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Howard Kagen expresses himself in art and music. He enjoys working with limestone to turn out sculptures such as the one next to him.

Sculptor discovers limestone

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Once Howard Kagen found limestone, he knew he had a medium that suited his talents.

"Limestone is a nice material to work with. . . I'm sold on it as a good medium."

Kagen, a music teacher at Cass Tech of Detroit, found sculpting a wonderful creative outlet. The Print Gallery of Southfield has an ongoing display of his works.

Kagen, who dropped by the gallery to drop off a new piece, the most abstract one so far, said, "Sculpting is good for me. It really slows you down," he said.

He had been working with metal when Beverly Shank Wyler, who teaches sculpture at Eastern Michigan University, suggested he try working with stone.

KAGEN, who is working on a master's degree in music performance at EMU, questioned her suggestion only until he found his first piece of limestone.

stone. Sometimes, he said, the salvage crews taking down buildings in Detroit will save the limestone end pieces for him. The rest of the time, he buys them.

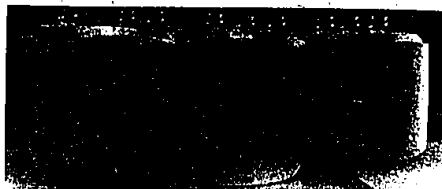
What puzzles Kagen is why some sculptors look down on limestone. He said it's already enjoying renewed popularity as a building material, in many respects more dependable than concrete.

What pleases Kagen is that his limestone sculptures can be used either inside or out. Natural limestone changes color and character when wet, giving it another dimension, until it dries.

Pieces also vary in density, color variations and to some degree, in character.

"Limestone will case harden and seal itself," he said, "and that's why they're coming back and using it in building again."

THERE IS a rhythmic quality to Kagen's work and the influence of music is there in the fluid, lyrical lines. His works have good balance and would be especially pleasing in a garden setting.



Whimsy and strength are expressed in this limestone piece by Howard Kagen.

A passionate student of art, he said he particularly admires the sculptural works of Miro, Gorky and Gonzales.

On a few of the pieces, Kagen has created a light bronze patina. He applies a very thin waterbase paint, polishes and seals the surface. However, the finish doesn't mask the grain of the stone.

Saying that he would some day like

to do an outdoor show, Kagen added with a broad smile, "I guarantee all my pieces for a thousand years."

He also likes to work on a commission basis. All of his works in the gallery are under \$500 although at least one of them has some 200 hours of work in it.

The Print Gallery is in the Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile and Northwestern, Southfield.

Concert marks music month

Pianist, Bernard Katz, violinist, Linda Smith, cellist, Marcy Chanteaux, and harpist Liz Ikin, will appear in a special evening of Jewish music on Tuesday, March 19, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in celebration of Jewish Music Month. All are members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The program will feature the musicians in a number of selections by eminent Jewish composers, Paul Ben Haim. The chamber ensemble will also appear in a premiere concert version of a recently composed wedding ser-

vise by local composer, Dr. Sholom Kalib.

Cantor Chaim Najman will appear as soloist with the instrumental ensemble and Rabbi Irwin Grocer will offer special commentary on the liturgical and biblical texts and special music of the new wedding service.

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