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Rotary Club invites community to Chicago concert

A motor coach ride from Madison and tickets to the benefit concert of violinist Itzhak Perlman are available through the Rotary Club of Madison South. Perlman will perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Monday, March 7, 2011 at the Symphony Center. Upper balcony seating for the 7:30 p.m. event and motor coach ride departing from Madison is only \$95 on a first-come basis. The concert is a benefit by Rotary International to eradicate polio. For details contact Glenn Rindfleisch, 274-1449.

New Year's resolutions theme of World Hypnotism Day

World Hypnotism Day will be observed Jan. 4, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer St. The topic is "A Look at New Year's Resolutions and a Powerful Stress Management Through Chakra Alignment Process." Will power,

visualization, affirmation and choice will be discussed, and tips and strategies revealed. Certified instructor Ken-Adi Ring, CH, CI, DM will present. Register by calling 256-0080.

SwimWest annual food drive begins Dec. 18

The SwimWest annual Holiday Swim Food Drive will be held from Dec. 18 to Jan. 2. Donate two non-perishable food items per swimmer, and your family can swim for \$10. All items donated will benefit the community through the Middleton Outreach Ministry. On Wednesday, Dec. 22, Santa will make a special appearance; this day is free with a donation of two food items. SwimWest is at 1001 Deming Way.

St. Vincent de Paul honors volunteers

Dedicated volunteer service benefiting Dane County people in need was recognized recently by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society's District Council of Madison

honored Jeff Hausmann, Robert and Betty Dvorak, and Robert Tormey with Volunteer Service Awards. Hausmann, of Monona, served as chairman of the advisory committee that guided the Society's successful \$4 million Help Build Hope Capital Campaign from 2006 until the campaign's completion this June. Stoughton residents, the Dvoraks, have served together as home visitors and volunteer regularly at the food pantry in Madison. Tormey, of Madison, has been volunteering since 1991, and helps collect good donations from drop boxes. "We are pleased to recognize the dedicated service and the generosity of spirit these four St. Vincent de Paul volunteers exemplify," said District Council of Madison president Norb Rebholz.

Grace Lutheran Church to host Christmas for Kids

Christmas for Kids will be held at Grace Lutheran Church Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. This free event is open to the public for children ages 3 to 12 (parents are also welcome). Kids will design Christmas crafts, play games, sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy a snack. The church is located at 1 South Rosa Road (at the corner of Rosa Road and Regent Street). For more information and to register call 233-2985 or e-mail pastor@grace-els.org.

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Theatre in Baraboo.)



Shevaun Kastl

But the Madison area doesn't just provide Kastl with a location. "A lot of the cast and crew will come from Madison," she says. "We are contacting Madison theater groups and colleges, and we're looking for top-notch talent." Six speaking roles will be filled by local actors, and local musicians will also contribute.

To participate in Kastl's film would truly be something for any local performer's resume. Her screenplay was the sole winner of the Slugline Short Screenplay Competition and a finalist for the Roy W. Dean Film Grant Scholarship. "General Hospital's" Brandon Barash, and "Heroes" and "Prison Break's" Robert Knepper are the lead actors.

"The Mourning Hour" tells the story of Virginia, who has just learned that she's a widow – an unexpected trauma that triggers an emotional journey of reawakening. "She finds herself traveling through two distinct spaces of time: one in her typical 1950's home with oven timers, bicycles and rubber gloves, and the other in the F.W. Walker Music Auditorium when she was a 19-year-old cellist," says Kastl.

It sounds like a tall order for a 15-minute film, but Kastl enjoys the challenge: "I love the art of short film," she says. "I love to tell a substantial story in a short amount of time by making wise choices."

Prairie Splendor's owner, Currie, is proud that her house has been discovered. "I always thought my B&B would be a perfect site for a 50's themed film," she says. "I was thrilled when I received a call from Shevaun after she found my site on the Internet. The decor seems to fit the script perfectly. I look forward to this once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The film has another tie to Madison: associate producer Cody Boensen is originally of Wisconsin Dells and graduated with a degree in visual communication and graphic design from Madison Area Technical College.

"Madison is one of those undiscovered minefields of talent that is untapped," says Kastl. "There's so much potential there, and it's not pretentious – peoples' values are still intact. Madison has just as much talent as the coasts. We don't need to stay in LA to get what we need."

Kastl and members of her crew will be coming to Wisconsin in mid-January, with auditions to be held in late January. Local performers who want to participate can contact her at (323) 465-1012 or SHEVAUNK@aol.com. ■

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