

Stengard returns to the Costick for concert series

Johan Stengard, the most popular and sought-after saxophonist in Sweden and throughout Scandinavia will soon be thrilling audiences with his stirring solos in his U.S.A. tour in October. His performance is the first of the 2002-2003 "Concerts at the Costick" series, and will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Costick Center, located at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

Stengard, regarded by Michael Dolton as "one of the best sax players that walks the face of the earth," is returning by popular demand; his concert two years ago received an enthusiastic standing ovation.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Stengard plays to sold-out audiences throughout Europe, and has several "gold" CDs in Europe.

He has produced ten solo albums and performed on more than 400 recordings with other artists, including the group ABBA. Since 1995, he has done ten concert tours in the U.S.A.

Stengard is well-known for his special interpretations of sacred music and also performs a

wide variety of jazz standards, popular music, and Scandinavian folksongs.

His moving renditions of "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Sweet Georgia Brown" have left audiences spellbound.

"When John Stengard plays his saxophone he reveals a tone where the music and feeling are one.

Whether he plays jazz, pop, the blues, or sacred music, it is a feast for the ears that strikes fire from the heart and brings tears from the eyes," said Ebba Belfrage of The Nordic News.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance, at the Costick Center, Special Services Department, and the Farmington Hills City Hall Treasury Department.

The price is \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$8 for students.

The next concert in the series will feature the Chenille Sisters, who will perform on May 5, as part of the Farmington Festival of the Arts.

For more information, please call the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, at (248) 470-1856.

SINGLES MINGLE

Single Mingle Dances
MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

Western Barn Dance
Here's your chance to do some good old fashioned square dancing at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Lazy J Ranch in Milford. For more details call (248) 851-9909.

Book Discussion Group
MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball
Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and

fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road.

Euchre
MSP's play euchre 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday starting Oct. 7 at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

Bowling Leagues
MSP Bowling Leagues play every other Sunday night beginning Oct. 13 and 20 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. Sign-up meetings at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at Drakeshire Lanes.

Dart League
A co-ed dart league sign-up meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 or 13 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. The league begins Oct. 20.

Social and Travel Club
For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances,

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Fun & Fine Dining Parties
Join MSPs every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

West Side Singles
Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

E-mail the Farmington Observer with letters, news stories, photos and news tips to jhubred@oe.homecomm.net

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Attention Deficit
The third annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 220-9060.

Attitudinal Healing
Learn to see things differently and how to let go of painful, fearful

attitudes so that true healing can take place. 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 477-6000.

Stop Worrying
Learn techniques to defuse worry and handle the tough times at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100.

Tai Chi

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is forming new beginner tai chi classes in Farmington. For more information call the society at (248)332-1281.

Trustee Workshop
Paul Leduc, estate planner and financial consultant, will hold a free workshop entitled, Common Mistakes Made by Trustees 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Farmington Community Library. Call Susan at (248) 540-8710.

Learn how to build your own home

Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on *How to Build Your Own Home* 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 21-30 at the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shinwassee. Everything needed to plan

and build a home will be covered including estimating costs, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, insurance requirements as well as the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry, roofing and more. The instructor will also discuss new techniques and materials now

entering the home building market.

The seminar costs \$180 plus \$25 for textbooks.

Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, Oct. 17 to Farmington Community Education. Call (248) 489-3333 Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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