Classical Music Concerts

Warsaw Philharmonic to perform Bach, Chopin, Schubert

By Martha Rice

The Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the world's leading musical ensembles, will appear in Rudder on Friday, opening the 1991-92 season for OPAS.

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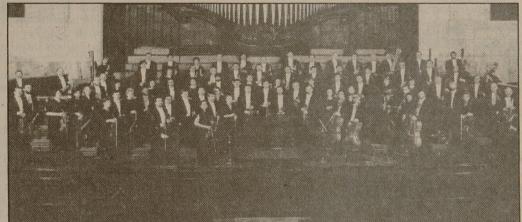
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The Philharmonic first performed in public in November 1901, and has been highly acclaimed since World War I. Great performers of all times have accompanied the orchestra over the years, which was briefly disbanded

during World War II.
Since the 1947-48 season, the name Warsaw Philharmonic has echoed in the corners of the world, from music festivals in Vienna and Moscow to concert halls in Japan, Italy and the United States. The orchestra is accompanied by its own choir which boasts a repertoire of over 100 oratorios ranging from medieval to contemporary styles.

The orchestra is currently under the direction of Kazimierz Kord, whose background includes studying at the School of Music in Cra-co and directing the Cracow Opera and the Polish National Radio and Television Orches-

Kord came to direct the Warsaw Philharmonic in 1977. Like the Philharmonic's guest pianist for Friday's performance, Piotr Paleczny, Kord has been involved recently with the international Chopin Piano Competition, a competiton that seeks to reward the



of it - and it will refuse to work.

voices and instruments

chestras in America.

Paleczny studied at the Warsaw Conservatory and has received many awards for his

playing.

The ensemble will be performing three classical works: "Toccata and Fugue in D minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11" by Frédéric Chopin, and "Symphony No. 9 in C major" by

According to musicologists, the "'Toccata and Fugue'...is a work of youthful exuberance, a brilliant showpiece, composed by a musician of dazzling virtuosity...

1830 to a welcoming public at the concert that would be his last.

The final piece, by Schubert, "presents a challenge to the artistic, technical and physical powers of conductors and orchestral players." Robert Schumann, who directed the work after Schubert's death, called it the "symphony of

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Brazos Valley Symphony opens season with pops concert doubt contributed to this, but the entire work was affected. "Rodeo" has such raw, open spirit, and it knows when the musicians are scared

By Margaret Coltman

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra's Renaissance Season opened triumphantly with its New World Pops Concert on Tuesday evening. Aptly named, the program consisted exclusively of American

While it is unusual to open a season with a pops concert, conductor Franz Krager's amiable commentaries and the orchestra's fine performance made the absence of more traditional repertoire forgivable.

The brief but bright introduction to the program was John Wasson's "American Fanfare." Scored for brass, woodwinds and percussion, it

showed off notable section talents. Composer-in-residence Julie Davison Larson is to be lauded for her evocation of heroic spirit in "For Which it Stands," written in response to Desert Storm. Composed for computer and orchestra, it is somewhat minimalistic, and the strings had sentimental lines under the continuum

The inclusion of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," led by a guest conductor, was unusual, but Krager explained that the work was rained out on the July 4 concert this year. The winner of the auction gave the honor of conducting to his son - a young boy dressed in tails, no less, who kept the beat very nicely.

Ron Nelson's "Rocky Point Holiday" was well-played, and gave the impressions the composer was trying to evoke – a wind-swept resort on the east coast called Rocky Point.

The highlight of the evening was Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story: Symphonic Dances." Communication between the orchestra and Krager was at a high and the piece came off superbly, although the "cool" fugue lacked essential energy. At times, the orchestra seemed to be tired, which it may well have been, considering the length of the

The main problem with Aaron Copland's "Rodeo: Four Dance Episodes" was the musicians' tentativeness. The devilish rhythms no

Readers

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worry because we are directly helping them. If we didn't help them, they couldn't study.'

Treinies agrees and said, "I feel like it's nice for them to have someone reliable, someone who is consistent."

Most students do not know about Support Services, both Montgomery and Treinies said, and they encourage anyone who has time to volunteer

"You don't have to apply," said Montgomery, "You can walk into the office off of the sidewalk and volunteer.'

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Treinies said that she was selected by a blind student specifically because she had no working knowledge of his major.

page, and I read him stuff off of the worksheet."

ly worth the effort, Montgomery

said. "If you have a little free time," she said, "go read for Support Services."

"He wants to learn on his own; he doesn't want me to do the thinking for him," she said. "He tells me where to put stuff on the

The experiences are definite-

After such a demanding program, it is no surprise that George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" did not have the emotional edge of

the earlier works on the program. However, it had remarkable beautiful

moments, especially in the sentimental melody that reappears in many

The unique relationship between Krager and the orchestra is clearly evident. It would seem that mutual respect reaps positive results. The Symphony, under Krager, has been hailed as one of the best regional or-



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