

# Familiar Handel suite well performed

By PATRICIA BEACH SMITH

It was such a treat to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra play something other than Romantic repertoire Saturday. Properly delicate and straightforward was the orchestra's playing of Handel's familiar suite from the "Water Music" at Meadow Brook.

In his conducting, but he exhibits a decorum which is well received and appreciated. When pianist Jose Turbi played, there was an exciting tension created. Turbi is somewhat of a legend, and Alcantara treated him with the accord due such a figure. The politeness—humility on both their parts—was charming.

ITURBI'S PLAYING was exciting, if not totally accurate. His fire and dexterity are still with him, even if his hair isn't. He played Cesar Franck's Variations symphoniques for

Piano and Orchestra, as well as the Debussy Fantaisie for Piano and Orchestra.

Both were beautifully played, and the soloist could be heard all the time, as the orchestra was under control. The varied moods of the Debussy and the difficulty of the Franck work made this portion of the program entirely enjoyable.

The soloist played a Chopin encore. After Turbi's debut, the orchestra got another chance to shine by playing the Hindemith Symphonic Metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber. Accepting the challenge, the orchestra played the work interestingly and to the full measure of its ability. Flutist Ervin Monroe was especially noted

by the conductor for his excellent solo work in the third movement. ALTOGETHER, the program was an energetic one during which everyone played with responsiveness and concern. Credit for some of this must go to conductor Alcantara, who is businesslike and attentive without unnecessary overtures to his ability to dance. For dance maniacs this week's

Meadow Brook programs should please. Four concerts by the Pennsylvania Ballet will be presented Thursday (July 24), Friday at 11:30 a.m. and again in the evening and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Among troupe members is Bloomfield Hills' Joanne Danto who will dance in Concerto Barocco Thursday and Friday.



In the Failure Face number (from left) Valerie Burke, Lisa Versace and Bruce Burke will be performing. (Staff photo by Barbara McClellan)

## Students offer play

A presentation Tuesday and Wednesday of the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," will climax the season's efforts of the students in a summer stock course at Lahser High School in the Bloomfield Hills School District.

University, as choreographer, and Gaudi Versace, who will be a Lahser senior, as assistant director. Two casts are rehearsing simultaneously and each will perform for the public.

The play will be presented outdoors in the Lahser courtyard and will begin each evening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on the site just prior to performance time. "Charlie Brown," with the entire "Peanuts" gang acted by children, is under the direction of Frances Barnes. English and social studies teacher at Lahser, and she is being assisted by Jacqueline Shuler, Lahser vocal music instructor, as music director. Sue D'Amico, a Lahser graduate now a sophomore at Michigan State

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