

Henry Mancini annoyed with concert latecomers

By MARTIN SCOT KOSINS
Henry Mancini walked onto the stage at Meadow Brook Music Festival Sunday evening looking dapper but somewhat annoyed.

Perhaps he had a right to be. The concert, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., began 20 minutes late. At 8:30, time for intermission. Latecomers were still finding their seats.

Several times during the concert, Mancini waited for late arrivals, obviously peeved, although he managed to joke about it.

With all the belly-boo about this area's renaissance, Detroit still has the reputation of being a culturally rapid city. The arts in Detroit have, in fact, begun to thrive again.

But important performers can only go by what they see, and they often see unfavorable images of the Detroit audience, as the other Sunday evening.

ON THE OTHER HAND, Mancini offered very little to his audience. With a great amount of aloofness, he conducted the Detroit Symphony Orchestra through pedestrian arrangements of his movie hits.

Review

One would expect the composer of "Moon River," "Mr. Lucky" and "Pink Panther" to lend sparkle and verve to his own music. Mancini's renditions were below Muzak level.

By the middle of the concert, everything began to sound monotonous. There was no variation in the style or color of the orchestrations.

Now and then Mancini would play the piano in a pleasant, light style. Detroit's Bernie Katz was pianist the remainder of the evening.

Due to the people in charge of sound, however, Katz was barely audible during the few solo spots for piano.

The orchestra was augmented by a rhythm section of bass guitar, electric guitar and drums. Seeing that these players travel with Mancini, one would expect a tight rapport between the players.

The guitar was out of tune; the bass and the guitar were out of sync; the drummer was heavy, behind the beat and unsteady.

OUR ORCHESTRA struggled and did its best with what it had to work with. And special credit should be given to the brass section which sounded rich and full.

In seasons' past, the Meadow Brook Festival would provide the audience with a booklet of full notes for all the concerts of the season.

Sunday evening I was handed a book of advertisements and a single sheet of paper with Henry Mancini's photo, the date and a few coming attractions.

When I inquired about the absence of the program booklet, I was told that they are printed to cover the span of two weeks of concerts.

When I asked why I did not receive this two-week concert guide, I was informed that they are not given out on Sundays.

The people in charge of such matters should be made aware that cutting corners in such a way will ultimately hurt the overall standard of a concert series.

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