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"Her music is very relaxing. It puts you in a different frame of mind," said Horn. "And studies have shown drumming is healthy. I'm getting a drum this year for Christmas. It's a great tension reliever. You're concentrating on the beat, deviating from the world. You're focused on the drumming, not on how bad of a day you've had."

While a hand-painted drum is not a traditional gift, "jewelry is always a safe and well-received one." During Native West's annual Art & Jewelry Festival Nov. 29-Dec. 2 there will be plenty to choose from. Albuquerque

trader Jonathon Cox brings enough jewelry, bracelets and rings to fill tables and tables. Price ranges fit everyone's budget, from \$4 for a pair of earrings to hundreds of dollars for gold jewelry inlaid with turquoise or any number of stones.

**Guild Art Fair**

Still need to buy for a few people on your list who have everything? Plymouth painter Tom LeGault has the solution. In addition to 127 artists showing a variety of items at the 31st annual Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans Holiday Art Fair Dec. 8-9 at Oakland Community

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Both hold doctorates, he in theory and composition from Boston University, she in musicology from Columbia University. She made her debut as a pianist at age 8 with Leopold Stokowski and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. He's noted as a composer as well as a pianist. Both teach music, he at Aaron Copeland School of Music at

Queens College in New York, she at C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. And both give concerts, as soloists and as a duo, here and abroad. Last summer they performed in Switzerland then went on to the Czech Republic to hear the Moravian Symphony perform and record Brings' Scherzi Musicale.

"It takes a lifetime of practice,

College in Farmington Hills, he's offering downsized paintings, 2-foot by 2-foot square, at reduced prices (\$150 to \$250). His northern Michigan scenes, everything from impressionistic sailboats to realistic light houses, recently sold well at a Chicago house, much to his surprise.

"It's easier for people to place them," said LeGault, who's exhibited in the other guild show - the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair - since the early 1970s. "It's unrealistic to give a large painting as a gift. Where do they place it? These are small enough so it's not overpowering. Customers

like the idea they can find accent pieces or team up a couple of paintings on a wall.

"Older people already 'have everything,' so these are perfect. I find people are buying for grandma and grandpa. They know grandpa likes his light-houses."

Like Price, LeGault is buying a lot of gifts for his family and friends at the show he's exhibiting in.

"I bought a lot of Christmas gifts last time," said LeGault. "It's a very-high-caliber show, a nice mix of art, a well-balanced show."

mark of piano four-hand, tremendously popular in the 19th century and continues to be so."

Chinn won't say how long they've been playing the Schubert or performing together. But it must be a long time. They share a daughter, Koira Brings, who is a television producer in Calif.

"I never tire of performing four-hand," said Chinn. "It's always interesting and fun. I equate it to figure skating. Both have to be one, and both have to catch."

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ing the streets. Horse-drawn carriage rides, food and family activities, including making ornaments, dipping candles and decorating cookies, add to the festivities. Reindeer, stabled at the Detroit Science Center, make it seem as if Santa is just about ready to hook up his sleigh.

"It's most special because it's an absolute glamorous building to sing in. The organ is fabulous, and Noel Night is an exciting experience," said Clason, president of the choir. "This is our third year in Noel Night. It's nice to be part of the whole cultural center with people walking around down there at night."

In addition to carol and Hallelujah Chorus sing-alongs, the program tells the Christmas story. If you miss Noel Night, there's still an opportunity to hear the Schoolcraft Community College Choir at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

Composed of college students and community members, the choir focuses on classical music. The 50-voice group will sing seasonal selections including music by Bach, Britten, and, of course, Handel's Messiah.

**Livonia Youth Choir**

Bryan Graham expects the angelic voices of the Livonia Youth Choir will elevate everyone's spirit when the choir presents a winter concert at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Graham's 13-year-old daughter, Jaclyn, has been singing with the 48-member choir several years and he never tires of the sound. This year the young singers perform traditional and winter songs as well as a Hebrew selection.

"It's light fare, upbeat with traditional Christmas carols," said Graham, a Livonia resident. "They sing with so much energy."

And hope for a brighter future.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chinn at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchinn@aol.com.

Choral Concerts

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■ Plymouth Community Chorus, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile. Tickets \$10, call (734) 465-4080


■ Livonia Youth Choir, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 425-1749

■ Prime vocal jazz and the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Donations accepted. Call (248) 682-6582.


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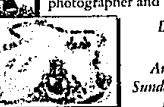
  
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