DSO gives a standard radiant performance

The standard repertoire has returned as the DSOH presented it's fourth program of the subscription season last week. The one non-standard kiem which opened the program was "Sequola" by the American composer Joan Tower. This also showed the "Academic Festival Overture" by Bralms, which would normally open the program, to the end. In between were the major items — Mozart's concerto for Violinand Orchestra No. 5 (Turkish) and the Symphony No. 35 by Haydn. German-born violinist Christian Tetzlaif, who was the soloist in the



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Mozart concerto, was a key ingred-lent of this program, conducted by maestro Gunther Herbig, "A typical Herbig program," exclaimed some of my acquaintances, alluding to its mostly Germanic content. But re-

gardless of one's attitude, it so hap-pens that music by the German or Austrian masters is of the best kind. Mozact's "Turkish" concerto, which is arguably the best of his five concert for violin, was shining and radiating even more under the ex-pert how of Tetzlaff, who at 23 has already established some most im-pressive credentials.

HIS CLEAN, precise tone, together with the refined dynamics and subtle phrasing made this one of the

better rendition of this often-performed work. Herbig provided an excellent occlearing support, with respect to the performed was supplemented with exotic count effects by having the cellists tap the body of their instruments with their bows, as this work uses no percussions. Haydris Symphonov No. 68 uses as Haydris Symphonov No. 68 uses as

with their bows, as this work uses no percussions. Haydn's Symphony No. 95 was an other item on the program that received a convincing performance. As a late Hadyn Symphony it was carried with an orchestral weight which was appropriate to the period — heavier and thicker than earlier works but still within the upper range of the 18th century. The robust approach did not lufringe on some of the Intimate nuances, among the most noteworthy ones being the Trio in the third movement, with principal cellist Italo Babini playing the

refined cello role.

As contemporary worsks go, Tower's work was among the better ones
that I have heard recently. 'Sequola'
is a descriptive work, inspired by the
lig and ancient Sequola trees in Callfornia. Even if it doesn't become a
musical landmark, it is vastly preferable to much of the contemporary

mishmash one encounters these-days, and clearly shows Ms. Tower to be a capable and talented compos-er. This 1s, of course, one person's opinion.

Brahms' Academic Festival Over-ture concluded this program, gener-ating enough festive feelings to en-hance the walk to the parking lot.

Baroque concert planned

The Oakland Chorale and the Oakland Renaissance Ensemble will present 'The Birth of the Baroque at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 at Varner Itali on the Oakland University campus, Rochester.

The program, directed by Lyle Nordstrom, will feature works from the late Renaissance that lead directly into the baroque elements of

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the 17th century. Pieces by Claudio Monteverdi, the most important composer of early baroque will be performed.

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