

A local success

Symphony makes debut

By JUDITH BERNE

Devotees of the newly-launched West Bloomfield Symphony hope that enthusiasm generated by those attending Sunday night's opening concert will spread throughout the township and to neighboring communities.

A well-dressed, largely local audience of 550 was turned on by the performance, awarding two standing ovations to conductor Felix Resnick and the 80-member orchestra.

The group's rendition of Dvorak's

New World Symphony received special notice.

TELEVISION NEWSCASTER Ray Lane, a township resident and member of the symphony's board of directors, introduced the orchestra.

He described its evolution as: "A thought a year or so ago, then a dream and an organization. What followed was a lot of hard work ending up as a gigantic step for West Bloomfield."

A majority of the audience joined performers and symphony board members for refreshments at an afterglow—hosted by Audette Cadillac in its Orchard Lake Road showroom.

FOLLOWING THE performance, conductor Resnick said, "I'm quite proud of the orchestra. They did a magnificent job."

He praised the acoustics in the West Bloomfield High School auditorium. "I had played here before. I knew we would have good sound."

He was fully satisfied with the size of the crowd which filled the first

floor of the auditorium. "It looked like a full house to me."

SYMPHONY COORDINATOR Carolyn Muir, also a member of the first violin section, was similarly delighted.

"The orchestra was pleased," she said. "All the soloists performed magnificently."

Noting the standing ovation she said, "That is a thrill to a musician."

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR John Doherty, attending the performance with his wife, was excited. "I truly hope this will get going," he said. "It's such a great thing."

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission head Mary Lou Jones predicted a long run for the group. "People came not really expecting a professional orchestra," she said. "But it was."

West Bloomfield High School principal Ted Cavin praised the endeavor and put in a plug for his institution. "I wonder if people here realize what a unique experience they are having—to hear a full-fledged symphony in such an intimate setting."

CONTACTED TUESDAY, Mrs. Muir reported numerous telephone calls to reserve tickets for remaining concerts.

"We're exposed now; they heard us," she explained.

She announced a tentative program for the upcoming Nov. 23 performance: Carmen Suite No. 1 by Bizet, the overture suite Romeo and Juliet by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Gershwin's symphonic poem, An American in Paris.

Pianist Ruth Burezyk will be featured in the Beethoven work. The Gershwin number was selected in accordance with orchestra policy—to include one American work per concert in honor of the nation's bicentennial.

Banner attends DO assembly

R. C. Banner, D.O., of Farmington, attended the 48th annual clinical assembly of osteopathic specialists, which met at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

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