



Stars on record

Composer's new albums feature actors, jazz greats

MARTIN SCOT KOSINS continues to make his mark as both songwriter and record-company owner.

The Huntington Woods resident has two albums ready for release, one featuring actress Loretta Swit in her recording debut. Swit, best known for her role in the long-running TV series *M*A*S*H*, talks and sings some original Kosins' compositions on the album. "The Land Where Dreams Are Made" album is on Kosins' Open Sky Records.

Veteran actor John Carradine also appears on the album. Carradine was featured on Kosins' first recording for the new company a few years back and received the Golden Scroll Award from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films for "Songs and the Seeker."

"The Land Where Dreams Are Made" has been over a year and a half in production," said Kosins, "and it's a family record that will inaugurate the new Golden Star Series on Open Sky Records."

Kosins has been a jazz pianist and has had his classical compositions performed by the Detroit Symphony and other orchestras around the country. His new jazz album, "For Sentimental Reasons," is ready for release. The album stars jazz greats Hank Jones, sing-



on music
James Windell

er Al Hibbler, Buddy Tate, Milk Hinton and Oliver Jackson.

"It took a year to get these people all together at a recording session," Kosins said, "and we only had six hours to do the album. But we did the whole 10 tunes in those six hours."

With new distribution arrangements in Europe through CBS, Open Sky Records will get wide hearings in many foreign countries.

Kosins still finds time to write and produce commercials. And each year he brings the Ink Spots — the group featured on the second Open Sky record — into Troy's Somerset Mall for free concerts.

MARR BARRETT, a Redford resident, has a single out that is getting some airplay on country music radio stations throughout the United States. "Gettin' Back to You" features the smooth voice of 24-year-old Barrett, who also wrote the song, recorded on

the A.M.I. label based in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Barrett grew up in Livonia and after graduating from high school he appeared on the Nashville Network's "You Can Be a Star" program. This gave him the push he needed to pursue a singing and recording career.

His second single, "I'll Fall in Love With You Again," will be released by A.M.I. in January 1986. In the meantime, the young singer is performing in the Detroit area and is involved in the production of a video at Michigan State University's Telecommunications Department.

His manager, Pat Glanz of Pat Ann Productions Co. in Southfield, said Barrett will be opening for some big country names at shows in the near future.

JAZZ PIANIST Best Bonnier, who is featured this month in a six-page story in *Monthly Detroit* magazine, keeps promising to have a new album out.

To be called "Best Bonnier and Other Jazz Birds," the album will feature an original song by Bonnier. It also will present such national jazz stars as baritone saxophone player Pepper Adams, singer Carole Sloan and pianist Sir Roland Hanna.

"I hope it will be out before the end of November," said Bonnier, who seems to be just as anxious as her fans



Martin Scot Kosins (center) confers with actress Loretta Swit and actor John Carradine during a recording session for the album "The Land

Where Dreams Are Made," on Kosins' Open Sky Records label.

to get the album in her hands. In the meantime, the pianist plays harpsichord Saturday afternoons in various galleries of the Detroit Institute of Arts and plays Sunday afternoons in the DIA's Crystal Gallery.

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Film professor to give lecture

"Narration in Film and Literature," a lecture by Robert Burgoyne, will be given at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Holly Room of the Detroit Institute of Arts. General admission is \$1.

Burgoyne is assistant professor of English at Wayne State University, where he teaches courses on the history

and criticism of film. He is also corresponding editor of *Enciclopedia*, a quarterly review of film, literary and cultural criticism. Burgoyne has written on contemporary filmmakers Bernardo Bertolucci and Jean-Luc Godard among others. A discussion will follow the lecture.

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