Readers win tickets for Bocelli concert

Seven lucky winners and their guests will head to The Palace of Auburn Hills Sunday, Dec. 1 courtesy of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers to hear Andrea Bocelli, the world's most romantic Italian

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The winners were selected from some 270 entries. Readers were asked to tell us why they wanted to hear Bocelli sing.

Winners of the VIP tickets (valued at 8700) are Dorothy and Curt Dasbach of Rochester Hills and Marilyn and Frank Shinkonis of Farmington Hills.

The Dasbacha won the tickets thanks to their grandchildren, Emily and David Thompson of Rochester Hills, Emily and David nominated grandm and grandpa because they love opera and we love them.

"We want to do something special for them but we are only 10 and 12 years old and don't have money. They have been married almost 50 years. Let's celebrate with an evening with Andrea Bocelli."

The Dasbachs will do just that on Dec. 1.

The other grand prize winner—Marilyn Shinkonis— is the mother of five sons and has been married for nearly 32 years.

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She offered this statistical account of life with five sons and a husband.

"Little League baseball games - 786, CYO basketball all games - 547, high school baseball games - 79, high school basketball games - 268, war/polite/crime movies - 317, fishing trips - 92, OPERA - 0."

Other winners in the O&E Andrea Bocelli contest include Karin Viola of Crabtree Lane in Plymouth. Viola and her husband, Jim, will receive two tickets (valued at \$160). Viola wrote a poem using the first letter of Andrea Bocelli's name.
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"An experience to treasure forever Nothing else could compare Delightful and angelle music Resonating in my soul Eliciting emotion to share An evening with Andrea... Bubbling with anticipation One wintry December evening Cherishing every note that would be... Excited, Longing,

Longing, Listening I wait for my dream to come ue!"

I wait for my dream to come true!"

Daryl and Gayann Brook Egeland of Bloomfield Township also are going to hear Bocell. The couple celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on Nox. 16.

Like an opera, we have experienced the tragedies, the comedies, but most importantly, the melodies of love that sustain us. The intensity of our feelings for each other can only be compared to the passion of any Andrea Bocelli aria.

Theresa Latour of Westland will attend the Bocelli concert. She wrote:

She wrote: "Tender lyries soothe my

Melodies transcend and roll. Bocelli's voice caresses song Harmony: Delightful, strong! Many stresses can be dulled With help, Andrea's vocals

na. Tired and tense, we bustle

round, It's time we stop to hear the

sound Of classic love and tender-

Of classic love and tenderness
Enveloped in musics caress!"
Stella Actis Aldo of Troy, who
aspires to sing opera, will hear
Bocell at The Palace.
The daughter of northern
Italian immigrants, Actis Aldo
received her bankelor's degree
in music from the University of
Michigan. She studied Italian,
returning to Italy "to be
immersed in my heritage" and
was married in the Italian Alps.
"I have a pursued a career in
music both classical and pop
with my group Intrigue and

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Livonian Rebecca Van Tassel, a student at Clarenceville High School, won two tickets for her mother, Linda Van Tassel.

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"My mother loves Andrea
Bocelli. She listens to him constantly and I know she would
love to see him. I'm only 17 and
leannet afford the tickets. My
mother works so hard and I
cannot think of a better gift.

"Please help me give my mom
the perfect night."

Indeed we will for all of the
winners.

Indeed wo winers.
The World Festival
Symphony, conducted by Steven
Mercurio, will join Bocelli on
Dec. 1. Guest soprano María
Luigia Borsi and Lidia Baich
solo violinist, also will perform.

Welcome to the Colored Section (parts 1 and 2). Donnie sings with sareastic spunk on Big Black Buck, a tale about slave days set elev-ry against a Dixieland-style musical backdrop.

The Colored Section is a throwback to the era of social-ly conscious music, combin-ing well-erafted music and expressive vocals.

expressive vocals. - Lynda Lane, AP Writer

The Colored Section (Giant Step, \$15.98) by Donnie. Donnie, who simmered in Atlanta's burgooning music movement along with India. Arie, makes as masshing full-length debut with The Colored Section. From beginning to end, spirited ballads, jazy grooves and superb songwriting make this 14-track album a must-listen. Donnie's voice recalls both Donny Hathaway and Stevie Wonder (his idols). It is strong, lucid and smooth. He wrote the songs himself, basing them on the plight of blacks, and they are more about triumph and introspection than despair, He revels in being black on the track. Beautiful Me, and offers messages about self-empowerment on Masterplan, Our New National Anthem and

SOUND BITES

Time (Colombia, \$13.98) by Hugh Masekela Hugh Masekela, a legend of African jazz and a consum-

Masekala's trumpet solos and gravely voice are as forceful and limber as they were in his earlier years. His songs are simple, yet robust and lyrically sound.

The sweet, calming, opening track, Send Me, is a soulful gem honoring traditional South African sounds.

Conchita exudes his love for Latin music, while the buoyant Sadwa (popularized by his ex-wife Miriam Makeha) explodes with soulfulness.

-lyride lane, AP Writer

High Masekela, a legend of African jazz and a consummate trumpeter/composer/singer, returns with his first album of new material in three years. The 11-track disc, Time, is a mix of traditional South African music, jazz, funk and Latin jazz.

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most of them culled from his previous four solo albums. Also included are three new tunes, all worthy additions to his catalog.

There's a metancholy under-current to the material, but also resiliency and optimism in the characters Jones sings about – himself included. He would clicke and knows how to write entricy couplets and memorable melodies.

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The music ranges from the contemporary spiritual Witness and the swing tune Heartaches to Forget to the foot-stomping Stream of Love and the mounful title cut. Jones delivers them all in a warm tenor, and his picking on the lovely instru-mental duet Wite End shows he's no slouch with a guitar. A Few Words can be summed up with two Very nice.

- Steven Wine, AP Writer

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