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Sofia Philharmonic To Perform in Culturefest Series

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Under the talented musical magician Emil Tabakov, the **Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra** has been scheduled for a tremendous performance. For one night only, Tuesday, Nov. 6, the orchestra will appear in Moore Auditorium as a part of MHC's Culturefest series. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Orchestra will feature an all-Chaikovskiy concert, including the 1812 Overture, Symphony Number 4 in F minor, and soloist Mincho Minchev in a violin concerto. The Orchestra's repertoire spans from the 17th through the 20th Century and includes a number of works by contemporary Bulgarian composers.

Founded in 1928 by violinist and conductor Sasha Popov, the **Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra** is its country's

longest-standing symphonic ensemble. For its great achievements in the field of modern Bulgarian musical culture, this 95-member orchestra has twice been awarded the "Georgi Dimitrov" Order, Bulgaria's highest cultural honor. It has also been recognized as Bulgaria's "symphonic ambassador."

All MHC students will be admitted to this performance free of charge with a valid college ID. Tickets for non-students are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Music Office from 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00 Monday through Friday or by mail or phone from Bob Kramer.

The **Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra** performance is a green card event and is sure to be a memorable night for all.



Emil Tabakov conducts the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra. Photo courtesy of Hillyer International, Inc.

Rape Crisis Center Offers Support

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Rape is a crime of violence and a crime that has been increasing in rate over the past several years. There are many types of rape, but date rape is considered to be among the highest occurring on college campuses.

According to the National College Campus Survey, one in every six college females is raped or has had an attempted rape every year. Unfortunately, this number is not completely accurate, since it is estimated that over half of the rapes that occur go unreported.

Several reasons contribute to the lack of sexual assault/rape reports. First, many victims are not sure they have been raped. They are unsure what defines rape and have a hard time deciding if the crime took place. Second, most rapes are committed by someone that the victim has known or dated for a long time. This causes problems among social circles and friends around school. Third, like any victim, the fear of retaliation from the rapist is present. Fourth, and most commonly known, is the fear that no one will believe them and the fear that proof is not possible.

All victims go through phases of feeling shame, guilt, and fear. They experience many mixed feelings and have a hard time trusting anyone. Victims find themselves asking, "What did I do to deserve this? Did I ask for it? Is there anything I can do?" These questions and many others are dealt with by the professional counselors and staff at the Rape Crisis Center.

The Rape Crisis Center of Madison County encourages all victims, as well as family and friends of victims, to seek help to deal with the crime of rape.

The Rape Crisis Center offers several

services. One is the totally confidential 24-hour crisis line. This service has round-the-clock on-call volunteers to help victims in need.

Another service offered by the center is individual, family, and group counseling sessions. Counselors for these sessions are provided through a government grant. The counseling sessions supply support, advice, and encouragement for those who are dealing with life after rape.

The staff at the Rape Crisis Center also accompanies victims to the hospital, where they receive medical treatment if necessary. In addition, the staff will accompany victims to the police and court, and will refer the cases to other agencies who can provide additional help.

MHC has been actively involved in preventing rapes on campus. They realize that rape is a serious crime that happens in all areas, whether large or small. Craig Goforth, Chief of Security, as well as all Residential Staff members and some other members of the college staff, have gone through the special training provided by the Crisis Center.

Diane Conger, Counselor of the Madison County Center, encourages students and faculty to take full advantage of the services provided and to volunteer any spare time they may have. If anyone is interested in volunteering, has any questions, or needs any kind of help, they can reach the Rape Crisis Center at 649-3912.

The Out-Reach Program is headed by Ida Thompon, who can be reached at the same number. This program provides presentations and education in area schools.

Photography Exhibit Opens

From Staff Reports

The photographic exhibit "30/30" will be the second show for MHC's new Weizenblatt Art Gallery Nov. 1-17.

The show was originally formed by Asheville's World Gallery, who asked 30 area "curators," gallery directors, museum directors, and art teachers to select a photograph and a written statement about the print for the display. The result is a wide variety of photographic styles and subjects from artists and photographers in the region.

The show opened Thursday, Nov. 1, with an opening reception from 4 to 6:30

p.m. in the Gallery, which is adjacent to Moore Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building. The gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and there is no admission charge.

To view the exhibit at times other than the announced hours, contact Don Mahy, gallery director, at 689-1200. The Weizenblatt Gallery is a completely new facility at the college. It was established through a grant by the Weizenblatt Foundation of Asheville and opened Oct. 5 with an exhibit of works by the college's art teachers.