

Jewelry as art

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(for one called "Lion-hearted") to \$750.

A MORE TRADITIONAL jewelry form coming back into favor this season is the hair ornament. Belchenko's special creation was combined with a special invention of Alexander Bongiorno's to make it a versatile piece of jewelry indeed.

A sweep of black onyx, it was defined with lines of 14-karat gold wire and sprinkled with eight diamonds like dewdrops. But the dewdrops were detachable, and unlike dewdrops, could be worn as earrings.

The earrings are a special Bongiorno creation. Copyrighted under the name "Optima," they're "a three-prong setting which conforms to the shape of the diamond," Belchenko said, "and sets flush against the ear, or just 'kind of kisses it' as Sandy (Kennedy, Bongiorno's secretary) says."

Of course, the earrings, a perennial favorite as a gift idea, were available separately as well.

BELCHENKO RECENTLY completed a commission piece

that's not for sale but will go to some lucky season ticket holder to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's concert.

In honor of its 75th anniversary, the DSO authorized the Diamond Information Center to commission a commemorative baton for the occasion. The only stipulation for design or composition was that it must incorporate diamonds.

Belchenko created a black walnut wand, embellished with white and yellow gold lines like a music staff encircling the upper part of the baton.

Three .05 bezel diamonds were staggered like notes across the gold staff.

Its value is intrinsic, Belchenko said, because he ended up putting in more time and work on it than the materials cost. But still, it's special.

"It was christened at the season opener," he said, "on 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"

The conductor, however, switched back to his white baton afterward because it's easier for the musicians to see.

The baton, which Belchenko called a "presentation piece" because its only function is for display, will be raffled off at the DSO's Nov. 9 concert.

BBSO has dazzling debut

By Mary Jane Doerr
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The Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra has struck upon the musical chord its audience wants to hear.

Friday evening, Roma's of Bloomfield was filled to capacity to hear the orchestra's "Pop" season opener. Nearly 700 people socialized around tables with drinks and popcorn during intermissions while the orchestra played its "Stage & Screen" concert of light classics and musical theater.

A sparkling Marci Shulman and three other BBSO singers were the evening's specialty, but the immediately impressive, clear sound of the orchestra in this hall in the opening "William Tell Overture" was stunning. Conductor Felix Resnick lead a deliberate interpretation with each section of the orchestra clearly visible in the different melodies.

Everyone is attracted to this "Lone Ranger" theme, made famous by Detroit Concert Band Conductor Leonard Smith in the 1950s. But the piece has been popular for the last 150 years.

Contrasting with today's popular Michael Jackson-style acoustics, the soft, non-reverberating sound pro-



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duced by the BBSO in Roma's could not help but make the overture appealing. It is not known if the orchestra members are able to hear each other in this hall. If they can, the result can only be to enhance the BBSO's usually strong performance.

Rodgers' "Victory at Sea" had some shaky moments but was still involving. The carefully regulated shading of Raymond Higg's percussion work brought an effective climax to Ravel's "Bolero."

CANTORIAL SOLOIST Shulman is an absolute delight. She has coloratura technique to spare, but in the middle voice, where her selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" and "Caret" lay, she has expression, something not common in a lyric soprano voice.

Seemingly in anticipation of Michigan Opera Theatre's scheduled performance of "Les Miserables" at the Fisher Theatre, mezzo-soprano Pau-

la Joyner-Clinard sang the heart-wrenchingly beautiful "I Dreamed a Dream." If only principal oboe Eileen Burke and the orchestra could have joined pianist Cliff Wilkins in the ensemble.

Filling out the quartet with Shulman and Joyner-Clinard was tenor Ray Roberts and Felix Resnick's brother cantor, Sidney Resnick, for the delightful "Little People" and the show's rousing finale "Do You Hear the People Sing?"

BBSO president Barbara Dille-Zohl and a hard-working board of directors is responsible for the marketing ideas that are making this orchestra different from the other community orchestras. Already executive vice president Kenneth Eaton has plans for next season's additional chamber orchestra series.

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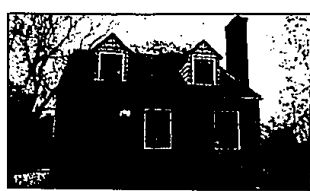
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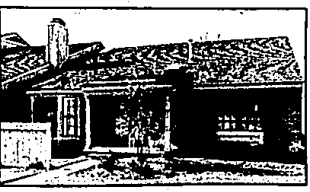
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