

Schoolcraft Concerts

Quality, Audiences Up

One of the purposes of Schoolcraft College's Court Concerts this summer was to establish the young community college as a center of suburban culture and to start a tradition.

There was considerable worry about quality, about the size of audiences, about money.

Well, the third concert was performed outdoors on the campus Wednesday evening, and the reporter is willing to wager \$100,000 that the risk of offending the prudish in the Post Office Department, that the fourth and final concert next Wednesday will be as good as the rest, and that the board of trustees will see fit to plunk more money into a series next summer.

The third concert was as well attended as the first and better attended than the second, which is a good sign, because it means that the music lovers are not just the social climbers who are out.

Once again, Director Wayne

Dunlap put together the sort of program where every single title selection is intensely interesting, and nothing is on the program just to "represent" some period or fill in a gap.

There was the neo-classical Paul Hindemith's charming arrangement of a "Suite of (Seven) Ancient French Dances," in which he uses modern equivalent instruments such as flute for recorder, oboe for shalm, and English horn for krumphorn.

There was Hayden's "Farewell" symphony (No. 45). This is the one which, in an adaptation to the final movement, the musicians gradually leave in small groups until only two are left. Besides being musically noteworthy in its entirety, the "Farewell" also let the Court Orchestra's first chair musicians be shown to advantage.

A slender but noddier named Marian Wingerth (thirty years old) would never think it could be done with that massive instrument;

the crowd favorite seemed to be the symphony called with the teen-age long hair and baby-fat cheeks, Barbara Finkett; and the real intellectuals nursed a crush on Emily Muller Austin, the well-toned concertmaster.

Finally there was Hayden's Mass in D minor, the "Nelson" mass, sung by the Michigan-raised Kenneth Jewell Chorale. The program notes say the performance was made possible with the support of the Michigan State Council for the Arts, which is as good an argument as any for a socialized culture. Political economy aside, it was an outstanding event. Hayden's original title means "mass in time of fear (or war)" and the voices are strong and young. Outstanding? No, gripping.

In the first review of Schoolcraft's Court Concerts, we made note of some bugs—brass problems, timing of the intermission, electric fans going on, and so—and expressed confidence that the problems would

be ironed out. They were.

Closing the series next Wednesday at 8:30 on the campus at 18600 Haggerty will be Paul Doktor, who plays the viola, an instrument usually associated with the string quartet and not with the solo instruments.

Doktor, probably the outstanding young artist in the series, will perform Hindemith's "Trauermusik for Viola and Strings" and Telemann's "Concerto in G Major."

To paraphrase Doc Greene: Anyone who would pass up these concerts would pass up a fine Portuguese wine.

—Tim Richard, Managing Editor

Munch At Meadow Brook

The great French conductor Charles Munch, former director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will take over Oakland University's Meadow Brook Festival Concerts this week in the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion in Rochester.

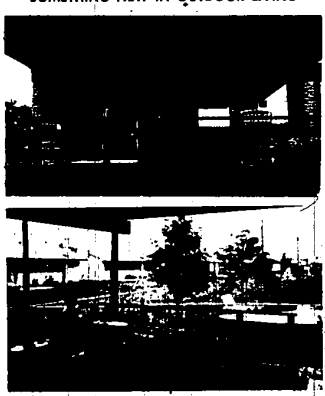
His Thursday and Friday, July 27-28 programs at 8:30 p.m. will be orchestral with pianist Nicole Henriot-Schweitzer the soloist Saturday, July 29, at 8:30 and Sunday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

MYRTLE ALICE STRACHAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Strachan, formerly of Farmington, were conducted by the Rev. G. Donald Wilmoth of the Redford Presbyterian Church July 17 in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Pine Lake Cemetery.

Mrs. Strachan had lived in Farmington for 12 years prior to moving to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. in 1961.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer, a son, Ernest Harner of Pompano Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren; two brothers, Merle Laird of Newport Richey, Fla. and Fred Laird of Northville; and three sisters, Mrs. Claire Brades and Mrs. Joseph (Aesie) Broadal, both of Detroit; and Mrs. Betty Kyler of St. Clair, Mich.

LAWRENCE WALKER

Lawrence Leonard Walker, 65, of 33333 Glenview, Farmington, died July 17 in Wayne County General Hospital. Requiem Mass was offered July 20 in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Other survivors include his wife, Marian L.; two sons, Brian F. of Indianapolis and Jack L. of Detroit; six grandchildren; and three brothers, Robert of Peterborough, Ont.; Charles of Detroit; and Patrick of California.

Mr. Walker was vice-president, treasurer and controller of Michigan Seamless & Standard Tube Co. of South Lyon. He had been employed by the firm for 27 years.

A member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the Farmington Knights of Columbus, Mr. Walker was a graduate of the University of Detroit.

He held memberships in Alpha Sigma Nu, Alpha Kappa Psi, the National Association of Accountants, and the Financial Executive Institute.

The Walkers moved to Farmington in 1950. Prior to that time, they had resided in Livonia for 15 years.

CHARLES DIDDAMS

Services for Charles Diddams, 70, of Pontiac, were conducted July 18 by the Rev. Elsie Jones of Clarenceville Methodist Church in the Thayer Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Diddams, a retired machine operator at Cadillac Motor Car Co., resided in Farmington Township for 25 years before moving to Pontiac six years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl, two daughters, Doris of Colorado Springs; Mrs. Arlene Veatch of Chula Vista, Calif.; a brother; and four grandchildren.

MRS. RUTH C. PETERSON

Mrs. Ruth C. Peterson, 57, of 33724 Oakland, Farmington, died July 14 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Pontiac, following an extended illness. Mrs. Peterson was the wife of Farmington City Councilman Hugo E. Peterson.

A native of Williamsburg, Iowa, Mrs. Peterson was married in 1939 in Stormlake, Iowa. The Petersons have been residents of Farmington for the past 25 years. Mrs. Peterson worked in Conroy's Market during that time.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Funeral services for William Robertson, 69, of Walled Lake, were conducted by the Rev. Carl H. Schultz of Farmington United Church of Christ July 18 in the Thayer Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery.

A life member of Thistle Lodge 270, F. & A.M., in West Calder, Scotland, Mr. Robertson was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Detroit Consistory. A resident of Walled Lake for the past seven years, he resided from the Ford Motor Co. Transmission Plant.

Survivors are his wife, Irene; a daughter, Mrs. Joy Miller of Detroit; five sons, William of Plymouth, Seward of Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Bruce, Donald and Douglas of Walled Lake; a step-daughter, three step-sons; a sister, two brothers; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

HAVIER INFANT

Funeral services for two-month-old Mary Jean Havier were conducted July 19 in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. The Rev. Roger B. Bronsted of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiated. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havier of 20724 Rensselaer, Farmington Township, Mary Jean died July 16 in Botsford Hospital.

Besides her parents, survivors include: a sister, Susan; granddaughters, Mrs. Helen Holcomb of Livonia, Cornelia Havier of Farmington and Mrs. Ruby Dwyer of Detroit; and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Metcalfe of Rutledge, Tenn.

MRS. RUTH M. CHARBONNEAU

Mrs. Leslie (Ruth M.) Charbonneau, 55, of Novi, died July 13 following an extended illness. A requiem mass was offered July 17 in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with the Thayer Funeral Home handling arrangements.

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