

# Classical guitar draws large crowd

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The classical guitar apparently is attractive to a significant audience. This happened a few weeks ago, when Andres Segovia, the guru of classical guitar, performed to a sell-out crowd at Orchestra Hall.

A program by another master of the guitar — Christopher Parkening — was the latest offering of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series.

Parkening is, of course, considerably younger than Segovia, who was one of his teachers. Thus, his legendary status is newer, but it is definitely growing. Both the main floor and the balcony were packed for this event, which was close to a sell-out. Classical guitar seems to attract a special kind of audience. It is different from the traditional classical music audience — possibly a broader segment, but nevertheless selective and discriminating.

AS EXPECTED, Spanish music played a major role in this program. Among these composers were some unknowns from the baroque and Elizabethan era, such as Santiago de Murcia and Gaspar Sanz. Others from these early periods were John Dowland from Ireland and Jean Baptiste Besuro de France. These lesser-known composers served as a vehicle to introduce the

sophisticated art of Parkening.

At least for me, Parkening's art was more convincing than these obscure pieces. The suite by Sanz has a familiar movement, which was used by the more contemporary Rodrigo in one of his works, a fact that in my opinion is a major drawback.

Fortunately, the greater portion of the program was dedicated to more substantial music by more established composers — Granados, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos, Debussy, Ravel and de Falla.

Parkening has an impressive ability to keep that melody and accompaniment in proper perspective. But even more significant is his ability to use a variety of tone colors that seem hardly possible for this instrument.

AMONG THE more familiar selections, I found his interpretation of Debussy's "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair" to be misdirected. While the harmonic were there, he took too much liberty with the rhythm. While some rubato is called for, the integ-

city of the basic rhythmic structure should still be present.

More impressive was Ravel's "Empress of the Pagoda" from "Mother Goose." However, the limited scope of the guitar didn't do justice to Ravel's colorful harmonies.

For the final selections Parkening was joined by his prominent student David Brandon. Together they performed selections from de Falla's "Three Corners Hat" and "La Vida Breve," an intermezzo from "Goyescas" by Granados and a dance by the contemporary Ernesto Halffter. Of these, I found the de Falla pieces to

be especially refreshing with their authentic flavor.

Parkening's ability is impressive, to be sure. But, inevitably after a while, the limitations of the instrument become noticeable, even in the hands of the best artist.

A greater portion of the program should have featured Parkening together with Brandon, a capable guitarist. At the risk of siphoning off some of Parkening's personal glory, it would have enhanced the musical content of the program, which should always be an overriding consideration.

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