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Stella's art on exhibit

"Herki" 1985-88 by Frank Stella is on display at Cantor/Lemberg Gallery, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham. It is an edition of 66 from "Moby Dick." The handcolored print, 74 by 53 inches, is actually a lithograph, silkscreen, linocut and collage, done in 27 separate steps.

Polish musicians perform with vigor

Poland is in the headlines again because of economic and political problems. These overshadow the cultural and artistic resources of the Polish people. But some Polish nationals brought a message of a different kind here last week.

Four Polish musicians and their teacher, Andrzej Dutkiewicz, pianist and composer, spent the summer at Interlochen, Michigan's prestigious music camp. Dutkiewicz has been there for the past 14 years. Other members of the group were his daughter, Alicja, cellist, Joanna Grucha and Sylwia Knopka, violinists and Thozasz Sulubowski, violist.

All of these young artists, who are 17-18 years old, displayed maturity and perception beyond their years. Their art was yet another evidence that true talent consists of inborn ingredients. While perseverance, sweat and toil are necessary to cultivate such talent, these are not sufficient in themselves.

THEIR PROGRAM, presented at the Wayne State Community Arts Auditorium, featured a variety of short pieces, including some works by Dutkiewicz. One of the high points of the program came when Knopka performed the technically challenging Capriccio No. 24 by Paganini. This is the work that inspired Rachmaninoff to write his own set of piano variations on the theme.

While Knopka had some technical difficulties with the more formidable variations, her general approach and composure were astounding. Alicja Dutkiewicz played the first movement of the Saint Saens Cello Concerto in A Minor with her father accompanying her at the piano. Since there are no pauses between the movements, the ending of the third was appended. I would have preferred to hear the entire work, however.

Another charming selection, a caprice by the contemporary Polish composer, Branczewski was performed by Knopka. Other short selections by Bach, Vivaldi, Kreisler, Krolow and Szymanowski were also on the program.

During the second half, the group played movements from a Haydn quartet and a Dvorak quartet (the "American"). These and other single movements constituted one of the shortcomings of this program — no major work was presented in its entirety. This created the feeling of too many desserts without a main course.

Dutkiewicz played some works by Chopin followed by his own compositions. His style seems to be heavily influenced by masters such as Bartok and Stravinsky. While his compositions may not be totally original, they do reflect extremely capable writing.



Avigdor Zaromp

It would be interesting to hear this group again in a few years. Their artistic skills are still in the process of rapid growth.

Program honors Caruso

The newly formed Friends of the Opera will present a Tribute to Caruso concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in the Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium, Michigan between Greenfield and Southfield, Dearborn.

The concert is a repeat performance of the group's June premier, brought back by popular demand.

The program includes selections by Verdi, Puccini, Bizet, Bellini and Beethoven. Some popular songs that Caruso loved to sing will be presented. That Thursday has been proclaimed "Caruso Day" in Dearborn.

The artists are Jan Rae, soprano.

Farmington Hills; Christina Lypocky, mezzo soprano, Warren; Quinto Milto, baritone, Dearborn; Kerstin Alvin, harpist, Bloomfield Hills; Peruz Zerounian, violinist, Royal Oak; and Bernie Katz, pianist, Detroit.

Friends of the Opera was founded by Enrica Piccirilli-DiVico in memory of her father who belonged to a similar group in Italy. It is a non-profit society to foster and spread the appreciation of opera, primarily through study groups and concerts.

There will be refreshments after the concert. Tickets, \$5, are available at the door. For information, call 582-8928.

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