WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AT KALAMAZOO
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Western Michigan University today takes its place in the forefront of the great universities of the nation which have outstanding facilities for the presentation of cultural events. The University Auditorium, at this time of the Grand Opening Festival, marks another high point in the University's development. Here we will present the performing arts in all their forms, not as culture for culture's sake, but for the enrichment of the lives of our students, faculty and our friends of the community.

First of all, I wish to pay tribute to all members of Western's outstanding Board of Trustees. Their understanding and confidence has made possible a monumental undertaking which has brought to fruition on this campus one of the nation's finest auditoriums. Not only did they give approval and take action on this project, they have, during the planning and construction periods, spent many hours with faculty planning groups and with architects. They gave most generously of their time to visit other auditoriums to make certain that Western's would be superior.

The University Auditorium is a facility of which we are proud, but it is one which we will share with our fellow citizens. The purposes for which the Auditorium is to be used are well illustrated by the orchestras which will be presented in the Grand Opening Festival series—the Western Michigan University Symphony, the Kalamazoo Symphony and the Detroit Symphony. This selection of orchestras emphasizes that the Auditorium is here to be shared with our students, the Kalamazoo area and with all of Michigan.

We cordially invite each of you to participate with the University in the use and enjoyment of this fine new building.

James W. Miller, President

The Western Michigan University Board of Trustees which approved the planning and construction of the University Auditorium on June 26, 1964, was composed of:

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