cast in 'The Great White Hope' at HFCC

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The play recounts the struggle of

boxer Jack Jefferson whose life is ruined after he wins the championship.

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