

Cranbrook - Inspired Setting for Concert

The magnificent formal gardens of the Booth estate at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills was the inspired setting Sunday afternoon for another fine chamber music concert in the current summer series.

Paul Olefsky, cellist, and Gordon Staples, violinist, both members of the Detroit Symphony orchestra were joined by the talented pianist Ruth Meckler to play music by Bach, Beethoven, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky.

STRAVINSKY'S "Suite Italienne" with all three soloists participating proved to be a satirical treatment of a suite by the early Italian composer, vergerosi. Consisting of an introduction, minuet, tarantella, and finale, it abounded in typical Stravinsky poly-rhythmic devices which the trio dispatched with spirit and vigor.

The high point of the afternoon was reached in the Tchaikovsky trio, for it is music of uncommonly rich texture, with a depth of contour and lushness rare in the increasingly popular world of chamber music.

CRANBROOK has long been an active cultural part within our community and the present musical series is a natural and necessary addition, making it a more completely balanced art center. No more perfect setting could be imagined for all the performing arts than this glorious estate where fountains and lawns divide up beautifully balanced gardens and sweeping lawns.

The enthusiastic audience of some 300 sensed with pleasure the intimacy and informality that could prevail only with such a small gathering in such a woodland setting. The naturalness of the occasion was accentuated at one point by the seemingly accepted presence of a wandering German shepherd dog on the platform. His being there would have been embarrassing out of place in any other concert hall.

EVEN the relatively heavy program stepped easily out of formal attire. Out of doors, with an old elm swaying overhead, the world of art seemed to become one with and substantial technical reserves, nature's world.

All three young performers are musicians of mature understanding. Miss Meckler began the afternoon by playing three parts of the Bach Partita in E minor. The "Kreutzer" sonata by Beethoven followed, presented by Miss Meckler and Staples. There were some uneventful moments in the first movement, but the last showed fine rapport between piano and violin.

Both technical and interpretive problems in this large work were met head-on by all three performers, leaving little doubt in anyone's mind that we were hearing Tchaikovsky at close to his soulful and melodious best.

THIS fine series, which presents its final concert Sunday, could be the trigger mechanism for many other wonderful musical offerings in the future.

It would be pleasant to anticipate this festival's someday including presentations of the dance opera and perhaps even a bit of that currently favorite child of Newport—jazz!

There is an abundance of magnificent settings on Cranbrook's grounds. A performing center here, we could dream, might someday rival those of such great Massachusetts centers as Tanglewood and Jacob's Pillow.

Random Notes About Town

MUSIC
The Detroit symphony, Thursday, 8:15, State fairgrounds, Valter Poole conducting; Zinoivi Bistrizky, violinist.
The Detroit symphony, Saturday, 8:15 p.m., State fairgrounds, Valter Poole conducting.
Cranbrook Gardens festival, Sunday, 4:30 p.m., featuring Paul Olefsky, Gordon Staples, and Theodore Lettvin.

THEATRE
NORTHLAND PLAYHOUSE: Ann Sheridan and Scott McKay in Kind Sir through Sunday; Melvyn Douglas opens in pre-Broadway run of Sweet and Sour on Monday, continuing a week.
MUSIC CIRCLE THEATRE: Joyce Randolph in Happy Hunting through Sunday. Book by Lindsay and Crouse.

MOVIES
ADAMS: Gigi, starring Louis Jourdan, Maurice Chevalier, and Leslie Caron... gay and colorful.
PALMS: The Key with William Holden, Sophia Loren and Trevor Howard... suspenseful and intriguing.
MADISON: Erich Maria Remarque's A Time To Love with John Gavin and Lilo Pulver... sprawling indictment of war.

FOREIGN FILMS
WORLD AND STUDIO: Brigitte Bardot in And God Created Woman, Surf and Coronet; Brigitte Bardot in Mademoiselle Strip-tease; also David Niven in The Silken Affair.
TRANS-LUX KIM: Brigitte Bardot in The Night Heaven Fell.
CLAWSON PLAYHOUSE: Through Saturday—Tales of Hoffman with Moira Shearer and members of Sadler's Wells; also Alec Guinness, Grace Kelly and Louis Jourdan in The Swan.

TELEVISION
PLAYHOUSE 90 has Right Hand Man with Dana Andrews, Leslie Nielsen, Ann Baxter, Stu Erwin, and June Collyer; Thursday, 9:30 p.m., channel 2.
FRIGIDAIRE PLAYHOUSE presents drama with Ralph Bellamy, Rita Gam, and Basil Rathbone; Friday, 9:30 p.m., channel 7.
SCHLITZ PLAYHOUSE has Ernest Borgnine and Judith Evelyn in drama; Friday, 9:30 p.m., channel 2.

WATCH MR. WIZARD—science experiments with Don Herbert; Sunday, 4 p.m., channel 4.
THE LAST WORD with Dr. Bergen Evans, John Mason Brown, Ika Chase and author, Hollis Alpert; Sunday, 5 p.m., channel 2.
FACE THE NATION, panel interview program with Stuart Novins from Washington; Sunday, 4:30, channel 2.
DECISION has Barbara Stanwyck in Sudden Silence; Sunday, 10 p.m., channel 4.

STUDIO ONE IN HOLLYWOOD has Dennis Hopper, Vivian Nath-an, Claire Griswold and Malcolm Atterburn in The Last Summer; Monday, 8:30, channel 2.

Recreation Round Up
Playgrounds, riflery, golf, and junior sports end tomorrow for the 1958 season. Day camp ends today.

TEEN CENTER AT ETON PARK
Tonight the senior high group presents a "chemise shake" from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Girls are supposed to wear chemise or sack dresses. Prizes will be given to winners of a dance contest.

Tomorrow the junior high group will have a jackpot party. Wednesday, Aug. 7, the junior high group will have a hayride at Hilton's stables, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost, \$1.50 per person, which includes a hot meal and use of the lodge for dancing later.
Tuesday, Aug. 12, senior high will organize a variety show, date to be announced later.
TENNIS
Don't forget the tennis tournament to be held at Eton park. Lessons offered each morning, 9 to noon.
PLAYGROUND DISPLAY
Crafts and articles made by the playgrounders this summer will be on display at Jacobson's this week.

Ex-Hills Chief Out of Hospital; Stricken Earlier

Former Bloomfield Hills police chief L. C. Banks was released from Alpena General hospital this week after being hospitalized early this month following a heart attack.

Banks, 54 years old, has been farming near the small Montmorency county community of Hillman since resigning the Bloomfield Hills post in June 1954.
He joined the Hills police force in 1929 and became a lieutenant in 1945. He was named its chief in 1948.
HE HAS A brother, Sgt. Ted Banks, on the Bloomfield Hills police department.
The attack was the former chief's first.

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Manor Road Sewer Gets City Study
A problem sewer in the Manor-Bever road area is getting special attention from Birmingham city officials.
The subdivision association, and the immediately affected property owner at 699 Shephardshub, protested the sewer's condition in separate letters to the city this week.
Owner Marriott Walker said foul odors permeate the neighborhood, and the open sewer is a health hazard to the area's children.
Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning said the city admits this is a problem, and asked more time to investigate before reporting back to the city commission.

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