

# BBSO opens season October 29

Halloween classics, Nutcracker Ballet, with the Michigan Ballet Theatre and a Valentine Pops concert are just a few of the things to look forward to this year with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony.

The symphony, under the direction of Felix Rensch, kicks off its season 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at Handelman Hall in Temple Beth El with "Halloween Classics." All concerts will be performed at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph.

Under the direction of guest conductor Charles Greenwell with guest artists Marci Shulman, Mark Vondrak, and Lawrence Formosa, the orchestra will present a program featuring "A Night on Bald Mountain" by Mussorgsky, Witches Ride From "Hansel & Gretel" and excerpts from Weber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

Take a "Symphonic Journey" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El with guest artist Don Baker, oboe.

Plan to attend one of six performances of the Nutcracker Ballet with the Michigan Ballet Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 13 at West Bloomfield High School or 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at South Lyon High School. Call the Michigan Ballet Theatre 24-hour phone line 624-5590 for tickets.

The new year begins with "Symphonic Fireworks," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El. The concert will feature Dvorak's "Garnival Overture," Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

"Be a BSO Sweetheart" by attending the Feb. 14 benefit concert featuring a light supper and Valentine Pops concert at Temple Beth El's Handelman Hall. Tickets are \$100 per person including supper

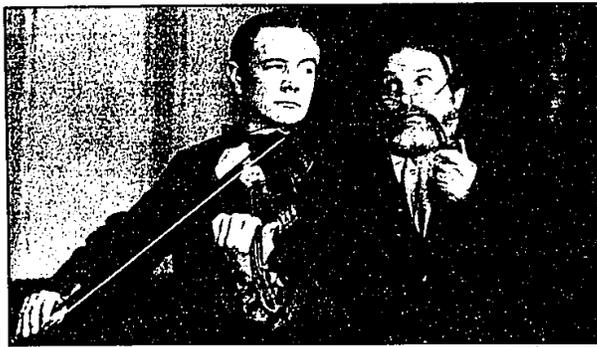
(Sweetheart), \$75 per person including supper (Lover), \$50 per person including supper (Darling) or \$15 for concert only (Sweetie Pie).

"Rule Britannia!" is the theme of the 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25 pops concert at Handelman Hall, Temple Beth El featuring guest conductor Charles Greenwell. Hear excerpts from your favorite Gilbert & Sullivan light operas including "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "The Yeoman of the Guard."

The 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 concert "Great Romantic Symphonies" will include Brahms: Symphony 2 in D Major and Tchaikovsky: Symphony 4 in F minor. Season subscribers save 20 percent compared to individual ticket prices. The complete season (five concerts) series tickets are \$60 adults, \$40 students, a series of three concerts is \$40 adults, \$25 students. For information, call 645-BBSO.

As a special bonus for ordering the complete five-concert BBSO season, concert goers will receive a BBSO Dinner Card which offers discounts at popular area restaurants.

## Suspenseful thriller



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Village Players: Gary Temple portrays Doctor Watson, and Warren Reinecker, Sherlock Holmes in the Village Players of Birmingham's season opener, "Sherlock's Last Case" by Charles Marowitz. The show dates are Sept. 25, 26, 27; Oct. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10. Curtain time is 8 p.m. except for 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. Tickets available at the door, but reservations are recommended. Call 644-2075. The playhouse is on the corner of Hunter Boulevard and Chestnut street, south of Maple Road.

# Celebrate Chinese Moon Festival at Oceania Inn

The Chinese American Educational Cultural Center of Michigan is celebrating the Chinese Moon Festival Sept. 26 to Sept. 27 with

special events and a 12-course gourmet dinner at Oceania Inn in Warren. The festival begins 2 p.m. Satur-

day, Sept. 26 with a cultural performance and visual arts demonstration at Dondero High School, 709 N. Washington, Royal Oak. The 7:30 p.m. performance includes Chinese dance, costumes and more. Tickets are \$2 for children age 12 and under, and \$3 for adults. After the performance, children 12 and younger will be served a free Moon Festival meal as an introduction to Chinese cooking.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, a 12 course Moon Festival gourmet meal will be

offered at Oceania Inn of Warren, 24845 Ryan Road, south of 10 Mile. The event will benefit the Chinese American Educational and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$35 and tax deductible.

For tickets, information, call 663-0099 or 756-4664. The festival celebrates the harvest. "It's the most important festival in Chinese culture besides the Chinese New Year," said Paul Leung owner of Oceania Inn of Warren and Rochester.

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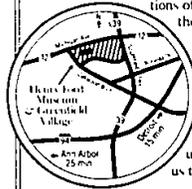
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And at Greenfield Village, the pleasures of autumn in Michigan await you... as you brush the leaves aside and walk the paths of history. The Mattox House from rural Georgia, where generations of African-Americans raised their families... the train, the horse-drawn carriage... the refurbished house of the Wright brothers and their actual cycle shop.

So now there's only one question left unanswered: Won't you join us this weekend?



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**October 2, 3 and 4: Fall Harvest Days**  
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