

Well-balanced program attracts large audience

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"One of the challenges conductors and music directors face is designing well-balanced programs of standard and non-standard repertoire with no significant compromise in content and quality.

Such a program was presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last week. It consisted of Schumann's Symphony No. 3 ("Rhenish"), the first Concerto for Cello and Orchestra by Shostakovich and a suite from "The Miraculous Mandarin" by Bartok.

Israeli guest conductor Yoel Levi proved himself capable of conducting such repertoire with impressive results. Austrian born cellist Heinrich Schiff, who performed the Cello concerto here a couple of seasons ago, showed he was equally adept with Shostakovich's 20th century masterpiece.

Schumann's orchestral flaws are frequently noted by musicologists, sometimes with justification. But his "Rhenish" Symphony attracts more



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attention to the musical content, and this was the aspect which Levi emphasized. The performance was characterized by clarity and sense of purpose throughout the five movements. Even some of the odd phrases in the final movement found their natural balance and repose.

If there is any doubt about Shostakovich's standing among the top of 20th century composers, his first cello concerto should remove such

doubts. Too often listeners tend to notice his stylistic humor rather than the substance. The latter is the dominant ingredient in this work. Schiff coped successfully with the technical difficulties — including the elaborate passages and tricky harmonies in the second movement. He also interpreted with authority the diverse moods.

In the opening movement he sounded intense and rough without being overly harsh. This contrasted with the refined singing in the second movement and the masterful cadenza, culminating with an inspired and energetic rendition of the final movement.

Bartok's suite, which Levi conducted from memory, was also performed with knowledge and authority. This music may have come more naturally to Dori, who conducted it here, possibly with greater passion. But this performance reflected a determination and persistence in the effort to reach the ultimate.

The sizeable audience for the Saturday performance at Ford Auditorium was an encouraging sign.

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