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it seems so familiar." A graduate of the Paris Conservatory and Yale University, the French-born Deleury of Birmingham augments her living playing at weddings, pursuing freelance jobs and seeking opportunities with local classical music series. "I don't know anyone who likes knocking on doors saying how good they are."

Competition for work in metro Detroit, Deleury said, hardly compares with the cut-throat struggle in larger cities like New York.

"You have to be good in business," said Patricia Willington, a soprano, who'll sing Gottlieb's compositions for voice and piano this Friday.

"There's a limited audience for this type of music, almost like there's an anti-art feeling out there. So you have to spend a lot of time on the marketing end—making demo tapes, sending out your (professional) bio and reviews," said Willington of Southfield, whose grants include work with the MOT. She also teaches at the University of Windsor.

"Sometimes I feel like a dinosaur," she said. But then, there are special moments, said Willington, when she realizes she's part of a communal art. "It's gratifying to perform Mark's work. His music is immediate! You can feel and hear the melody."

A different beat
Like his music, Gottlieb is honest, engaging and unflinchingly direct. He seems to be on a different beat, he's created a whole new key for himself.

His eclectic compositions from folk music to sonatas reflect the influences of the Beatles, Gershwin, and above all, Brahms and Stravinsky. "I just set out to write music that I like," he said.

Part-time woodworker and full-time music teacher for Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills school districts, Gottlieb's inspiration comes from trying to put a melody in his emotions, his ardent environ-

mentalism and memories of sailing the South Pacific.

Nearly 25 years ago, Gottlieb had a pending contract with Capitol Records. At 21 years old, however, he chose not to heed the advice of a producer to add a horn section. Instead, he set off to build a 37-foot Trimaran sailboat from his home in San Fernando, Calif. He became a boat builder apprentice and learned enough about woodworking to pursue yet another career.

Through the 1970s, Gottlieb could be found sailing to Hawaii or Mexico from Long Beach Harbor. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the ocean, however,

didn't compel Gottlieb to compose. "When you're sailing and see a zillion stars, you become part of nature. It's like you're right there a part of it."

But the longing to compose soon returned to Gottlieb. Since the early 1980s, his music has been performed at concerts throughout the United States and Europe. Recently, he received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and Michigan Arts Foundation. Two years ago, Gottlieb was a featured composer at the Michigan Composers Concert.

"My story isn't over yet," said Gottlieb.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLNOST

Musical friendship: Mark Gottlieb and Nadine Deleury create their own opportunities to perform. Finding time to rehearse, however, is often an intricate balancing act.

ART BEAT

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GRANTS AVAILABLE
Project grants up to \$2,000 are available through the Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture and Film. The grants are part of the office's mini grant program. Application deadline for projects occurring during the last quarter of the year is June 6. Any Oakland County nonprofit, institution, school, association or local government agency may apply. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

For applications, contact the Office of Arts, Culture & Film (248) 858-0415.

BENEFIT FOR CHALLENGED ARTISTS
The Kennedy Center School of Oakland County will hold its fourth annual benefit, June 21. Proceeds go to challenged artists/students of Oakland County, aged 14-26.

The Kennedy fine arts program develops artistic abilities in its challenged students. Student works are exhibited throughout Oakland county, including the Michigan Department of Education and the Pontiac Schools Special Education offices.

The benefit will be held at Objects of Art, 8243 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 639-3332.

PAINT CREEK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Justin Tumey from Oakland Technical Center in Clarkston, and Shylah-Beth Peckus from Livonia High School have been awarded \$500 merit scholarships from the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

The scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students from the tri-county area who plan to major in visual arts. Tumey will attend Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. Potus plans to study at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

FARMINGTON HILLS FILMMAKER HONORED

Farmington Area Arts Commission awarded its distinguished service award to Shelby

Newhouse of Farmington Hills. Newhouse has been producing, directing and writing motion pictures and videotapes since 1968. He's also received a national Emmy, and the New York International Film Festival Gold Medal.

Generally, Newhouse's film subjects cover a range of issues pertaining to museums, courts, law enforcement education, religious institutions and business.

YOUNG DANCER SELECTED TO TRAVEL TO VAIL

Holly Fusco, 11, daughter of Susan and Ralph Fusco of West Bloomfield, has been selected to participate in the Vail International Dance Festival Workshop. Fusco was one of 50 dancers chosen from more than 1,000 applicants.

The festival features performances by dancers from the Stuttgart Ballet, the Russian State Ballet, the Bolshoi Ballet and the American Repertory Ballet.

The workshop will be held June 16-28 at Vail, Colorado. Master dance teachers from the Royal Academy of Dance of London will instruct Fusco and other dancers in technique and international styles.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS 1997

Attend the many art and craft fairs and festivals held across the eastern U.S. The Arts Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts publishes a directory that describes more than 1,600 festivals in 30 states. Also included is contact and application information.

For those interested in either developing their own festival, the service provides the "Arts Festival Work Kit." Practical information includes planning, organizing, funding, implementing and evaluating an art festival. Also, how to structure staff, use volunteers, and the myriad issues related to programming, logistics, marketing and administration.

Cost for directory is \$14.25 plus \$4.25 shipping/handling. Cost for work kit is \$14.95 plus shipping/handling.

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Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 825 Bowers St. Birmingham	Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 27925 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills	Location: Bob Evan's Restaurant 26245 Telegraph Rd. Southfield
Times: May 8 - 9:30 AM May 21 - 9:30 AM May 28 - 9:30 AM***	Times: May 14 - 9:30 AM May 28 - 2:00 PM	Times: May 15 - 2:00 PM*** May 29 - 2:00 PM

***Guest speaker will be Dr. Mark D. McAllister of Beaumont Hospital

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