Mahler's music triumphs over rogh performance

Meadow Brook Music Festival audi-

Meadow Brook Music Festival audiences were treated to yet another program with awesome musical content. People came in droves to see Maestro Gary Bertini, music advisor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, on the Dodium. Another attraction was Russian-born pianist Oxana Yablonskaya, who gave a superb performance of Liszts Piano Concerto No. I.

found effect on the audience.
Liszt's First Piano Concerto is
known primarily as a piece of technical
virtuosity and showmanship, and its
music subtlety is frequently overlooked. This time, however, the music
did shine through due to the superb
skill and musicianship of Yablonskaya.

HAVING TREMENDOUS technical The program opened with a fine, in-spiring performance of Beethoven's sages with relative ease, leaving suffi-

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"Egmont" Overture. In spite of the popularity of the piece, the music ability to shape phrases in planissimo wasn't taken for granted. It left a profound effect on the audience. Lisz's First Piano Concerto is forething the primarity as a piece of technical virtusoity and shopemanshin and its charged in the popularity of the profound of the profound

inds me very much or the late onla Bachauer.

The orchestral support was adequate, except for the final passages. While these are, 'admittedly, supposed to be in loud fortissimo, some restraint on the part of the orchestra is essential, if the piano is to have a chance.

Yablonskaya played a sonata by Scarlatti as an encore. The apparently simple piece sounded rich and pro-

simple piece sounded rich and pro-found.

THE CROWNING composition on the program was Mahler's Symphony No. 1, which comprised the entire sec-ond half of the program. Bertini conducted two of Mahler's symphonics during the past regular season with im-pressive results. This makes him, in the minds of many listeners, an authority on Mahler.



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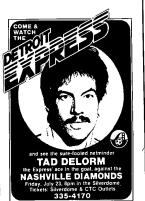
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