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DINNER REMARKS//G.R. 1/6/.7/69

TONIGHT WE TRIBUTE TO FIVE OUTSTANDING TEACHERS...

MICHIGAN'S TRIBUTE TO FIVE OUTSTANDING TEACHERS...

MICHIGAN'S TRIBUTE MUSIC TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. THE FOR

ME TO THE WORK THERE TO NO MORE PLEASURABLE ASSIGNMENT.

I VALUE GOOD TEACHERS SO HIGHLY THAT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD

PAY TRIBUTE TO THEM EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. IN FACT,

AMERICA WILL NEVER ADVANCE TO ITS FULL CAPABILITIES AS A

NATION UNTIL OUR GOOD, DEDICATED TEACHERS ARE ACCORDED THE

PRESTIGE AND EMOLUMENTS TO WHICH SHOULD RICHTFULLY ACCRUE

TO THEM IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WELFARE.

2/ DINNER

ME HAVE WITH US TONIGHT THE VERY FINEST OF

MICHIGAN'S MADAY LEUSIC TEACHERS. WE ARE GATHERED

IT IS I WHO

HERE TO HONOR THEM. BUT FEEL HONORED TO BE IN THEIR

PRESENCE BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS FEIT THE GREATEST RESPECT

FOR A FINE TEACHER. I HAVE ALWAYS FEIT THERE IS NO

INDIVIDUAL IN OUR SOCIETY WHO SIS MORE

VALUABLE AND MORE IMPORTANT THAN A GOOD TEACHER. AS

HENRY ADAMS PUT IT: "A TEACHER AFFECTS ETERNITY: HE

CAN NEVER TELL WHERE HIS INFLUENCE TO THE STOPS."

PRESIDENT JAMES GARFIELD IN AN ADDRESS TO WILLIAMS

COLLEGE ALUMNI IN 1871 PAID TRIBUTE TO A GREAT TEACHER,

WILLIAMS COLLEGE PRESIDENT MARK HOPKINS, WITH THESE

WORDS: "GIVE ME A LOG HUT, WITH ONLY A SIMPLE BENCH,

MARK HOPKINS ON ONE END AND I ON THE OTHER, AND YOU MAY

HAVE ALL THE BUILDINGS, APPARATUS AND LIBRARIES WITHOUT HIM."

WHAT GARFIELD WAS SAYING, OF COURSE, WAS SIMPLY THAT THE

INDIVIDUAL TEACHER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE

ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

#### 4/ DINNER

THE GERMAN POET AND PHILOSOPHER GOETHE (pronounced Gay-teh), INASMUCH AS HE WAS MOST CONCERNED WITH THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, ONCE WROTE: "A TEACHER WHO CAN AROUSE A FEELING FOR ONE SINGLE GOOD ACTION, FOR ONE SINGLE GOOD POEM, ACCOMPLISHES MORE THAN HE WHO FILLS OUR MEMORY WITH ROWS ON ROWS OF NATURAL OBJECTS, CLASSIFIED WITH NAME AND FORM."

TONIGHT WE HERE HONOR TEACHERS OF MUSIC...THE

UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LANGUAGE BECAUSE

IT IS THE LANGUAGE OF PEACE.

THERE ARE THOSE MICHIGAN WHO CONSIDER MUSIC THE

GREATEST OF THE ARTS.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE YOUNG

PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING MICHIGAN'S

PROVING TO BE AND

PROVING TO BE AND

TO THE TEACHERS WHO HELPED THEM TEVELOP THEIR FINE

TALENTS.

MUSIC

TO THE FIVE TEACHERS SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL HONORS,

I SAY: "WE SALUTE YOU AS MICHIGAN'S FINEST."

CONCERT REMARKS

G.R./16/17/69

PRESENTING AWARDS TO WINNING STUDENTS IN THREE AREAS
OF THE ARTS-MUSIC, WISUAL ART AND FORENSICS.

I AM VERY MUCH IMPRESSED AND EXCITED BY THE
CALIBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE I AM SEEING HERE TODAY. IT IS
THIS KIND OF AN EVENT THAT RENEWS MY FAITH IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF AMERICA, AND THEREFORE MY FAITH IN

AMERICA AS A NATION. FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICA LIES IN
THE HANDS OF THE YOUNG. IN A FEW MOMENTS WE

THAT'S THE KIND OF DEMONSTRATION I LIKE.

MUSICAL TALENTS OF MICHIGAN'S YOUNG PEOPLE. I AM NOT A

MUSICIAN MYSELF AND THEREFORE NO JUDGE BUT I AM TOLD THAT

THE ARE ABOUT TO HEAR.

SOLOISTS ARE GOOD BY ANY STANDARDS. IN WOULD LIKE TO

CONGRATULATE THEM IN ADVANCE. HERBERT SPENCER ONCE

WROTE: "MUSTC MUST RANK AS THE HIGHEST OF THE FINE ARTS—

AS THE ONE WHICH, MORE THAN ANY OTHER, MINISTERS TO HUMAN

WELFARE." AND NOW, LET US ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE

MINISTERED UNTO.####

#### REMARKS BY ARTS FESTIVAL HONORS LUNCHEON ... 6/17/69

IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE, SURROUNDED BY THE VERY BEST YOUNG TALENT IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE FIELD OF THE ARTS.

IN MY JUDGMENT, YOU YOUNG PEOPLE CONSTITUTE THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF TALENT EVER GATHERED IN GRAND RAPIDS. I THEREFORE AM

EXTREMELY PROUD THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, GRAND RAPIDS
IS THE SITE FOR THE MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL.

I VIEW IT AS MOST APPROMIATE THAT A YOUTH ARTS

FESTIVAL SHOULD BE THE EVENT THAT KICKS OFF OUR OBSERVANCE

OF MICHIGAN WEEK. I HEARD A YOUNG VISITOR TO WASHINGTON

REMARK THE OTHER DAY, "NOT ONLY IS THE UNITED STATES

THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, BUT MICHIGAN IS THE

GREATEST STATE." I AM CONSTANTLY HEARTENED BY THE

EXUBERANCE AND ENTHUSIASM OF YOUTH.

3/ LUNCHEON

I AM MOST IMPRESSED BY EVERYTHING I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD HERE TODAY. IT IS AN OCCASION LIKE THIS WHICH GIVES ME FAITH THAT LIFE FOR MEN CAN CONSTANTLY MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A HIGHER ORDER. A YOUTH FESTIVAL OF THIS KIND IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE I HAVE SEEN THAT HUMAN BEINGS CAN REALIZE THE GREAT POTENTIAL THAT LIES WITHIN THEM.

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THIS IS A HIGHLE IMPORTANT OCCASION. BECAUSE IT

FORUSES ATTENTION ON THE ARTS DURING AN AGE OF

MATERIALISM AND WORSHIP OF THE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY.

WE NEED CONSTANTLY TO BE REMINDED THAT MAN DOES. NOT

LIVE BY BREAD ALONE...THAT HIS SOUL REQUIRES SPECIAL FOOD

AND HIS SPIRIT THE NURTURING THAT FLOWS FROM BEAUTY.

MANY ADULT AMERICANS TODAY TEND TO VIEW OUR YOUNG

PEOPLE WITH SUSPICION BECAUSE THE NATION IS BESET WITH

TURMOIL...ATTEMPTS BY SOME YOUNG PEOPLE, A TINY MINORITY,

#### \$7 LUNCHEON

DESTRUCTION. I BELIEVE WE ARE COMING OF AGE IN AMERICA
DESPITE CURRENT OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE. I BELIEVE WE
ARE COMING OF AGE AS A NATION BECAUSE AMERICAD IS
FINALLY REWARDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ARTS AS IT HAS
ALWAYS REWARDED ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

THE ARTS MAKE A PRECIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR
NATIONAL LIFE...A CONTRIBUTION WHICH IS MEASURELESS.

AS EMERSON SAID: "EVERY GENUINE WORK OF ART HAS AS MUCH
REASON FOR BEING AS THE EARTH AND THE SUN."



I LOOK AT THE FACES OF THE TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE
HERE, AND I FEEL PROUD TO BE IN THEIR COMPANY. THEY
ARE CREATIVE PEOPLE...AND THE CREATIVE PERSON IS
TRULY BLE SSED BY GOD.

ONE OF THE FAVORITE EXPRESSIONS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
TODAY IS...

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE
TODAY ON THE THING THAT THEY ARE DOING,
BRINGING BEAUTY INTO

NOT ONLY THEIR OWN LIVES BUT THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

#### JUNCHEON

IT'S TRUE THAT WHEN THE ARTIST CREATES... WHETHER HE
IS PAINTING, DANCING OR PLAYING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT...
HE IS SAYING, "ART IS I." BUT AT THE SAME TIME HE IS
SHARING HIMSELF WITH OTHERS...AND THIS IS ONE OF THE
BLESSINGS OF MANKIND.

AGAIN, MAY I CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR WONDERFUL

ACHIEVEMENTS AND IN PAY YOU THE FINEST

COMPLIMENT I KNOW...THAT OF SIMPLY SAYING THANK YOU FOR

ALL YOU HAVE TO NE."

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FINE ARTS CENTER, CALVIN COLLEGE, MAY 17, 1969, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

"Michigan has reason to be proud of her gifted young people. I am happy to be a part of the Youth Arts Festival which an-

nually showcases
the talents of our
state's aspiring
young musicians
and artists. My
congratulations
to the host city,
Grand Rapids, to



the countless behind-the-scenes planners responsible for the Youth Arts Festival, to the hundreds of high school students and teachers of music and the arts who combine their many talents to stage this Michigan Week production."

Dewey F. Barich General Chairman Michigan Week 1969 "The Directors, Officers and Staff of Old Kent Bank and Trust Company are very pleased to be able to bring the 1969 Mich-



igan Youth Arts
Festival to the
people of Grand
Rapids. The wonderful talents of
the participants
- acquired
through hard

work and dedication — should be an inspiration to each and every one of us in our everyday endeavors. We sincerely hope that this festival serves as a major step toward even greater achievements for these young people."

Richard M. Gillett President Old Kent Bank and Trust Company



Schedule of Events

#### MORNING:

10:00 - \*Art Panel Discussion, 3 Students - 3 Art Teachers

10:30 - 2 - One-act plays - State forensic winners

#### AFTERNOON:

1:30 - Classical Ballet

1:30 - \*Acrylic art demonstration

3:00 - Concert:

Michigan Honors Band

**Outstanding String Quartet** 

**Outstanding Soloists** 

#### **EVENING:**

8:00 - Concert:

Michigan Honors Orchestra

**Outstanding Male Chorus** 

**Outstanding Soloists** 

(All programs will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium unless otherwise noted in this schedule)

\*To be held in the Choral Room.



1969
Michigan Youth
Festival

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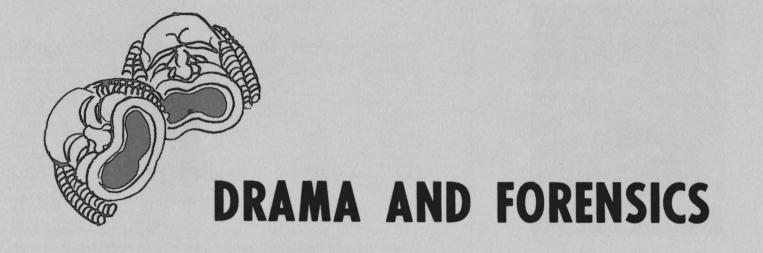
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DAVID J. BLOSSOM, Chairman



Drama & Forensics
Program
10:30 a.m.

#### I. THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

A comedy performed by Northern High School, Portage.

Judy Hanna, Student Director

Linda Searight, Costumes

Mary Kiraldi, Make-up and Hair Styles

#### CAST

|   |                     | David Clarke                             |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| VINCENTIO   |                     | Frederick Watts                          |  |  |  |  |
| LUCENTIO  |                     | Brian Dobbie                             |  |  |  |  |
| PETRUCHIO   |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |                     | David Magerlein                          |  |  |  |  |
| HORTENSIO   |                     | Mark Fitzgerald                          |  |  |  |  |
| TRANIO  |                     | Paul Otis                                |  |  |  |  |
| BIONDELLO   |                     | Maria DeVries                            |  |  |  |  |
|   |                     | Bruce Fairbanks                          |  |  |  |  |
| CURTIS  |                     | Jeff Mitchell                            |  |  |  |  |
| A PENDANT   |                     | Jim Coleman                              |  |  |  |  |
| AFRIAR  |                     | John Sutherlin                           |  |  |  |  |
|   |                     | Rick Neubig                              |  |  |  |  |
| KATHERINE   |                     | Kristine Kreilick                        |  |  |  |  |
| PIANCA  |                     | Sheila Douglas                           |  |  |  |  |
| THE WIDOW   |                     | Diane Olds                               |  |  |  |  |
| A CEAMOTRES   |                     | Miriam O'Meara                           |  |  |  |  |
| A SEAWSTRESS  |                     | Kathleen Tosco                           |  |  |  |  |
| A MILLINER  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Servants: Robert Wiley, Don Dillon, Diana Dunsmore, Maureen Peiper, Lynn Sparks, Debbie Moon, Cara Whitmore |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Citizens of Padua: N  | lancy Cool, Sue Van | nLiere, Randi Arnold, Bonnie Hill, Karen |  |  |  |  |

#### II. THE ODD COUPLE

A comedy performed by Dominican High School, Detroit, runner-ups in the State forensics contest.

Sister Colleen, Instructor CAST

Shelly Fielding Joan Kazmarek Debbie Milbrand

Nikki Dovle

Pat Kapps Kathy McCarthy Carol Calamijka

Laidlaw, Pat Hikade, Karen Williams, Pat Armstrong, Janet Meyer,

#### INTERMISSION

#### III. UNDER MILKWOOD

Multiple Reading by State Champions in the State Forensics Contest, Lansing Eastern High School

#### Mrs. Steven Rymal, Instructor

Jeaneen Casper

Robin Jarboe

Rosemary Fulton David VanArtsdalen

Larry Casler

Carl Evanoff

#### IV. GRENACHIKA

A drama performed by Midland High School

Miss Letha Perking, Director

Karen Hodge, Student Director

Elizabeth Holder, Prompter Douglas Hanes, Asst. Production Manager

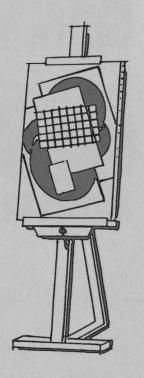
Ronda Corbett, Production Manager

#### CAST

| APPEL ZINE |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |  |  |  | Samuel Pietsch   |
|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|--|--|--|------------------|
| GRENACHIKA |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |  |  |  | .Deanne Sovereen |
| MOLO       |  |  |  |  |  |  |    |  |  |  | David Brosier    |
| UNDERSTUDY |  |  |  |  |  |  | Į, |  |  |  | Robin Bon        |

Setting: a hut in the Wrumble Mountain





## VISUAL ART



## Visual Arts Exhibit

FINE ARTS CENTER, KNOLLCREST CAMPUS CALVIN COLLEGE

9:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

#### STUDENT-JUROR PANEL

"Doing Your Own Thing"

Chairman: Charles Fensch

Denise Vaughn, Student, Central High School, Grand Rapids; Suzette Whitworth, Student, Mona Shores High School, Muskegon; Candy Johnson, Student, East Grand Rapids High School, Grand Rapids; Nan Stackhouse, Michigan State University; Dr. Victor Croftchik, Central Michigan University; Edward Boeve, Calvin College

1:30 P.M. ACRYLIC PAINTING DEMONSTRATION Choral Room

Delbert Michel, Chairman, Art Department, Hope College,

Holland

LUCILLE NEWLAND, Chairman



THE RECEPTION

Pat Gallup Mona Shores High School Muskegon



RAP BROWN JAIL BIRD

Cornell Kirland Pioneer High School

Ann Arbor



WOMAN



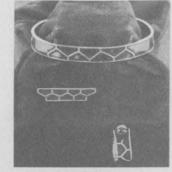
PRIMARY CORNERS R.F.D.
Alex Simon
Mona Shores HS Musk.

Ann Jennings



UNTITLED

Mark Fritz
Roseville High School Roseville



JEWELRY
John Thomas
E. Lansing HS E. Lansing

Roseville



HOOKED RUG Steve Poitiot Roseville High School



TREE LANDSCAPE
Lauren Ciesa
Norrix High School Kalamazoo



INDIFFERENT RIDE

Nanette Carter
Flushing High School Flushing



UNTITLED
Kathy Waters
Flushing High School Flushing



Birmingham

UNTITLED
Peter Gilleran
Seaholm High School



Mike Withers
Grosse Point High School Grosse Point



COMTEMPLATION

Nancy Chamberlain

Royal Oak High School Royal Oak





THE THREE A's

Ann Kittenbeil Kalamazoo High School

Kalamazoo



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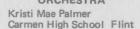
Sue Whilworth Mona Shores HS Musk. Paul Czubay Grosse Point HS Grosse Pt.

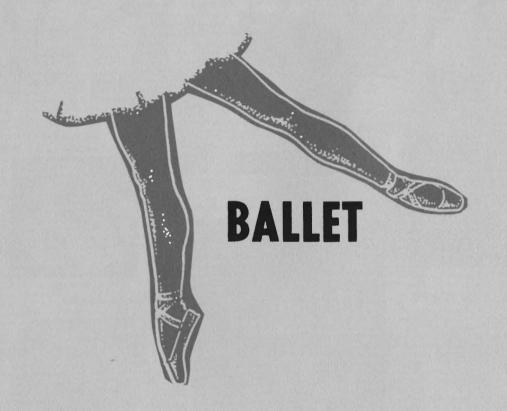


THREE FACES

James Mansour
Southwestern H.S. Flint

ORCHESTRA







Ballet Program 1:30 p.m.

#### Presented by

#### THE CECCHETTI COUNCIL OF AMERICA

| BEETHOVEN'S SONATA IN C MINOR Susan Shaull, Lynn Chumbly,<br>Cherry Lanier, Cheryl Gevarin,<br>Marley Ann Hale, Lucinda Boyd |
|--|
| VALSE CLASSIQUEShelley Washington, Vikki Troy  |
| NAILA Kathleen Letzgus   |
| LES PORTRAITS BALLET Belan Guzman, Elizabeth Bolton, Louise Poshy<br>Sue Cheveny, Alice Stevens, Eileen Heroz                |
| POINTE VARIATION Sheri Radomski  |
| MINUTE WALTZ Belan Guzman  |
| POLANAISE  |
|  |

#### **Excerpts from SLEEPING BEAUTY**

#### Pas de Trois:

|   | Leslie Ann Bundy                   |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Puss in Boots and The White Cat Blue Bird |                                    |
| Red Riding Hood and the Wolf Finale       | . Shelley Ryder, TeDee Ann Theofil |

SYLVIA HAMER, Chairman



This concert is being broadcast over nine stations of the Michigan Week Educational Network, Please keep all extraneous noises to a minimum. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

WILLIAM ROOT, Chairman



Jean Steele Sundquist Roosevelt School and Eastern Michigan University Honored by Michigan Music Educators' Association





Lawrence W. Guenther Midland Public Schools
Honored by Michigan School
Band and Orchestra Association



Maurice W, Riley Eastern Michigan University Honored by American String Teachers' Association



Edward J. Downing Ann Arbor High School Honored by Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

#### MICHIGAN'S OUTSTANDING MUSIC **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

The "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" award is a project sponsored annually by the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.



Edith Ella Davis Private Teacher Honored by Michigan Music Teachers' Association



Concert afternoon 3:00 p.m.

#### PROGRAM

#### The Michigan Honors Band

sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and conducted by Edward Downing, Ann Arbor, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Teacher of the Year.

March "The Southerner"

Alexander - Bainum

Variations on a Korean Folk Song

John Barnes Chance

Symphony for Band Second Movement

Vincent Persichetti

Symphonic Dance No. 3

Clifton Williams

#### INTERMISSION

Outstanding String Quartet chosen as winners by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers' Association.

#### INTERMISSION

## Pioneer High School Symphony Orchestra Charles Gabrion, Conductor

Six outstanding soloists chosen as winners in the statewide solo auditions held in Grand Rapids, April 12, 1969

"Porgi, amor, qualche ristoro"
from The Marriage of Figaro
Jeanette Peraino, Soprano

Ballade for Flute Frank Martin
James Young, Flute

Concerto for Horn and Strings Gordon Jacob Rebecca Root, French Horn

Tarantella in A Minor Bottesini — Zimmerman Clark Suttle, Double Bass

Premiere Rhapsodie Claude Debussy Arthur Austin, Clarinet

Concerto in D Minor
Third movement
Ida Kavafian, Violin
Jean Sibelius

Colas Breugnon Overture Dimitri Kabalevsky
A Night on Bald Mountain Moussorsky

Pioneer High School Symphony Orchestra Ann Arbor



Jeanette Peraino, Soprano Lake Shore High School St. Clair Shores



James Young, Flute Paw Paw High School Paw Paw



Interlochen Arts Academy
Big Rapids



Clark E. Suttle, Double Bass Franklin High School Livonia



Arthur Austin, Clarinet
Interlochen Arts Academy
Saginaw



Ida Kavafian, Violin Interlochen Arts Academy Royal Oak



Concert evening 8:00 p.m.

#### PROGRAM

#### The Michigan Honors Orchestra

sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and conducted by Lawrence W. Guenther, Midland, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Teacher of the Year.

Overture, Roman Carnival Symphony No. 2 Finale

Hector Berlioz Jean Sibelius

#### INTERMISSION

Outstanding Male Chorus sponsored by the Michigan School Vocal Association

Presentation of Michigan's six Outstanding Teachers of the Year. Mrs. Raymond H. Reece, President, Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.

#### The Grand Rapids Youth Symphony

Dan Kovats, Conductor

Featuring five outstanding soloists chosen as winners in the state-wide solo auditions held at Grand Rapids, April 12, 1969.

Concerto for Oboe and Strings

Larghetto Cimarosa — Benjamin Allegro

Cynthia Wheeler, Oboe

Ah! Je Veux Vivre Charles Gounod Patricia White, Soprano

Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Opus 33

Camille Saint-Saens
Susan Nelson, Cello

Concerto No. 1 Richard Strauss
Andante
Rondo Allegro
Margaret Gage, French Horn

Concerto No. III Ludwig V. Beethoven
First Movement
Robert Cornwell, Piano

Symphony No. 5 Ludwig V. Beethoven Finale

Grand Rapids Youth Symphony



Cynthia Wheeler, Oboe Interlochen Arts Academy North Muskegon



Patricia White, Soprano Warren High School Sterling Heights



Susan Nelson, Cello Midland High School Midland



Marjorie Gage, French Horn Marshall High School Marshall



Robert Cornwell, Piano Waverly High School Lansing

#### HONORS DINNER

#### HONORED TEACHERS

Jean Steele Sundquist
Roosevelt School and Eastern Michigan
University
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Private Teacher, Detroit
Honored by Michigan Music Teachers
Association

#### OTHER INVITED GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Martin Grand Rapids

Mr. And Mrs. William Root Big Rapids

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Scott Detroit

Mrs. Walter Strange Stockbridge

Mr. and Mrs. Jan S. VanderHeide Grand Rapids

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Welliver Ann Arbor

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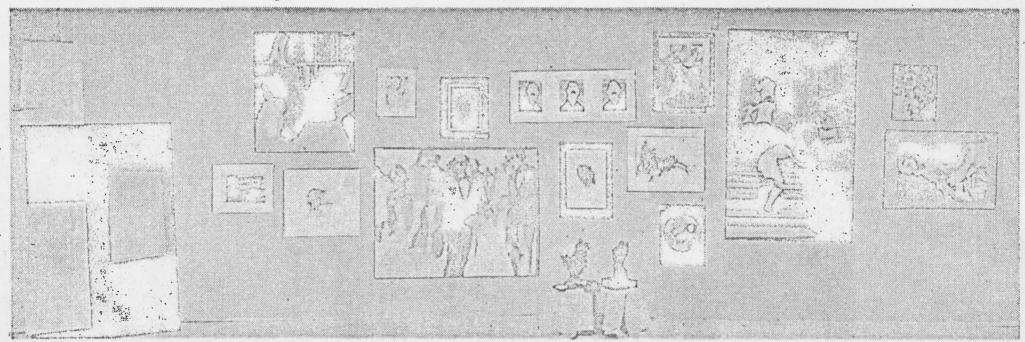
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SELECTED WORKS in the annual Michigan Youth Festival of Arts program sponsored by Old

Kent Bank will be on display in the main branch through May 16 after which they will be on view in

the Fine Arts Center, Knollcrest Campus of Calvin College, through Michigan Week.

# Michigan High School Art Works Displayed

Final judging of art submitted by high school students all over Michigan was conducted last week as the culmination of a year-long screening process in 16 districts throughout the state, for a segment of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival activities.

The festival will open May 17 in the Fine Arts Building of Knollcrest Campus of Calvin College. Sponsor is the Old Kent Bank and Trust Company.

Winning entries in the art exhibit will be on display in Old Kent Bank's Main office through May 16 and then move to the Calvin College Fine Arts building.

The Youth Arts Festival kicks off the 1969 Michigan Week program, now in its eighth year.

More than 180 works of art from 16 districts were sub-

judges as superior. The exhibition is under the auspices of the Michigan Art Education Association and open to all high school art students in the state of Michigan.

Judges for the event announced by Lucille Newland, statewide art chairman of the festival, were Edward Edgar Boeve, head of the art department of Calvin College; Nan Stackhouse instructor of art at Michigan State University, and Dr. Victor Croftchik, head of art education of Central Michigan University.

Winners in the competition are Alex Simon, 18-year-old senior, Mona Shores High School, Muskegon, a sculpture of wood, metal and enamel; Ann Jennings, 16-year-old junior, Midland High School, a wood sculpture; Mike Withers, an 18-year-old senior, Grosse Point High School, a wood sculpture; John Thomas, 17-year-old senior, East Lansing High School, crafted metal ring pin and bracelet. Narcy Chamberlain

16-year-old junior, Dondero High School, Royal Oak, tempera painting; Peter Gilleran, 16-year-old junior, Birmingham Seaholm High School, Birmingham, ink drawing; Lauren Ciesa, 16-year-old junior, Norrix High School, Kalamazoo, water color; Kristi Mae Palmer, 14-year-old freshman, Carmen High School, Flint, print; Cornell Kirkland, 17-year-old junior, Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor, print dry point; Anne Kettenbeil, 16-year-old junior, Kalamazoo High School, wood cut; Paul Czuby, 18-year-old senior, Grosse Point High School, batik; Mark Fritz, 17-year-old senior, Roseville High School, Roseville, lino cut; Nanette Carter, 18-year-old senior, Flushing High School, Flushing, acrylic; Steve-Poirier, 17-year-old senior, Roseville High School, hooked rug; James Monsour, 17-year-old junior, Flint High School, acrylic: Sue Whiteworth, 18-year-old senior, Mona Shores High School, Muskegon, acrylic; Kathy Waters, Flushing High School, acrylic; and Pat Gallup, 18-year-old senior, Mona Charae Winh Sahaal Muckenan nervlie

## Youth Festival Soloists Chosen

Eleven soloists have been chosen in final auditions held in Grand Rapids for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival which is to be held May 17 in the Calvin College Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Knollcrest.

Announcement of the winners has come from William Root, statewide festival music chairman, former director of instrumental music at Grand Rapids Junior College and now director of instrumental music at Ferris State College.

They were chosen in five divisions—string, keyboard, brass-percussion, voice and woodwinds—and will be the featured soloists at the festival, accompanied either by the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony, conducted by Prof. Daniel Kovats of Grand Valley State College, or the Ann Arbor High School Orchestra, conducted by Charles Gabrion.

The winners in the string division are Ida Kavafian, violin, of Royal Oak and now a student at the Interlochen Arts Academy; Susan Nelson, cello, of Midland, and Clark E. Suttle, double bass, of Livonia.

Winner in the keyboard division is Robert Cornwell, planist, of Lansing.

The winners in the brass-percussion division, both French horn players, are Rebecca Root of Big Rapids, now studying at Interlocken, and Marjorie Gage of Marshall.

Woodwind winners are James Young, flute, of Paw Paw; Arthur Austin, Clarinet, of Saginaw, now a student at Interlochen, and Cynthia Wheeler of North Muskegon, now studying in Interlochen.

The voice competition winners, both sporanos, are Patricia White of Sterling Heights and Jeanette Peraino of St. Clair Shores.

There were 80 entrants in the auditions, all of whom earlier had won competitions held by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, Michigan School Vocal Association, Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, Michigan Music Educators Association, Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Detroit public school system.

Adjudicators for the final auditions here were Joyce N. Verharr, Marjorie Armstrong, Ruth K. Rus, Arthur C. Hills, Florence Sullivan, Albert P. Smith, James DeJonge, Seymour Swets, Donald D. Armstrong, Harold Geerdes, Robert Cecil, Leonard Meretta, Harold Leorma, Dacho Dachoff and William Donahue.

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is being sponsored this year by the Old Kent Bank and Trust Co. This is the first time Grand Rapids has been chosen as the site of the annual festival. Last year it was held in Benton Harbor under the sponsorship of the Westinghouse Corporation.

4-27-69

## Ballet Soloist Will Appear in Youth Arts Festival



-Grand Rapids Press Photograph

Kathleen Letzgus, Ottawa Hills High School senior and only area student selected to appear as soloist at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, performs a graceful ballet leap in front of the Calvin College Fine Arts Center, where the Michigan Week program will be held Saturday.

Miss Letzgus will dance the "Naila" in the ballet portion of the day-long arts presentation.

The full program, with 500 to 600 talented youths from all over the state taking part, includes drama, forensics, ballet, visual arts and vocal and instrumental music.

The schedule is:

10 a.m., Art Panel Discussion. 10:30 a.m., Drama and Forensics Winners.

1:30 p.m., Classical Ballet.

1:30 p.m., Acrylic Art Demonstra-

3 p.m., Michigan Honors Band, Outstanding String Quartet, Outstanding Soloists.

8 p.m., Michigan Honors Orchestra, Outstanding Male Chorus, Outstanding Soloists.

All events are open to the public without charge.

Additional details on the festival are reported in a story in today's Wonderland Magazine.

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#### MOVIES

MAJESTIC-"Oliver."

MIDTOWN - "Funny Girl,"

The Beatles; "The Young Heroes," Rod Taylor. Breed." Starts Friday: "The CINEMA - "Here We Go concert; 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Eva Marie Saint; "Spin Out."

SAVOY - "100 Rifles," Jim Sade." Brown, Raquel Welch; "One Million B.C.," Raquel Welch. Starts Wednesday: "Psycho."

Robertson, Claire Bloom.

EASTOWN - "The Lion in Eastwood. Winter," Katharine Hepburn, Peter O'Toole. Starts Friday: "Hannibal Brooks," Michael J. Pollard.

STUDIO 28 - "Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell," Gina Lollobrigida, Phil Silvers, Peter Lawford. Starts Wednesday: "The Big Bounce," Leigh Taylor-Young, Ryan O'Neal.

BELTLINE DRIVE-IN -"The Witchmaker," Anthony

PLAINFIELD DRIVE-IN -"Wild Angels"; "Mini-Skirt KNOLLCREST FINE ARTS

CRESTON - Open weekends Man Called Gannon," Tony FOUNTAIN STREET only. "The Yellow Submarine," Franciosa; "The Hell with CHURCH — Grand Rapids Jun-

Stalking Moon," Gregory Peck, Round the Mulberry Bush." KNOLLCREST FINE ARTS Starts Wednesday: "Marat- CENTER - Youth Arts Festival

CASCADE TWIN DRIVE-IN

MUSIC

Mob"; "Devil's Angels"; "Glo-CENTER - Grand Rapids Sin-'ry Stompers"; "Angels From fonia Chamber Orchestra con-Barbra Streisand, Omar Sharif. Hell." Starts Wednesday: "A cert; 8:30 p.m. Friday.

ior College Stage Band jazz

concert; 8 p.m. Saturday.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

- "Gone With the Wind," Clark GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC Gable, Vivien Leigh; "Run, MUSEUM - Roger B. Chaffee WEALTHY - "Charly," Cliff Appaloosa, Run"; "For a Few Planetarium presents "Mars, Dollars More," Clint Eastwood: Planet of Mystery": Museum "A Fistful of Dollars," Clint East Building, Thursdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.

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May 13, 1969

May 17

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Jerry:

As per our telephone conversation yesterday, I am enclosing the material you requested concerning your part in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

I am also enclosing some background information on the Youth Arts Festival which may be of interest to you. The Youth Arts Festival is one of the key functions of Michigan Week.

I failed to mention in our telephone conversation, that it is our sincere hope that Mrs. Ford will be able to join you for all of the functions you are participating in.

If there is any further information that you may desire prior to your arrival, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Martin J. Allen, Jr.

Enclosure

MJA/smd



#### AGENDA RELATED TO YOUR PARTICIPATION

12:00 noon Honors Luncheon (Commons Building - see enclosed map)

3:00 p.m. Concert:

- Michigan Honors Band chosen from all over state

- Honors String Quartet

- Honored Soloists accompanied by the Ann Arbor Pioneer High School Orchestra

6:00 p.m. Honors Dinner held specifically to honor Outstanding Music Teachers in the state. Cascade Country Club

Specifically, we are asking you to participate in the Honors Luncheon, afternoon concert and Honors Dinner. Both the lunch and dinner are planned to be informal affairs. The Honors Luncheon, during which awards are presented to the winning students in three areas of the arts: music (instrumental and voice), visual art and forensics; will be held in the Commons Building, second floor (see attached map). The enclosed information sheet will provide specific details concerning the winners, guests and awards. Immediately following lunch, the three state chairmen will be introduced and will call off the names of the winners in their respective category. The recipients will come forward and receive their awards directly from you. Following the last award, we ask that you say a few words relating to youth achievement in the areas of the arts and/or youth in general. Your comments will end the luncheon.

To begin the 3:00 p.m. concert, Mr. Gillett or Mr. Morgenstern will be introduced and he will welcome the audience on behalf of the bank. He will introduce Mayor Sonneveldt, who, along with you will be back stage. The mayor will welcome the audience on behalf of the city. At this point you will be introduced and again be asked to informally respond with a few words concerning

the youth of Michigan and the fine talents they are displaying. Mayor Sonneveldt, Mr. Gillett or Mr. Morgenstern and you will then be seated and the concert will begin.

The 6:00 p.m. dinner at Cascade Country Club is in honor of five teachers who have been selected as the Music Teachers of the Year by the various music organizations throughout the state. The enclosed information sheet will provide you additional background information.

The same basic format utilized during the Honors Luncheon will be used at dinner. Mrs. Raymond Reece, President of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, will introduce the honored teachers, who will in turn come forward to receive their awards from you. Following the last award, we request that you say a few words concerning the teaching profession, relating it to the outstanding talent exhibited during this festival. This function should be completed at 7:30 to allow those present to attend the 8:00 concert.

#### HONORS LUNCHEON

#### HONORED ART WINNERS (and Parents)

Nanette Carter

Flushing

Ann Kittenbeil Kalamazoo

Nancy Chamberlain

Royal Oak

James Mansour

Flint

Lauren Ciesa

Kalamazoo

Kristi Mae Palmer

Flint

Paul Czuby

Grosse Point

Steve Poitiot Roseville

Mark Fritz Roseville

Alex Simon Muskegon

Pat Gallup Muskegon

John Thomas E. Lansing

Peter Gilleran Birmingham

Kathy Waters Flushing

Ann Jannings

Mike Withers Grosse Point

Cornell Kirkland

Ann Arbor

Midland

Sue Whitworth Muskegon

#### **HONORED MUSIC SOLOISTS** (and Parents)

Patricia White Sterling Heights Robert Cornwell

Lansing

Arthur Austin

Saginaw

Susan Nelson

Midland

Cynthia Wheeler

North Muskegon

Ida Kavafian Royal Oak

James Young Paw Paw

Clark Suttle Livonia

Margie Gage Marshall

Jeanette Peraino St. Clair Shores

Rebecca Root Big Rapids

#### HONORED FORENSIC TEAM WINNERS - LANSING EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

Jeaneen Casper

Robin Jarboe

David VanArtsdalan

Carl Evanoff

Larry Casler

Rosemary Fulton

Instructor: Mrs. Steven Rymal

OTHER INVITED GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fensch

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Chairman, Visual Arts Committee

Student Division

Miss Sylvia Hamer

Ann Arbor

Chairman, Ballet Committee

Miss Virginia Harriman

Detroit

Chairman, Visual Arts Committee

Adult Division

Mrs. John B. Martin

Grand Rapids

Chairman, Steering Committee

Professor Thelma McAndless

Ypsilanti

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Student Division

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Student Division

Miss Leitha Perkins

Midland

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Student Division

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Big Rapids

Chairman Music Committee, Student Div.

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Member, Music Committee

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# Schedule of Events

May 1 - May 16

#### YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Old Kent Bank and Trust Company Lobby 1 Vandenberg Center

(On May 17, the art will be on display at the Fine Arts Center, Calvin College)

May 17

Morning

10:00 Art Panel Discussion - Choral Room

10:30 Drama and Forensics Winners

#### Afternoon

1:30 Classical Ballet

1:30 Acrylic Art Demonstration - Choral Room

3:00 Concert - Michigan Honors Band

- Outstanding String Quartet

- Outstanding soloists

#### Evening

8:00 Concert - Michigan Honors Orchestra

- Outstanding Male Chorus

- Outstanding Soloists

All events are open to the public...free admission. The music and drama performances will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

#### MUSICAL SALUTE TO YOUTH

A special Youth Arts Festival musical performance by Sinfonia of Grand Rapids honoring the youth of Michigan will be held Friday evening, May 16, 8:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Auditorium, Knollcrest Campus, Calvin College. Ticket reservations can be made by calling 452-1663.



WINNING SOLOISTS who will appear Saturday in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival include, front row, left to right, Patricia White of Warren, soprano; Susan Nelson of Midland, cellist; Robert Cornwell of Lansing, pianist. Back row, Rebecca Root of Big Rapids, french horn; Clark Suttle of Livonia, double bass; Ida Kavafian of Royal Oak, violinist; Marjorie Gage of Marshall, french horn; Arthur Austin of Saginaw, clarinet; James Young of Paw Paw, flute, and Cynthia Wheeler of North Muskegon, oboe.

BEST HIGH SCHOOL art in Michigan is displayed in the lower level lobby of Old Kent Bank & Trust Co. in Vandenberg Center for the judging which preceded the festival. Henrietta DeLoof, left, art instructor at Central High School, and Doris VanDellen of the bank staff, arrange the pictures.

High schools present their best

Michigan Week opener 'not just for parents'



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## 'not just for parents'

FOR THOSE WHO believe high school students are composed mostly of acne, hangups and rebellion the day-long show Saturday at Calvin's Knollcrest Campus should be interesting.

Between 500 and 600 of the most talented Michigan high school students will convene for presentations of their musical, dramatic and artistic skills.

The show, which is free to the public, begins at 10 a.m. with one-act plays and readings and ends in the evening with choral and orchestra music and solo singing.

THIS IS MICHIGAN Youth Arts Festival, being held this year for the first time in Grand Rapids. Sponsor is Old Kent Bank & Trust Co. the event is the traditional opener for Michigan Week.

"This is the kind of show which isn't just for the parents," said Gene LaBelle of Old Kent. "These kids are good by any standards. Anyone who likes music, art and good acting will enjoy the program."

Highlights include ballet by 35 students of the dance from throughout the state; exhibition of approximately 100 works of art, including winners of the statewide art competition, an acrylic art demonstration, and music from the all-

state honors orchestra and band, an outstanding male chorus and soloists.

All the performers were state winners in various competitions.

The art winners were chosen as the culmination of a year-long screening process in which 16 districts throughout the state participated. Lucille Newland, art instructor at East Grand Rapids High School, was chairman of the competition.

FINAL AUDITIONS for the music portion of the festival were held in April in Grand Rapids and 11 soloists picked as the state's outstanding music talent at the high school level. (See picture) William Root, director of bands at Ferris State College, was the festival music chairman and arranged the judging.

David Blossom, speech instructor at Baptist Bible College & Seminary, is chairman for the forensic competion which still was in progress at this writing.

SYLVIA HAMER, who operates a ballet studio in Ann Arbor, was ballet chairman.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford will spend most of the day at Knollcrest Saturday and will present the awards to the outstanding musicians and artists at a luncheon. He also will present awards to five outstanding teachers at an honors dinner which precedes the evening program.

# At Wedgwood: 'These kids are worth something'

by John J. O'Connor

Assistant Editor
Wonderland Magazine

YOU COME PREPARED to drain yourself emotionally and sometimes get ingratitude or worse in return.

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