

# Local talent gathered for concert at Mercy

By CORINNE ABATT

Three sisters from Bloomfield Hills, Andrea, Kathy and Miriam Kast, are a lot like other teenagers. They laugh and smile a lot, they look vivacious and alive, they love to ski and spend their summers in northern Michigan.

But, there's a difference. All three plan to become professional performing musicians. And before they fulfill their goals, they may be joined by others in their family. In total, there are seven youngsters in the Wilhelm Kast family and each one studies music.

This Sunday, Andrea, 14, flute and viola, Kathy 15, violin, and Miriam, 17, all students at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, will have an opportunity to perform in concert in public. The event will be a recital sponsored by their high school music department at 12:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium. These young musicians will appear as soloists and in combination with other student instrumentalists. In some selections, the senior choir will be featured.

Together Andrea, Kathy and Miriam will play the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by Bach, for harpsichord, violin and flute. While the girls, and sometimes other family musicians, have frequently played for guests in their home, this will be the first time they have appeared together in public.

Andrea studies flute with Clement Barone; Kathy's teacher is Jean Rupert and Miriam is a student of Misha Kotler. All three are members of the junior group of Birmingham Musicales. Kathy and Miriam each won a Birmingham Musicales scholarship, which entitles them to perform before the adult membership. Andrea wasn't old enough to qualify for a scholarship, but as soon as she is, she hopes to participate in the competition.



Kathy, violin, Andrea, flute, and Miriam Kast, piano, practice for their debut as a trio at 12:15 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium. All three, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Kast of Bloomfield Hills, have set their sights on becoming professional musicians. (Staff photo)

The family has a home up north and during summers the three girls study and play in the orchestra at Bayview Conservatory. Miriam won a scholarship to Aspen Music School and was there for four weeks last summer. "I just loved it," she said, "it was just great."

The girls have also been involved in the all-state programs at Interlochen Music Camp.

In addition to Andrea, Kathy and Miriam, the musicians in the family are Jonathan, sophomore at Wayne

State University, electric guitar and drums; Doreen, 12, violin and French horn; Jennifer, 10, violin; and Benjamin, 4, violin.

While a family orchestra may be a thought for the future, at the moment, it won't quite work for as Miriam said, "Right now, we're all at different levels."

But musical evenings are a reality and this is the way parents Wilhelm and Sigum Kast have aided in furthering the enjoyment of music for their family.

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I've been seeing her for years as I drive down Farmington Road on my way to work.

At varying times of the morning, and in widely separated spots along that road I see her walking along. On sunny days, through rain, through snow, she's a familiar figure.

I wondered about her for a long time, but a meeting is difficult to arrange when you're in a car and always in a hurry. It was only through a chance conversation at the bank that I learned the identity of the lady who seemed never in a hurry.

I passed along the name to one of this newspaper's reporters, and a story was printed about the walking lady. In it I read about her and learned she walked every day. For pleasure, she said, and for therapy.

I wondered if my walking lady liked that story and picture. I had my answer the next Christmas, when I received a card and a letter from her, thanking me for putting the reporter in touch with her.

My regular trips down Farmington Road continued, and so did her sojourns in all kinds of weather. I would keep seeing her farther and farther from the area where she lives. Often I would see her on Sundays while on the

way to church. My daughters learned to recognize her, too.

I felt I knew her, but still we never had spoken, until a couple of weeks ago I took my place in a checkout line at the supermarket near home. Stepping in right behind me was my Walking Lady.

I mentioned tentatively she had once sent me a letter, and she recognized me immediately. We talked then like old friends.

She now walks seven to 10 miles a day, she told me, sometimes all the way to the Livonia Mall. The therapy has become more important than ever; she has a mother who has been bedridden for years, and the walking gives her new heart to continue the care that is a labor of love.

Her husband spells her in the home nursing, she said, and he likes to go walking too. Only he doesn't go as far; he has his own health problems.

"I'm more than 60, and I'm glad I can walk," she said. "But I used to think maybe somebody would think I was strange to do it. Your paper printing the story made me proud."

She makes me proud, too. Proud to have added just a little to the life of one person I find truly admirable.

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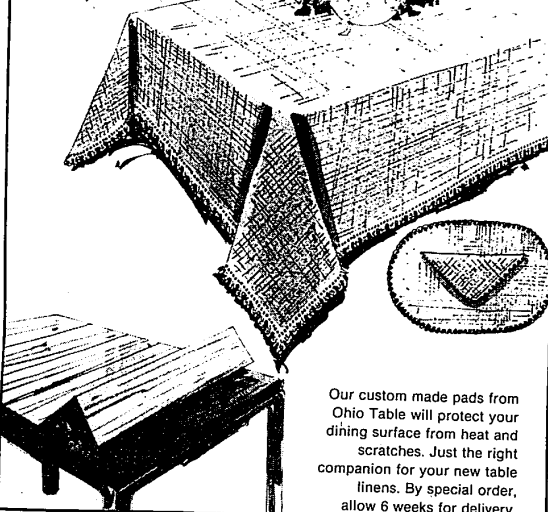
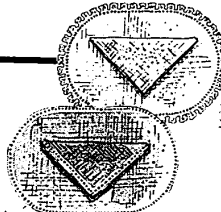
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