

On stage: The 6th Grade Cadet Orchestra played the "Festival Dance" and "Fiddles On Fire."

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Music making: Valerie Palmieri conducts the 8th Grade Advanced Orchestra through the score of the "Serenidipity Suite."

Strings

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string bass player in the DSO and parent of East Middle School student and violinist Christopher Hutchinson. Christopher missed out on "Day for Strings" due to a performance in a Detroit youth orchestra.

"The overall message to parents and students in this is a life-long pursuit," said Larry Hutchinson, who credited Farm-

ington district teacher Kay DeLuca for beginning the event in 1993. "They get a real graphic demonstration of the development from one year to the next. We see this as a winner on all levels."

Hutchinson said he thought there were more students involved in this year's program than any other year. Those stu-

dents apparently made quite a positive impression on the guest musicians, also referred to as clinicians.

"All day, they (professionals) were telling me how great the kids were to work with," Hutchinson said. "And, because we've had such a good, long-term relationship with Farmington schools, the teachers know us and the kids know us."

"They're aware of what the symphony is all about. We get a much better response."

One of the highlights of the program was a high school fiddle orchestra conducted by Robert Phillips of Saline schools. "It was unique this year, because students got to work

with Bob Phillips," said Hutchinson, calling the brand of string folk music "very moving, infectious."

In addition to the guest artist orchestra, the afternoon program in the gymnasium also included performances by the fifth grade orchestra; sixth grade cadet orchestra; seventh grade orchestra; eighth grade orchestra; and

high school orchestra (grades 9-12). All schools were represented.

Guest artists included: Holly Baughman (freelance professional), viola; Robin Bloomberg (freelance professional), conductor, elementary orchestra; Caroline Conde (DSO professional), viola; Hutchinson (DSO resident), string bass; Roxanne Oliver (Troy schools), conductor, cadet orchestra; Pamela Olson (Barkley schools), conductor, seventh grade orchestra; Valerio

Palmieri (Walled Lake schools), conductor, eighth grade orchestra; Phillips (Saline schools) conductor, high school "fiddle" orchestra; Rob Reed (freelance professional), cello; Marla Smith (MOT resident), violin; Joseph Striplin (DSO professional), violin; Marian Tanau (DSO professional), violin; Jui-Chao Wang (resident freelance professional), cello; Derek Weiler (MOT professional), string bass; Hai Xin Wu (DSO professional), violin.

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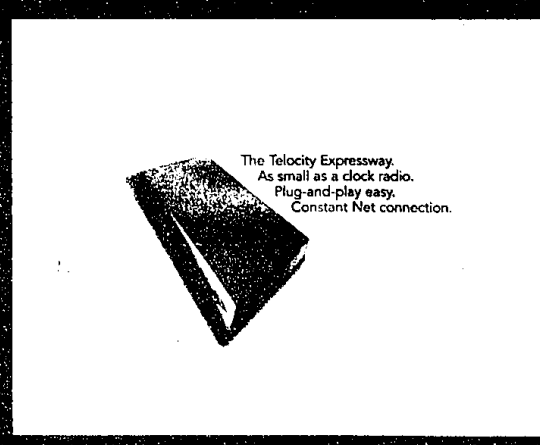
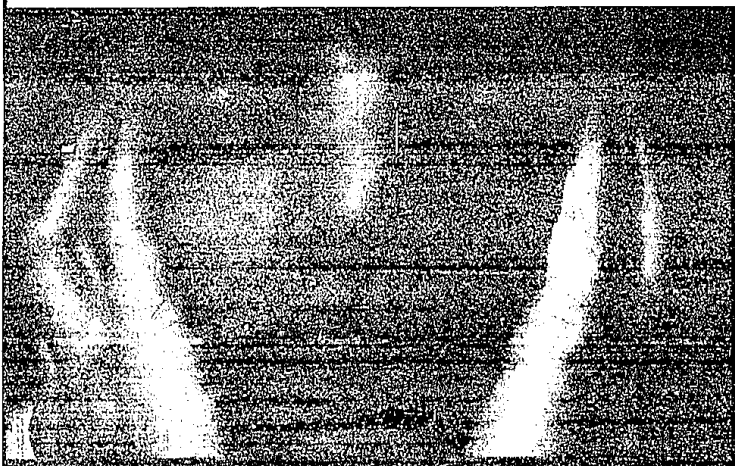
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