

Among The Events Of May

Symphony Ensemble To Accompany Ballet

The Southfield Ballet Company, which recently made its debut in Ford Auditorium with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, is being sponsored in its next performances by Oakland Community College.

These will be in Southfield-Lathrup High School Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and in West Bloomfield High School Auditorium at 1:30 and 3:45 p.m., Sunday, May 6.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by a first chair ensemble from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, headed by conductor Paul Freeman. Joela Jones, piano soloist with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, will be the featured guest artist.



JUDY LEE WISER

The company is directed by George Zoritch, internationally known ballet dancer and choreographer, and Judy Lee Wiser, the director.

Featured on the program will be "Ocho Miniaturas" (Eight Miniatures) by the South American Composer Roque Cordero. This work, choreographed by Miss Lee, was specially commissioned for this performance. It is a contemporary ballet, based on the story of two lovers who are separated by a Mardi gras carnival.

Zoritch has choreographed the opening number, "Celestial Waltz." Based on the music "Music of the Spheres" by Josef Strauss, this is a classical ballet.

This will be followed by a modern ballet depicting the birth and development of the state of Israel. This is called "The Awakening" and is set to "Aubade" by Poulenc. This choreography is by Zoritch and Miss Lee. It will be video-taped for a program being produced by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

The program will close with "Sultan's Delight," set to contemporary pieces blended on tape.

Tickets are available at all OCC campuses; the Southfield department of parks and recreation, the Southfield Ballet Company office, 16990 W. 12 Mile, and West Bloomfield High School.

There will be a benefit performance at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, for disadvantaged children. This is made possible through contributions of local businesses, organizations and foundations. Free round-trip transportation is available for any Oakland County group of disadvantaged children. Interested persons should call the ballet company.

The company is not affiliated with any one ballet school and has dancers from many parts of Observerland. Dancers wishing to join it may call the company at any time for an audition.



ROSEMARY JACKSON, talented Livonia singer, will be guest soloist for the Plymouth Symphony's annual "Pops" concert, on Saturday, May 5, at 8:30 p.m., in Plymouth Central Junior High School, Main and Church. She will sing songs by Richard Rodgers. The program will include refreshments and a sing-along. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Tape and Record Center, 770 Penniman, Plymouth. The cost is \$3 (table seat) and \$1.75 (bleacher seat).

Jaycees To Aid 56 Auction

DETROIT

Members of the Michigan Jaycees are calling on manufacturers throughout the state to donate products for "Michigan Day at Auction 56" Thursday, May 10.

"Michigan Day" is a new feature of the five-year-old auction, which annually raises more than one-third of the funds needed to support Michigan's public television station, WTVS/Channel 56.

The auction is an eight-day sellathon of donated merchandise on live television. More than 300 celebrities from TV, radio, press, and civic leadership auction the products to viewers who call in their bids to one of 50 volunteer operators. It begins Saturday, May 5.

Persons interested in donating items valued at \$25 or more should call Auction Central, Channel 56-TV, 7441 Second Boulevard.

2 Livonians Are Delegates

Mrs. Jean Candlish and Mrs. Marian Stickels were delegates to the spring meeting of the Michigan Music Teachers Assn. held in Hope College, Holland. They represented the Livonia Piano Teachers Forum on the coordinating council.

The program included a lecture demonstration by Gary Kirkpatrick of the Interlochen Academy of Arts.

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Farmington Arts Council To Meet

The Farmington Community Arts Council will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, in the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. conference room, 12 Mile and Farmington Roads.

The meeting will be open to all interested in promoting the arts. The program will include election of officers from the newly-nominated board of directors and committee appointments. Mrs. Roger Belanger is the present president.

Proposed projects for the council will be outlined. Refreshments will be served.

Writing Class Begins May 5

DETROIT. Neglected writing projects can spurt ahead this summer through a workshop offered by the University Center for Adult Education. Classes will be held Saturday

days on the Wayne State University campus from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning May 5. Enrollment may be handled in person or by mail at the center's headquarters in the Rackham Building, 60 Farnsworth.

Israeli Trade Fair Offers Films, Art

DETROIT

A performance by an Israeli actor-singer, films and an art exhibit are among the cultural activities being planned by the Jewish Community Center, 18100 Meyers, between May 5 and 13, during its trade fair.

Gadi Elon, who was born in Haifa, will be featured in the Aaron DeRoy Theater at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5.

He specializes in Israeli songs, and draws much of his repertoire from the tradition of the Hasidim. A leading member of the Haifa Theater, he has also starred in a wide variety of productions ranging from Shakespeare's "Richard the Third" to "Cactus Flower."

The film "Ervinka" will be shown May 6, at 8 p.m., and May 13, at 7 p.m. The story revolves around Ervinka, who wastes all his time on his girl friends and all his money on lottery tickets.

May 7 will be double, feature night with "Panorama: Golda Meir," being shown at 7, and "A Wall in Jerusalem," at 8. The Golda Meir film will be shown again May 10, at 1 p.m.

"A Wall in Jerusalem" is a documentary film depicting the history of Israel in the last 70 years.

"I Was Born in Jerusalem" will be featured at 8

p.m., May 8, and 7 p.m., May 13.

Tickets for all these are on sale at the center.

An all-Israeli art exhibit and sale will be open throughout the celebration and trade fair. The works will be brought in by the Pucker/Safrai Galleries of Israel and Boston.

Players Help Big Brothers

BIRMINGHAM

A benefit performance of "Cactus Flower" will be presented by the Village Players of Birmingham for the Big Brothers of Oakland County on Sunday, May 6, at 8 p.m., in the Playhouse, 752 Chestnut.

Tickets, priced at \$10, may be reserved by calling the Big Brothers of Oakland County, 50 Wayne, Pontiac, 48058. Part of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Proceeds from the performance, which will be the final one in the Players' 50th season, will be used to expand the Big Brothers' program to serve more boys from fatherless homes. At present, 150 boys in the area are being forced to wait for Big Brothers, and more funds are needed.