

# Orchestra, soloist shine at opening

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Special writer

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra started its season last week with a program that was almost guaranteed to be a success. All-Beethoven programs have proven to be hits with maestro Gunther Herbig, the DSO music director, in the past.

By all accounts, he has managed to pull it off this time as well. A significant amount of the credit should go to pianist Andre Watts, who has generated an enthusiastic audience response here before.

The obvious attraction of an all-Beethoven program is, of course, in the quality of the music. However,

nothing in life is without risk, and Beethoven's music is no exception. The risk here is that of a mundane, routine performance with overexposed material.

This risk was partially alleviated with the scheduling of the Fantasia for Piano, Chorus and Orchestra Op. 80, which is outside the mainstream of Beethoven's music and is seldom performed.

THE OTHER TWO works, however — the Piano Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major and the Symphony No. 7 — were presently successfully despite their great popularity.

Watts' strong effect on the audience has been a consistent factor in



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all of his appearances I have witnessed. In this latest performance, he was at his best, not just in technique and showmanship, but in musical subtlety and stylistic integrity as well.

The second piano concerto, which was actually the first written, has more Mozartian elements than the rest. This was reflected in Watts' approach. The smooth, pleasing themes, sprinkled with the refined staccato passages came through with clarity. There was intensity to the music that was intrinsic, rather than the kind of intensity one commonly associates with pounding.

The intrinsic intensity is too frequently overlooked in Beethoven's later music, which is sometimes given too "macho" an interpretation.

Fantasia was well performed but in spots was overdone.

The resemblances between this work and the choral movement of the Ninth Symphony are not coincidental, of course, even though this work may be less profound.

THIS PERFORMANCE emphasized its grand aspects with the more established future developments well in mind. The Detroit Symphony Chorus, with its director Eric Pressigman, was most effective and well focused for its brief but impressive role.

The Seventh Symphony shone in this performance. The restatements of the themes were thundering with all the original brightness undiminished. The effect was much like that of old silverware having been re-

stored to its original shine after removing the many layers of tarnish. The performance was a credit to all involved — to Beethoven's music as well as to the high standard of the DSO and its music director Herbig. The hall was packed for the Saturday night performance I attended, with just a few empty seats. While first programs of the season do have the tendency to attract larger audiences, it is hoped that this impressive opening program will set the tone for the rest of the season.

## Pianist giving recital

Avigdor Zaromp will give a piano recital at 9 p.m. Saturday at Temple Beth Jacob, 79 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac.

The public is invited, free of charge to hear the program of works by Bach, Chopin and Beethoven.

Zaromp studied music in Poland and Israel before coming to the United States where he is presently a student of Mischa Kottler. He has a Ph.D. in math and is music critic for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

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Ratner, former instructor in art history at Wayne State and University of Windsor, has done curatorial work at Detroit Institute of Art and written articles for art publications.

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