

Flutist qualifies as troubador

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Wherever Ginka Gerova-Ortega of Bloomfield Hills goes, classical music activity follows. She's a troubador in the best sense of the word. Not only is she a flutist who performs in concert halls in many parts of the world and a catalyst for building and fostering interest in live, classical music presentations, she is the founder and heart of the Michigan Duo.

Gerova-Ortega has several noteworthy events in her immediate future. She and Carlos Barbosa-Lima,

guitar, will be the performers at the Cayman International Music Festival on Friday, Jan. 26, at the Beach Club Colony Hotel, Grand Cayman. BWI and she will be the guest performer that same weekend for a gala for international dignitaries at the Governor's Mansion there.

She is also involved in the formation of Musica Viva, which is sponsoring a new concert series in the metropolitan area. It is being put together through the auspices of Michigan Duo Society for the Arts, Detroit Institute of Arts, the Hispanic Economic Club and Friends of Musica Viva.

Gerova-Ortega said. "We will be highlighting and presenting much celebrated international and Michigan artists . . . It will be a multimedia series of classics, jazz, dance and theater."

The first program on Friday, March 2, at Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills will include a premiere of the stage version of Gypsy Ballads by Garcia Logo for narrator, flamenco dancer and guitar and the Michigan premiere of Mountain Songs, based on Indian and Appalachian folklore by American composer, Beaser. This

latter will feature Gerova-Ortega, flute, and Aldo LaGrutta, award winning guitarist from Venezuela.

Other programs in the series are: Thursday, April 12 — Luiz DeMoura-Castro, Brazilian pianist; Friday, May 11, Keiko and Friends, jazz pianist from Japan; and Saturday, June 2 — "A.O. Sings," with internationally acclaimed singer, Anita Ortiz.

Gerova-Ortega did a concert tour of Mexico last summer, has been invited to return in a more expanded capacity next year and has other international activities on the horizon.

Harpist to perform on chamber series

Detroit Symphony Orchestra resident conductor Stephen Stein will lead the DSO in Chamber Series concerts at 8 p.m. Friday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Orchestra Hall.

The featured soloist, DSO harpist Patricia Masri-Fletcher, will play Ravel's Introduction and Allegro

with the orchestra. The program will include Gounod's Petite Symphonie for Winds, Richard Strauss' "Metamorphosen" and Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

In addition to his regular duties as DSO's resident conductor, Stein is music director of the Anchorage

Symphony Orchestra. Among the orchestras he has guest conducted are the National Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic and Indianapolis Symphony.

Stein was a finalist in the prestigious Leopold Stokowski Conducting Competition, and has worked with such renowned conductors as Leonard Bernstein and Seiji Ozawa at the Tanglewood Music Festival.

He is active as an opera conductor, and his cinematic adaptation of Mozart's "The Impresario" won an Academy Award for Best Dramatic Achievement in Film.

A GRADUATE of the Juilliard School of Music, Masri-Fletcher was appointed principal harp of the DSO in 1988. She has performed as principal harp of the National Grand Opera in New York and the Monterey and Santa Cruz County symphonies.

Other appearances include those with the New York City Opera, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, San Jose Ballet Orchestra and Carmel Bach Festival Orchestra.

She has served as lecturer and guest performer at American Harp Society conferences.

For tickets, call 833-3700.

Country music

Sawyer Brown with the Charlie Daniels Band and Exile perform at the Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, to kick off the 1990 Country Music Series presented by Budweiser. Included in the series are Roy Clark, Mel Tillis and Ray Stevens on Feb. 14; Statler Brothers, Conway Twitty and George Jones on March 16, and Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle and Gary Morris on April 17. Individual tickets and series tickets packages are on sale at the Palace box office. For more information call the Palace at 377-8600.

James Tatum

Jazz pianist James Tatum performs at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Main Library in Detroit. His solo appearance is presented as the library's 46th annual Hackley Concert. Tatum lectures and concertizes nationally, and locally has been a regular attraction at the Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival since its start. The concert is free.

City of Southfield Tours' 4th annual passport workshop is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building.

Anyone planning to travel abroad or even visit Canada for a day should carry a valid passport. For all who wish to renew a passport or obtain a new one, the workshop is open.

Applicants need proof of citizenship, a certified copy of their birth certificate, two passport photos, a driver's license or other picture identification and cash, check, or money order for \$12. Those under 18 need \$27. Passports are issued for 10 years.

For passport renewal, a recent passport, two recent identical photos

and \$35 are required.

N. R. Lovell, Southfield postmaster, has arranged to have a passport clerk on hand to help fill out passport papers, administer oath, and accept applications, which should take about 20 minutes to complete. Upon completion the passport will be mailed to applicant.

Mail Boxes Etc. USA, will be on hand to take two colored passport pictures for \$5 and Jean Lemmon services available at Interfaith, a service at Beaumont Hospital which specializes in comprehensive health care for international travel.

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