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# Music from Marlboro performs well but fails to impress crowd

By Brian Frederick  
*Reviewer*

Though Music from Marlboro gave a fine performance of chamber music last night, the modern works they mixed with classical pieces did not particularly impress the audience, which filled less than half of Rudder Auditorium. Local audiences seem to prefer more traditional music to the dissonant sounds of the moderns.

Nine musicians comprised the ensemble that is one of several touring the country under the Marlboro name. Music from Marlboro tour groups were founded in 1965 as an outgrowth of the Marlboro Music Festival in Marlboro, Vermont. Musicians have been going there at their own expense since 1951 to study together in a relaxed atmosphere away from professional pressures. Each year about 25 of these musicians are chosen to tour in several chamber music ensembles.

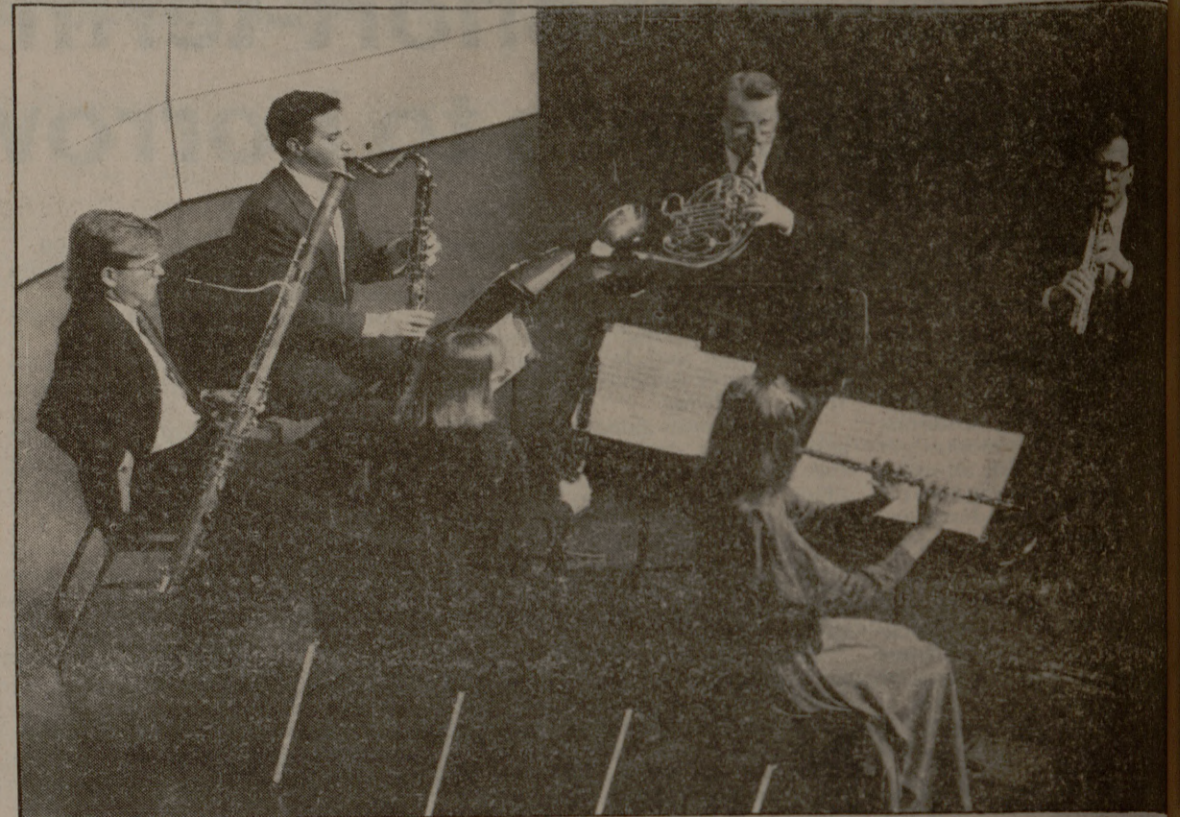
Last night the musicians performed four works: Divertimento in E-flat Major by Mozart, Suite for Winds by Leos Janacek, Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet by Gyorgy Ligeti, and Octet in E-flat Major by Beethoven. The instruments included two oboes, two bassoons, two clarinets, one flute, one bass clarinet, two horns, one piccolo and one flute. Two musicians performed on two different instruments.

The program opened with Mozart's Divertimento, which was competently performed by six of the musicians.

The oboists especially put a lot of expression into their playing of a piece, which could be best described as pleasant, "laid back" Mozart.

The audience responded with kind applause, the sort given to a technically good performance when the audience is not particularly thrilled with the piece.

Janacek's Suite for Winds, written in 1924, followed. Like much mod-



Six members of Music from Marlboro perform Janacek's Suite for Winds in Rudder Auditorium

Monday. Music from Marlboro is a touring program of chamber music ensembles.

## Review

ern music, the piece was unpredictable, dissonant and unsettled in its mood.

The third movement sparked with perky piccolo parts played by the flutist, and overall was very nicely done. But that did not suffice to overcome the audience's apparent distaste for the piece's modern style.

The audience responded in similar fashion to Ligeti's Six Bagatelles,

written in 1953. The moods and tempos of the short pieces varied from somber to dramatic, from plodding to frantic.

The pieces had creative touches that were rather engrossing, and the five musicians comprising the quintet played masterfully. The audience, however, got lost in the program and had to be prompted as to when to applaud.

Beethoven's Octet in E-flat Major concluded the program, and included all of the musicians except the flutist. Following the frustration

produced by the modern works, Beethoven's harmonious strings and legged welcome relief. A peaceful which the oboists again played pressively.

In the minuetto, the clarinetists the bassoons skillfully passed the dies back and forth, while the had some parts in the coming presto.

The applause at the last was considerably warmer than fore, but it sufficed to call the cians back for only one curtain

# Hospitals ignore invitation to public hearings on AIDS

AUSTIN (AP) — Most of the 550 Texas hospitals invited to public hearings on how the state can best deal with AIDS and its financial burdens have ignored the Legislative Task Force on AIDS request, according to a newspaper report.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported Monday that only 18 hospitals or hospital systems responded to the task force's invitation.

Public fear of AIDS and the risk of losing the business of non-AIDS patients to other institutions may have persuaded hospital officials to bypass the public forums, the *Chronicle* reported.

"It's a tough marketing issue," financial officer for the publicly supported Harris County Hospital District, King Hillier said. "Those for-profit are in there to make money. They're treating AIDS patients, but they don't want their hospital to be associated with AIDS."

The legislative task force crossed the state during February and March, taking testimony from individuals, AIDS support groups, doctors, charities and insurance industry representatives.

Only 18 hospitals or hospital systems — eight government-owned, seven church-operated and one proprietary — had representatives talk about the problems that AIDS has caused for the health care industry.

"There are several other hospitals here who treat AIDS patients, but they downplay it," said Dr. Ron Anderson, president of Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital. "They don't want to get known as the AIDS hospital from a marketing point of view."

Tom Young, administrator of the Austin-owned Brackenridge Hospital, said he didn't attend the hearing because he believed the best testi-

mony on the issue could be provided by institutions such as Parkland and the Harris County Hospital District, public facilities heavily involved in AIDS patient care.

"I don't think the quality of the deliberation is improved by having incessant duplication of testimony," Young said.

He also said he wasn't concerned about the public perception of Brackenridge as an AIDS hospital because all Austin hospitals care for AIDS patients.

"I don't think any hospital wants to be known as the AIDS hospital," added Jack Campbell, executive director of St. David's Community Hospital in Austin. "There still are a lot of people who are not completely informed. But I don't think that's the reason hospitals are not out there testifying."

# Man pleads for transplant of heart pump

HOUSTON (AP) — A Metropolitan Police detective who has kept alive for five weeks by an experimental heart pump pleads for a new heart Monday — 49th birthday.

Kenneth Bradley, a 35-year-old veteran with the Dade County Metropolitan Police Department, has been at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston for two months awaiting a heart transplant.

Dr. O. Howard Franzler, Bradley was an ideal candidate for the heart pump instead of planting a total artificial heart until a donor heart can be found.

Like the total artificial heart, the pump is designed to help support the patient's failing heart until a human transplant can be formed. The difference is that the device is smaller than an artificial heart, which is too large to fit in the average person's chest.

# Speaker stresses need for education in competition

By Jerry Bolz  
*Reporter*

Education is the single most important factor for competitiveness, the international president of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers said Monday night.

Dr. John Mayer spoke about competitiveness through advanced technology at the annual Spring Banquet at the MSC.

Mayer said manufacturing programs at universities and continuing education of those in the field are necessary.

A strong manufacturing base is the key to economic competitiveness in developed countries, Mayer said.

"To achieve this, our education systems must

prepare people and research must be done where needed," he said.

Mayer stressed that manufacturing competitiveness is a combination of quality, price and value. Achieving competitiveness requires intelligent use of advanced technology. This requires better understanding of technology, development of new technology where needed and implementation of new technology where it makes sense, he said.

"If people don't understand the technology, it's not able to be implemented," he said, citing education as the way to understanding.

People in industry tend to look for a completely automated solution, which never comes, he said.

"Technology should be integrated with people

to achieve the combined efficiencies of the," Mayer said, giving an example of workers Japanese firm who could do certain work better than machines designed to do the same thing.

Mayer, who received his doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, worked 21 years at Ford Motor Company, industry in the United States is advancing but is putting in place the kind of effort that being competitive worldwide. He added that being achieved through education.

"The purpose of SME is to serve professional needs of practitioners in industry and to disseminate and share technical information for good of humanity," Mayer said. It also is to serve more professional manufacturing executives, he said.

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