

Pianist keeps becoming more impressive

The Southfield Symphony Orchestra discussed plans for the future at a recent board meeting before a delightful concert.

Like other minor orchestras in this area, it is overshadowed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, but its important function in the community can't be overstated and, needless to say, its members are very qualified musicians.

The formal meeting was followed with a recital by the Polish born pianist

Leszek Bartkiewicz. This musician, who is gaining stature and prominence here, has reviewed in this column on previous occasions.

His recital took place before a small audience in a small hall of the Southfield Public Library. It consisted of an all-Chopin program beginning with a little known rondo and followed by various waltzes most of which are fairly familiar.

His talent and potential are still

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growing and developing. While most of his past performances that I have heard were impressive, this last, in keeping with the upward trend, was his best. And indications are that better times are yet to come.

MUCH HAS been said on the subject of technique versus artistic approach. It is my belief that these two aspects aren't completely independent.

Obviously, one who hadn't mastered an acceptable level of technique wouldn't be in a position to endow his performance with much artistic insight. On the other hand, it is possible to have a virtuosic technician who has little to offer in terms of musical content.

In the case of Bartkiewicz, there is no question about his keen musical and artistic insight. Any shortcomings in previous programs were technical in origin. On this occasion, he was able more than ever to rise above the technique and to delve into the more refined nuances of the music.

There was a greater element of sparkle and brilliance in his playing. This was true in particular in the waltz Op. 70 No. 1 in G Flat Major, in which the brisk skips to the higher notes were well proportioned in relation to the running passages.

Among the most popular of Chopin's waltzes is his Op. 34 No. 1 in A Flat Major, sometimes referred to as

"Waltz Brilliance." Here Bartkiewicz restated the temptations for pure showmanship in favor of the more subtle aspects.

The fast, upward scales weren't played with a flashy crescendo but with delicate tonal shading, even though a couple of them were technically flawed.

THE MOST troublesome selection was the Waltz in E Minor, Op. Posthumous (published after the composer's death), but even here the artistic insight was most evident.

This was his first of two encores, the second one being the all-too-famous "Minute Waltz." Contrary to some common misconception, this waltz wasn't designated to be performed in the span of one minute. The fastest recording of it is the early 20th century pianist Joseph Hoffman, lasting about 80 seconds. Most conventional versions run 110 seconds or more.

Here, again, musical content took priority over speed. Instead of rushing down the final scale, Bartkiewicz started descending slowly, gradually accelerating to make the last bar uplifting and brilliant.

At present, Bartkiewicz is studying the Piano Concerto No. 3 by Rachmaninoff, a most demanding work. He is scheduled to perform it with the Southfield and Rochester symphony orchestras in the coming season. I am looking forward to these events.

St. Vincent de Paul opens resale store

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently opened a new west side location. The resale store is located at 15725 Grand River, two blocks west of Greenfield. The store's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Classes set at OCC for summer

This summer the English Language Institute of Oakland Community College is offering classes for adults and children on Orchard Ridge Campus beginning Monday, July 9. Daytime, evening and weekend programs are available to individuals interested in learning English as a second language.

For registration information, call 471-7788 Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Aged record

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Young model will vie in national competition

Karan Ann Morris, an eighth grader at O. E. Dunckel High School, has been selected to participate in the North American Grand National Finals "Festival of Youth."

The modeling and talent convention for 2-25-year-olds will be staged July 14-21 in Bluegrass Convention Center, Louisville, Ky.

Karan was selected for her abilities in the categories of "sophisticated modeling" and "runway modeling."

The 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morris of Farmington Hills has won numerous awards and trophies for her modeling in competitions sponsored by North American Pageant System. This year being in the finals will give her the opportunity to take part in workshops and educational seminars that pertain to the fields of modeling, pageantry and the performing arts.

She will also be taking part in the filming of the festival for syndication on national television.

club circuit

AMERICAN LEAGION, Groves-Walker Post 346, and its auxiliary meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the Farmington post, 31775 Grand River.

MOONDUSTERS meet from 9 p.m. Saturday for a dance party in Livonia Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event is open to all singles older than 40 from all surrounding communities. Admission is \$3.50, asked at the door.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS hosts a Christmas In July dance, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday in Westwood, 7100 Merriman Road, one block north of Warren. Music is furnished by de-Jay Tom Kappler. Admission for non-members is \$5, asked at the door.

COUPON TRADERS meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 9, in Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. The meeting is

open to all persons interested in trading coupons, forms and qualifiers. Inquiries are taken by Alfreda Potyrkus, 626-1681.

PLYMOUTH CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION hosts a "Caesarean Orientation" program at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, in Newburg Methodist Church, 38500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The program is an introduction to the Caesarean preparation classes. The event is open to couples anticipating a Caesarean birth, as well as Lamaze-prepared couples. There is a \$1 charge at the door.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Workshop for divorced speeds healing process

"On Your Own Again," the Oakland University Continuum Center's four-session divorce recovery workshop begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Barbara Halpern, communications specialist, will lead the series focusing on the development of a support group to help participants deal with the emotional issues associated with divorce.

"Having an understanding, support-

ive group of people to talk to helps speed up the healing process," says Halpern. "When you have a safety net of group support it becomes much easier to fight off those feelings of failure and low self-esteem that a divorce can bring."

Finances, relationships with ex-spouses, parenting, and learning to see the positive aspects of single life are other issues to be raised in this series.

Fee for the series is \$40. Call the Continuum Center at 377-3933 for registration.

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