



Star Spangled Girl

Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. and show time is 8:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays for Comedy Players. Dinner Theater production of "Star Spangled Girl" in Allen Park Motor Lodge. Starring in the Neil Simon comedy are Paul Scheler

(at left) Kathy Paraventi and Ron Turek. The show continues through June. Reservations at \$14.95 are taken by calling Premiere Productions, 661-1383.

'Nightcap' salutes composer Gileadi

By Avigdor Zaromp
special writer

Many classical purists feel reservations and anxiety at the prospect of hearing works by an unknown, contemporary composer. This might be understandable.

But in this case it is a manifestation of the fact that the amount of fame is not always proportional to the quality of the music.

Michael Gileadi isn't as well known as some leading composers of our time, but his music is well worth listening to.

Presently he has ties with several members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, some of whom have commissioned works from him for their instruments. Some of these will be featured Friday at the weekly "Nightcap with Mozart" series, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, at 11 p.m.

Born in Poland in 1911, he studied music at the Helena Kijewski Conservatory in Lodz. He came to Israel in 1948, where he studied with M. Jacobson, who was a student of Rimsky Korsakov. In 1959 he studied under Leslie Bassett, chairman of the composition department at the University of Michigan school of music.

He also obtained a degree in an unrelated field — a master's in health physics, a field that for many years was his primary source of income. This puts Gileadi in the same category with Borodin and Rimsky-Korsakov, who also started out with different occupations and practiced music as a sideline.

His first major composition was a violin concerto, composed in 1959. Since then he has written numerous works for various combinations of instruments. In the earlier phase he concentrated on strings — he is an accomplished violinist. Lately he has written some pieces for tuba and for marimba. One delightful piece for tuba, featuring a surprisingly tender and expressive feature of that instrument, was inspired by his studies with professor Abe Tarchinsky, principal tuba player, with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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