

Tuesday Musicale centennial observed

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, celebrating its centennial year, will present a concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" 10:30 a.m. March 26, in the Lecture Hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Music lovers throughout the Detroit area are invited to attend the free concert, says president Mary Fardee of Troy.

Martha Welton of Birmingham will furnish the narration. Singers, who will appear in costume, include Tuesday Musicale members Anna Speck of Troy as Yum-Yum; Jean Ground of Grosse Pointe Park as Peep-Bo; Johanna Gilbert of Grosse Pointe as Pitti-Sing; and Flora Skitch of Grosse Pointe Park as Katisha. Accompanying the singers is Fran Wilson of St. Clair Shores.

GUEST PERFORMERS will be David Reynolds of Canton as Nanki-Poo; George Bloomfield of Southfield as Ko-Ko; and Matthew Ekola of Dearborn as Pooch-Bah. The program has been planned by Martha Welton.

Tuesday Musicale centennial events this month include the third annual Gladys Simon Piano Master Class conducted by Menahem Pressler, internationally acclaimed concert pianist and distinguished professor of music at Indiana University. Although participation is limited to Tuesday Musicale performing pianists, members and guests are invited to attend as observers from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Broughton Hall in the

Detroit Community Music School. For information, call 625-9151.

Through the month a display of Tuesday Musicale historical memorabilia is being displayed at the Main Library on Woodward in Detroit. The display features scrapbooks containing newspaper articles about the organization; photographs of featured artists such as Paderewski, Fritz Kreisler, Osip Gabrilowitch, Claudio Arrau, and others. Also, Federation of Music Clubs awards, and a proclamation by Mayor Young declaring Jan. 24, 1985, as Tuesday Musicale Day in Detroit.

The celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Tuesday Musicale began with a Founders' Day program in January, where performers appeared in authentic 1860s costumes and performed music typical of that era.

RECITALS in February began with the "Parade of American Music" featuring women composers. Included on the program were compositions by Tuesday Musicale members Elaine Lebebon of Birmingham, Charlene Slabben of Farmington Hills, Lebebon's "Sonnet for a Solitary Oboe" and "Suite for Piano" were performed. Members also heard the premiere performance of Schwartz's "Autumn," a composition for piano, and Slabben's "A House Outside the City," 3000 A.D., a dramatic song cycle which relates a family's reaction to a nuclear holocaust in which

they are the only survivors.

At a new members program in February, Michelle Rollinger, an oboist from Roseville, and Lynn Weyersberg of Troy, a pianist, made their debuts as performing members of the Tuesday Musicale.

Preceding the performance, a tribute was paid to Martha Pratt of Birmingham, Rebecca Frohman of Royal

Oak; Marjorie Jewell of Grosse Pointe Park; Helen Larson of Detroit; and Florence Zanolli of Redford, longest term members.

New members who made their first appearance at a March 5 recital were cellist Nandine Deleury of Detroit and mezzo-soprano Barbara Windham of Bloomfield Hills.

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

I'm learning of VCR very carefully, really

One of our most valuable possessions in retirement has been our video cassette recorder. And I'm finally developing a closer relationship with it.

Joe and I bought the VCR soon after arriving in Florida, the original intent being that it would keep us in closer touch with granddaughter Katie in Michigan. Her parents would take pictures of her and send the cassettes to us.

That has happened, though really not as much as we all anticipated. The communication with Katie and her family has been more by visit, telephone and snapshot.

And we also figured we'd be renting movies for home use for years to come. But some months ago we dropped our membership in a rental club; we had seen just about everything we wanted on its list of offerings.

BUT NOW OUR VCR is used a great deal for a record-now-view-later program. When two television shows we'd like to see are on simultaneously, we record one. When a new feature film, or an oldie-but-goodie, gets onto cable television late at night or when we're busy, we record it. And recently we've been recording Jeopardy, our family's longtime favorite game show, because it comes on in the morning and we'd rather watch it at dinnertime.

Joe and I both get a lot of pleasure from the system, but he has been its practically exclusive operator. Since

he's home most mornings and evenings, and since I tend to be non-mechanical, it has been easy to let things go on that way.

HE HAS BEEN maintaining that I should learn the mysterious ways of both VCR and the cable system, which has 49 channels in two tiers. So I've been doing recording operations from time to time, then forgetting in between times which buttons I pushed when.

"It's really very simple," my husband keeps insisting. "Much easier than all that sewing and needlepointing and knot-tying you do."

Finally I made a decision. It was Lent, and I'd give up the luxury of having a built-in VCR and cable operator. I'd take over that function and learn it by repetition.

And the requirements of programming are beginning to penetrate one unmechanical mind. Maybe by Easter I'll be more or less adept at the whole system.

But I'll bet I'll still be more comfortable with sewing and needlepointing and knot-tying.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Free clinic to detect skin cancer set March 27

To promote the early detection and proper treatment of skin cancer, doctors from Michigan Dermatological Society will give free examinations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in Mercy Conference Center, on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

The clinic will be staffed by medical doctors who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all skin problems, including skin cancer, the most common type of cancer. Those

who attend the clinic will receive a painless examination for possible skin cancer and will be offered free brochures on the prevention of skin cancer, sunburn, wrinkles and premature aging of the skin.

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