Couples devote energies to teach, support youth

By CORINNE ABATT

When Musica Antiqua makes its offi-cial debut on the metropolitan scene sometime next year, it will be a heart-warming event for student

Emilia Cundari Pezzetti and ber husband, Sergio, of Lathrup Vil-lage, know better than most how difficult it is for young talented singers to succeed. "Our whole purpose is to give students a chance," says Ms. Cundari. "There is so little for them any-way." (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

instrumentalists and vocalists.
Brainchild of Sergio Pezzetti and
Emilia Cundari of Lathrup Village, it
is being foster parented by the Mitchell Kafarskis of Bloomfield Hills and
a board of directors from across the

metropolitan area.
In private life, Ms. Cundari is Mrs. Sergio Pezzetti, director of vocal music at Marygrove College. The couple have both appeared on the international opera stage for many

years. Ms. Cundari was with the Metropolitan Opera for four seasors after winning a Grimell scholarship and went from there to most of the major opera companies in Europe.

As a comic bass, Pezzetti, too, has sing with the Metropolitan Opera as well as throughout the world. He is in great demand, even now, when he and his wife want to spend a large portion of their energies teaching and supporting young talent.

MUSICA ANTIQUA is being developed because the Pezzettis see a great need for more performing opportunities for gifted students. Ever since she has been at Marygrove, her alma mater, Ms. Curdari has seen to it that her students have opportunities to perform on a professional level, in professional surroundings. But, it has been difficult to do because the stage facilities on the MaryGrove campus are in constant demand.

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Saying that most concerts and performances which profess to offer opportunities for students with the professional performances of the professionals, feeling more secure that way in audience appeal. Musica Antiqua will use only student performers. The difference will be in the level of competence.

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The couple are aware of level of their private students and those with whom they work at Marygrove and Wayne State University—others interested in the organization will audition and only those with a high level of proficiency will be accepted.

Pezzetti will be executive director of Musica Antiqua and besides loving to work with students, he has had extensive training in stage directing.

FOR A SACRED concert given at Marygrove Dec. 10, Pezzetti chose the music, rehearsed the instrumentalists, and planned all the staging. In the past when Ms. Cundari's opera workshop has given performances on campus, Pezzetti has been

director, costume designer, set designer and music conductor. He will be functioning in all of these capacities with the new music organi-zation.

HIS WIFE SAID proudly, "So far, for the few operas that have been given at Marygrow, we did everything ourselves. He was stage director and music director and we like to involve our students in helping out.
"He graduated from the Music Conservatory at Peruga (Italy) where he

who has technique with potential and drive will make it.

"As the great Rosa Porselle used to say in Italian, 'Oil in water sooner of later will come to the top."

She emphasized the strength needed to persever in a musical carer adding. "An artist has to be intelligent." Then, almost as an attentiough so and the second of the same than the second of the second of

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-Emilia Cundari Pezzetti

studied voice and stage direction. He made his debut in the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto with Thomas Ship-

pers. She continued speaking about her husband, "We met in Europe and were married there when he was a singer. At that time, I didn't realize the capacity he had as a stage director. He loves it better than performing, and he loves young people."

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This desire on both their parts to help talented young artists achieve their goals to be performers is really what is behind the formation of Musica Antiqua. Few persons outside the art realize what a difficult road it can be to the top.

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Musica Antiqua will be charged with seeing to the nitry-gritty details of forming an organization—fund-raising, and probably such things as ticket sales and publicity—the business end of the performing arts.

Kafarski said he and his wife. Sophia, are thrilled to be a part of an organization to help young opera stars and instrumentalists. It is a different field of interest for him and he wel-comes the opportunity to help.

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Money to help finance the nonprofit organization is already coming in and the Pezzettis are making plans to formally launch their idea early next year. At that time, the names of the officers and the board of directors will be released.

In the meantime, the Lathrup Village couple are planning concerts and choosing music for the student productions.

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