

# Opera for children at Hilberry

Detroit composer James Hartway's "Ke-Nu and the Magic Coals," the first opera produced by Wayne State University's summer theater for children, features a cast of seven from the departments of music and theater.

The one-act opera, based on Indian legend, plays weekdays through July

14 (except July 4) at 10:30 a.m., at the Hilberry Theatre.

Hartway, professor in the department of music at Wayne State, was commissioned to compose "Ke-Nu" by the Michigan Opera Theatre, which toured it throughout Michigan. He has received commissions from the Detroit Symphony Orches-

tra, the American Artist Series, the Meadow Brook Music Festival, the American Guild of Organists, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble and the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit (for the visit of the pope to Detroit).

His awards include the Young Musicians Foundation of Los Angeles Composition Award for his "Seven Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." The same work was winner of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's American Music Competition. His works have been recorded and performed internationally.

In "Ke-Nu," the title role, a young brave charged with saving his village from the Spirit of Ice and Snow, is played by Mark Nelson, a graduate student in music education from Auburn Hills.

Morning Star, Ke-Nu's bride-to-be, played by Detroit's Bonnie K. Pepper, an undergraduate vocal student who appeared last fall in a leading role in the Bonstelle Theatre's "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Thad S. Avery of Dearborn, undergraduate theater major previously seen as J.B. Biggley in "How to Succeed..." and in the lead role of the Bonstelle's "Sarcophagus," is the village Medicine Man. Laurel Harbough of Detroit appears as Morning Star's mother.

Also in the cast are Victoria McElwaine (Philadelphia), a member of the Hilberry Repertory Company, Glenn Carion (Detroit) and Scott Peerbolt (Highland).

"Ke-Nu" is directed by Katherine A. Martin, dean of the school of fine and performing arts, with musical direction by Marie Brandon Harvey. Scenic design is by Russell Smith, costume design by Paula Trimpey and lighting design by Michael Angelo Tortora. The libretto is by Anca Vlasopolos and Anthony Ambrogio. The production is made possible by a grant from the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation.

For ticket and group rate information, call the theater promotion office, 577-3910.

## Dates announced for Ann Arbor fair

The 19th annual Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair will be held Wednesday-Saturday, July 19-22. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and until 5 p.m. Saturday. This event, sponsored by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans will feature 540 artists from 34 states. It annually attracts more than half a million visitors.

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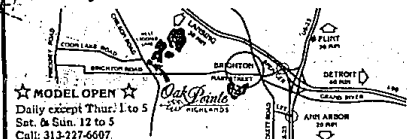
Mark Nelson as Ke-Nu and Bonnie K. Pepper as Morning Star appear in the one-act opera for children, "Ke-Nu and the Magic Coals" by James Hartway through July 14 at Hilberry Theatre.

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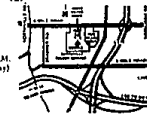
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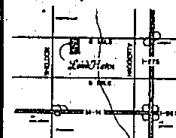


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