



ORCHESTRA BENEFIT — The Stardusters band, shown above, will play for a dinner dance on Feb. 8 at the Potsdam Elks Club to benefit the Potsdam Central High School Orchestra's upcoming trip to The Netherlands. The ham and turkey

buffet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dancing to follow from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$7.50 per person. Tickets are available at the Elks Club or by calling 265-4866.

President Carter, Olympians To Hear Local Collegiate Singers

LAKE PLACID — The Collegiate Singers of the Crane School of Music at Potsdam College have been invited to perform at the opening session of the International Olympic Committee at Lake Placid on Feb. 9.

The 40-voice mixed chorus, selected by audition from the student body at Potsdam College, is directed by Brock McElheran who has been its conductor since 1947 when he joined the Crane School of Music faculty.

The group has toured extensively in the northeast and was widely acclaimed on a concert tour of Europe.

Works to be performed at the Olympic session include Dello Joio's "Song of the Open Road," with Robert Kennah as solo trumpet and Stephen Peet, pianist; "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," arranged by Arthur Frankenhoff of the Potsdam College's Crane School of Music faculty.

The performance will take place before the heads of all of the Olympic committees from participating nations. It is anticipated that President Carter will be the principal guest.

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Ecumenical Service At Placid Features 600 From Crane School

LAKE PLACID — A total of 600 students from Potsdam State College will perform at a special Olympic ecumenical service in Lake Placid at 8 p.m. Feb. 11.

The Crane Olympic Chorus and the Crane Olympic Orchestra will provide music for this public event which will be held in the Lake Placid Olympic Arena. There is no admission charge.

The program will consist of music from several faiths and will include a procession of dignitaries, a torchlight procession, hymns, prayers, addresses and a figure skating performance by a championship pair.

The Crane Olympic Orchestra, under its conductor Richard Stephan of the Potsdam College faculty, will provide music for the procession as well as before and after the celebration. The combined forces, under Prof. Brock McElheran, will sing the closing chorus from "Yunus Emre," by the Turkish composer Adnam Saygun, representing Eastern faiths.

Also on the program will be Sanctification from Bloch's "Sacred Service," sung in Hebrew; the Sanctus from the Verdi "Requiem," sung in Latin; and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." McElheran's own work for electronic tape, congregation and chorus, titled "Let the Spirit Soar," has also been selected by the organizing committee. The Crane Olympic Chorus and the Olympic Orchestra are expanded versions of Crane Chorus and Symphony Orchestra, whose conductors are McElheran and Stephan, respectively. Stephen Peet is accompanist for the chorus.

Persons wishing to attend the service are reminded that parking is available in the main Olympic parking lots with bus service to Lake Placid.

Gallery Director To Speak

Dr. Kendall Taylor, director of the Brainerd Art Gallery, has been invited to speak before the Potsdam Rotary Club Jan. 30. Dr. Taylor will discuss the new museum studies program at SUNY, the increasing involvement of women in arts managerial positions, and the necessity for ulre changes which will allow women professionals to join such organizations as Rotary Club. The meeting will take place at Fiacco's Restaurant at noon on Jan. 30.

Folk Musician Featured

Folk musician Scott Alarik will be featured on this week's "North Country Music" program, on radio station WSLU-FM. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Alarik has been touring the county performing at folk festivals, coffeehouses, and assorted clubs. Alarik has played the North Country area several times. WSLU recorded his most recent performance at the Payson coffeehouse on the St. Lawrence University campus.

Alarik's music can be heard on WSLU Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. WSLU, a public radio station broadcasts at 96.7 FM.

Drama Opens Feb. 2

On Feb. 2 and 3 the drama area at SUNY Potsdam will present "Saul Bird Says: 'Relate! Communicate! Liberate!'", a chamber theatre adaptation of a short story by Joyce Carol Oates.

Set in Hilberly University, a small college located in Toronto, the story tells how professor Saul Bird brings together a group of students and faculty members to protest the college's educational system.

The work is performed in chamber theatre style, with the use of narrators to supply background and reflect the main characters' conscience.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the college theatre.

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