Famous Names, Talents Combine

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Special Writer

Talking to two interesting Birmingham-Bloomfield area women about their musical careers reminds you of what most local residents already know—the wealth of creative talent this area possesses!

Two shining representatives from its musical sphere are Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt and Mrs. Minoru Yamasaki who will present a two-piano concert in Mrs. Roosevelt's home June 24.

As I visited Mrs. Roosevelt's studio-home at 292 Greenwood recently I sat in her lovely studio overlooking the wooded river—the Rouge river. The strikingly handsome Mrs. Roosevelt spoke with obvious excitement about the years she spent studying piano and violin in Detroit, New York and in France at the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau.

Checking the score with the arranger of several of their selections, pianist and composer Mark Wessel, are (from left) Mrs. Minoru Yamasaki and Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt.

A NATIVE of Detroit, Mrs. Roosevelt attended Liggett school, began her piano studies at five and took up the violin when she was ten. Pointing to the two grand pianos which dominate the living area of her home, Mrs. Roosevelt said she returned to teaching piano in 1946, a profession she had given up in 1925 when she married G. Hall Roosevelt, brother of Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt recalls with delight the occasions in 1935 and 1940 when she played recitals at the White House and in 1938 when she was a soloist with the National symphony orchestra. Then, too, she laughingly remembers teaching ten-year old G. Mennen Williams who was "a nice, young boy, but a little interested in the piano".

When we arrived at the country home of world - famed architect Minoru Yamasaki, his wife was busily engaged in packing the family off for a trip to Seattle. There Yamasaki will receive a distinguished alumnus of the year award from his alma mater.

MRS. YAMASAKI is a petite, attractive woman. She and her husband and three children live in a white, clapboard farmhouse, originally built in 1873 and remodled to their contemporary taste with dramatic Japanese accents.

Mrs. Yamasaki grew up in Los Angeles. After graduating from the University of Southern California she was awarded a three-year scholarship to Juilliard school of music in New York.

It was in New York that she met and married Yamasaki, and when children starting arriving the inevitable happened—she gave up music for almost ten years. They moved to Detroit, and one evening at a party she met Dorothy Roosevelt, who urged her to join the Birmingham Musicale. This she did, and has been playing the piano here for fun and in concert ever since.

THE TWO ladies have been ably coached for their performance by Mark Wessel, who also arranged two of the pieces they will play. Wessel spent two years in Europe on a Guggenheim Fellowship, has had a brilliant career as a concert pianist, now lives at Orchard Lake and teaches in the area.

Tickets for the 8:30 p.m. concert June 24, sponsored by the Birmingham Democratic club, may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Herbert Fisher, 487 Arlington.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John Bageris, 18531 Wiltshire boulevard, Lathrup, who moved from Grosse Pointe in March. The couple were married in January of this year and he owns Johnny's Dream bar in Detroit.

Southfield Lists 399 Graduates

SOUTHFIELD — At commencement exercises at Southfield high school Wednesday, 399 seniors were presented with degrees by retiring Southfield school board President Fred Leonhard.

The graduates are:

Marsha Adelman, Virginia Agar, Michele Aiello, Robert Alexander, Beverly Allan, Gary Andrews, Sheryl Andrich, Stephanie Atkins, Irma Auerbach, David Bacinski, Curtis Bagne, Elizabeth Baker, Alpharetta Balbour, Kathleen Barker, Michael Barnwell, Dale Bartch, Bonnie Janet Bennett, Constance Bennett, Loretta Bereah, William Berminghan, Gerald Bernadotte, Robert Berning, Jr., Kay Beutner, Carole Blair, David Borsuk, Betty Boschma, Richard Boyd, Irving Bradley, Genevieve Brock, Clark Burger, David Butler, John Caldwell, Nancy Callahan, Rosemary Canterucci, Maria Capkechoski, Gilbert Carlsen, Nancy Carnegie, Lucy Carroll, Carol Chaek, Janice Christensen.

Robert Citrin, Sharon Clark, Terrence Clark, Edythe Clark, Dennis Crogan, Ann Compton, James Conley, Daniel Corr, Rhoda Cortney, Patricia Courville, Barbara Craig, Constance Craig, Madeleine Crawford, Nancy Croker, Thomas Crossman, Judith Crouch, Ruth Cuchetti, Gerald Cullen, David Cunningham, Jayne Curry, Daphne Dalrymple, Phillip Davidson, Christian Davis, John Davis.

Carolyn Deakina, Richard Deakina, Judith Deem, Montie Deimel, John Delaney, Patricia DeLong, Robert Dent, Judith DeRosia, Nancy Dewey Wilson, Dixon, Gerald Dobbertin, Martha Dodds, Daniel Dohany, Judith Domitrovich, Judith Donald, Lawrence Dorris, Barbara Drosynski, Edward Duffy, Donna Duncan, Gordon Dye, Karl Early, Arthur Eastman.

Charles Egan, William Ellis, Shelley Erlacher, Orin Fallin, George Farris, Heidrun Fasching, Jerome Fenton, Carolyn Fisher, Daniel Flaherty, Edwin Forbush, Judy Foster, Thomas Fowlow, Gary Fox, John Frazier, Marcia Freedman, Elizabeth Friend, Margaret Friend, Laurence Fritslan, Ardelle Fry, Maryann Gagniuk, Janette Galbraith, Kathryn Galetto, David Gardner.

Theodore Garrish, Mack Gaut, Barbara Gay, James Gibbons, Nancy Gilderslieve, Carl Gillallon, Augustino Giordano, Clayton Glush, Benjamin Gooden, Michael Goodman, Daniel Gordon, Paul Grafmiller, Kenneth Greb, Mark Greenbain, Sharon Greene, Gerald Griesser, John Grimes III, David Gummerus, Donald Haines, Gary Hamann.

Mabel Hammar, Howard Handelman, Katherine Harlow, Robert Hartwick, Fern Heckman, Gerald Hedlund, Anne Heinonen, Robert Henkle, Charles Herr, Bonnie Higgins, Karen Higgins.

Mary Hines, James Hodges, Howard Hodgson, Paul Hoffmeyer, Anthony Holbrook, Peter Holley, Estelle Horowitz.

Leona Hosley, Carolyn Howard, Diane Hutt, Mevin Humphrey, Jr., Dennis Hunkele.

Marilyn Hyde, Patricia Ingram, Gail Irving, Joel Ittigson, Loring Janes, Frances Jannetta, James Johnson, Jr., Norman Langton Jones, Patricia Jones, Richard Juve, Julius Kaminski, Eugene Karinen, Neil Karl, Lawrence Katkowsky, Jenifer Kaumeyer.

Judith Kaurala Carol Keller, Virginia Keller, Marsha Kish, Ronald Kisner, Richard Kivela, Carol Kleckner, Nancy Knapp, Robert Knighton, Rita Kobylarek, Robert Koenig, Judith Ann Koller.

Patricia Kopsch, James Andrew Kovach, Judith Kreuger, Lowell Krieg, Carol Krimlan, David Krotemeyer, David Krygier, Carl Kucsera, Karen Kuplee, Diane Kurup, Vern Laituri, Sandra Lamantia, Eleanor Landsman, Christine Latvala, Joseph LaVerdi, Philip LaVigne, Marcia Lawton.

Kathryn Leighton, Helene Levine, Marilyn Levine, Douglas Lick, Nicholas Little, Sally Little, Gerald Livingston, Mark Lobanoff, Patricia Lounon, Mariana Lovernick, Barry Lund, Robin Lund, Herbert Luther.

Larry Maierle, Joan Mallon, Susan Joyce Manderfield Grant Mann, Norris March III, Winfred Marion III, Addie Martin, Robert Mason, Robert May, Kathleen Mayhew, Sandra McCoil, John McCormick, James McGaffin, James McIntosh, Juliann Merila, Barbara Meyer, Carol Miller, Penelope Miller, Renee Ministrelli, Coreen Monson, Campbell Moore, Linda Morden, Judy Morken, Annette Moroneff, Nancy Morton, Dorothy Mouyianis, Darwin Muir, Patricia Mulhern, Glenn Mustonen, JoAnne Myszs, Julie Nagley, Kathleen Neal.

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Linda Rettmer, Dennis Rich, William Richardson, Mary Robbins, Margaret Robert, Janet Rodeheffer, Ronald Roever, Robert Rose, Fredrick Roseman, David Rosenberg, Charles Ross, Lawrence Rumohr, Michael Rupp, Robert Ryan, Patricia Salerno, John Sames, Aznive Sarjanian, Gloria Sauer, Wayne Saunders, Kenneth Schaffer, Rochell Schaffer, Edward Schlaff, Rita Schneider, Shiela Schultz, Caroline Schwartz.

Patricia Scudder, Jean Seeback, Donald Sefrik, Stephen Semaring, Roy Sepanen, Donna Seregow, Gloria Sewell, Elmer Shaw, Gregory Shaw, Barbara Shell, Loraine Sherman, Leonard Sherrill, Gary Shingles, Barbara Silver, Robert Sims, Bernda Slavik, Mina Slawin, Donna Sloan, Dennis Smallwood.

Carolyn Smith, Marjorie Smith, Melinda Snover, Ray Solberg, Thomas Spear, Leonard Dale Spicer, Paul Joseph Spicuzza, Kathleen Frances Spooner, Judith Ann Spivy, Claudia Stafford, Paul L. Stanley, Jane Stoia, Carolyn Stoker, Susan Stokfisz, Nicole Straw, Edward Strong, Terry Sutton, Harold Swenson, Kathleen Swetesich.

Donald Symons, Nancy Taylor, John Teague, Elaine Timasacy, Lawrence Tischler, Thomas Topper, Gary Trevena, William Trudeau, Alan Turker, JoAnn Turchetti, James Turnquist, Lawrence Underwood, David Van Meer, Sharon Veitch.

Patricia Venezia, Frances Vettraino, Judith Vogt, Sherwood Wainman, John Walker, Virginia Walker, Ann Wallip, Julianne Walsh, Kenneth Wagnier, Joanne Warren, Ronald Washel, Kathleen Watson, Bonnie Watts, Sandra Weeks, Ronald Weitaman, Marylyn Werth, Sally West.

James White, Joann Whitney, Ruthann Wicka, Gary Wilson, Adolph Winkelbauer, Robert Wohl, Albert Wohlart, Joy Wood, Iris Woods, Joseph Worswick, Jr., Thomas Wyer, Karen Young, Susan Zimmerman, Robert Zimmle, Antoinette Zuccarini, Madelyn Zupan, Richard Zurla.

Culver Military School Graduates Local Student

Larry Stolberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Stolberg, 816 Pierce, Birmingham, was graduated June 7 from Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana.

Stolberg was active in intramural athletics, varsity baseball, and was a member of both history club and dramatic society.

He also was a member of Cum Laude (prep school honorary society) and finalist in national merit scholarship competition.

At his graduation, Stolberg was a cadet 1st lieut. and regimental infirmary officer.

Stolberg plans to attend Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., next year.

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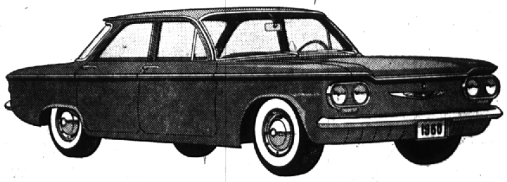

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