

Opera lover prefers hers straight

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but Wotan, king of the gods. Punishing her with a fair to be envied by more than one human father, he sets her on a rock, imprisoned in a ring of fire. Wagner's Fire Music rattles our roof.

I am questioned, over the din, "How do you know what they're saying?"

(This makes sense: I speak no Italian, no German, and French

pathetically.) Well, for all I care, they could be saying, "pass the potatoes."

As a matter of fact, I make it a happy business, as the drama unfolds, to follow a copy of the libretto. In so doing, I have scratched up enough vocabulary to shiver through "Pelléas et Mélisande" (the suspenseful fantasy of young love, by Claude Debussy), "La Bohème" (Puccini's drama of the

doomed Mimi in Paris), or "Turandot" (the Chinese fairy tale about a passionate princess who hates men).

I FOLLOW TO the least wriggle the gyrations of Salome in Richard Strauss' revival in German of the Jewish princess, also passionate, but scarcely a man-hater.

Listening to opera on recordings, though exhilarating, pales before the thrill of seeing and hearing "live" productions. The level of acting in modern music theater has reached the point where Grace Melina Bumbry, cavoring as Carmen and Salome, brings these ladies into sharp focus, even without opera glasses.

JOAN SUTHERLAND and Luciano Pavarotti ("king of the high C's") — opera nobility, to be sure — are doing — with peasantlike abandon in Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment."

Martti Talvela (bass is beautiful, Monseratt Caballe (the silken soprano) and Shirley Verrett (pure velvet) elevate the soul, enrich the mind and entrance the ear. No wonder I have little energy left to explore what is called "popular" music.

not yet mass entertainment, is bounding along. Here come the pranksters, peasants, spies, madmen, sprites, seducers, warriors, gods, rakes and fakes, queens, fools and lovers. "Opera News," the magazine published by the Metropolitan Opera Guild, reports that in 1975-76, 913 professional, amateur and educational opera companies — an increase of 106 over 1974-75 — staged a total of 7,109 performances. Basily, they spent \$96.5 million.

In Detroit, through the efforts of DAVID DICHERA of Oakland University and others of like persuasion, the Michigan Opera Theatre stages productions each season in Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. This theater has set an example of opera which is sung in English for cities all over the United States.

THE PICCILO Opera Company, founded by Nathan and Marjorie Gordon nearly a quarter of a century ago and based in Detroit, functions as a caravan of singers and is known for its versatile programming.

Each year our colleges and universities present fine student productions. And every spring the Metropolitan Opera (long may it endure) arrives from New York for a full week's revels.

REGIONAL OPERA in our area has lately been blessed by a new company. The Opera Organization, an outgrowth of the Richard Conrad Singers, plans a 1977-summer season in Avondale auditorium in Auburn Heights. As an ensemble of gifted Michigan soloists, the new company will allow us a healthy outlet for chauvinism.

NOTICE

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

The deadline for application to the Farmington Hills Board of Review to reserve time for hearing of assessment has been extended by the Council through the close of business hours Monday, March 21st and the time for hearings has been extended to March 31, 1977.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS
City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Farmington Hills City Council will meet at 9:30 P.M. Monday, March 21, 1977 in the Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan to hear all interested persons regarding the Federal Community Development Grant Fund Application for the fiscal year 1977-1979. The hearing will cover a proposed list of projects that are planned to eliminate or prevent blight and deterioration of the City's housing stock. All interested persons will be given a chance to express their views regarding this problem at the above time and place. More information regarding the Public Hearing may be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at 474-6115.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE \$45,000

City of Farmington
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
1977 Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Bonds

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the City Hall located at 2500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan 48324, on Monday, the 4th day of April 1977, until 8:00 o'clock p.m. Standard Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read.

BOND DETAILS: Said bonds will be coupon bonds, of the denomination of \$5,000 each, dated February 1, 1977, numbered in direct order of maturity from 1 upwards and will bear interest from their date payable on October 1, and semi-annually thereafter.

Said bonds will mature without option of prior redemption, on the 1st day of December of each year in amounts, as follows:

Amount	Years
\$5,000	1980 to 1985, inclusive.
\$15,000	1986

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 7-1/2% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8% or 1/16% of 1%, or the interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only, all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate and each coupon period shall be represented by one interest coupon. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the bonds shall not exceed 2 percent per annum. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 100% of their par value will be considered.

PAYING AGENT: Both principal and interest shall be payable at a bank or trust company located in Michigan qualified to act as paying agent under State or United States law, to be designated by the original purchaser of the bonds, who may also designate a co-paying agent, which may be located outside of Michigan, qualified to act as paying agent under the law of the State in which located or of the United States, both of which shall be subject to approval of the undersigned. PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The bonds are to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Act 175, Public Acts of Michigan, 1952, as amended, for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of constructing street improvements in the City of Farmington, and are issued in anticipation of Motor Vehicle Highway Fund payments from the State of Michigan to be received by the City. The bonds will pledge the full faith and credit of the City of Farmington as additional security for payment of the principal and interest thereon.

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$500, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City must accompany each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid be accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith checks and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned to each bidder's representative or by registered mail.

AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost computed by determining, at the rate or rates specified in the bid, the total dollar value of all interest on the bonds from May 1, 1977 to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, a copy of which opinion will be printed on the reverse side of each bond, and the original of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof.

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The City will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser at a place to be agreed upon. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, on the 4th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 4th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw his proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the City shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Accepted interest to the date of delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. ENVELOPES containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Bonds."

NEDRA VIANE, CITY CLERK

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Six hit all-A mark

Six Farmington students were among 370 students at Michigan State University to achieve a 4.0 or all-A grade point average during the fall term.

The students are: Marce Gaiser, 2885 Buckledge Drive, a senior majoring in audiology and speech science; Keith Grenda, 32321 Rocky Crest, a junior majoring in civil engineering; Sharon Maykovich, 32217 Heartstone, a junior majoring in human ecology; Steven Moravec, 25346 Elizabeth, a sophomore majoring in pre-veterinary studies; Mark Scott, 31999 Kingswood, a sophomore; and Julie A. Webber, 28231 Peppermill, a junior majoring in human ecology.

Mercy student wins award

Diane K. Harte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harte, 24160 Twin Valley Court in Farmington, has won a \$1,000 student life scholarship to attend Oakland University.

Miss Harte, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, is a member of the basketball, volleyball, softball and student activities organizations at Mercy.

Student life scholarships are based on academic achievement and on contributions to school and community. The scholarship is renewable each year for four years.

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