

Young Torrance Musician Schedules USC Concert

A former Torrance High School band captain and 1956 graduate has returned to Torrance after a 13-year absence. LeRoy (Jack) Johnston, clarinetist par excellence, will be the featured soloist at a solo concert in USC's Hancock Auditorium July 22.

Johnston has made his home in New York for much of the last 13 years, but has traveled all over the country, both for study in his instrument and for performances. The groups he's played with include Woody Herman, Robert Shaw, United Air Force Band of Europe, Goldman Concert Band, Seuffert Concert Band, Carnegie Woodwind Quintet, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Formerly of 2763 Gramery, Johnston began his progress in the clarinet with a scholarship to UCLA upon his graduation from Torrance High. He is currently completing requirements for his doctorate at USC, a goal he hopes to achieve after next summer. At 29, Jack is amazingly young to have become so successful, both in playing and teaching. He lectured this semester at Long Beach State College.

He acquired his master's degree from the famous Juillard School of Music, and has studied at the Wiesbaden Conservatory in Germany as well as in New York and Kansas.

After going through a period in jazz, Johnston is now involved in what he describes as "intentional improvisation," which consists of composing, using visual aids such as paintings projected on a movie screen.

The young artist told the Press-Herald that he believes the important music of this era will be created and explored in America, as opposed to Europe. Following the USC performance, Jack will travel north for another concert and then return to New York.

This month's appearance at Hancock Auditorium is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.; accompaniment will be done by Anita Swearingen on piano.



LOCAL CLARENTIST . . . LeRoy (Jack) Johnston, Torrance High School graduate, will be the featured soloist in a concert at Hancock Auditorium of USC. The 29-year-old artist, born, raised, and educated in Torrance, has been away for 13 years studying in European and U.S. conservatories and playing in concert-symphonic orchestra performances around the East Coast. He graduated from Torrance High in 1956 and also attended Torrance Elementary School.

INTERCOM '68 Program Scheduled on Peninsula

Herbert Carter, executive director of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, will moderate an INTERCOM '68 panel discussion on "The Role of the Suburban Citizen in the Urban Crisis."

The unique intercommunity fair and forum will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Rolling Hills High School on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Panelists will include Robert Hall, executive vice president and co-founder of Operation Bootstrap; Arnett Hartfield, chief mediator of the Community Mediation Center; Philip Montez, director of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's Western Program; and Anthony Rios, program and personnel administrator for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Community Service Organization.

The topic also will serve as the overall theme of INTERCOM '68, an experimental approach to better communication and more involvement between ghetto and suburban residents.

THE PROGRAM will get under way at 11 a.m. with a musical variety show featuring the Florence Teen Post Band, Henry Grant Music Company Youth Band, Ulysses Livingston Combo, and Wilmington Marimba Band.

A series of open seminars on subjects such as ghetto investment, the homeless child, rehabilitation of the ex-convict, riots and racial attitudes, un- and under-employment and the ghetto's challenge to the church will be held at noon, 1 and 5 p.m.

The Covenant Players will present short plays at 12:20 and 5:15 p.m. "Bootstraps by L.Tonya" will stage an Ekhyaya fashion show beginning at 1 p.m. Vocal selections will be provided by Mae Dell Haley, a recent Metropolitan Opera semi-finalist at 1:45 p.m.

THE FORMAL portion of the program will begin at 2 p.m. in the high school's main amphitheater with a pair of prominent keynote speakers.

followed by "Wake Up, America," a prize-winning essay by Doris Porter of Jordan High School, and the panel discussion.

The final scheduled event on the program will be a square dancing exhibition by the Dudes and Dames at 5:15 p.m.

A creative arts center will provide both an outlet for artistic expression and baby-sitting services. All 4-year-olds attending will be able to participate in a model Head Start classroom.

The Regional Planning Commission has decided to hold under submission for further study the application of Jack Leavitt for a change of zone from R-1 (single family residence) to M-1 (light manufacturing) for a rectangular 19,400 square foot parcel located southeast of and adjacent to the junction of E. 159th Street and S. Lorella Avenue with a uniform north-south dimension of 126 feet and a uniform east-west dimension of 160 feet, in the Victoria Zone District.

Planners Will Study Rezoning

The zoning case, number 5351 in the second supervisory district, was submitted by Lanco, 17430 Prairie Ave.

Supervisor Authorizes Patrol Boat

Baywatch IV, the lifeguard rescue and patrol recently authorized by county supervisors, will be stationed in Redondo Beach Harbor and serve area beaches.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who won approval of a second power rescue boat for the King Harbor area, made the announcement. "Purchase of the \$24,000 Baywatch IV will increase the total lifeguard rescue crafts

to three," said Supervisor Chace. "Baywatch I has been retired, Baywatch II serves the South Bay, and Baywatch III patrols the Malibu-zuma Beach area."

"The need for this craft was established by the tremendous increase in boating activities, specifically in the South Bay," Chace said. "With this boat, the area no longer will be without boat

rescue service because Baywatch II is in for repairs."

The rescue crafts are called upon frequently by citizens, the County Sheriff, and the Coast Guard to assist distressed boats. They also patrol the beaches to help with surf line rescues.

The South Bay boats patrol between El Segundo pier and Point Vicente. Lifeguards made 1,536 rescues from these boats during 1967.

Transit System Bonds Favored

Sacramento—A survey conducted by Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) of 90,000 households in his 32nd Senatorial District indicates a majority of those polled favor the sale of bonds to finance construction of a rapid transit system in the Los Angeles area.

He said 52.5 percent prefer this method of financing as opposed to additional gasoline sales taxes (11.8 percent) and auto in lieu taxes (4.2 percent). Less than one percent voted for an increase in property taxes to finance construction. A fairly large percentage (16.5) said they favored means other than those listed.

Senator Dills also asked his constituents the kind of rapid transit system they preferred. Fixed rail drew a percentage of 30.8 as against 8.0 percent for flexible (high speed bus) rapid transit, but 39.8 percent said a combination of these two was favored.

In assessing the status of legislation on these issues, Sen. Dills said that controversial rapid transit measures have been making slow headway in the Legislature.

A case in point, he said, is Assembly Bill 101 by Assemblyman Frank Lanterman of La Canada, which originally called for the imposition of sales tax on gasoline to finance rapid transit development in Los Angeles County. But constitutional problems were discovered in levying this tax, and major amendments were made.

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If the new sales tax finance version is approved by the Legislature, and if the people in Los Angeles County vote for the increase, the proponents believe that the Southern California Rapid Transit District would be able to fund the initial system in its entirety.

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