

Photography show spans a century

By Ira Lax
special writer

Gallery is the perfect summer show for lovers of black and white photography. I especially encourage students from the many fine photography programs

Festival guest

David Zinnman will conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook at tonight's 8 p.m. concert and at 6 p.m. Sunday. Pianist Ivan Moravec will be the guest both times. Zinnman is music director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and serves on the Eastman School of Music faculty. He has more than 35 recordings to his credit. For ticket information, call the Festival box office, 377-2010.



offered at area high schools not to miss this one. It is an opportunity to see some of the world's best camera work, and to get an idea of how photographs are priced. These range from \$250 to \$3,500.

Seventeen photographers, spanning a century, are represented here. From the 1880s there is an anonymous photograph of the Colosseum in Rome and a platinum print of four English peasants carrying scythes by Peter H. Emerson.

The first decade of the 20th century is represented with two albumen prints of Paris by Eugene Atget and four American Indian portraits by Edward S. Curtis.

Curtis' "Plenty-Coups," 1908 is especially fine because it is direct and unadorned with the typical romanticism of the times.

The '20s and '30s produced the monumental work of Edward Weston, August Sander, Maurice Tabard, Imogen

Cunningham, Bernice Abbott, and John Gutmann. Their exquisite images reflect the alienation of modern man, detached from history.

Signed silver prints by Ansel Adams and Arnold Newman are from the 1940s. It is interesting that Newman's portrait is of the composer Igor Stravinsky and Adams' majestic landscape is, as he so often said, like a symphonic performance.

The show then jumps 30 years to the recent landscapes and still lifes of Michael Burns, William Clift, Douglas Frank, John Gruen, and Michael Kenna. It would be a mistake to impose an idea of progress in photography here. These younger craftsmen combine old and new techniques to express their unique visions of the world.

Come to compare and enjoy this fine show of gallery selections. Halsted Gallery is at 565 North Woodward, Birmingham.



Buying art

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Custom framing, with choice of frame and mat and the art dry mounted, can be expensive. With an unusually large piece the framing cost can be very high.

An alternative is gallery mounting. Both galleries offer this technique, which is an acid free plastic wrapped around a half-inch thick board edged with a border tape. This keeps the cost way down. A 24-inch by 36-inch poster will run around \$30 for gallery mounting. For a larger poster the savings are greater.

Grafiskas specializes in unusual posters. The most recent types are wine labels. Wineries have taken the labels and reproduced them into small posters.

Both galleries carry some original art work and the Print Gallery exhibits works by local artists in a section of the gallery just about every month. Museum reproductions are available at the Print Gallery — primitive art, Egyptian art and some modern sculpture.

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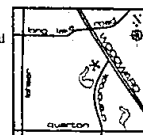
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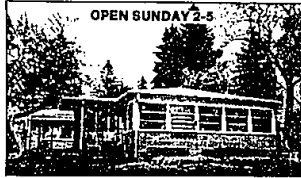
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