

# Snopek to give concert at Cave of the Mounds

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MT. HOREB — The Blue Mounds area provides a scenic background for an evening of classical and experimental music by a Milwaukee-based band called *Snopek*. Sponsored by the Mt. Horeb Area Arts Council, the outdoor concert will be held on the grounds of the Cave of the Mounds on July 26 at 7 p.m.

*Snopek* is recognized primarily as a rock band. The group consists of Sigmund Snopek III on synthesizers, keyboards and flute, guitarist Byron Wiemann III, bassist Keith DeBolt and drummer Mike Lucas. Snopek has been involved in classical music composition for quite some time, however. Some of these pieces will be performed at the concert along with a selection of other music.

Guest musicians from Milwaukee will be featured in two of the pieces. John Stoll from the Milwaukee Symphony will play the viola in a piece entitled "The Progression of Wind." The viola and an electronic tape recorded by Snopek combine in this piece which uses semi-free form improvisation.

Llena de la Maladragada will perform a contemporary flute piece entitled "Song Sing to the Drum King." She is a flutist with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee music department.

A fugue from the ballet "Ride in the Dark," which was composed by Snopek, will also be performed at the concert. Snopek describes the ballet as a musical story, a narrative without words, composed in the baroque style.

He says he enjoys doing concerts which emphasize the band's classical pieces. "People are there to listen to the music," he maintains, "rather than see a light show or a performer doing acrobatics on stage." He adds that "thirty-five minute instrumentals aren't appropriate for rock concerts."

The Mt. Horeb Area Arts Council has sponsored other cultural events in the past. Because of the diverse types of music performed by *Snopek*, members hope to attract people of all ages to the upcoming concert. Proceeds from the concert will be used to bring to and promote other cultural events in the Mt. Horeb area.