

For Redford, Cultural Pride Is The Orchestra



JOHN GAJEK conducts Redford Civic Symphony in rehearsal. (Photos by Fraser Portrait Studio, Redford)

Concert Series To Present String Quartet

Four young virtuosos make their first Detroit appearance in the Institute of Arts Concert Series at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

The young people comprise the Guarneri String Quartet which the New York Times says "has no superior on the world's stages."

Each of the four -- Arnold Steinhardt and John Dalley, violins; Michael Tree, viola; David Soyer, cello -- was a soloist while in his teens. They met at Vermont's Marlboro Festival, made their New York City debut in 1965, and have had sold-out tours all over the United States and Canada.

The quartet has appeared at the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, the Berkshire Festival at Tanglewood, the Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center and in Portugal, Greece, the British Isles, Germany, Austria and Holland.

Steinhardt, Dalley and Tree received their training at the Curtis Institute of Music. Dalley and Tree under Efrim Zimbalist, Sr., and Steinhardt under Ivan Galamian. John Dalley's name is familiar locally because his father, Oren Dalley, is a veteran conductor long associated with the University of Michigan school of music. Cellist Soyer is the non-Curtis member of the group who made his debut at 14 as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The Guarneri has collaborated with Artur Schnabel on a RCA Seal recording of the Brahms Quintet in F minor, Op. 34.

The Detroit program will include Quartet in F minor, Op. 20, No. 5 (Haydn), Quartet No. 4 (Bartok), Quartet in F major, Op. 135 (Beethoven).

Tickets at \$2.50 and \$5 are available at the Art Institute ticket office, Grinnell's and Hudson's ticket offices.



STORY WITH MUSIC AND DANCE — Members of Dance Adventures, Inc., of New York portray "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin," one of four Rudyard Kipling "Just So Stories" they will perform at 1 and 3 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Clarenceville High School auditorium. The production is co-sponsored by the Clarenceville School District and the Livonia Entertainment Guild. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

'Richard' Joins Hilberry Bill

Shakespeare's "Richard III" officially joins the repertoire of Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8:30.

"The Tragedy of Richard III," one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, was a great theatrical success from the start. The play has continued to fascinate audiences with its strong melodrama and the arch-villainy of its "hero," whose Machiavellian scheming and horrifying crimes gain him the throne.

The Hilberry production features Richard Greene in the title role, Frederick Coffin as his colleague the Duke of Buckingham, Pat Hecht as old Margaret and Judith Muench as Lady Anne, Richard's queen. Other leading roles are played by John Napier, Arthur Laupis, James Newell, Joel Kramer, Claudia Wilkens and Sharon Miller.

Further information is available from the Hilberry Box Office. The telephone number is 577-2972.

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By TIM RICHARD

"Any community that has a cultural thing like this has a pride," says John J. Gajec, who is as responsible as anyone for Redford Township's "cultural thing."

Gajec is conductor of the Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra, an organization put together with largely volunteer effort and supported by another volunteer outfit, the Redford Township Music Society.

It's a low-budget operation, even for a community orchestra, but each year it puts together four concerts to bring good music to suburban families.

THE PROBLEMS that Conductor Gajec encounters are formidable, and yet the programs come off on schedule, and the group lives on.

"Up until this year," he said, "I've never been able to work out the season's program in advance because I've never known how strong a group I'll have."

"We had a total of 50 on Nov. 16," the concert at which Australian prodigy Rita Hitchman, pianist, was soloist. "This year our strength has come down a little. We're usually close to 80."

"We're short on violas, cellos, string bass and some second violins," he said.

It's a typical problem; the viola, in particular, is a hard instrument to staff. The hard part is to get enough of it, but Gajec insists that "the viola player has to be as good as the solo violin."

THE MUSIC SOCIETY raises about \$3,000 a season, of which about \$1,200 goes to the orchestra.

The Dearborn Orchestral Society will present the second subscription concert of the 1968-69 season on Friday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 p.m. in the Edsel Ford High School Auditorium, Rotunda Drive, Dearborn.

A "Pops" concert of light, varied and Christmas music will be played by the Dearborn Orchestra, conducted by Nathan Gordon, Dr. Arthur Berg, music consultant for the Dearborn schools, will narrate.

Included in the program will be "Trumpet Voluntary" by Purcell, "Capriccio Espagnole" by Rimsky Korsakov and "Christmas Festival" by Anderson.

Maria Ewing, 19-year-old mezzo-soprano, guest artist of the evening, will sing selections from Tchaikovsky, Rossini and Bizet. Miss Ewing had appeared often as a soloist during her short career and also sang with Jan Pearce and Roberta Peters in the concert version of the opera "Rigoletto" at Meadow Brook last August.

Concert tickets are available at Grinnell's in East Dearborn, Fera's Book Store in West Dearborn, Sally's Gift Shop, Western, or at the door. Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. For further information call LO 1-2524 or LU 2-9190.

A concert for students (a repeat of the "Pops" concert) will be given free of charge Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m. in Dearborn High School on Outer Drive.

Next Concert

The Redford Civic Symphony's next concert will be its Christmas offering on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. in South Redford High School.

Guest performers will be the Ford Motor Co. Chorus of about 100 voices. It will be heard with the orchestra in the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah" and in an increasingly popular 19th century American number, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Chorus for music, soloists and choral expenses. The rest goes into program printing, student scholarships and the like.

Gajec and the Redford Symphony operate differently from some community orchestras when it comes to staffing.

"I have all local people in the first chairs. Now, sometimes we have to hire players, like from the Detroit Symphony. But when I do, I put them in back."

To put a hired player in the first chairs, Gajec insists, "is one way to demoralize the whole organization."

THE RESULT, he thinks, is "more of a warm group. Everyone speaks to each other, and there is a rapport. There are some people who are not fine as soloists, but they're good orchestra players."

"And many can come out and solo. That orchestra is full of talent that hasn't even been shown."

He singles out two violinists, Minota Pollock, the concertmaster, and Emory Weiss, along with other wind instrument and piano players, as

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Singletons Set Mixer Dec. 6

A "Mingling Mixer" is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6, in Baja's Hideaway Room, Michigan at Telegraph. Sponsor of the evening is the Dearborn Livonia chapter of the U.S. Singletons.

Slated to begin at 8 p.m., the program will include cocktails and dancing for single people between the ages of 25 and 45. Admission is \$1 per person.

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society shifted its support when Gajec organized the Redford Civic Symphony a few years later in 1956.

TO A GREAT extent, the formation and development of the Redford Symphony paralleled those of other suburban orchestras and of the suburbs themselves.

Gajec points out that as of the middle of World War II, practically the only orchestras extant, besides Detroit's, were the Women's and the Scandinavian symphonies.

In 1943, Prof. David Matern started the University of Michigan Extension Orchestra. Gajec played in it and later conducted it.

But when the war ended, one suburb after another organized its own orchestra--Birmingham, Pontiac, Dearborn, Allen Park, Mount Clemens, St. Clair Shores, Plymouth, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak.

"The civic orchestras drained the U. of M. Extension Orchestra," says Gajec. The extension orchestra finally came to an end. Redford itself didn't pick up any of the players, but suburbs in general can take the blame--or credit, if you will--for putting an end to a sort of central institution and building up community orchestras.

ONE THING the Redford Symphony does that others don't is to have a narrator explain each number.

"The Detroit Symphony won't do this. They sit it takes away from the dignity," says Gajec

Wildlife Film Set By Society

Four Seasons, a wildlife film featuring British Columbia, will be presented by Wilfred E. Gray for the Audubon Society on Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rackham Memorial Auditorium, Farmington at Woodward.

Beginning with springtime on the coast and ending with winter on the peaks of the Canadian Rockies, the film follows the arrival and departure of nature's wonders in British Columbia.

Some of the highlighted flora and fauna associated with the passing seasons are the snow geese, sharp-tailed grouse performing mating dances, muskrats and sockeye salmon, with strong contrasts in the terrain, temperature and rainfall between the coast and interior of the province.

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