

second runs

Hugh Gallagher

"Melvin and Howard" (1980), 1 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 50. Originally 95 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

Channel 50 starts off an Academy Awards week with this low-key, daffy, all-American comedy. Melvin Dummar, a lifelong loser, claimed that he once picked up and befriended Howard Hughes in the Nevada desert and that Hughes left him a large slice of his abundant fortune. Well, what if he did. That's what this movie is about and it's a treat from Paul LeMat's gosh and golly Melvin to Jason Robards' shrewdly witty Hughes. But the real acting honors, and an Oscar, went to Mary Steenburgen as Melvin's whacky, loveable, gold-digger wife. Steenburgen recalls the great screwball comedies from Jean Arthur and the young Katharine Hepburn to Judy Holliday.

Rating: \$3.40.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad \$1
Fair \$2
Good \$3
Excellent \$4

sie of plot lines — boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy begins to suspect that God is playing a joke on him. Diane Keaton won and richly deserved her Oscar, even if she was playing herself.

Rating: \$3.50.

"In the Heat of the Night" (1967), 8 p.m. Wednesday on Ch. 50. Originally 109 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

This was only the third best American movie of 1967 (after "Bonnie and Clyde" and "The Graduate") but it won the Oscar because it concerns race relations from a decidedly liberal perspective. It is still a powerful melodrama, though in retrospect "Bonnie and Clyde" had more to say about race and class relations and in a less pious fashion. Rod Steiger finally got the Oscar he deserved for "The Pawnbroker" for his quite real and poignant performance as a redneck sheriff with a latent sense of decency. Sidney Poller gives a strong, intelligent performance as the Philadelphia detective who shows the small town cops how police work is really done.

Rating: \$3.50.

Avigdor Zaromp

Rampal falters, Semkow effective

By Avigdor Zaromp
Special writer

The last week Detroit audiences were treated to concerts by two outstanding musical celebrities.

Flutist Jean Pierre Rampal was the featured soloist on the regular Detroit Symphony Orchestra program. This followed the appearance of Isaac Stern a few days earlier.

As in that earlier event, this program included two solo works. These were a flute concerto by Bach and the Second Flute Concerto in D Major K. 314 by Mozart.

The orchestral portion of the program consisted of the Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique. Guest conductor, Polish-born Jerry Semkow is among the DSO's most favored regular guest conductors.

For those familiar with Bach's music, the notion of a Bach flute concerto may raise some questions. The puzzle is well-founded — there is no Bach flute concerto.

At least, there isn't one among the authentic surviving manuscripts. The one on this program is an arrangement by Milan Munclinger of the Harpsichord Concerto in A Major, BWV 1055, transposed into C major for this version.

RAMPAL is recognized for elevating the stature of the flute through his extremely successful career for the past few decades. He has made many of his own arrangements for the flute as well. His affinity to Bach's music is also well-known.

As Bach arrangements go, none of them can successfully substitute for

the original, with the exception of those arranged by the master himself. This being the case, the Munclinger arrangement is one of the least intrusive and reflects an attempt at stylistic faithfulness.

The more serious drawback, however, was in the performance itself. Rampal evidently wasn't in the best form for Saturday's performance. The fast triplets in the last movement proved to be more than he could cope with.

There were many good elements in the Mozart concerto, but again, there were many flaws in the running passages, in which Rampal frequently bluffed his way through. It could well be that his breathing was affected by a touch of the flu, which is going around these days. The cadenzas could have provided the high points of the performance, except for the unexpected accompaniment of coughing and sneezing from the audience.

Being a sufferer of the virus myself these days, I know for a fact that some control is possible even under these adverse conditions.

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Update to screen short films

Detroit Area Film Teachers will present the 1988 edition of Update beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center in Westland.

The public may attend at a cost of \$8 for the day. Students and senior citizens may attend at a cost of \$4. Children under 12 will be charged \$2. For further information, contact John Prusak at 595-2135.

The event is an all-day screening of short-subject film and video productions from all over the United States and Canada. Types of subject matter will include animations, children's films, documentaries, health issues and independently made productions.

"Singing Birds," a Prohibition-era short film by Sparkle Films Inc. of Birmingham, will have its third public showing at Update. Shot on location in Detroit for under \$25,000, the 25-minute "Singing Birds" had its world premiere at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Jan. 9 and was screened by the Ann Arbor Film Cooperative on Jan. 23.

AMONG THIS year's highlights at Update are the 1985 Clio-Award-winning commercials — a collection of the world's best TV commercials.

Guest speakers include Producer/Director Allison Kuhnlein of the Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau, who will show the award-winning promotional film "Detroit," which covers more than 40 locations in the metropolitan area.

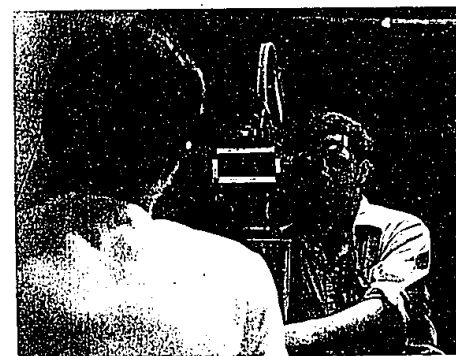
Film and video producer Ray Pointer will show examples of his work and talk about how animation may be used as a vehicle for making larger productions.

A panel discussion led by three young independent filmmakers will focus on the problems of creating your own production: Ron Teachworth has completed his first feature "Going Back" and will discuss the distribution dilemma. Nathan White is currently in post-production with his film "The Carrier" and will relate some of his experiences.

Pre-production is under way on "The Sky Is Burning," under the direction of Mark Yasenckak of Farmington. This film is based on four Harlan Ellison short stories. Yasenckak will talk about some of the problems of getting the project off the ground.



Mark Yasenckak of Farmington directs scenes from "The Sky Is Burning," movie based on four Harlan Ellison short stories. Yasenckak will be one of the young filmmakers leading a panel discussion at Update '88.



Yasenckak is behind the camera, filming a scene for his new production.

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