

Young Artist winners to star in Oakway concert

The University of Michigan graduate viola student who was named first-place winner in Oakway Symphony's Young Artist Competition moved one judge to say, "You don't tackle Bartok unless you can play it like this."

She is Cynthia Phelps, recipient of the \$1,000 prize money funded by the Michigan Foundation for the Arts.

She, along with other winners, will appear as soloists with Oakway Symphony at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, in Harrison High School.

Phelps will appear with second-prize winner, Jay Paul Bertollet, a tuba student, who was awarded \$750 in prize money, and Kelly Leon, who also won \$750 for third prize. Leon is a violinist.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS resident Andrea East performed on the flute to win the fourth place award of \$500.

The special Nelda C. DiBlasi Memorial Award went to violinist Tony Cross of Grosse Pointe.

Awards will be presented to the young artists by a representative of Michigan Foundation for the Arts when they appear in concert in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$5, or \$3 for seniors and students, and may be purchased in Harmon Music in Livonia; Madonna College, Executive Office Supplies in Farmington, or at the door the afternoon of the concert.

The concert will be under the direction of Francesco DiBlasi, conductor and musical director of Oakway Symphony Orchestra.

The five musicians earned their awards from a field of 35 contestants who auditioned at Madonna College last month.

Judges of the competition were

Lnette Popoff, instructor in piano and theory at Madonna; Bradley Bloom, acting assistant dean of fine arts at Schoolcraft College and conductor of the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers; and Robert W. Jones, faculty member and composer in residence at Schoolcraft.

Chairmen for the competition were Oakway Symphony Board of Directors members Nancy Richard and John Massenburg.

Avoid stalls, maintain car

During an interview with Sen. Claude Pepper, Time Magazine's Washington correspondent, Hayes Gorey was a passenger in the senator's car. The engine was sputtering, said Gorey, and finally stalled as they arrived at a main thoroughfare. Gorey jumped out to push, suggesting that Sen. Pepper remain at the wheel and guide the car to the curb.

But the indomitable 82-year-old senator hopped out, too, pushing and steering at the same time. He later explained he thought Gorey needed help.

Pushing a car can be risky business for someone who has a heart problem as does Sen. Pepper (he has a pacemaker). It's dangerous, too, being stalled on a main thoroughfare.

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The students, who study with "Arab Minors, have named the evening "A Taste of Cuisine Americana."

Tickets are \$11.95. Reservation deadline is Tuesday.

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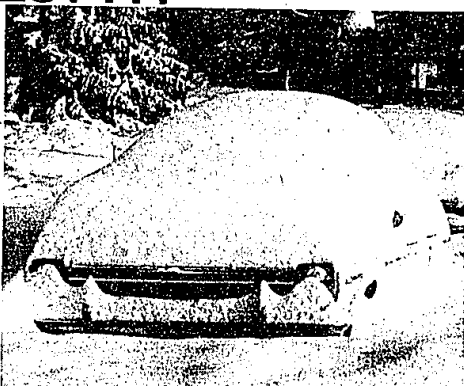
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