

Evening at Eastman Begins New Series

"Evening at Eastman" begins a new series of 21-hour-long broadcasts Monday, Dec. 22 from 9 to 10 p.m. on WJET, 1280 on the dial. The series will be devoted to the history of orchestral music from the 1700's to the present period.

The series will feature Dr. Howard Hanson as he is interviewed by Don W. Lyon, director of television and radio for the University of Rochester, and Mercury recordings made by the Eastman Rochester Symphony Orchestra.

High School Dramatics Christmas Plays Planned

Christmas plays have been scheduled at Diocesan high schools over the weekend, included in the schedule are the following:

Notre Dame High

"The Gift Giver," by A. B. Knowles will be presented in Notre Dame High School auditorium.



Mary Agnes Cullen and Stephen Kondrk in a scene from Notre Dame High School's play.

tom, Elmira, on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

Climaxing the play will be a tableau, including Mary Agnes Cullen, Stephen Kondrk, Jeanne Brann, Anne Zoltowski, Mary Jane Eskdale, Kathleen McPherson, Rose DiAbbracci, Mary Kay Dunfee, Kathleen McCarthy, Ann O'Brien, Betty Ramonewicz and Maureen Mockler.

CAST IN the play are Michael Rybak, Jon Bauer, Joseph Schlegel and Walter Bulas, Mary Fabrizio, Robert Vandenberg and Jacqueline Hall will be soloists with the choral classes.

Mercy High

"The Eternal Pilgrimage," an original play relating the story of Christ's pilgrimage on earth, will be presented Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. by the students of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

THE PLAY, traditionally the school's Christmas gift to the parents, was written this year by Sister Mary Pius and Sister Mary Petrus.

Senior Mary Menhan will portray Our Blessed Lady. A speech choir will narrate a scene at Lourdes.

Others in the cast are Elaine Klingler, Joyce Flano, Jean Kease, Sue Stroh, Mary Pat Gronoway, Sue Stewo, Jeanne Johaneck, little Eileen Carey portraying Mary as a child, Douglas Lowe, Pat Barrett, David Cleary, Paul Kelly and Hans Grover.

Nazareth Academy

A modern version of the traditional Christmas story, "Christmas at the Crossroads" will be staged at Nazareth Academy today, Dec. 10, according to Sister St. Gertrude, director.

The play, written by Henry Brochet, is based on the original story, but the costumes and scenery depict those of recent times. The characters dramatize how the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph would be greeted by the modern man and woman. The title suggests that the author wished to cross the time of the Bethlehem happenings with those of today.

PRECEDING the play there will be a candlelight procession of Persian choir members who will sing four carols from "The

Ceremony of Carols" by Britten and two Christmas arrangements by Wain. Accompanists will be Jo Ann Weiss and Phyllis Le Frois.

Players include: Thelma McDonald, Barbara Dietz, Suzanne Schubar, Mary Patricia Kenha, Barbara Woodhall, Mary Ann Grayson, and Ruth Cadle.

DeSales High

The Sodality of Our Lady at DeSales High School, Geneva, will present the annual Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 21. This year they have chosen a mystery play in honor of the nativity of Our Lord by Robert Hugh Benson.

The play written in verse, portrays the reaction of different groups of people to the coming of Christ.

Judie Jenkins will portray the character of Mary, Robert Hastings that of St. Joseph. Others in the cast are John O'Connor, Robert Tarantelli, Joseph Rapini, Michael Fleming, James McGuire, Judy Hefferson, Lucille Marino.

MUSIC for the play will be supplied by the 50 voice Glee Club of DeSales under the direction of Henry Sedorovitz. Special performance for DeSales students will be given Friday before school closes for the Christmas holidays.

St. Agnes High

"Sing Nowell," by Katharine Kester will be presented in the St. Agnes High School auditorium 115 afternoon at 1 p.m. Parents and friends are invited.

THE PLAY is a combined effort of the dramatics department, under Sister Evelyn, and the Glee Club, directed by Sister Joseph Eileen.

Judy Nicols will be narrator. Included in the cast are Mary Ann Scroftano, Alice Conway, Elaine Stragusa, Diana Laskoski, Marianne Rock, Delores Durrigo, Jean Sloan, Barbara Centola, Kathleen Conline Kathleen Alderson, Terese de Young, Ann Smoock, Grace Dalton and Regina Graziani.

Janice Rosini heads the production staff as stage manager.

McQuaid High Drama Awards

Medals for dramatic excellence were awarded by Rev. James R. Barnet, S.J. to four McQuaid Jesuit High School actors on Dec. 13 following the second performance of "Time Lintol," McQuaid's Fall play.

William Riley received a bronze medal for the best portrayal of a minor role, Michael Drons and Anthony Zito each received a silver medal for the second best portrayal of a major role. Kenneth Sarkis won first prize — a gold medal — for the best portrayal of a major role.

The faculty moderator of the production is Mr. Vincent Dumenco, S.J.

The judges were Sister Evelyn, the dramatics coach at St. Agnes High School; Sister Mary Pius, the dramatics coach at Our Lady of Mercy High School; Rev. Francis McNamara, S.J. and Rev. Edward Dolan, S.J., both faculty members at McQuaid.

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Gaelic Singers Set For Eastman Show

Neil Carlin, one of Ireland's most outstanding young vocal artists, will appear with the Little Gaelic Singers at the Eastman Theatre, Rochester, Monday, Jan. 12, the Columban - Fathers of Silver Creek, N.Y. announced.

The Gaelic Singers will be making their second appearance in Rochester within the last year for the benefit of these missionary priests.

A NATIVE of County Derry, Carlin has taken numerous awards in the "Feiseanna," the celebrated local and national singing competitions that are an important part of the musical life of Ireland.

For the past several years, he has been achieving success on the London stage in revues and musical comedies. This is the first season that he will make an appearance with the Little Gaelic Singers, the group that is making its third American tour, which will also carry them to Canada.

Tickets for the concert, which will only be seen in Rochester, for a single performance can be



NEIL CARLIN purchased from Paul E. McNamara, 725 Times Square Bldg., BA. 5-1122.

Museum Lists Holiday Closing

Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences will be closed for the holidays at noon on Dec. 24 and Christmas Day. The museum will also be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Between Christmas and New Year's the museum will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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