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## Arts season **FROM PAGE 4**

Interlochen's beautiful Corson Auditorium, and I think our Halloween Masquerade Pops on Oct. 25, featuring the exquisitely costumed Kevin and Jane Rhodes, plus the entire TSO in costume, qualifies as new and different. Lastly, our TSO Associates have scheduled another blockbuster Home Tour on Sept. 20 with the theme "Old House - New House," and it's not too soon to put the 2004 Symphony Ball on your calendar for May 8 at the Grand Traverse Resort."

Another regional symphony, the Manistee Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (MSOC), is helmed by James B. Bond, its founding director and conductor. Next year marks its fifth season, and one of the most significant changes is that it will see six performances (instead of five). including a 'Pops' concert on the beach on July 4, 2004, preceding a fireworks display. Each concert will also feature a soloist, including a West Shore Community College collaboration in March with European pianist Andreas Klein.

"We'll be augmenting our local ranks with more contract professional string players, moving more into the ranks of semi-professional status," said Bond. "In 2003, MSOC began to receive more corporate support, such as Manistee National Golf and Resort underwriting a free outdoor concert as a gift to the community. Our relationship with them and other companies will intensify in coming seasons.

"We're also offering free pre-concert discussions a week prior to each concert in collaboration with the Manistee County Library, and starting a student group called 'Klassical Kids,' showing appropriate movies about music and composers in our new office."

Nancy Brown of Cadillac's Gopherwood Concert Series says that in 2003-04, six of the eight acts featured on the bill are from Michigan, giving the lineup a decidedly

local flavor.

"But all in all, diversity, thy name is Gopherwood," added Brown, who cites some highlights like Detroit-area folk-rockoustic band Tangerine Trousers on Sept. 27; Celtic group Millish on Oct. 18; Claudia Schmidt, Don Julin and Crispin Campbell on Nov. 15; K. Jones and the Benzie Playboys on Jan. 17, 2004, also holding a Cajun dance workshop prior to their concert; mandolin artist Peter Ostroushko on April 17; and Michigan favorites Steppin' In It, who will conclude Gopherwood's 21st anniversary on May 8 with a dance party.

Other new aspects of Gopherwood's season are that their Web site (www.gopherwoodconcerts.com), has links to all artists' pages, allowing those interested to learn more about the acts playing there this year. In addition, those visiting the site can register to receive more information on the series or use an email link for contact.



Steppin' In It concludes Gopherwood's 2003-2004 season with a show next May.

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