

# Music helped warm a cold room

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special writer

A musical series which comes complete with the illusion of the tropics and balmy weather, even during Michigan's unpredictable winter is held at the Prudential Town Center in Southfield. This complex has a unique indoor garden area with lush vegetation and water fountains.

This is the site for the "Concerts in the Garden" series, with its cozy and informal atmosphere. Listeners are seated at tables, where coffee and/or light brunch is served.

The program Sunday morning was presented by the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, who are also Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians. The program provided some attractive food for thought in spite of some late changes in both performers and sections.

The participants — violinist Stacy Woolley, violinist James Van Valkenberg, cellist Haden McKay and oboist Donald Baker — are all top caliber musicians. They turned informal entertainment into sophisticated art, in spite of some distractions. Some of them — the gardens and the tables with the food — were quite welcome. Some of the others we could do without.

AMONG THE latter was the fact that the insulation from the severe chill outside was only partial. This was at least partially overcome with coats and sweaters and — most importantly — the warmth of the music.

The selections, a duo by Mozart, a trio by Schubert and a quartet for oboe and strings by Mozart, provided the necessary gradually warming trend.

Another distraction that was totally avoidable, however, was the sound of the gushing water fountain in the background. Those in charge of the event had no access to the controls to shut it off, but proper coordination with the appropriate people in charge of the building could have alleviated the problem. Even the "Winter Music" by Handel would have sounded out of place.

Among the several performances of Mozart's Duo for Violin and Viola that I have heard, most were rather dull and uninspired. This was one of the few exceptions, in which this minimal combination sounded full bodied and in tune.

Schubert's Trio for Violin, Viola and Cello in B Flat Major is seldom heard and sounds like an early work. While it is less profound than some



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of his more established chamber works, this performance brought out some of its unpretentious charm.

Mozart's Oboe Quartet, the most established and elaborate work on the program, provided ample opportunities for Baker to showcase his skill in some acrobatic passages, which he did impressively in spite of the adverse effect of the cold on his instrument.

Next program in this series, on Jan. 22, will feature the Lafayette String Quartet. This should give those in charge enough time to turn up the heat.

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble, under director and pianist Fedora Horowitz, will be presenting a Piano Festival at Orchestra Hall during three consecutive Sundays, starting Jan. 29.

## Artist exhibits in Adrian

Michelle Stack, a native of Birmingham, currently living in Ann Arbor, is exhibiting two and three dimensional handmade paper works at the Crowell Opera House Gallery of Adrian through January.

She studied at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Siena Heights College last year. She spent one semester in Florence, Italy where she studied Italian art.

She has exhibited at Talk of the Town Gallery, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and University of Michigan where she is currently doing independent study along with working on her portfolio.

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Those represented include: Joe Zajac, clay; Richard Bilalitis, Olga Constantinou, Robert Martin, design; John Hegarty, James Nawara, Patricia Quinlan, Mel Rosas, drawing; Urban Jupena, fiber; Peter Cilleran, graphic design; John Mills, industrial design; and Jeanne Galloway-Stiller, interiors.

Others in the exhibit are: Phillip Fike, metals; Thomas Parish, Robert Wilbert, Peter Williams, painting; James Raymo, Marilyn Zimmer-

man, photography; Pamela DeLaura, Stanley Rosenthal, printmaking; and Tom Paul Fitzgerald, sculpture.

Alumni who contributed to the event include: Suzanne Hilberry, catalog forward; Richard Bielaczyc, photographs of the artists and their work; and Christopher Elliott, announcement and catalog design.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Northern Illinois school of art, was funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For information, call the WSU art department, 577-2980.

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