

World premiere of symphony will be this Sunday

By SHIRLEE IDEN

At the age of six, Wade Marcus made a life decision. "It was when I first heard the Cleveland Orchestra," he said. "I knew right away I wanted to be a musician. Anything that sounded that good, I had to be part of."

Starting out on the trombone, he moved through a long apprenticeship with school bands and orchestras and the necessary lessons. After a music education in professional schools in Cleveland, he played the trombone in several big bands, then gave it up to devote his time to arranging.

Today he is a nationally known arranger. He was selected earlier this year as one of a handful of the country's leading arrangers to work on a 50th anniversary album for Andre Kostelanetz, due for release early next year. His work on "If I Can't Have You" and "More Than a Woman" helped make "Saturday Night Fever" a motion picture sensation. He has done arrangements for Stevie Wonder, Yvonne Elliman and others which have won him wide acclaim and nearly a dozen gold records.

On Sunday evening, the West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra will present the world premiere of his recently completed, "Concerto Grosso for Violin and Orchestra."

The 7:30 p.m. performance will be at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake. The program will include an arrangement of the popular "MacArthur Park" done especially for the concert by Marcus.

COMFORTABLE in blue jeans, striped tee shirt and socks, the Southfield musician admitted that despite that wall, replete with gold records, he'll be a nervous, nail-biting member of the audience when his concerto is played on Sunday.

"But I do know a number of the musicians and I know the conductor, Felix Resnick, very well," he said. "I made a couple of the rehearsals and I'm very happy with what I heard, almost surprised."

"I love music as long as the performance is sincere, but I favor the classics. After all, everything's been borrowed from the classics anyway."

The concerto, Marcus' second major

classical work was begun in 1975, soon after the premiere of his "Moorish Sonata" at the Avery Fisher Hall in New York's Lincoln Center.

Marcus said he originally decided to become a part of the recording business because it put him in touch with the best cross section of commercial musicians.

"Many of them are refugees from the great orchestras and are respected in classical circles," he said. "Andre Kostelanetz, for instance, chose the popular route but he was associated with the best of the classicists."

Marcus, his wife Corethia and

daughter Ellen, 19, moved to Southfield in July, but he said he has long considered Michigan his home.

IT'S A GOOD place to be now. There seems to be a renaissance here in more ways than one. Culturally, a lot is happening with musical workshops and several community orchestras active.

The demands of his career keep Marcus traveling, mostly to New York and California, several days each week. Though most of his work is currently in arranging, he is moving toward a new direction.

"Now I do a mixture of composing and arranging, but I'd like to phase out the arranging and spend my time composing," he said.

Referring to himself as a "musical schizophrenic," Marcus has successfully moved between the two worlds of jazz and pop arrangements and the composition of classical music up to now.

But though he does both, he does not believe the two types of music should be combined. "Actually, I don't believe in mixing jazz with classical. They're two unique forms of music. It

would be almost like mixing oil and water to make a car work—they would both suffer."

Featured soloist on Sunday will be Moscow-born and trained Misha Rachlevsky, a member of both the Detroit and West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestras and director of the "Solisti Barocchi" haroque ensemble.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth and seniors. Tickets can be reserved by calling the symphony office at 626-1560. Remaining tickets will go on sale at 6:30 p.m. Sunday before the performance.

IRS tax agents charged with fraud

A federal tax collector has been indicted on fraud, bribery and conspiracy charges along with three other Internal Revenue Service employees and a Redford Township building contractor.

Ernest S. Ickovitz, 63, of Royal Oak, was arrested Monday morning in the audit division of the Southfield IRS office. He only had a month to go before retirement, according to his superiors.

Three other revenue officers also were arrested Monday and arraigned on three federal counts each.

Also arrested were Frederick Swartz, 32, of Southfield, a revenue officer in the Southfield office and Angelo Perry, 32, of Southgate, a revenue officer in the Dearborn IRS office.

Also arrested and described as "key conspirators" in the alleged \$49,000 tax fraud scheme, were George Angelillo, 55, of Redford Township, president of

George Angelillo General Construction, Inc. of Southfield; and Robert W. Magon, 52, a first-level supervisory revenue official in the Ann Arbor IRS office.

Calling Magon and Angelillo "key conspirators," Asst. U.S. Attorney William Soisson said Angelillo acted as a go-between to arrange a deal that would have saved another contractor, John Downing, \$33,000 in back taxes owed to the federal government.

According to the federal grand jury indictment, Magon declared Downing's tax liability was "uncollectible" and \$3,000 was paid to the IRS agents.

Another \$16,000 owed to the federal government by Angelillo was also entered into the computer as a non-collectible liability, according to the indictment.

The indictment alleges that Downing's debt was written off by Swartz while Angelillo's debt was written off by Perry and approved by Magon.

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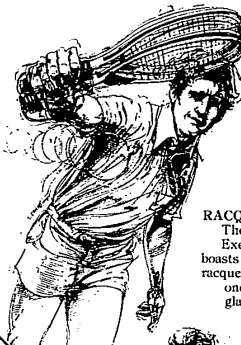
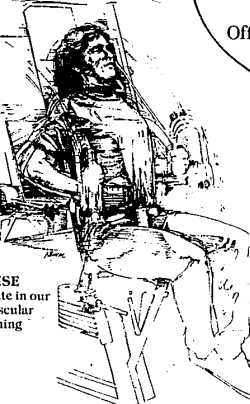
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