

Flutist set his career sights early

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for Muramatsu Flutes U.S.A., performs with the DSO and teaches at Wayne State University, Oakland University and privately.

He said he takes teaching "very seriously, because a teacher has a role in developing students' lives."

How does he stay in shape to play? Paraphrasing his friend, flutist James Galway, he said, "Playing all the time is the best exercise. The flute is a very physical instrument. It takes more air than a trombone, because the way the sound is produced on flute you lose a certain

amount of air. The sound is created by splitting the air. Part goes outside of the instrument and part goes in." Tests show the closest comparison to the amount of air used by the flute player is that used by the tuba player.

"As a result we do have to work constantly building up our lungs, and you do that on stage. Breathing and exhaling, you're exercising your lungs like crazy."

"Part of my job is a certain amount of responsibility to the public — to teach. It's up and above what we do on stage. . . . We have to

be evangelists in a sense. We have to spread the word — it sounds corny, but it's true. We owe that to the arts. We love it and we better let someone else know about it."

He said he's learned that symphony orchestra concerts have "got to appeal to everybody. This is music. If the music doesn't appeal, you did something wrong, or you didn't perform very well." He said that if those unschooled in classical music "go with an open mind. They should enjoy it."

"Something should fascinate or electrify them. You've got to leave

them feeling good. When someone buys a concert ticket, this is their night out. They are taking their families out. I don't care whether it's Beethoven, Mahler or Eric Clapton, you go to a concert to have an experience and I would like them to go out of there with a thrilling experience."

This summer, Monroe will be prominently heard in Beethoven's "Leonora" Overture when it is performed by the DSO at Meadow Brook on July 5 and 6. During the regular 1990-91 season he is to be featured soloist with flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal.

Student cellist honored

Damon Coleman, a senior at Detroit Country Day School and a cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO), was selected as a 1990 DSO Concerto Competition winner. He was featured playing the Lalo Cello Concerto with the DSO at Orchestra Hall on April 29.

He will continue his music and academic studies as a double major at Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., next fall.

This summer he will study at Michigan's Interlochen Arts Academy.

He began his cello studies at age 7 and became a student of Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist Paul Wingert at age 12. He has performed with the Dearborn Symphony, the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and the Detroit Country Day School Orchestra.

He is the son of Alton and Jacqueline Coleman of Detroit. His mother is the middle school music director at Detroit Day School and is the conductor of the Detroit Metropolitan Youth String Orchestra.

Design seminar scheduled

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Pier is responsible for developing major in-store events that focus on home decorating and entertaining, and has done so for retailers throughout the United States. Her imaginative presentations on coordinating bed and bath products at retail locations nationwide helped Maxx customers enhance the beauty of their homes. She received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan and taught in Boston, Chicago and Detroit prior to beginning her successful career in fashion and home furnishings.

FOLLOWING LUNCH, Metro Detroit's do-it-yourself connection affectionately called The Master Handyman, Glen Haeg, will present his informative portion of the program. Haeg, who has spent six years on WKYT-AM sharing his vast

knowledge about home improvements, is the only broadcaster invited to do his show live from the International Builders Home Flower Furniture Show held each year in Detroit. He will share with the audience the five best home improvement tips that will save them money; some important inside/outside cleaning information; and welcome information for the home improvement buff. Haeg will also answer audience questions.

Color Works Studio of Farmington Hills, whose specialty in remodeling, will have a display with information available as well as staff to answer questions. The Weyerhaeuser Design Center will also be there. This computer design tool works like a video game where in just a few easy steps it creates custom designs for a variety of home building projects. The Weyerhaeuser Design Center not only shows a three-dimensional color picture of a project, but front, back and side profiles and a complete cost/materials list.

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