

# Nightcap maintains quality, atmosphere

By PATRICK J. O'CONNOR

After a long absence I returned to the Nightcap with Mozart series last Friday night. While I was anticipating a fine concert, I wondered if the warm, intimate atmosphere was still intact over the series' long season.

Thankfully, my concern was needless. The audience was still enthusiastic, series host Misha Rachlevsky was still charming, and the music, provided this night by flutist Ervin Monroe and pianist Fontaine Laing, was top quality.

The program itself was extremely diverse — Telemann's Sonata in B-minor, Doppler's Hungarian Fantasy, Monroe's own "Solitude" — and was filled with many potential problems of interpretation.

But Monroe and Ms. Laing have teamed together before to produce many concerts and an album or two. The diversity of the concert, therefore, served as a source of musical adventure rather than musical disaster.

thoughts of the musical action and interaction of the performers. This concept of diversity could also be applied to the soloist as well as to the concert. Monroe performs many duties in the metropolitan music community — performer, manager, conductor. His abilities to not only perform but to verbally interpret the music gives his performances an added dimension.

When HE says that a certain piece is one of the composer's best, the audience is inclined to believe him. When he says that he finds Donizetti "Nightingale" to be perhaps the "cutest" of all Donizetti's works, the audience can not only share in Monroe's enthusiasm, but they can develop an appreciation of their own as Monroe glides and peeks through this musical sketch in an effortless but amazing manner.

Of course, Monroe's abilities extend beyond romantic music. He seemed to pour fire down the flute during the more passionate moments of the Dop-

pler, and a kind of macabre danger was felt by the audience as a whole during his encore performance of "Night Soliloquy."

It was reassuring to know that the Nightcap series is still presenting artists who can establish musical and personal warmth with an audience. While Monroe's stage presence is neither bold nor flashy, it is an extension of the man himself — that is what makes his music, and the Nightcap series as a whole, such a delight.

With the coming of spring, people will doubtlessly be finding more time to spend in the beautiful outdoors.

Those who might be strolled in revitalizing the moonlight stroll or ride might be comforted in knowing that the Nightcap with Mozart series will continue this spring. Obolst Donald Baker will be joined by bassoonist Phillip Austin and pianist Lawrence LaGore for next week's concert.

## Art student's paintings shown

Recent painting by Douglas Hoagg will be displayed in the Crockerly Gallery of the Oakland Center April 10 and 11 at Oakland University.

The 25-year-old artist studies fine arts at the Center for Creative Studies (CCS) in Detroit. Last year, Hoagg was awarded a merit scholarship and studio space based on a jury of his work by the faculty members of CCS.

He is currently exhibiting in the "Michigan Glass 1980" show at the Detroit Artist's Market. His previous

showings include the "All Media Show" at Fox Detroit, a cooperative gallery, and the Michigan Annual Show at the Mount Clemens Art Center.

Although the artist works in several mediums, such as glass, watercolor and natural elements, his exhibition at OU will consist of his recent paintings.

Hoagg said he is working with texture as it relates to surface and that he is concerned with how geometric shapes interrelate in his work. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Professionals offered family therapy training

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