



Boulanger's musicians are titled "The Trio of Julietta."



Street scene by Michel Delacroix captures the charm of Paris at the turn of the century. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)

## Nostalgic charm flavors prints

By CORINNE ABATT

"From France—Strictly for Fun," a show of etchings and lithographs at Gallery 22, is just what the title implies.

The color etchings in Gracela Rodó Boulanger's new suite, "The World of Julietta," are a pleasant, whimsical group mostly about the world of children. They're shown playing football, flying kites, riding a merry-go-round and playing games.

The artist, born in Bolivia and married to a Frenchman, prepared simultaneously for careers as a concert pianist and artist.

Her etchings are distributed widely in this country and her moon faced

people with their flat noses are familiar and very popular.

However, the artist puts her highly stylized figures in appealing settings that evoke a touch of nostalgia and yet, she manages to include a contemporary feel to her work.

Her golfers, obviously adults, not children, are all swinging in a frenzied moment that is more a commentary on the sport than how to actually go about playing the game.

The sparseness of the backgrounds which puts the etchings into the contemporary idiom is in sharp contrast to the etchings of Michel Delacroix, whose turn-of-the-century primitives are full of intimate, details of life in the true spirit of folk art.

Delacroix pictures Paris as a postcard city with streets full of charm from the fruit and vegetable peddlers at street level to a figures in the second and third-story windows of the buildings doing laundry, talking, shaking dust mops or tending pots of geraniums on the ledge.

Delacroix fills his art with dogs, cats, people and signs on the buildings to give a panorama of city life.

Each lithograph has a special event happening at street level. In one, the circus parade is passing, in another it is a fire engine and in a third it is the omnibus taking on passengers.

In both the Boulanger etchings and the Delacroix, the color is very good

and from a distance it is difficult to tell where they are watercolors or not.

Boulanger works in editions of 150-200 and Delacroix stays around 150 in his. All are signed and numbered.

For those who like whimsy, this is a show to enjoy.

Boulanger's "Boy on the Bull" is one of the nicest of her things. The pattern of colors in the bull's face and the rider's total nonchalance give it particular appeal.

The show will continue at Gallery 22, 22 E. Long Lake, through April 7. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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## Volunteers lauded at scouting meeting

Eight members of the community received special awards for their service to the Girl Scouts and the guest speaker stressed the need for volunteerism at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Oakland Girl Scout Council.

Judge Eugene Moore, probate judge of the Oakland County Juvenile Court, was the speaker at the recent 1st meeting held at the Lathrup Village Municipal Building.

The judge spoke of the vital role youth groups such as the Girl Scouts

play in the development of youngsters into responsible adults. He pointed out that over 60 per cent of youth that come in contact with the court system are from problem homes in which parents are divorced or have police records.

He noted that 85 per cent of children who are helped prior to court custody are non-repeaters and there is a 75 per cent rate of success with probation youth and 65 per cent with institutional youngsters.

Judge Moore said a child on probation costs \$900 per year, institutional youth cost are \$15,000 a year per child, and an inmate in Jackson Prison costs the taxpayer \$60,000 a year.

ACCORDING TO the judge, volunteers make a difference and can give a delinquent a better opinion of himself. He said that programs like scouting and the court volunteer programs can teach a child to cope with success and failure and develop self-esteem.

Following the judge's remarks, five retiring members of the board of directors received special recognition for their volunteer services. They are James Andrews, Robert Bevier, Peggy Freeman, Gloria Hill and Anna Rockwell.

The eight special awards for work with the Girl Scouts went to Al Stuart, Christine Hogan, Ruth Frank, Wendell Moore, Robert Klepinger, Barbara Fairman, Nancy Gravius and Lora McGrath.

### CYO scouting shows growth

Almost since the inception of the Catholic Youth Organization, the group has operated a program that stresses the spiritual aspects of Scouting for boys and girls in units under Catholic sponsorship.

Last year, more than 600 Scouting units were supported by parishes, parish organizations or the Knights of Columbus.

Henry Vassel, director of CYO

Scouting, reports that in 1977, a total of 550 youths completed the exercises to earn religious emblems, while 15 adult leaders received the St. Anne or the St. George Awards for their work in Scouting.

Thirty members of the two major archdiocesan lay committees worked for Boys Scouts and for Camp Fire and Girl Scouts, while three local committees had 45 participants.

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