

# Schickele gives fine concert

Classical music is generally considered to be serious music as opposed to the music represented by pop and entertainment tunes, anything that isn't too serious.

However, one well kept secret, known among truly serious musicians, is that the greatest classical masters indulge in musical humor.

Satire of good quality and substance reaches far beyond the trivialization of profound material. It requires the perpetrator have a sense of ingenuity of his own in addition to a deep understanding of the material being used. Few individuals can lay claim to such talents.

One who can is Peter Schickele, the inspired creator of the composer P.D.Q. Bach. To lend credence to this character, it was decreed that he lived from 1807 to 1742, in that order.

The spirit of a typical program is invariably reflected in the titles of the works. The items on last week's program at Ford Auditorium included: P.D.Q. Bach, "Desecration of the House" Overture (S. 10-9-7-6-4-3-2-1) and P.D.Q. Bach "Hindenburg Concerto" (S. L2-129).

Other items, more briefly, consisted on a Canine Cantata, "Wachet Art" with a solo by the hound-dentier Friedrich Fischer Bauau; Echo Sonata for Two Unfriendly Groups of Instruments and a Concerto for Bassoon vs. Orchestra (S.87).

Among these was one innocuous looking title, Anticantabile Op.3, No. 5 by Hayden.

WHILE THIS latter is a genuine work by a genuine composer, it had its surprise elements a la Schickele — sudden drum beats, unexpected twists and power failures, culminating with a collapsing podium.

Others who made the program so highly entertaining were William Walters, serving as Schickele's assistant who was responsible for the contrived power failures and other bits of stage showmanship and conductor, Stephen Stein, Exxon Arts Endowment conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra this season.

One more indispensable participant was, of



**Avigdor Zaromp**

course, the Detroit Symphony.

Few can match Schickele's versatility. On the musical level, his capabilities for mixing and transforming authentic themes is astounding.

In the "Hindenburg" Concerto, which was inspired by J.S. Bach's six Brandenburg concerti, themes from the originals are there, but not without tricks and magic.

For example, the theme from the first movement of the fourth Brandenburg Concerto is naturally, matter of factly molded in to Ravel's "Bolero, without losing much of Bach's fugue structure.

The Concerto for Bassoon vs. Orchestra is based, predictably on Mozart's concerto for this instrument. But much of the musical universe is also traversed in the process from the "Rite of Spring" to a modern tango. Even for those not familiar with all the musical material used, the final effect is high quality, sophisticated entertainment.

SCHICKELE is also an inspired actor. While Stein was the official conductor, some works were conducted by Schickele, allegedly because Stein was demanding a raise at the last moment. That, at least, was Schickele's excuse to take over in his shabby outfit with one of the tails of his formal coat considerably shorter than the other.

He told the audience they were going to "pay

through the cars" as a result of the supposed financial haggling.

Schickele proved to be a capable bassoon player as he demonstrated in the Bassoon Concerto. His statement that he had to learn to play the instrument in three days because he was unable to recruit a professional performer, had to be taken with a grain of salt.

Among the bassoon feats he demonstrated were playing rather complicated passages on the reed alone and winning a contest with the orchestra on echoing a sequence of pre-cadenza passages of growing complexity.

Two of the many attractions in the program were the balloons and the dog's costume in the Canine Cantata. The original of that, by the way, is Bach's Cantata No. 140 "Wachet Aul."

A program of P.D.Q. Bach is bound to have even the great master himself rolling with laughter — somehow.

## Your hometown voice

**ON THE TOWN**

COUPON GOOD FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE

24368 Grand River (3 Bks. W. of Telegraph) 857-1111

**STEAK DINNER FOR TWO \$12.95**

(Two 12 oz. N.Y. Strip Steak Dinners)

Complete with Potato or Vegetable, Soup or Salad, Hot Fudge, Fried Sides & Butters. NOT VALID ON HOLIDAYS

**FREE Banquet Room**

**Psychic Night**

Mon, Wed, & Thurs

GOOD THRU JAN. 30, 1986

**MICHAEL FARRELL**

**SURVEYS WESTERN ART II**

Art History, Slide & Lecture Series

Tues., Jan. 14 - Mar. 4 7:30 P.M.

Southfield Cultural Arts 354-4717

Write for lectures offered at ART HOUSE, 59 Alfred, Detroit 48201

**Buddy's**

**LUNCH AND DRINK SPECIALS DAILY**

LUNCH SPECIALS ALSO AVAILABLE Thru Carry-out

**ANY LARGE PIZZA \$2.00 OFF**

Large Antipasto Large Greek Salad when you purchase this coupon

Coupon Expires 1-16-86 MUST BE PRESENTED WHEN ORDERING

**LIVONIA** 33605 Plymouth (W. off Farmington) 261-3550

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 31848 Northwestern Hwy. (W. of Middlebelt) 855-4800

**Rigoletto's**

Italian Restaurant

Featuring specialty veal and pasta dishes

**\$3.00 off LUNCH or \$6.00 off DINNER**

WITH PURCHASE OF 2 or more meals

— WITH THIS AD —

Offer Expires Sat. Jan. 31, 1986

Entertainment **RONNY PHILLIPS** PIANO and VOCALS THURS-FRI-SAT, NIGHTS

39305 Plymouth Road (at Plymouth and Eckles) (at Plymouth and Eckles)

Hours: Mon-Fri, 11:00 A.M.-10 P.M. Sat. 4:00 P.M.-11:30 P.M. Closed Sundays and Holidays

464-2272

**Alibi family Dining**

"We serve The Highest Quality Food"

We Wish You A Happy New Year

- 15 Different Salads
- Steaks • Seafood • Chops • Omelettes
- Homemade Soups Daily • Potato Skins
- Slim-n-Trim • Senior Citizens Discount

**TRY OUR DELICIOUS SEAFOOD**

- Orange Roughy • Baked Scrod
- Baked Fish Special

**OTHER POPULAR SPECIALS**

- Mexican, Italian & Greek Dishes
- We prepare potato skins 4 different ways
- 31 different Hamburgers
- 10 Unique Triple Deckers

**New Specials Daily**

**COMPLETE CARRY OUTS** 538-8420

Open 24 Hours

16500 Telegraph Rd. (Between 5 & 6 Mile Rd.)

**Mama Mia**

**FAMILY DINING**

**SORRY NO DISCOUNTS APPLY DINNER FOR 2**

Tenderloin Steak

Broiled Boston Scrod

Homemade Manicotti

Veal Parmesan

All above include soup, tossed salad, bread and butter, fresh garlic sticks, potato or pasta

With coupon - Good 1-15-86 to 1-31-86 use 1-15-86

2770 Plymouth Livonia 427-1000

19365 Beech Daily Just South of Grand River REDFORD 537-0749

**Fonte d'Amore**

**RESTAURANT**

32300 PLYMOUTH ROAD • LIVONIA • 422-0770

**CATERING FOR ALL SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

Open Daily 11 a.m. to Midnight • Closed Sunday

- GOURMET DINNERS
- FAMILY STYLE DINNERS AVAILABLE FOR THE GOURMET

Tone and Pastries made to order for your Special Occasions

**COUPON**

Buy 1 Dinner at reg. price and get second dinner (at equal value) at 1/2 Off

Coupon expires Jan. 16, 1986

Wed. Night Live Opera

Stop on new for to be a Great Entertainer

**Mike Kelly's Landing**

**KELLY'S JANUARY FEATURED FEAST**

**CHARBROILED TOP SIRLOIN AND HAWAIIAN CHICKEN**

FOR \$8.95

Served with our House Caesar Salad, Pilaf of Rice, and Rolls & Butter

Compliment your meal with a selection from our extensive wine list or choose from one of our 54 international beers

**KELLY'S** gets happy from 4:00-7:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

Substantial Savings on Food and Beverages

**RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED**

**LIVONIA** 14000 MIDDLEBELT ROAD 422-4622

**DEARBORN** 17000 HUBBARD DRIVE 271-5250

A Kelly-Rever Inc.

**Beaugart's**

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 537-5600

27331 Five Mile, cor. of Inkster Rd. HOURS: MON.-FRI. OPEN 11 a.m., SAT. OPEN 9 p.m.

COCKTAIL HOUR 3-6 P.M.

**LUNCHEON SPECIALS DAILY FROM \$3.95**

FRI. & SAT. SPECIAL PRIME RIB OR PICKEREL AU MOUTON \$7.95

**WEDNESDAY LADIES' NIGHT REDUCED PRICES**

**DINNER SPECIALS MON. THRU THURS. \$5.95**

FOR YOUR LISTENING AND DANCING PLEASURE FRI. & SAT. "THE ITALIAN GIGOLOS"

**PALACE** Fine Foods

25225 Telegraph & 10 Mile (to Tel-Ex Plaza) 352-2320

**DINNER FOR TWO 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$8.95**

**2 N.Y. STRIP STEAKS OR YOUR CHOICE OF ANY 5 LISTED ITEMS:**

- TACOS
- SEAFOOD PLATTER
- BAKED COD
- SHRIMP DRESSING
- BROCCOLI

DINNER INCLUDES SALAD, POT., VEG. AND ROLLS

With Coupon • Expires 2-28-86

**Silverman's**

**OVER 400 FANTASTIC MENU ITEMS**

**breakfast specials**

Served in ten minutes or less!

- #5 Two egg omelette with mushrooms and Swiss cheese 2.50
- #8 Two egg omelette with sharp cheddar cheese & broccoli 2.50
- #10 Mini "Porky" ham, sausage, bacon, American cheese 2.50
- #11 Potato pancakes (4) with sour cream & apple sauce 2.25
- #12 Mini Denver with sharp cheddar cheese, ham, onion, green peppers 2.75
- #13 Two egg omelette with Spam and old fashioned American cheese 2.75

**Saturday & Sunday Only**

- Malted Waffle 1.95
- Pancakes 1.80
- With strawberry or pecan topping 2.95

Critted onions on your potatoes—No Charge

**COUPON**

**ANY 13 BREAKFAST SPECIALS 50¢ OFF**

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Served 7 a.m. 'til 11 a.m. ONE COUPON PER PERSON

Good at all Silverman's Locations

- Westland - 728-1303
- Novi - 349-2885
- Livonia (Plymouth Rd.) - 454-8930
- Garden City - 425-5566
- Warren - 445-8700
- Roseville - 296-2960
- Livonia (Grand River) - 478-7077
- Taylor - 287-4884
- Plymouth - 459-2066

**CABIN FEVER?**

**We have the cure!**

**CABIN FEVER WEEKEND PACKAGE**

Offer good through 4-6-86 plus tax, per night, per room — Fri., Sat., Sun.

- Deluxe guest room for up to 4 people
- Free gift at check-in
- Blackstone Bob performing magic in the Hollidome
- Free Showtime in-room movies plus CNN, ESPN
- New Fitness Center with sauna and exercise machines
- Pool, whirlpool, billiards, shuffleboard, putting greens, ping pong, video games
- Newly re-decorated Hollidome Rooms

Visit **Chilly Willy's Bar & Grill**

The Hollidome's snack spot for Hot Chilly, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Pizze, Ice Cream, Chips, Pop, and Candy.

**Holiday Inn FARMINGTON HILLS**

38123 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48024

**477-4000 ASK FOR THE CABIN FEVER PACKAGE!**

Reservations required. Subject to availability. Does not apply to groups.

**PLYMOUTH ORCHARDS & Cider Mill**

10685 Warren Rd. (1/4 Mile W. of Napier) Plymouth 455-2290

**Cross-Country Skiing**

...on a variety of trails which include rolling, wooded areas

**LIGHTED, GROOMED TRAILS OPEN UNTIL 10:00 p.m.**

- An excellent selection of new rental equipment
- A Cider Mill with an attractive warming room that serves Hot Cider and Donuts!
- Weekday group rates available with reservation

So why not make weekday reservations for an evening skiing party!!

Hours: Weekdays 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Weekends 9 a.m.-10 p.m.