

DSO celebrates America

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra welcomes in the new year at Orchestra Hall Thursday-Sunday with concerts that reflect the patriotic mood of the country.

These DTE Energy Foundation Pops concerts, titled Stars, Stripes and Pops, feature uniquely American music, ranging from soaring anthems to spirited compositions by George M. Cohan and Irving Berlin, blues and big band swing.

DSO Resident Conductor Thomas Wilkins leads the concerts, taking place 8 p.m. today, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 11-12; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13. No charge for firemen, police officers, members of the military, and their families, attending the 7 p.m. Sunday concert. Limit four tickets per request. For more information, or to order tickets, call (313) 576-5111. Tickets will be distributed through the organizations' local agencies and in person at the DSO box office with valid ID.

These concerts feature some of Detroit's favorite performers including jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave who is playing with the DSO for the first time. He will perform a tribute to the trail-blazing jazz giant, Louis Armstrong, whose 100th birthday was celebrated in 2001.

Also making her DSO debut is Karen Newman of Bloomfield Township, singing the National Anthem and *God Bless America*. Newman is known for singing the National Anthem at all of the Red Wings' home games at Joe Louis Arena. And finally, the Brazen Dendard Chorale will add its voice to some of the patriotic works.

Although a pops concert dedicated to American music had been planned for some time, the idea for a free tribute concert to America's heroes was a more recent development.

Saluting heroes

"The DSO, like the rest of the country, has been very moved by America's heroes, both on the home front and on the front lines," said DSO President and Executive Director Emil J. Kang, in a written statement. "We saw, in this concert program, the opportunity to celebrate them. We hope that many of our local heroes and their families will be able to attend our Sunday night concert as our guests."

Audiences at all of the week-



Jazz great: Belgrave will perform with the DSO beginning tonight.

end's concerts will be treated to full orchestral arrangements of America's most moving patriotic works including *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *America the Beautiful*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *God Bless America*. Also on the bill are some favorite blues and swing numbers such as *Blueberry Hill* and *Mack the Knife*. These will be followed by a medley of works originally made famous by jazz pioneer Louis Armstrong, featuring Marcus Belgrave whose trumpet solos are matched by his superb vocal impersonation of Armstrong.

A living legend of the Detroit jazz community, Marcus Belgrave originally relocated to Detroit in the 1960s to be staff trumpeter at Motown Studios. He has performed and recorded with such illustrious stars as Ella Fitzgerald, Max Roach, Charles Mingus, Ron Carter, Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin and Dizzy Gillespie, to name a few. Belgrave performs around the world at jazz festivals, premier jazz clubs and concert halls, and tours with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra each year. In addition, he is co-founder of the jazz studies program at the Detroit Metro Arts Complex, was a faculty member for Oakland University's jazz studies program, and was founder of the Jazz Development Workshop in Detroit.

Since 1999, Belgrave has been the Music Director of the DSO's Civic Jazz Orchestra, comprised of jazz musicians from high

schools and colleges throughout the area.

Newman has been singing the National Anthem at the Detroit Red Wings' hockey games since 1992 and was made the Red Wings' exclusive voice of *The Star-Spangled Banner* and *O Canada* in 1993. She has sung with Bob Seger on a national tour and has released four CDs including the recent holiday compilation, *What Christmas Means to Me*.

The Brazen Dendard Chorale was founded in 1972 and is comprised of many of the area's most highly trained singers. Dedicated to developing choral art to its highest professional level, the Chorale's yearly performance schedule includes concerts in metropolitan Detroit, and performances in concert halls, churches, and on college campuses throughout the country.

Ticket information

Concert tickets range from \$15 to \$51. A limited number of box seats are also available for \$75. Tickets may be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office or by calling the DSO at (313) 576-5111. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by phoning (313) 576-5130. All tickets can be purchased on line, 24-hours a day, via the DSO's web site at www.detroit-symphony.com. For further information about obtaining free tickets to the DSO's Tribute to Heroes Concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, call (313) 576-5111.

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