

# Natalie Cole concert to benefit college fund

Natalie Cole will present a concert at Meadow Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 to benefit the Detroit Compact College Fund. Benefit tickets are \$20 and available by calling 396-9160.

Regular concert tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office or by calling 646-6666. Tickets are \$27.50 for pavilion and \$17.50 for lawn. For information, call 896-7600.

The concert is being sponsored by AT&T and the Detroit Compact. The goal is to increase awareness of Detroit Public Schools educational goals and to create a "certainty of opportunity" for students. Proceeds from the Natalie Cole benefit will go to the Detroit Compact College Fund.

The Detroit Compact partners up local businesses with

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schools in the Detroit public Schools system. Businesses provide mentoring, tutoring, job opportunities within their organizations, college scholarship counseling and donations to the Compact College Fund. Students accepted to the Compact are required to meet high standards per grade point average, test performance, attendance, and teamwork and leadership skills.

In the 1992 Meadow Brook Music Festival season, AT&T raised over \$26,000 for the Detroit Compact.

A Grammy Award-winner, Natalie Cole has been entertaining audiences for nearly two decades. With several multi-platinum LP's, Cole has managed to make a smooth transition from pop/rock to jazz and back again, earning the love and



"Unforgettable": Vocalist Natalie Cole will perform at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 7.

respect of millions of fans of all ages and nationalities.

Drawing upon the memory of her father, the late Nat King Cole, and the experiences of being raised around such jazz greats as Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Cole's album "Unforgettable" is a tribute to

her father and his music.

With her "Unforgettable" album, Cole brings together different generations of music listeners by introducing her father's music to her fans, and her music to her father's fans. Just in record stores is Cole's newest album, "Take A Look."

# Southfield concerts to feature Dixieland, jazz

The Tallgate Ramblers will perform in the Southfield Summer Concert Series 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, and the Larry Nozoro Quintet will perform 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. For more information, call 354-4717.

The Tallgate Ramblers will perform at the Prudential Sun Bowl behind the 3000 Prudential Town Center off Civic Center Drive. The Larry Nozoro Quintet will perform 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4 at the historic Burgh Gasko at Berg Road and Civic Center Drive. A picnic supper will be available for purchase 6-7:30 p.m.

Bandleader Jim Joseph, termed the "granddaddy of Dixieland,"

began the Tallgate Ramblers in 1956 and they've been steadily pumping lifeblood into the metro-Detroit Dixieland jazz scene ever since. The Ramblers began their professional career in 1959 as the house band at the Keyboard Lounge, one of the nation's oldest jazz clubs.

With a swinging and soulful style that is both lyrical and expressive, native Detroiters Larry Nozoro has faithfully continued Detroit's rich jazz legacy. The national release of his latest recording "Kaleidoscopin," heralds his ascent into the American jazz consciousness and presence in a new generation of talented artists.

# Music under the stars in Livonia

Here's the schedule of upcoming concerts in Livonia. Concerts are held 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays in Civic Center Park, 33897 Five Mile at Farmington Road in Livonia. Call 425-2326 for information. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.

July 29 Folk music in Civic Center Park by One Flight Up.

Aug. 5 Grosse Pointe Music Makers play favorite oldies in Civic Center Park.

Aug. 12 Pancho presents ethnic music and dance in Civic Center Park.

Aug. 19 The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs all time favorites in Civic Center Park. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Activities Building on the campus of Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan.

# Golden Mushroom wins dining award

The Golden Mushroom Restaurant in Southfield was recently named a recipient of the DiRoNA Award, and Reid Ashton, president and owner of the Golden Mushroom, was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Restaurant Association.

The DiRoNA award recognizes those restaurants in the United States, Mexico and Canada which exemplify the highest quality dining standards in all aspects of the dining experience.

The award was established in 1992 by Distinguished Restaurants of North America, a non-profit organization which seeks to promote dining excellence.

The quality for the award, a restaurant must be in business under the same name and ownership for at least three years and pass a rigorous evaluation conducted anonymously by an independent team of inspectors.

The Golden Mushroom is one of 465 distinguished restaurants to receive the award to date. Of

this total, 162 have just been added as 1993 recipients of the award. The award remains in effect for three years, unless the restaurant changes ownership or theme.

Other Michigan restaurants to receive this award are: Tapawingo in Ellsworth, The Lark in West Bloomfield; and Opus One, The Rattlesnake Club, Van Dyke Place and The Whitney in Detroit.

Ashton was named to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Restaurant Association, and will represent the interests of restaurateurs in the state of Michigan.

In addition to his responsibilities as an NRA board member, Ashton also heads the committee responsible for coordinating the annual trade show in Chicago. Called the National Restaurant Association's Hotel-Motel Show, this is the largest trade show in the country.

Ashton is a graduate of Michigan State University's Hotel, Res-

taurant and Institutional Management Program. He lives in West Bloomfield.

The NRA is the leading national trade association for the food-service industry.

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