

Pittsburgh Symphony performs here tonight

by Karen Schrimsher

Battalion Staff
The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform in Rudder Auditorium tonight. The concert, presented by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society, will begin at 8 p.m.

The orchestra will perform Johannes Brahms' "Second Symphony in D major," and Bela Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra."

Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1833. His "Second Symphony in D major," written in 1876, is a manifestation of Brahms' deep-seated aesthetic beliefs. It is a romantic piece, written according to classical guidelines.

Bartok was born in Hungary in 1881. He settled in the United States in 1940. "Concerto for Orchestra," written in 1943, is considered the greatest work of what critics call his "American period."

Michael Tilson Thomas, principal guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, will direct the performance.

Tilson Thomas graduated from the University of Southern California in 1967 with a master's degree in music.

In 1969, at age 24, he made his New York debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Lincoln Center, one month after he had been appointed assistant conductor. He took over in mid-performance for failing music director William Steinberg and conducted the symphony for the remainder of the concert. Critics praised him for his mature musicianship.



Michael Tilson Thomas
Director of the Pittsburgh Symphony

After his unscheduled debut, he conducted 37 concerts with the orchestra to finish the season, and was appointed associate conductor in 1970.

He performed many guest engagements from 1971 to 1979 after being appointed music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tilson Thomas has been a guest conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra since 1976, and principal guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra since 1981.

Andre Previn, music director of the symphony, succeeded William Steinberg in 1976. He has been recognized

internationally for his achievements as conductor, composer and pianist. He received two Emmy Award nominations for his U.S. television program, "Previn and the Pittsburgh."

The orchestra performs nearly 300 concerts a year. It has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East and Japan.

Seating for the concert is still available for \$21, \$16.75 and \$13 for the general public, and \$17.75, \$14.25 and \$11.50 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower.

Art exhibit opens tonight

An art exhibit entitled "Matisse: Jazz" opens tonight in the Memorial Student Center Gallery.

The opening is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through May 11.

The exhibit, a collection of

vibrant illustrations created using a method of paper cutouts and stencils, is sponsored by the University Art Exhibits and the MSC Arts Committee.

Henri Matisse, generally regarded as one of the giants of 20th century art, showed

through his work an intense interest in color combined with a desire for clean controlled line. At the time of his death in 1954 he had worked in painting, sculpture and the graphic arts and had designed books, stage sets and costumes, rugs and

stained glass windows. Completed near the end of his life, the jazz portfolio has been described as the "summation of Matisse's delight in line and color, his mastery of the graphic arts and his passion for design."

Machine to aid blind students

by David Marchand

Battalion Reporter
Blind and visually impaired students will be able to read printed and typewritten material with the aid of a talking machine here by May, a Sterling C. Evans Library official says.

Susan Lytle, head of the library's Learning Resources Department, said Texas A&M purchased an almost \$30,000 Kurzweil Reading Machine — KRM III — for the blind in late March. She said this purchase followed a proclamation by the Texas Legislature recommending this machine.

Kurzweil Computer Products, manufacturer of the machine, says it is the first device that can scan and convert to synthetic speech almost any information printed or typewritten in English.

The machine consists of three parts: an automatic tracking system, a control panel and an electronic control unit.

Documents are placed on the glass top of the tracking unit, which scans the document much like a copying machine.

The electronic control unit controls scanning, character recognition and conversion to speech.

The control panel has unmarked push-button controls that enable the user to halt scanning, back up to repeat lines, skip forward, locate and spell out a particular word or change the volume.

By changing the program tape, the machine can be converted into a talking calculator capable of performing ordinary computations and some advanced mathematical functions.

Lytle, currently the only qualified operator of the machine here, said public demonstrations will begin in about two weeks — after some members of the library staff are trained to use the KRM III. The staff then will train students to use the machine.

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