

Cranbrook Festival '78 marks 13th season

The Cranbrook Festival will move into its 13th season May 11-13, with a flare of trumpets by the Baldwin-Wallace Brass Quintet.

The quintet, making its seventh appearance, will signal the start of this event, which has now become a tradition in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area—as much anticipated flowers and budding trees.

James Schneider, general chairman, and his wife, Chris, who serves as artistic director, have scheduled a second appearance by the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, along with soprano Phyllis Curtin, pianist Gilbert Kalish, the Wayne State University Choir and carillonist Albert Gerken.

VIOLINIST AND conductor of the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, Joseph Silverstein, is a native Detroit. He became a member of the Boston Symphony in 1955 at age 23, was chosen concertmaster in 1962 and assistant conductor in 1971.

These with him include Jules Eskin, solo; Doriot Anthony Dwyer, flute; Norman Walt, bassoon; Burton Fine, viola; and Ralph Gomberg, oboe.

Mrs. Schneider said their appearance for the first time last year generated great excitement. "Our audiences have raved about them. They were absolutely stunned with the quality of their performance," she said.

Mrs. Curtin, who will appear in the opening May 11 concert with the Wayne State University choir and the chamber players, is one of the most popular opera singers. She has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, Vienna State Opera and Teatro Colon.

"We chose her," Mrs. Schneider



PHYLLIS CURTIN

said, "because she is one of the few sopranos who does baroque well. She has the right technique for the period and she has a speciality that fits our purpose."

Miss Curtin will perform Telemann's cantata for soprano, oboe and continuo, "Ein Jeder Laut, Der in den Schranken Lacht," and the Telemann cantata for soprano, violin and continuo, "Jauchzt Ihr Christen Seid Vergnügt."

Friday will be an evening of Haydn and Mozart with pianist Gilbert Kalish in center stage. With him on the program will be the Boston Symphony Chamber Players and the WSU choir.

SATURDAY IS concerto night and will reveal the two sides of Silverstein. He will conduct the Cranbrook Festival



GILBERT KALISH

Chamber Orchestra in works by Vivaldi, Cimarosa, Haydn and J.S. Bach and will be the soloist in the Bach concerto for violin in A minor.

While the Schneiders have been busy planning this music festival for many years and have never had to scramble to fill the seats, two things in connection with this year's concert are particularly rewarding to them.

A public radio station in Ann Arbor,

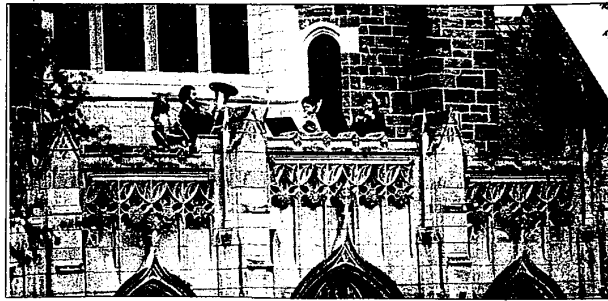
WUOM, will record the entire festival for the national public network broadcasts. WDET is the local outlet on which the concerts will be broadcast.

On public radio the concerts will be heard from Hawaii to Maine and the Schneiders recognize this will bring national attention to the area.

The Cranbrook event is also listed with major festivals throughout the United States. Ever since the list was published, Mrs. Schneider has been getting calls from musicians and conductors from a wide area who would like to be considered for future participation.

Many conductors have contacted her to say they would like to be the music director. "We're biding our time on that," Schneider said.

Cranbrook Festival '78 is sponsored by the Cranbrook Music Guild, Inc. Tickets are available at Hudson's or by calling 646-5595.



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