

Pianist to perform at Interlochen benefit

The Interlochen Benefit Committee will present a piano recital by Helen Vouras-Birch for the Gizi Sianto Interlochen Memorial Fund at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 at Orchestra Hall. The fund is to provide scholarships to the National Music Camp for aspiring young musicians.

Ms. Vouras-Birch received her early training at the Detroit Conservatory of Music where she was a scholarship student and protégé of Gizi Sianto. While there, she won a scholarship from Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity.

As a music major at Wayne State University, she was a piano soloist with

the University Symphony Orchestra and performed in the Detroit area and at many colleges in the Midwest. After receiving a grant from Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, she studied piano with Egon Petri and composition with Darius Milhaud at Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

She now lives in Oakland, teaches and coaches privately at the Sherman Clay School of Music and performs in the Bay area.

The Orchestra Hall concert will be her first appearance here in more than 20 years. Her program will include works by Bach, Beethoven, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff.

Ms. Sianto, Hungarian-born pianist, died in Oakland, Calif., in 1975. She made her home in Detroit for more than 50 years and earned the accolade of Detroit's "first lady of the piano."

She performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on many occasions as well as other orchestras. For many years, she was considered this area's foremost exponent of Mozart piano music. She was national honorary member of Sigma Alpha Iota, president of the Tuesday Musicale of Detroit and faculty member of the National Music Camp from 1966-74.

Ms. Sianto once said, "I believe in Interlochen and for what it stands. It offers a great challenge to the young musicians and gives them the rare opportunity to develop their talents in a unique and inspiring atmosphere."

Assisting groups for the benefit project are Friends of Interlochen-Detroit area, Friends of Polish Art of Detroit, Hellenic University Club, Sigma

Alpha Iota-Ponchartraine Chapter Alumnae and Tuesday Musicale of Detroit.

Local persons working on the committee include Beverly Goldman of Farmington Hills, Judy Zatkina, Ruth Zatkina, Donna Zatkina, Edward Zatkina, Richard Zatkina, Henrietta Epstein and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wegrecki, all of Southfield, Paula Berlow, Ann Pikulas and Cecelia Wells of Bloomfield Hills, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Georgeson of Franklin Village.

General admission tickets are \$8 each, students and senior citizens, \$4.50. Contributor tickets are \$25, patron, \$50, and sponsor, \$100. Names of donors submitted by Oct. 1 will be listed in the program.

For advance ticket orders, contact the Orchestra Hall box office, 3711 Woodward, Detroit 48201 or call 583-9533. Checks should be made payable to Gizi Sianto Interlochen Memorial Fund.

Yule cards for charity

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will print its annual charity Christmas card page on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Pictures of cards being offered by varied charitable organizations and instructions for ordering them will be printed in Suburban Life sections of all 12 newspapers in the O & E group on that date. As many as possible of the cards being offered will be used then, and others will be pictured in subsequent issues during the holiday preparation season.

In addition to picturing the cards in the Suburban Life sections, newspaper group have displays of cards available in its offices at 1225 Bowers, Birmingham, and 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, beginning Oct. 9.

Organizations with holiday cards to sell should send three samples, for printing and for display in each office. Mail them by Oct. 4 to Margaret Miller, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held September 15, 1980 in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Alton L. Bennett.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, Councilmen Buckler and Tupper. ABSENT: Councilman Yoder; Mayor William S. Hartsock. CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Mgr. Deadman, Dir. Billing, Lt. Santamauro, Atty. Cotton, Clerk Viane.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed. A variance to the city's fence ordinance was granted to Mr. William A. Reed, 30904 Birchwood. Council denied the request of Mr. R. Short for a sign variance at 32619 Grand River. A Proclamation was issued designating the week of September 21-27, 1980 as "Child Passenger Safety Week."

Ordinance No. C-469-80 amending membership of Zoning Board of Appeals was introduced. The following resolutions were adopted: Authorizing payment to U.P. Construction Co. in the amount of \$34,045.02 for work completed on the Water Improvement Project; Adopting a Sidewalk Improvement Policy; Authorizing the purchase of 1 Administrative Vehicle from Jack Crutley Chevrolet. Reappointment of present members on the Committee for Community Development Loans and Grants. The Financial Report 47th District Court 2 months ended August 31, 1980 was received and filed. Monthly bills were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ALTON L. BENNETT, Mayor Pro Tem
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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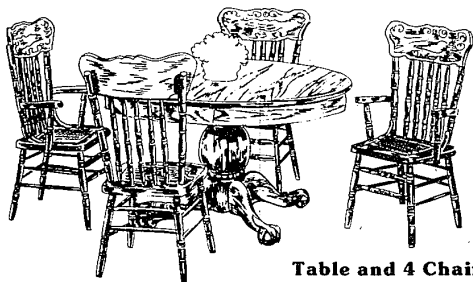


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