

## Guitarist/composer to perform Nov. 14

By Corinne Abelt  
staff writer

Marygrove College's Sacred Heart Chapel will be the setting for an unusual concert of recent compositions by Michael Bryce at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

Not only does he write works for small chamber ensemble, but he performs as well.

Bryce, who has a master's in classical guitar from Wayne State University, teaches guitar at Marygrove. A residency in composition at the Millay Colony in Austerlitz, N.Y., earlier this year gave him the opportunity to work with little interruption for a month.

Performing with Bryce for the Marygrove program will be Bryce's wife, Theresa Jenkins, clarinet, Mary Disler, guitar, Ellen Duncan, soprano, Carl Clendenning, baritone, and David Troiano, tenor.

Duncan and Troiano are Marygrove alumni and Clendenning is a student there.

Bryce said, "I like working in chamber music, two or three instruments, voice and guitar... a lot of guitarists think there isn't much of a (classical) repertoire for guitar, but there is."

He said one musician who researched the classical guitar repertoire found more than 10,000 pieces "waiting to be played."

Bryce said he likes to write music for poetry and on the Marygrove program are compositions he wrote for works by James Joyce, Edna St. Vincent Millay and black American poets.

"James Joyce's poems almost beg for music, they're so lyrical," he said.

Also on the program will be



Michael Bryce

works by Marella, Coste and L'Hoyer.

A recording that Bryce and four other musicians — Jenkins, Disler, Frances Brockington, soprano and Robert Lent, guitar — made at Orchestra Hall last December is due for release this month.

The album selections are "Searching for Lambs" for three guitars; "Inventions" for two guitars; "The Hill Wife" (five poems by Robert Frost) for soprano and guitar; "Ghost House" (Robert Frost) for soprano and guitar; "Aria," for clarinet and guitar; and Four French Folk Songs for soprano, clarinet and guitar.

Bryce, 34, has performed on Nightcap with Mozart in Bloomfield Hills and has played for services at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford for about 10 years.

Marygrove College is at 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. Concert tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students and seniors.

## Teachers honor violinist

Jerome Stasson of Southfield has been named teacher of the year by the Michigan Music Teachers Association. He is a violinist, teacher, orchestra conductor and music administrator.

The award was presented to him Oct. 20 during the association's state convention in Ann Arbor.

Stasson has been the group's state string chairman since 1974. He is a nationally certified instructor. His students have gone on to become concertmaster of the Baltimore and Minneapolis symphonies and members of the Detroit, St. Louis, Chattanooga and Toledo symphony orchestras.

He was named teacher of the year

in 1985 by the Detroit Musicians League. In 1982, the Detroit Common Council passed a testimonial resolution recognizing his contribution to the arts and the excellent performances of his students.

Stasson organized and conducted performances featuring the Detroit High School Honors Orchestra, the Congregation Shaarey Zedek Youth Symphony and the Detroit Public School Opera Orchestra.

In addition, his articles on music education have been published by national magazines and periodicals.

Together with his wife, Betty Quakley, a pianist, Stasson has appeared in chamber music programs through the United States and

Canada. He's also appeared in solo recitals.

Last year, Stasson lectured and organized a string program, "Teaching Ensemble to Young String Players and Pianists," for the Music Teachers national convention in Dearborn. He's judged competitions for the National Federation of Music Clubs, the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association and the Michigan Music Teachers Association.

Among the publications in which he's mentioned are the Dictionary of International Biographies, Men of Achievement and the Dictionary of Distinguished Americans.



Jerome Stasson

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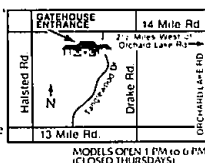
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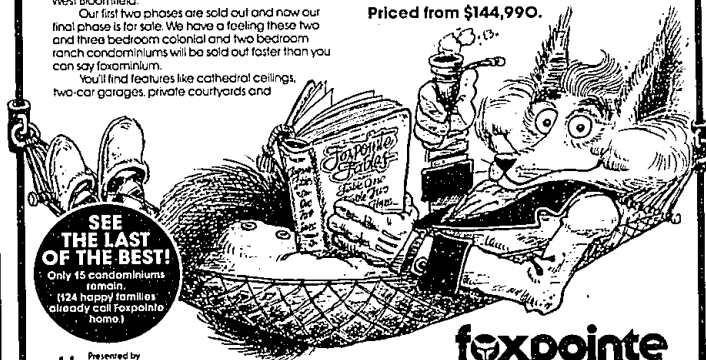
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