

**When all is said...**  by Corinne Abatt

## Nightcap concerts worth your attention

About 10:30 p.m. every Friday, I am always in a quandry. Shall I yield to the onslaught of middle age and go to bed, or shall I hang on and go to the Nightcap with Mozart chamber concert at Birmingham Unitarian Church?

"Sleep was never more wisely forsaken than last Friday. I don't profess to be a music critic, so I will only relate that the total effect of the evening was overwhelming — a gem of an intermission in an otherwise hum-drum day."

What a way to top off an evening — 45 minutes of uninterrupted chamber music by three extraordinary musicians: Flavio Varani, piano, Misha Rachlevsky, violin and Richard Pippio, cello.

A Beethoven C minor trio was followed by an incredibly difficult, impassioned piano trio by Smetana, seldom played because of the demands on all three musicians.

Pippio, on the Wayne State University faculty, said after the performance that Smetana wrote the work as a tribute to a daughter who died when a young child.

Woven into it are the tunes she hummed and sang around the home. This is another plus about this series — there's an opportunity for conversation with the musicians after the concert.

All three play regularly in the metropolitan area — Rachlevsky as a member of the Detroit Symphony as well as founder and artistic director of Renaissance Concerts and the Nightcap Series, Pippio in a variety of chamber groups and Varani with many local symphonies. However they may, indeed, still not have the appreciation they merit.

**WHY.** I feel compelled to ask, doesn't Varani's own university affiliation, Oakland, do more to showcase him? The same goes for Stanley Hollingsworth, composer and pianist, on the OU faculty.

Very little seems to have been done to present Hollingsworth to the metropolitan community since he arrived here several years ago.

Yet, Hollingsworth, assistant to Gian Carlo Menotti for six years and stage director for Menotti operas as well as composer of ballets, operas, vocal and instrumental music, has all but disappeared in the fields of northern Oakland County.

Meanwhile, the University is actively promoting an International Music Series with the next concert by the Toulouse Chamber Orchestra, set for Feb. 6. Nothing wrong with that or the support given the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony series.

But major artists close to home shouldn't be neglected. They are simply too precious not to be used to full advantage.

Varani is a masterful interpreter at the piano. Each note, each phrase and melody is brought out and glorified. When he plays, nothing is routine, nothing taken for granted.

I give area music fans credit. A good crowd turned out for the Nightcap concert. They take place each Friday at 11:30 p.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church. Doors open and refreshments on the table in the lobby at 11 p.m.

On Dec. 21, Rachlevsky is celebrating the holidays with "Borscht and Borodina" on his Nightcap menu. He's the cook and swears his is the kind that even a Russian mother would love.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.



### Towar-Campbell

Sandy Campbell and Albert J. Towar III were wed in Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. She is the daughter of Shirley E. Campbell of Lake Forest, Ill. and Rolf C. Campbell of Chicago, Ill. He is the son of Albert J. Towar of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Margaret Towar.

The bride wore an ivory chiffon gown with fitted waist and full skirt, trimmed with silk and lace.

She is a graduate of Michigan State University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School, employed with Century 21 in Farmington. The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University, employed as a sales manager with Century Trans in Farmington.

The couple received guests at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club before leaving on a wedding trip to Barbados, West Indies.

They will make their home in Farmington Hills.

### Maund-Kieling

Jeanne Kieling and Kent Maund were married in St. Andrew Episcopal Church of Livonia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Kieling of Farmington, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maund of Farmington Hills.

The bride wore a gown of Valencia lace fashioned with a skirt of crepe pleats while she carried white roses. She was attended by Marie Ellen Kieling, Gwyn McIntosh, Carol Maund and Terri Dalsey.

Rick Vert served as best man with groomsmen Greg McIntosh, Greg VanCamp, John Shultz, Max Kieling and Bob Kieling.

The couple received guests at Holiday Inn before leaving on a trip to Mackinac Island. They will make their home in Livonia.



### McDonough-Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McDonough of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Carol to Jeffrey M. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Anderson of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrison High School and a student at Michigan State University. Her fiancé is a graduate of Onkoma High School and a student at Michigan State University.

An August wedding is planned.

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