

Nathan Rosen replaces Yo-Yo Ma at DSO

The life of a performing artist is demanding. An artist can't afford to cut in sick because of a slight headache or other minor discomfort.

There are, however, some exceptions, such as the case last week with Yo-Yo Ma, the celebrated cellist. He was scheduled to play Schumann's Concerto with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. But, he chose to be with his wife while she gave birth to a child.

While it was disappointing to miss

hearing such a distinguished performer, we do congratulate Ma for becoming a father.

NATHANIEL ROSEN, cellist, last minute substitute, certainly proved he was qualified.

Schumann's cello concerto is among his major works known for their problematic orchestration. In a careless performance, the heavy orchestral lines can easily obscure the solo instrument.

However, this performance was dominated by the positive aspects of the work — its deeply expressive and melodious themes with Schumann's characteristically appealing harmonies. Maestro Gunther Herbig did his part by knowing when to bring forth the orchestral sounds with all their splendor and when to back off.

Rosen provided a big, resonant sound. He didn't quite warm up to the work in the early portion of the first

movement, but he was going strong during the rest of the work, culminating with the brilliant cadenza in the final movement, reportedly written by Filadelfsky.

At the beginning of the program, Maestro Herbig showed his facility with a style he is rarely associated with, "Echoes from an Invisible World" by the U-M composer, Leslie Bassett was given its first DSO performance.

The composer, who was in the audience, went on stage to share in the ap-



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plause. While I didn't find the work overwhelmingly appealing, some of its features might prove to be more promising in subsequent listings.

THE CONCLUDING major work on the program was Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4, a work that suffers from overexposure. Maestro Herbig provided a fresh, invigorating rendition of this work.

Unlike his tight control in Mahler's Second Symphony the week before, here Herbig demonstrated much more spirit, allowing room for spontaneity and artistic creativity, without com-

promising the intricate scoring.

The work sounded authentically Russian without a German accent. The pizzicato in the third movement was impressive with its delicate accuracy. The full blown sounds in the final movement generated excitement, without sounding distorted or frivolous.

Hopefully, this might prove to be a prelude to this week's major orchestral selection, the Symphony No. 7 by Shostakovich, "Leningrad." The other selection on the program will be the Violin Concerto No. 5 by Vieuxtemps, performed by Isabelle van Keulen, 17-year-old Dutch violinist.

Plants stock up for long winter

By Marge Alpern
special writer

As the flower petals fall and the leaves curl, I feel a sense of gratitude for the beauty and the pleasure they have brought me. Beyond that, I have a sense of the miraculous, since every plant holds the whole mystery of life in its short cycle of life and death.

Even as they are dying back, many plants are preparing to bloom again next spring. Beneath the soil, strong and active root growth is underway as plants literally "dig in" for the winter.

Some, for example, Lobelia cardinalis, are growing so vigorously they actually send up extensive new bright green basal growth as evidence of the spurt of fall activity.

Likewise, oriental poppies produce a considerable amount of visible new growth in the fall. If you have noticed some large cabbages in your "wild" flower garden, they probably are the long forgotten primroses, suddenly reborn.

After a gradual decline since spring blooming, the primroses are stockpiling up for a long winter's sleep. Muscari or grape hyacinths have also recently shot up their slender grass-like spikes as though trying to catch the last bit of sunshine before retiring for winter and then returning in full bloom in early spring. Signs of spring are seen in the fall if one looks closely.

NATURE has other ways of preparing for continuity. The seeds I purposely allowed to remain on the columbine plants during the summer have scattered, germinated and grown in the last few weeks. Literally dozens of tiny plants are rooted and doing very well. The garden looks a little "weedy" now and seedier. It is many of the dead flower heads, which normally I conscientiously remove, I have allowed to dry and scatter their seeds.

Calendula, Shirley poppies and cosmos seeds are being carried by the wind to germinate six or eight feet from the original planting. Next spring many of these volunteers will have to be discarded, nonetheless, I will be delighted to find the tough and adaptable seedlings.

The continual dead-heading of all plant life is to encourage bloom and prevent the plant from going on to produce seeds within the flower. Seed formation, fertilization and distribution, not flower production, are the primary functions of all plants. As long as the dead flowers are removed, the plant will continue producing more flowers in an effort to eventually produce seeds.

This principle can be used conversely by the gardener. For example, many roses are still producing lovely flowers.

"Carefree," my all-time favorite rose, will continue blooming for several more weeks. By purposely not dead-heading and instead allowing the

natural process to go forth, seed pods, or rose hips as they are called, will be formed.

This signals the rose bush to stop producing more flowers and to prepare itself for winter. I think this period of rest, just prior to the winter, is especially valuable for such a vigorous grower and continuous bloomer as the fabulous pink "Carefree." Incidentally, another virtue of this rose is that very little winter protection is necessary. It is very hardy.

POISON ivy berries are a favorite of many birds. They are the culprits that have carried poison ivy seeds from wooded areas to our gardens. Because of the increased root activity in the early fall, chances of eradicating poison ivy are better now than in the summer.

The following method is recommended by "The Avant Gardener" for doing the job with a minimum number of treatments and minimal damage to other plants and to the gardener.

"Mix one part brushkiller (Amilor-T is often recommended) with six parts of a lightweight auto grease. Cut the poison ivy vines or ground growth near the base and liberally smear the herbicide-grease on the cut with a dauber made by tying cloth around the end of a stick.

THE GREASE prevents the weed killer from being washed away by rain and it will translocate to the roots, usually killing the plants with one treatment.

It is suggested that you wear cotton gloves when handling poison ivy, as the brushkiller is so strong it could eventually dissolve its way through rubber!

As hanging baskets become less colorful, it's time to take them down. Impatiens and begonias are discarded, but the beautiful, long, trailing vinca

vines can be saved for next year. They will survive our severe winters, planted in a very protected corner of the garden and then heavily mulched with soil and leaves.

In the spring after being dug up, they should be cut way back and divided into several sections.

This has been an exceptionally fine growing season. There was no extended period of excessive heat or humidity. Gardening was more rewarding than ever.

As I cooperate with nature and take advantage of the warm days and cool nights of our beautiful Michigan fall, I see evidence of next year's promises.

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Congregational Church of Birmingham will be the setting for a benefit concert for the Pontiac Dinner Theatre at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The performers will be Matt Keil, pianist, and Ed Price, organist, in a program by the Emperor Concerto by Beethoven and selections by Dietrich Buxtehude, Frederick Chopin and Henri Mulet.

Price, organist at the church for 18 years, has directed many local musicians and had a leading role in "How Now Jones" at the Dearborn Players Guild.

Keil, too, is a musical director and accompanist. Donation at the door is \$5. The church is at 1000 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

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