# **Mercy Concert**

### A musical tree trimming with Dickens setting

Students at Mercy High School stage their traditional musical celebration of Christmas at 3 p.m. Sunday in the school on the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

Larry Teevens, music director at the school, describes this year's concert as "a musical tree trimming with a Dick-

"a musical tree trimming with a Dickens setting."
Well-remembered carols and an orchestral rendition from L'arlestenne by
Bizet will be highlighted with "Benjamin Britten, A Ceremony of Carols,"
conducted by harpist Christa Griz,
"These carols, set to poems by
Southwell Corniba, the Wedderburns
and some authors unknown are gloriously medieval in spirt," Teevens said.
"And the harp accompaniment greatly
enhances their beauty."
When Teevens steps back during the
second part of the program, Griz will
step forward to lead what she describes
as "glorious pieces of music especially
written for harp and women's choir."

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GRIX SAID she really never left
Mercy High School after her graduation in 1974.

"I think I've been invited back for
every Caristmas concert since," the
Farmington Hills resident and professlonal harpist said.

The concert season this year is that she
will be playing the harp while conducting the choir.

"I've played that music many
times," she said of the Ceremony of
Carols, "but I've never known anyone
to play and conduct at the same time
before."

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in Indians and graduated from Michigan State University with two degrees. She took ooe in applied masic for harp and piano; the other in music therapy. She earned her master's degree in harp and piano at Boston University.

Grix said she believes she's played the harp in just about every botel in the city at one time or another, and she has played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

On her return from Boston last year she became a professional freelance harpits and began teaching both harp and plano to private students at Mercy. In addition to leading the Ceremony of Carols, she will perform solo during the concern.

of Carols are win parties.

FARMINGTON and Farmington Hills students who are participating in the Caristmas sowers are Anila Angelas, Sannois Beber, Elizabeth Benington, Michelle Brown.

Other local students on stage that afternoon will be Lisa Dary, Millisa De-Lonia, Juliet Bering, Tricia Fortinxit, Pamals Ha, Kathy Herman, Jennifer Jones, Dana Jones and Carolyn Kitt.

More singers from the area participating are Linda Kurzeja, Katherine Leelle, Lynn Leelle, Leena Mangrulkar, Kathy McDevitt, Jennifer Metz, Megan Peheny and Sharon Rytell.

Also included are Julie Rahaim, Carolyn Ross, Alicia Scarchilli, Cherrie Valillancourt and Elleen Wildern.

General admission tickels are \$2, purchased in advance in the school or at the door. The addlence is siviled to a reception in the school lobby immediately following the concert.



Christa Grix, a Farmington Hills harpist, has been invited back to Mercy College for its Christmas concert every year since her graduation there in 1974. This year she returns to solo and to conduct Benjamin Britten, a Ceremony of Carols.

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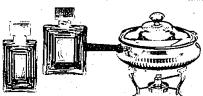
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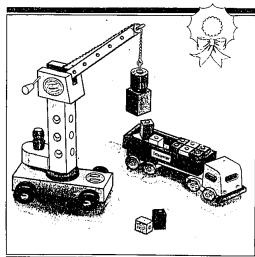
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