

# Kottler unfolds rich, musical universe

A fund-raiser for the Men's Glee Club and Chamber Singers at Wayne State University featuring singer Franco Brockington and pianist Michaela Kottler, drew a small audience at the Community Arts Auditorium.

Kottler is recognized for his many decades of dedication to the musical community. David Strickland, one of his gifted present students, accompanied Brockington.

Brockington, who is with the Michigan Opera Theater, has several prominent operatic roles to her credit. She sang several arias outside the familiar operatic repertoire. Her

clear, smooth tone provided a significant enhancement to most of these selections. The exceptions were the three opening songs by Purcell, which I found rather tedious and boring — Purcell must have been a genius in his ability to put an audience to sleep.

More rewarding, however, were "Les Filles des Cadix" by Delibes, "Au chevet d'un mourant" by Rossini (which is uncharacteristic of Rossini's style) and "Ouvre ton Coeur" by Bizet. She was most convincing in the three songs by Hall Johnson and "He's Got the Whole World" by Mar-

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garet Bonds, who was the vocal coach of Leontyne Price.

The nostalgic, rich musical universe of generations past was presented by Kottler, a work by Dowmey, Ländler and Chopin. Of these, the Ländler by Dowmey and the Barcarolle by Ländler are unusual in their style and appeal, and un-

known even to most musicians.

Chopin's more familiar music was represented with his Etude in C Sharp Minor, Nocturne in E Flat, in E Flat Major. The singing quality and the splendid colors of Chopin's music were uncompromised even through the demanding technical passages.

Kottler played Chopin's Waltz in C Sharp Minor as an encore. This is one of his favorite encores. His unique artistic signature is in bringing out a hidden sequence in the last repetition of the familiar theme.

## Concerto winner to perform

Bethy Klarman, oboe, Southfield, Lathrup High Junior, will perform with the Oakland Youth Symphony in a concert at 8 p.m. Sunday at Warner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester.

She will play Oboe Concerto in G Minor by Handel. She is the winner in the symphony's concerto competition. Tickets at the door are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students under 18.

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