



Carol Goldman, an enterprising Birmingham resident opened "Magnificent Possessions" a year ago and is doing nicely, thank you. She's been learning as she goes and prides herself on being selective about the pieces she handles.

MINDY DAVIDSON/Staff photographer

Selling 'used' with class

By Corinne Abatt
Staff writer

Carol Goldman of Birmingham started her shop, "Magnificent Possessions II" a year ago and is still having fun and learning.

"This isn't to say she isn't adept at what she does, it just means she's steadily learning secrets of the trade."

"Magnificent Possessions II" isn't a true antique store, but then it isn't just a second-hand furniture store either.

It's more of the latter with a discriminating owner/buyer who is on the prowl for different, interesting things.

"At first," said Goldman, "a lot of my things came from decorators who were redoing houses. Now, I get a lot of calls from people who are moving — and now it's a combination of buying outright and selling by consignment."

A year ago, Goldman, recently divorced, was looking for an opportunity. She'd had experience working on estate sales with Iris Kaufman, who was to become her partner, and consequently a good resource for the business.

WHEN GOLDMAN found her location, 4316 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, she made up her mind in a hurry. "I just did it," she said with a smile, relaxing momentarily on one piece of a tan velvet modular.

She said it took until the following spring for the business to take off, and then it was mostly by word of mouth.

"I feel real good about it. It's hard to find the stuff — that's a real project. I do a lot of looking before I find the right things."

"I'm picky. It's got to be nice enough that I'd have it in my own home. I never wanted to have a resale shop image, that's why I'm

selective. But, it's really fun, and I've met a lot of interesting people."

SHE SAID, PARTICULARLY, those in the retail and furniture businesses have been helpful to one with no experience.

"I sort of went into it on guts alone, and it paid off. Dealers and people in this type of business have gone out of their way to be nice."

Even when she was growing up in Sherwood Forest and later attending Eastern Michigan University, "I always wanted to be a woman who could make it in business."

Now she is seated in the midst of a collection of contemporary furniture mixed with some designer pieces from the '30s and '50s; a variety of accessories for the home and an interesting Elise Seymour line "Clothes for the 80s." Goldman enjoys making it as she hoped to and having fun at the same time.

GM president heads campaign

F. James McDonald, president of General Motors Corp., will head up Music Hall Center's 1983-84 corporate campaign for operating fund contributions.

Under McDonald's leadership, Music Hall Center hopes to raise \$330,000 to support the non-profit organization's presentations of dance, family and musical events.

Music Hall recently completed its 10th season of programming in the downtown theatre.

"Built in 1928 by Matilda Dodge Wilson, it is recognized as an historical landmark. A fund-raising campaign to support interior restoration recently raised more than

\$100,000 for renovated auditorium seats and a new stage curtain.

McDonald succeeds Thomas B. Adams, chairman of Campbell-Ewald Co., who chaired the 1982-83 corporate fundraising drive.

McDonald has been president and chief operating officer of General Motors since February, 1981. His many cultural and civic affiliations include directorships on the boards of the H.J. Heinz Co., the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, Economic Club of Detroit and Up with People, a non-profit educational and cultural organization.

He is a member-at-large of the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association.

The former chairman of the Research Institute at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, McDonald previously served as executive vice president of the hospital's board of trustees and chairman of the advisory board of the hospital's branch in Troy. He serves as a trustee and member of each board.

McDonald also is vice president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit and a member of the Advisory Council, Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan.

Politics notwithstanding musicians perform well

By Avigdor Zoromp
Special writer

The notion of cooperation or confrontation between music and politics isn't new.

In the Soviet Union, composer Dmitri Shostakovich was labeled "the enemy of the people" when the authorities disapproved of his musical style.

In Israel, the music of Wagner is still banned because of the composer's anti-Semitic philosophy.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has had its share of political involvement. Last season, members of the orchestra presented a "Freedom Concert" for the benefit of Soviet Jewry at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue.

Last Sunday, the musicians and maestro Antal Dorati donated their services for a program dedicated to the nuclear freeze movement.

Not every musician supported this cause, so some did not perform. But many of those who did, who were in the majority, also took part in the previously mentioned event.

Maestro Dorati proceeded the music program with a speech. In it, he indicated that one shouldn't confuse the demand for nuclear freeze with a demand for a unilateral disarmament, or an attempt to appease the Soviet Union.

SURVIVAL ISN'T a totally adequate term, he said. "I don't want just to survive — I want to live!"

Other non-musical presentations consisted of a reading of a poem by Walter Mason, a Detroit area poet and producer, and a speech by Capt. James T. Bush, a former Polaris nuclear submarine commander.

The musical content of the program consisted of works by Beethoven, a composer known for his stand in support of freedom and peace.

The three compositions were the Leonore Overture No. 3, the Piano Concerto No. 3 and the Symphony No. 7.

Beethoven had also been the major composer on the Freedom Concert program, particularly his Eroica Symphony.

This is again a manifestation that Beethoven's music is universal — it is applicable to all times and ages and to all mankind.

EVEN THOUGH the program didn't serve a purely musical purpose, there was no compromise in musical quality. The Leonore Overture was enhanced not just by the external event, but by the meticulous and lively performance.

The Piano Concerto was played by the highly ac-

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claimed Czech-born pianist Rudolf Firkušny. His technique and expressive range were truly superb.

While there were some flawed orchestral entrances in some of the running passages, primarily due to unpredictable tempo accelerations by the soloist, these flaws didn't substantially diminish the high overall level.

The concluding Symphony No. 7 provided a resounding and reassuring conclusion to this outstanding program. As with the other two compositions, its popularity didn't stand in the way of a fresh and lively interpretation.

For example, the scherzo, which is repeated and alternates with the trio, was slightly varied from one version to the other, rather than automatically duplicated. With the final decisive chords, it was apparent that the music, as well as the audience, was in good hands.

With such a powerful combination — Beethoven, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and maestro Dorati — maybe mankind might still have a chance.

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