



A GIFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS: US SPRINT WINTERFEST

Continuing a successful tradition begun last year, the Music Center will once again present US Sprint WinterFest. This holiday gift to Los Angeles offers admission-free entertainment on the Music Center Plaza, decorated in the spirit of the season as a winter wonderland.

WinterFest will be launched December 7 with a 7:30 p.m. concert at the Mark Taper Forum followed by a gala black-tie dinner in the Grand Hall of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to benefit the Music Center Unified Fund.

Outdoor festivities for everyone to enjoy on the Plaza

prior to the concert on December 7 will include music by the Uptown Sax Quintet and appearances by Santa Claus and other holiday personalities. Free performances on the Plaza will continue Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through December 23.

For further information about US Sprint WinterFest, including tickets for the benefit concert and entertainment schedule, call the Music Center Special Events Office at (213) 972-7567.



NICHOLAS APPOINTED CHAIR OF DISNEY HALL COMMITTEE

Frederick M. Nicholas, prominent real estate attorney and a member of the Board of Governors of The Music Center, has been appointed chairman of the special committee to build the Walt and Lily Disney Hall, according to F. Daniel Frost, chairman of The Music Center Board of Governors.

As chairman of The Disney Hall Committee, Nicholas is responsible for the supervision of all activities relating to The Music Center's expansion to Lot K south of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Nicholas previously served in a similar capacity for the soon-to-be-built Dance Gallery, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Temporary Contemporary.

"I am honored to have been chosen to chair this very important committee and look forward to working with all of the individuals who will be a part of the project," said Nicholas.

Serving on the committee with Nicholas will be representatives from The Music Center Board of Governors, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Disney family and the Music Center Operating Company.

The formation of this committee is an outgrowth of the gift by Lillian B. Disney and the Lillian B. Disney Foundation of



\$50 million to build a new concert hall in honor of her late husband, Walt Disney. The concert hall will be the future home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

"The combination of Fred's marvelous work with MOCA, his vast experience in real estate, his devotion to the arts and his association with The Music Center make him ideally suited to chair this extremely important committee," said Frost. "This committee will be charged with fulfilling the terms of the gift from Mrs. Disney to create a world-class concert hall for all of Los Angeles to enjoy."

Nicholas is president of The Hapsmith Company, a real estate development firm with major interests in Northern and Southern California and Houston.



FRATERNITY OF FRIENDS CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW POLO/RALPH LAUREN STORE

For a fashionable late-summer event, Fraternity of Friends of the Music Center held a champagne reception at the new Polo/Ralph Lauren store in Beverly Hills.

Donald Tronstein, a member of the Fraternity's Executive Board, was instrumental in arranging the reception, which was hosted by Jerry and Lois Magnin and Polo/Ralph Lauren.

Fraternity members and their guests had an opportunity to shop throughout the 16,000 square foot, two-level store. Ten percent of the evening's proceeds were donated to the Fraternity, which helps support the Music Center Unified Fund.

1. (l-r) Donald and Arletta Tronstein join Lois and Jerry Magnin, owners of the new store. 2. Alan and Georgina Rothenberg shop for sweaters. 3. Bruce Karatz and his daughter, Elizabeth, head upstairs to Polo/Ralph Lauren's home furnishings section.

NEW GIFT SHOP OPENS ON MUSIC CENTER PLAZA

This fall, the Music Center will boast an exciting new addition to the Plaza: A gift shop filled with a unique selection of performing arts-themed gifts and exclusive, specially-commissioned Music Center merchandise.

Designed in the California tradition of sun and light, the solarium-style shop will be located on the Hope Street side of the Plaza near the Mark Taper Forum. The long-awaited shop will replace the Music Center's gift kiosk, which opened in November 1986.

The new shop will carry an enticing array of books, video tapes, compact discs and cassettes, hostess items, a complete children's section, jewelry and collectibles, in addition to other already popular items. Special seasonal merchandise will also be available for holiday gift-giving throughout the year.

Premiering this fall will be the first in a series of limited-edition brass ornaments. Commissioned by The Music Center and produced by Reed & Barton, this gold-plated, solid brass replica of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion will sell for \$10 plus tax and will be available exclusively in the Music Center gift shop or by mail. To order, send a check or money order to: The Music Center Gift Shop, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90012. Please add \$2.50 for shipping and handling.

Staffed by Music Center volunteers, the gift shop will be open Tuesdays through Sundays for daytime and pre-performance shopping. Proceeds from the sale of all items go to the Music Center Unified Fund. For further information, call (213) 972-7315.