

Carillon range heard at recital

Sacred and secular music graced a special recital at Kirk in the Hills Church by Dutch carillonneur Gerard de Waardt. He is a native of Maastricht, Holland.

This concert, played on the largest carillon in the world, marked the beginning of the first of eight Sunday carillon recitals this summer at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., following the two services at the church.

De Waardt was the guest of Dr. Frederick Marriott, organist-carillonneur at the Kirk in the Hills. "Our Kirk carillon has the largest range of notes of any carillon in the world," Marriott said. "The 77 bells permit five full octaves."

"The carillon is a sensitive instrument," he continued. "Fine variations in volume are possible. The keyboard consists of one tier of levers and 30 foot-pedals (two octaves)." It differs from the campanile, where bells are pulled. Chimes can qualify as a carillon, with a minimum of two chromatic octaves.

"The carillonneur can play two notes with each hand and one note with each foot. The total of six possible notes permits arpeggios like the piano."

MUCH PIANO music is suited to the carillon, yet it must be converted by arrangement. De Waardt dazzled listeners with his own arrangements of Tchaikovsky's Caprice Italien, combining a Neapolitan and Slavonic mood and a triumphant treble variation of a hymn.

"He did a very fine job of my arrangement," Marriott said, whose reworking for carillon of Bach's "Jesu

Joy of Man's Desiring" formed a pleasing conclusion.

De Waardt possesses strength in an equally independent technique of the various registers required by the carillon. He is the carillonneur for five carillons in his native country.

"Thirty hours of my work week I devote to teaching piano to children in a music school," he said. He is confident on the piano as he is on the carillon. While the similarities of the two instruments are there, yet the skill required for each is unique. In musicianship, De Waardt, respectful of a refined sense for the individual compositions and for the sound possibilities of the carillon.

This carillon concert took place in the open air. The sounds carried on the breeze across the lake. No clouds blurred the outlines of sculpture in the French garden, ringed with benches for enchanted listeners to the carillon. De Waardt delighted the ear with the flexible mastery the diverse program demanded.

"Bach is really appropriate to this instrument," De Waardt commented. He played Bach's Cantata 22 in a joyous, quick tempo, but sedately enough to permit nuance.

THE MOZART Fantasia in D is a familiar piece.

"I hope I played it the way the composer would have wanted it played," De Waardt said. It has a baroque quality, respectful of the composer. There was a good blending of voices. Phrasing, trills and coda were equally good. Scales in the work were dramatically performed. It seemed effortless to play so well. The musical approach De Waardt employed was unusual to our ear. The endings was strong.

Equally familiar was Mozart's Rondo Alla Turca given a translucent, vibrant newness by De Waardt's deft manipulation of the carillon. At one point in the piece, he had three different voices going, but none of three was lost.


De Waardt could control the overtone series of re-echoing of the bells for the sake of vibrative embellishment, adding ever more voices. Or he could make a series of single notes interesting.

Grad enlists in Air Force

Dennis L. Brown, '18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brown, of Farmington Hills, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, departing for six weeks basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.

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The scouts are Mark Kubat, Alan Babcock, Matt Cashin, Terry Finsrock, Paul Ligenza and Jim Nelson, whose troop is sponsored by Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

The ranch is 214 miles square located about four miles west of Cimarron. With their scoutmaster, Paul Harvey, the six will visit several of the ranch's 22 mountain camps, backpack between 50-75 miles, rock climb, learn rifle safety, conservation and some western lore.

A Philmont ranger accompanies all scouts the first two days of their trek, instructing them in the basics of backpacking and survival.

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