

Flauto e Basso offers rich learning experience

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special writer

The Flauto e Basso baroque duo have just concluded their third season of concerts dedicated to little-known compositions from the baroque period.

It may seem astonishing that the principals of the series, Thomas Cirin (recorder and baroque flute) and Daniel Jencka (harpsichord) manage to come up with increasing amounts of new material for their programs.

But the treasures of the baroque period are almost endless, and these people are among the very few who take the trouble to dig into these treasures. The duo has been joined during this season by a number of guest performers, many of whom appeared regularly on these programs.

The last program was titled "An Ec-

lectic Menagerie of Baroque Curiosities." It featured works by Vivaldi, Soler, Leclair, Galliard, Lapsis and Telemann.

One non-baroque composer was featured. He might be still obscure among those not familiar with the series but he is gaining in fame and familiarity with regular listeners. His name is Daniel Jencka.

If it doesn't ring a bell, read the beginning paragraph again. This composition, titled "Now I Am Yours," was performed by the entire group, including soprano Doris Williams, Debra Mulder (baroque cello) and Thomas Selevick (baroque bassoon). The words were also by Jencka, and it amounted to a well written piece, surprising in quality many contemporary works.

Hopefully, Jencka won't get too upset if his compositions are still over-

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worked by the concluding Telemann dows, the Trio No. 8 in B Flat Major.

ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL composition was by another obscure composer, who was truly anonymous (somebody once suggested that one of the most famous composers was a guy named "anonymous").

This mid-18th-century composition was the only other vocal selection on the program, titled "The Force of Music and Poetry" (the old spelling "music" is correct). It is based on musical painting of individual words, rather than on meaningful sentences.

The opening piece on the program was Sonata in A minor by Vivaldi for recorder, bassoon and basso continuo. The full-bodied basso continuo provided a very rich sound, which made the work sound more attractive than many standard performances of Vivaldi compositions.

While virtually all works on these programs are unfamiliar, one does tend to develop a sense of appreciation of some of these composers and their styles.

In this sense, this series provides a rewarding learning experience, in addition to its entertainment value.

Not all of the compositions may be profound or everlasting, but they provide a welcome diversion from the steady diet of familiar repertoire.

Internationally-known pianist comes to OCC

Brazilian-born pianist, Flavio Varani, who is recognized for his musical talents throughout the world will play at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Fine Arts Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, May 27.

The pianist will include the music of Schumann and Poulenc in his program, and perform several Latin American selections.

Tickets are \$5, or \$3 for students.



Flavio Varani

3 "superior" pianists from area take awards

Three young pianists who had won "superior" ratings to gain entry into the State Superior Winners Auditions, took first place in their divisions during the State Junior Convention of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.

Brad Green of Farmington Hills won for his rendition of Chopin's G Minor by Bach and "Sonatina American" by Olson.

Cora Villaruel, of Farmington Hills,

won for her rendition of Hungarian by McDowell and Fugue in D Minor by Bach.

Emmanuel Dixon, of West Bloomfield, won for his playing of Prelude in A Minor by Bach and "Tiny Toothy Termites" by Olson.

All of the winners were sponsored by St. Cecilia Music Club of Detroit. Evelyn Villaruel is a teacher for the club.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on May 2, 1983, by Mayor Bennett in Council Chambers, 33600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Mayor Bennett, Councilmen Hartcock, Mitchell, Tupper, Yoder.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Director Selfert, Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Bushey.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Fence variances were granted to Mr. Van Renterghen, 24032 Earl Ct.

Council granted permission for a Block Party for Hayden Street residents.

Council supported House Bill 4184 to establish a Regional Board for the Detroit Water & Sewer Dept.

Council received and filed a resolution from Oak Park relative to the release of Michigan Department of Treasury funding to libraries.

The following proclamations were approved by Council:

- DAY OF PRAYER - May 5, 1983
- SMALL BUSINESS WEEK - May 8-14, 1983
- MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK - May 8-14, 1983
- FOUNDERS FESTIVAL WEEK - May 24-30, 1983

Council approved the use of city grounds and/or park areas to be arranged by the City Manager for public assembly on Prayer Day.

Council approved an outdoor Anniversary Sale requested by Executive Office.

Council adopted Resolution Nos. 1 and 2 of the Special Assessment procedure for the Hillcrest Street improvement.

Council introduced Ordinance C-504-83 to amend the Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance.

Council voted to change the regular meeting of May 16 to Tuesday, May 24, 1983.

Public comments were heard.

Council established May 24, 1983, for a Public Hearing on the Annual Budget, proposed millage rate and use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

The following reports were received:

- FINANCIAL REPORTS 9 months ended March 31, 1983
- General Fund and 47th District Court
- Quarter ended March 31, 1983; Water & Sewer Funds;
- Department of Public Services Quarterly Report, January - March 1983;
- Building Department Quarterly Report, January - March 1983.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

ALTON L. BENNETT, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

Public: May 12, 1983

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING May 9, 1983

Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills on May 9, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. Members present were: Burwell, Dolan, Hughes, Lange, Sorocum, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed week of May 10th "Small Business Week" and Wednesday, May 11th, "Rite to Work Day." The Mayor also proclaimed May 8 through 14, 1983 as "Municipal Clerk's Week."

Minutes of April 11, 18 and 25, 1983 were approved as amended.

Council approved Resolutions 1, 4 and 5 to proceed with paying to Richland Gardens and adjacent subdivisions. The Cost Hearing was set for May 22, 1983.

Council approved Economic Development Corporation project area for Alcycey Council, Resolution No. 1, and appointed Harlem Morris and Donald Meade as outside directors, Resolution No. 2.

The Mayor appointed and Council approved the following appointments to the Cable Access Committee: Janet Good, Elaine Saum, Ray Voss and Anthony Rida.

Council approved Resolution of Intent to option city owned property to Detroit Baptist Manor adjacent to Drake Apartments at Freedom and Drake for a period of two years.

City Manager Savage announced Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention in Grand Rapids September 28-30, 1983.

The request of Controlled Precision Machinery, Inc. to establish an Industrial Development District was adjourned to May 17 Council meeting.

Council approved Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Council adopted Resolution to authorize procurement of rock salt for ice control through the State of Michigan Extended Purchasing Program for the winter of 1983-84.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted establishing boundary of Special Assessment Districts for residential properties and Resolution No. 2 setting date of May 22, 1983 for public hearing to proceed on paving all of Midway; paving Colfax, Gill to Farmington; paving Parker, Tilman to Colfax; Sewer in Parker, south of Salvador to Colfax; paving in Quaker Valley Farms, Quaker Valley Farms addition and part of Ramble Hill Subdivision; paving Robinson from 8 Mile to one lot north of Tilman and Tilman from Parker to Osmun.

Traffic Control Order was approved for stop signs at Greening and Barlow.

Council approved hiring Debra Brown as a part-time employee in Parks and Recreation Department who is related to a Police Department employee.

A proposed budget was presented to Council for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983. First review with Department Heads is scheduled for May 11, 1983.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

FREDERICK W. HUGHES, Mayor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Clerk

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