

Young violinist possesses uncanny ability

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Special writer

Many of us would like to believe that all people are born equal. This may be a sound principle to govern our daily lives.

In the realm of art, however, many conventional principles and assumptions are frequently suspended. This goes beyond the mere acceptance of the notion that some artists are more talented than others. Some are exceptional only to the point of demonstrating features that are totally distinct and unrelated to the conventional ones that we expect.

Thirteen-year-old violinist Leila Josefowicz, who performed at Meadow Brook last Friday, is the latest example of such a gifted artist. Com-

paring an ordinary mortal to her would be like comparing a human to a bird in its ability to soar into the air.

If one were to practice 10 hours a day by flapping and flailing one's arms around, it would not bring that person any closer to lifting off the ground. An ordinary mortal with an average talent couldn't come any closer to someone of the caliber of Josefowicz by practicing an instrument.

Great intonation and technical accuracy are the least that could be expected from an artist performing with a major orchestra. These were certainly present in her performance of the Violin Concerto No. 3 by Saint-Saens. But there was much more.

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Guest conductor Jajja Ling is resident conductor of the Cleveland Symphony. On these two programs he proved to be capable, mastering most of the technical aspects. He opened with Rossini's "La Gazza Ladra" on Friday and Tchaikovsky's "Les Sylphides" on Sunday.

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The mature phrasing, the global intonation and perception of the work were of the kind that few mature artists can approach. This is especially true with a work such as this one, which is more cherished for its tuneful themes rather than its musical impact. This performance portrayed the concerto as a sincerely moving work, without any excess schmaltz to prove it.

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in these performances. Berlioz's full orchestral spectrum came forth in this performance. So did the more forceful passages of the Enigma Variations. The one element that was absent in these works, however, was the more subtle artistic component.

Ling seems to be capable of analyzing a phrase with respect to its instrumental components, calculate the desired balance and rhythm and, finally, deliver it. But there wasn't quite enough mystery in the Enigma Variations, especially in the softer and slower ones. In some of these, a

theme came into being too abruptly, as if skipping the first trimester of a pregnancy (one wonders whether the Supreme Court would declare it unconstitutional).

Ling's conducting could greatly benefit if he would give more leeway to artistic inspiration in his approach, without substantial compromise in overall technical discipline, which is among his stronger points.

As a whole, I found these programs to be among the more enjoyable this season in terms of performance quality and musical content.

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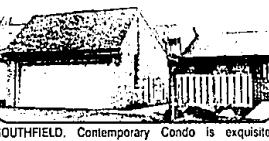
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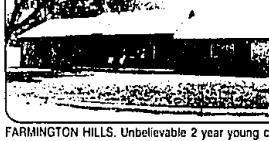
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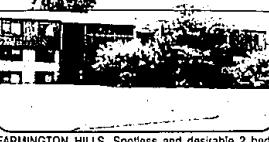
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