

Composer scores with new album

"Love Letters" is a new album released by Crystal Records. It features David Shostak, flutist, with Anita Szwarcgins, pianist. Selections include a dialogue for flute and piano, "Love Letters" by metropolitan area composer, Martin Scot Kosins, "La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin" by Debussy, "Variations Brillantes Sur Un Air Allemand" by Beethoven, "Fantaisie Brillante" by Berne and "Hora Staccato" by Dini.

By CORINNE ABATT

While the name, Martin Scot Kosins, has yet to become a household word in the metropolitan Detroit area, he is fast becoming recognized in classical music circles as a serious composer.

Kosins, now finishing his masters in

composition at Wayne State University, had his first published composition, "Shadows of the Heart" released on the Orion label featuring Marjorie Gordon and members of the Detroit Symphony with Felix Rameck, a year ago.

Another composition, "Indra-Loka," was premiered at a the Brunch with Bach concert last April and the following month the Pastiche Quintet played Kosins' "Children of the Night" in concert.

"Variations on a Theme by the Wind," a composition for French horn, viola and flute was premiered at Wayne State's annual composer's forum concert last May and the same piece will be performed at the American Artists Series concert at Kingswood Auditorium, March 13.

On April 22, the Laudenslager Series will premiere a Kosins' composition for

chamber ensemble and narrator, "Songs of the Seeker."

This isn't all, but it is a fair example of the wide acceptance which this local composer is enjoying. The list also gives a sampling of his versatility for he writes for a variety of solo instruments from the bells in "Indra-Loka," to the flute in "Love Letters," voice in "Shadows of the Heart," and bassoon and narrator in "Songs of the Seeker."

The newest album with Shostak is clear evidence of Kosins' romantic leanings. It is a lush, vibrant piece of music aptly titled. The melodies are clearly delineated and set a mood for recapturing life's tender moments.

Shostak, a first rank musician, is currently principal flutist with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the Mosty Mount Festival Orchestra at Lincoln Center. He was formerly professor of flute at the University of Southern California.

"Love Letters," in three movements, is pure, listenable music. The flute with its abilities to convey tenderness and poignancy, especially in the hands of a fine musician, is an excellent choice of instruments for this work.



MARTIN SCOT KOSINS

The composer was born in Detroit in 1947. He has worked as a supper club pianist as well as studio musician. The fact that his serious compositions are now being played by so many different musical groups is still something of a surprise to him. But, whatever the reason, or however success comes, the composer isn't about to reason why.

Blithe Spirit is presented

Noel Coward's comedy "Blithe Spirit" will be presented at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 31 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester to benefit New Horizons of Oakland County, Inc. A pre-performance reception with light refreshments will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Tickets for the benefit are \$10 each and are available by calling 338-6176. New Horizons is a Torch Drive agency which trains mentally physically handicapped persons who are 16 years old and older in job skills that utilize their abilities.

Open swim hours set

Mercy Center will open its swimming pool for 50 cents per person at four different times during the week. On Mondays, swimmers can use the pool from 8-9 p.m.; on Wednesdays from 8:15-9:15 p.m.; on Friday from 7-8 or 8-9 p.m. and on Sunday from 4-5 p.m. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Women plan card party

The Franklin Knolls Women's Club has scheduled its annual card party to begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in St. Colman's Church hall, 32500 Middlebelt.

Luncheon will be catered by Wing Hong Restaurant and organizer Evelyn Plein promises "lots of table and door prizes."

Tickets are \$4.50 each and can be obtained by calling Mrs. Plein at 626-1776.

Kranklin Knolls Women's Club was established in 1958 and is now one of the oldest clubs for women in the West Bloomfield and Farmington area.

The 100 members meet on the first Wednesday of every month for social, cultural and philanthropic activities.

Offshoot groups are formed for bridge, golf, bowling, gourmet cooking and a variety of craft classes.

Speakers invited to the regular meet-

ings come to talk about art, civic affairs, political issues, ecological questions and current events.

Proceeds from fundraising activities in the past have been given to New Horizons, Leader Dogs, Camp Oakland and Sister Arline Cancer Research.

The group's biggest fundraising thrust is its annual spring lunch and fashion show.

Proceeds from this year's fashion show are slated for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter in Pontiac.



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