

Ballet fashion show helps fund symphony

By MARY CONNELLY
 Something new will be added to fashion shows and fund-raising in Detroit in August.

The Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) has planned a financial boost for the DSO, which meshes fashion and ballet.

Air France will present the complete Bernard Perris collection through a ballet fashion show featuring 12 European model-dancers.

The "Fashion in Motion" presentation is a first for the midwest and eastern part of the country. The imported fund-raiser was previously staged in Denver, Colo.

LOOKS FROM the Perris collection were previewed last week when plans for the benefit were announced.

Via a transatlantic phone call, Jean Lacourrege, manager of the Perris salon in Paris, augmented the preview by describing the fashion mood in the city of French couturiers. Thirty-seven-year-old Perris was unable to join the conversation due to an airline delay in Spain.

According to Lacourrege, fall showings are characterized by light feeling fabrics, sophisticated looks and feminine styling.

Pants and short skirts are no longer news. Longer mid-calf skirts are, he said through translator Claire Pearone, a fashion retailer.

The Perris collection is exclusive with the Claire Pearone shop, Somerset Mall, Troy.

CAPEES, RUSSIAN looks with side button closures, scarves on blouses and scarves on coats are

appearing as frequently as the look of the one-shade ensemble.

Brick, beige and grey are leading the choice of colors in the showings, said Lacourrege.

Light, high-heeled shoes without platforms are shown with the knee-covering lengths. Berets, felt cloches and some narrow belts are accessorizing the styles.

In the Perris collection, the silks, chiffons, tweeds and knits are cut in fabrics designed by Perris.

A wrap raincoat which mellow's its full proportions with a waistline sash is styled in "lacquered satin."

FABRICS ARE blended in a four-piece skirted ensemble. Silk crepe de chine, corduroy, knot and tweed are companions in brick tones.

Softly tied chiffon blouses are complemented with mohair jackets worn under flowing mohair capes.

Fully-gathered sleeves, high-collared blouses, full swirling skirts, soft neckline ties, and narrow belts are styling characteristics of the collection.

Perris, who has designed at the Parisian houses of Jacques Griffe, Guy Laroche and Dior, began his own salon in 1969.

The fashions to be shown in August include the furs and sportswear he has developed in the collection.

MRS. WILLIAM R. Shaw of Bloomfield Hills, president of the Women's Association for the DSO, coordinated the initial plans for the presentation with Claire Pearone.



Wrapped raincoat in 'lacquered satin' modeled by Mrs. Harry Bloch

Mrs. Harry Bloch of Birmingham is fashion show chairman.

Fashion in motion will be staged at 8:30 p.m. August 10 at the Rackham Memorial Auditorium, Detroit. A French supper will follow the show.

Ticket information may be obtained from Mrs. Bloch, 642-2070.

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Soft neckline ties and narrow belt from the Perris collection (Photographed by Art Emanuel)

Fashion Calendar

SPECIAL FASHION EVENTS
 July 26-27—Informal modeling of the Adolfo fall collection from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.

July 29-Aug. 2—Informal modeling of men's and women's furs from 1 to 8 p.m. at Bricker Furs, Oak Park.

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 By Brayton's at Duffy's, Union Lake.

By Clair Kelly at the Roman Terrace.

Monday-Friday
 By individual stores at Benno's on the Mall and Schrafft's Restaurant, Somerset Mall.

Tuesday-Friday
 Informal lingerie modeling in the luncheon gardens of the Rocking Horse, Franklin.

Kelly slated at service

Orville Kelly will share the pulpit at North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, with the Rev. Louis Gerhardt at the 10 a.m. service Sunday.

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