

Rosenfeld presents outstanding program

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special writer

The Center for Creative Studies-Institute for Music and Dance is among the most prominent cultural centers in Detroit.

One had the opportunity March 23 to observe the high artistic standard of a leading person of this institution.

Steven Rosenfeld, head of the piano department at the Center, is a young, energetic person. Being in

charge of numerous teachers who are, in turn, teaching hundreds of students, his administrative task is demanding. This doesn't prevent him from being a top-notch pianist.

IN HIS recital, under the Faculty Artists Series, Rosenfeld presented an ambitious program of works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bartok, Debussy and Schumann.

Boughton Hall was packed for this event and, judging by the high level of this performance, Rosenfeld could

fill a much larger hall.

I heard Rosenfeld some two years ago at the same place, when he just started in his new position. I felt then that he was rather good and competent. His impressive strides since then put him in a substantially higher class.

THE EARLY Beethoven Sonata Op. 10 No. 2 in F major is among the composer's shorter sonatas and is mostly out of the limelight. It is rarely so brightly illuminated as in

this performance, especially in the agile Presto movement. Among the few drawbacks was some occasional roughness in the left hand.

In three "Songs Without Words" by Mendelssohn, Rosenfeld was able to show pianistic poetry and, in the final "Spinning Song," clean and exact romping phrases. These aspects came out even more impressively in the Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, also by Mendelssohn.

The high quality persisted into 20th century music, with the most

prominent item being a Bartok sonata, composed in 1926.

THIS WORK, which treats the piano as a percussive instrument, is challenging in its syncopated first movement and the multiple tonalities of its final one. In this performance it emerged as appetizing in its spiciness.

Two preludes by Debussy from Volume 2 were presented with clarity, with no excessive pedaling - which is invariably used by less se-

curer artists. Schumann's challenging Symphonic Etudes concluded this attractive program. This performance was successful not only in overcoming the substantial technical challenges of these Etudes, but it also presented each variation with its distinct character and personality.

Two encore pieces - a Scarlatti sonata and a Moszkowski etude - brought this rewarding event to a conclusion, culminating with intense applause and a standing ovation.

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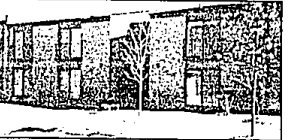
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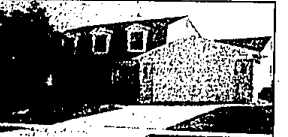
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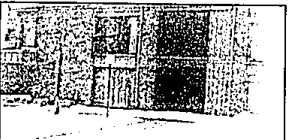
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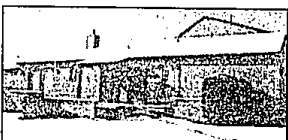
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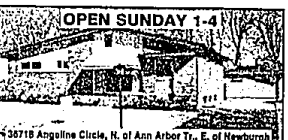
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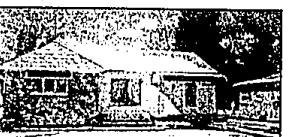
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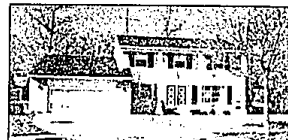


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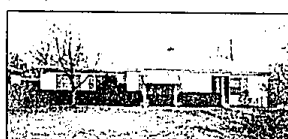


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