

Furniture as art

Among the interesting things that showed up recently at Artspac of Birmingham, a secondary market for fine art, were several pieces which are for using as well as looking. At upper right, the container that Karl Appel made in 1977 to hold the 30 lithographs of his *Circus Suite*, can also double as a table. On top of this one painted blue, white and yellow, is an Etruscan sculpture. Patricia Meagher, a sculptor, made the two forged steel chairs as an interpretation of those in Van Gogh's painting of his bedroom at Arles. The sculpture of found objects by Lois Teicher of Southfield just seemed to create the proper balance. Artspac is at 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

OU plans series for children

Oakland University will present a series of art events for children ages 6-12 at Oakland University during the 1986-87 season.

Wednesday afternoon programs are scheduled from October to April and are sponsored by the Center for the Arts and Oakland Schools. All will be in Varner Recital Hall, except for a play in Meadow Brook Theatre. Most will last about an hour.

On the schedule are: 1 p.m., Oct. 22 — South American Children's Music with guest pianist Miguel Proenca of Brazil and Flavio Varani of the University's department of music, theater and dance; 1 p.m., 3 p.m., Nov. 12 — Classical Music for Children (two identical concerts) with the Wayne Symphony Orchestra, conducted by David Daniels; 1 p.m., the University's department of music theater and dance, Oct. 17 — "A Christmas Carol," an adaptation by Charles Nolte of Dickens' classic in Meadow Brook Theatre.

The 1987 schedule is: 1 p.m., Jan. 14 — The Mime Ensemble, directed by T. Andrew Aston, will present "Zoophareaks"; 1 p.m., Feb. 11 — Mitchell Rose Dance Company, New York comic dance team, will be joined in a performance by Oakland University students; 1 p.m., March 18 — Oakland University Concert Band with James Dawson of the University's department of music, theater and dance will do a special program for children complete with guest narrator; and 1 p.m., April 8 — "Habar the Elephant," will be narrated and performed by Kathleen Roach of California.

For tickets, call the Center for the Arts box office, 370-3012 or write 135 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, 48063.

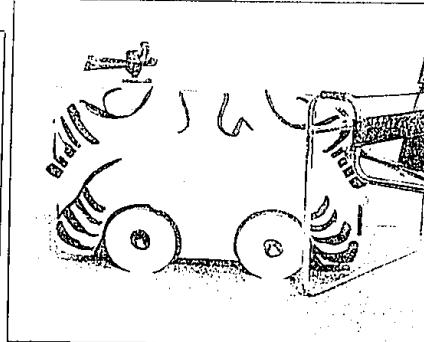
Auditions slated

The Troy Community Orchestra, Joan G. Berndt, music director, will hold auditions for new members 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Troy Athens High School, 4333 John R, north of Wadsworth in Troy. All interested musicians may try out.

There is no fee for players in all the string sections, a second oboe, English horn player; a utility clarinet player (including bass clarinet or sax); a fourth hornist; a utility trumpet player; a third trombonist; and a keyboard specialist for the percussion section.

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