

# Orchestra closes successful season

By Mary Jane Doerr  
special writer

The Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra (BBSO) officially closed its season in Birmingham with an "All American" pops-jazz concert at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Joining the orchestra was the Larry Norzeto Quartet in a fascinating composition by the group's pianist for jazz quartet and orchestra in an unusual combination and quite pleasing.

"Cityscape" by Dr. James J. Hartway, associate professor in the department of music at Wayne State University, is a three movement work describing the moods of city life on different days of the week, Sundays, weekdays and Saturdays.

The quartet's leader, Larry Norzeto, played alto saxophone, nod Mann, bass, and Jonathan Peretz, drums.

This work, combined the sustaining qualities of the orchestra for depth and magnitude but never lost the solo quality.



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uses of the quartet as a unit and as individual performers.

There was no specified length for the piece as Hartway allowed time for each individual to improvise during the composition, a format comparable to that of music of the early classical period.

THE RESULT was a piece of round-off qualities blending both solo and accompaniment, quartet and orchestra and unaccompanied solos.

Felix Resnick, conductor, held the rhythm intact between the two groups and gave the performance continuity.

The Larry Norzeto Quartet has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festivals in Detroit and Montreux, Switzerland. The number they performed with the

BBSO was commissioned for performance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

With the group's diverse talents and their individualistic style and ability to improvise within the score, this became an absorbingly interesting work.

The composition has great appeal.

The other composition on the program, intensely satisfying, was Barber's Adagio for Strings. The strings, first and second violins, violas, cellos, and basses, sustained the lovely theme and sounded wonderful.

The string section also gave a lyrical interpretation of Max Steiner's Orchestral Suite from "Gone with the Wind." The movie music, well suited for its purpose, has some lags as an orchestra

suite, but the brilliant, descriptive melody is only accentuated by those transitional sections.

Resnick, aware of the slower sections, kept the music moving throughout the composition.

On an evening when the string sections gave such a strong performance, concertmaster Gordon Peterson was ill. One of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's members, Sladky Woolley, replaced him. Woolley graduated this month from Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and has been a member of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra.

WEST Bloomfield businessman, Alan Grundy, the winner of the "Conduct the Symphony" auction, led the orchestra in its traditional "sign-off." Sonja's Stars and Stripes Fantasy.

The scheduled division of concerts between West Bloomfield and Birmingham will continue next year with an attractive selection of repertoire and soloists.

Fedora Horowitz, the Branzel Leonard Chorale, Alexander Zolke and Ramon Parcells will be featured during the season.

Tchaikovsky's "Fateful" Symphony, Hanson's "Romantic" Symphony, Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, Grieg's Suite from "The Firebird," Rachmaninoff's "Sabbath Dance," Handel's Water Music Suite, Pachelbel's Canon and some Lennon-McCartney selections are just a few of the things programmed for the coming season.

## Center honors volunteer

A Farmington resident has been named volunteer of the month by the Farmington Community Center.

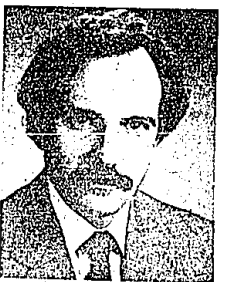
James Mitchell, president of the center's board of directors, is being honored for four years of service on the board. Also serving on the financial development committee, Mitchell chaired its end-of-the-year fund solicitation group and has conducted several community survey projects.

"I derive a great deal of satisfaction working with the people at the center, so I was pleased to receive the honor," Mitchell said.

Mitchell plans to continue working on the center's executive committee as a board member. He's also looking forward to becoming involved with the center's community relations committee.

A lawyer, he is an administrative officer at Lifetime Door Inc. in Farmington. He earned his law degree at the University of Detroit and a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science at the University of Michigan.

He has recently been reappointed a member of the Cable Access Committee of Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.



James Mitchell

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