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Philharmonic schedules their season finale

The month of April will mark the Grand Season Finale of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic with Hugh Keelan conducting. Soprano Maria Giordano, baritone Jeffrey Ambrosini and chorusmaster Steve Barton with the Philharmonic Chorus will perform the works of Anthony Dvorak and Gustave Mahler.

The concert is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at the Kirby Center and Saturday, April 29 at the Masonic Temple at 8 p.m.

Dvorak's "Te Deum, Op. 103" will open the program. The Latin hymn, "Te Deum Laudamus: (We Praise Thee O God)" dates back to the third century, A.D. A Joyous expression of thanksgiving and praise, it appeared in early medieval church writings. Dvorak set the "Te Deum" to music and it received its premiere on October 21, 1892.

An imaginative musical piece, Dvorak's "Te Deum" keeps the form of liturgical responses, alternating soloist and chorus. In its four large sections, the orchestra, full chorus and soloists focus on the feeling of the text, giving it an emotional quality.

"Te Deum" will feature soprano Maria Giordano, baritone Jeffrey Ambrosini and the Philharmonic Chorus. The chorus is unique because it comprises members from area choruses who bring their

individual singing experiences together. The members are not paid for their talents, yet these professionals must audition for a position with the chorus.

Preparation for the Philharmonic chorus includes a 2 1/2 hour Sunday evening rehearsal over a 12-week period. Steve Barton, conductor of the Scranton Singers Guild leads the 63-member group.

Also to be performed is Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 5." Although this may initially sound like a funeral march, it later progresses to a popular style march, before returning to a violent climax.

Written in 1901 and 1902, the Symphony No. 5 received its first performance in Cologne under Mahler's baton. The orchestration is rich, including full accompaniment of strings and woodwinds along with six French horns and four trumpets. There are five movements, which span 90 minutes. Like Dvorak's "Te Deum," Symphony No. 5 is also an emotional piece of music.

The concert is made possible by Penn Security Bank & Trust Company, the Annette Evans Foundation and Friends of the Philharmonic. Tickets are available from Gianetta Music, the Kirby Center and the Philharmonic at 287-1916 or 654-4788.



Mr. and Mrs. David Dershimer

David Dershimer marries Marcie Hawkins in Florida

Marcie Lynn Hawkins and David Aaron Dershimer were united in marriage at an evening ceremony Friday, April 7 at the Garden Center, Winterhaven, Florida with the Rev. Dr. Donald Price officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Athens, Tenn. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mary Weber of Harveys Lake.

The bride wore a matinee length designer gown by Lorrie Kabala featuring a cap-sleeve of lace with lace gauntlets, a square neckline, body skimming chemise of silk charmeuse in cameo pink covered with ivory chantilly lace and a high/low hemline. She carried a calla lily tied with a silk ribbon. Baby's breath adorned her hair.

Special violin music was provided by the groom's son David Dershimer Jr., accompanied by Theresa Ordian, violin, and Christine MacPhail, harpist.

Special guests included: Gordon Dershimer, Harveys Lake, the groom's brother and Chrissy Dershimer, the groom's daughter.

A reception was held at the Garden Center. The bride is employed at Rheinauers as a designer salon buyer. The groom is owner of Dave Dershimer Insurance Agency in Winterhaven, Fla.

A Florida resort honeymoon is planned.

Reunion planners sought for Family Service program

Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley is looking for families who have held family reunions, to participate in a program it is sponsoring on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkes College. As its annual gift to the community, this event is open to the public, free of charge.

In offering the program, "Roots and Reunions", Family Service hopes to strengthen families by rekindling family ties through family reunions. It would like family reunion planners to share their experiences, ideas and advice to guide others in planning for a joyous and successful reunion. Tables will be provided so each participant can display family reunion memorabilia, such as albums, photos, family trees and history, etc.

The program will begin with a discussion by notable panelists, moderated by Msgr. Andrew

McGowan. Families interested in tracing their family history will be shown how to research their roots and the panelists will discuss the how-to's and whys of having family reunions. During the social hour that follows, when refreshments are served, the family reunion planners will display their reunion treasures, exchange their ideas and answer questions from those planning reunions.

In addition to the presenters, Governor Casey's wife, Ellen Casey, will attend as his representative. Governor Casey is encouraging Pennsylvanians to seek their family roots, and Mrs. Casey sees family reunions as an important way to learn family history - and have fun doing it.

For further information on participating as a family reunion planner, or to volunteer, contact Family Service Association, 73 W. Union St., Wilkes-Barre, 823-5144.

Black bear expert will speak at Audobon Society meeting

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will hold its annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at the Sheraton-Crossgates in Wilkes-Barre. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. After a brief general meeting Gary Alt will give a slide presentation and lecture on Research and Management of the Pennsylvania Black Bear.

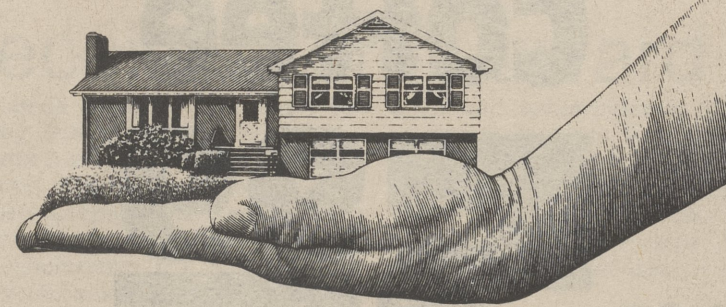
Gary Alt is a biologist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He is truly a pioneer in the black bear research field, and is known nationally for his work in northeast Pennsylvania. Gary has also studied brown bears in Alaska, and polar bears in Cape Churchill, Manitoba, Canada. He is in tremendous demand as a speaker, so anyone interested in bears or the environment in general will not want to miss this program.

In addition to dinner and the

program, door prizes will be awarded. If you would like to learn what the Audubon Society has been doing for conservation in your community, experience an informative and entertaining program, and maybe walk away with a nice prize, plan on attending this annual event.

For more information, including a dinner menu and reservation form contact John Jacoby at 474-5884 or Bob Wasilewski at 824-3668. Deadline for reservations is May 5, cost of dinner is \$15.00 per person.

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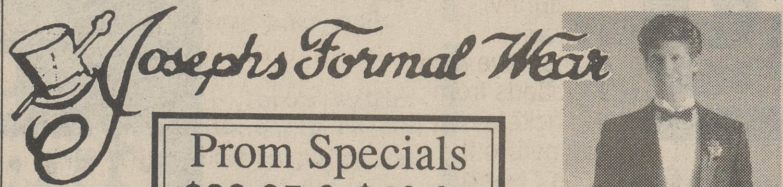


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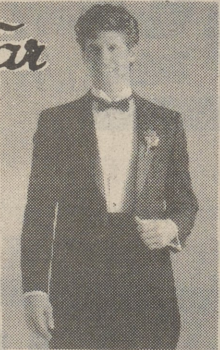
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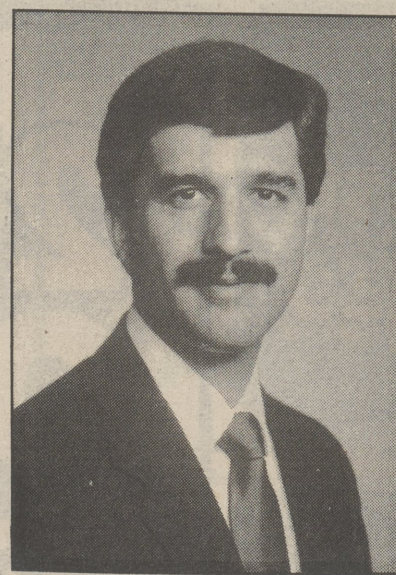
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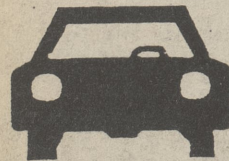
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