

Noted pianist joins music community

By SHELLEY EICHENHORN

Music is a universal language to accomplished concert pianist, Fedora Horowitz.

The international performer, lecturer and teacher is devoted to music because, "It is so much a part of life," she said.

Mrs. Horowitz, now a resident of Southfield, has received enthusiastic praise locally from Karl Haas and Micha Michakoff. Her repertoire ranges from Beethoven and Brahms to Debussy and Bartok.

Born in Romania, Mrs. Horowitz began studying piano at a young age. When she was 12, the pianist performed with the Romanian Broadcasting Orchestra. She studied with Romania's best teachers and graduated with honors from the State Conservatory of Bucharest.

At the age of 22, Mrs. Horowitz and her husband Abraham moved to Israel. For nine years, she was a piano instructor at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem.

MRS. HOROWITZ also played with the Israeli Broadcasting Orchestra for seven years. She received excellent reviews in the Israeli press.

Of one performance, the Information of Israel wrote, "Fedora Horowitz' interpretation of Schumann and Debussy showed absolute mastery and a rich scale of nuances."

Four years ago, the Horowitzes left Israel with their young daughter for the United States. They moved to



FEDORA HOROWITZ

Chapel Hill, N.C. so her husband could further his engineering studies.

"Chapel Hill is very much like Ann Arbor," Mrs. Horowitz said. "The people are culturally involved, warm and ready to receive you."

At the University of North Carolina there, she received her masters degree in music majoring in piano. Mrs. Horowitz has performed in various cities and universities in North and South Carolina including Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington. She has also performed at the American University in Washington D.C.

One of her most notable appearances in the United States was last May at the Lincoln Center in New York.

For her performance of Debussy-12 and Beethoven-Sonata op. 111, she received high praise from the New York Times. "The pianist...may legitimately be welcomed as another Horowitz. She can carry her famous name without apology...Honest and sensible performance...A substantial musician...capable fingers...solid schooling..."

THE HOROWITZES moved to Southfield 10 months ago when he accepted a job with the General Motors Technical Center in Warren.

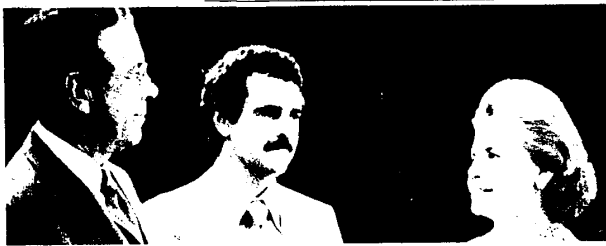
"I would like to perform and teach here," said Mrs. Horowitz. "Teaching is a give-and-take thing. It is an art because one is instructing yet learning something very beautiful from the pupil."

In the Detroit area, Mrs. Horowitz has already performed and lectured for the Music Study Club last February. In March she gave recitals at Fairlane on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus and at Eastern Michigan University.

Her most notable performance was at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Masonic Temple.

The pianist plans another concert at Fairlane Oct. 7.

Oct. 14, she will perform for the Baldwin National Convention of Music Teachers. The concert will take place at the Troy Hilton and is free to the public. Mrs. Horowitz will be the soloist for the first evening of the three-day convention.



Lynn Townsend (from left), Michigan Opera Theatre business manager Robert Heurer and Mrs. Townsend

Volunteers continue parties

Members of the volunteer association for the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts have turned ticket selling into a series of parties.

In an effort to attract patrons to the Music Hall Center, the volunteers have tossed cocktail parties, wine and cheese tastings, luncheons, brunches and coffees.

Around private pool decks and in homes, party-goers relax while becoming familiar with the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Music Hall Center and its volunteer association.

They started early in June and we've had them all summer," said Mrs. Neil Snow, a board member of Michigan Opera Theatre and Music Hall. "We've had 20 so far."

The parties span the metropolitan area. They have been initiated under the direction of Mrs. Donald Young of Bloomfield Hills, head of the volunteer association.

LAST WEEK, Mrs. Harry Nederlander of Bloomfield Hills opened her home to nearly 100 guests for a poolside cocktail party.

Mrs. Young and Dr. David Dichiera of Bloomfield Hills, Music Hall director, gave a presentation to acquaint guests with the Music Hall Center and its series.

Among those attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewar, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vanderkloot, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bagley, Mr. and Mrs. John St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Restruck, Judge and Mrs. Gus Cifelli, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and New York designer Alfred Bosand.

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Group marks 25 years of aid to the retarded

The Oakdale Association for Retarded Citizens will celebrate its 25th anniversary at Oakdale Center in Lapeer.

Association members are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The Oakdale Association, formerly the Lapeer Parents Association, was the first organization of its kind in Michigan.

During the 25 years since the organization's inception, treatment of the mentally retarded has been greatly improved.

ALTHOUGH there is much work yet to be done, the situation today has changed considerably.

The quality of life for the retarded is now directed toward "normalization," de-institutionalization, and toward community placement and involvement.

It has been parent groups like the Oakdale Association which have made the difference.

The association's participation in state and national efforts for legislation and research has been substantial.

Twenty-five percent of the residents of Oakdale have been forgotten, deserted by their families.

Tots' storyhours begin Sept. 17

As the school year begins again, those Farmington area four and five-year-olds (not enrolled in school) and who are able to sit quietly throughout a half-hour program may enroll in story hour at the Farmington Public Library.

Nursery to open for children, 3, 4

Nardin Park Community Nursery School will begin its fourth year at Nardin Park Methodist Church on Monday, Sept. 9. The school offers classes for three- and four-year-old children on weekday mornings and afternoons.

They depend on the association to subsidize the cost of their recreation, holiday celebrations, birthday gifts and to provide a link of support from the outside community.

Storyhour will be held on Tuesday from 10:30-11 a.m. for six weeks and will begin Sept. 17.

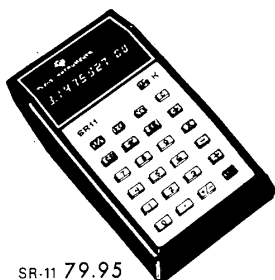
To register come in person or call 477-1313 beginning Monday. Enrollment is limited to 30.

This will be the first year that a class has been offered for three-year-olds. This class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:45-11:45 a.m. There are still openings for this class. Those interested may call 476-8860.

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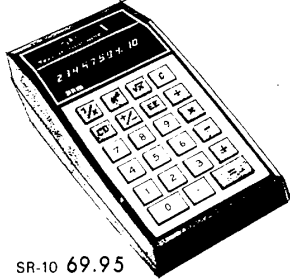
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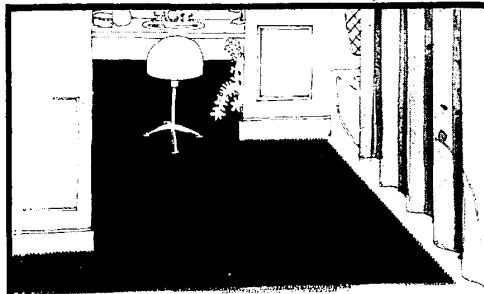
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