

Herbig comes back to DSO

While the announcement of Gunther Herbig's appointment to Detroit Symphony Orchestra music director was made this week, all signs had been pointing in that direction for many months.

The Czechoslovakian-born conductor, who celebrated his 52nd birthday yesterday, appeared here last June to conduct the "thank-you" concert at Meadow Brook for contributors and subscribers.

He and his wife, pianist Jutta Czapski, were the house guests of Alice and Walter J. McCarthy Jr. of Birmingham. McCarthy is chairman of the symphony board of directors.

Herbig had been scheduled to conduct in December of last year and had rehearsed with the orchestra. But the concert was never held because the musicians went on strike.



Gunther Herbig

list of those approved by the full orchestra.

A conductor search committee, made up of three musicians and three board members, further refined the approved list. The executive committee of the board made the final selection.

Herbig, a resident of East Germany, recently completed a six-year term as music director of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra and two years as principal guest conductor of BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Manchester, England.

Before that, he had been conductor with the Berlin Symphony and general music director of the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has made some 35 recordings under the Eterna label and has toured extensively with the Berlin Symphony, the Berlin Staatskapelle and the Dresden Philharmonic.

HERBIG is considered particularly strong in the German repertoire.

When interviewed in Birmingham last summer, he nodded in accord when he heard names like Bruckner, Brahms and Beethoven, adding "1800-1900 is my period. I like big symphonic pieces."

Herbig will make his debut in his new position at Ford Auditorium on Feb. 11 and will return to conduct six concerts in April.

He will conduct 20 concerts during eight weeks of next season and in the following two years will be on the podium for at least 12 weeks in each season.

Included in his duties are the selection of guest artists, conductors and repertoire and the appointment of new orchestra members.

Traditionally, the role of music director has been to provide leadership, to continue to improve quality and build identity and support for the orchestra on both local and international levels.

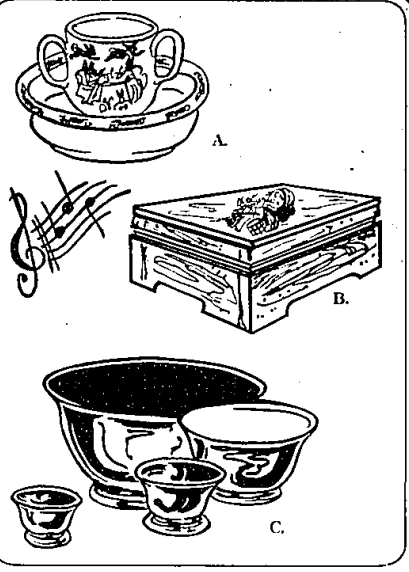
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M-DOT is seeking bids on 2.8 miles of tunnel sewer. The final segment in the freeway will cross Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods and Royal Oak. Construction is to be completed by October 1984.

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