

Maple musician Symphony guest

A Maple musician, soon to appear with the York Symphony Orchestra, has a worthwhile goal for her music.

Adrienne Shannon said after reading each day of all the suffering going on in the world, she would like to take music out of the concert halls and put it at a level to help society.

"Music is a universal language," said Miss Shannon "and you can reach everyone through music."

She said she would like to be able to "uplift" people who need help through her art.

The young Maple resident studied music with Boris Berlin at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto from the age of four.

In 1970 she was awarded Canada Council assistance to complete a Masters of Music degree at the Juilliard School in New York.

She has been a guest artist with the Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Windsor Symphonies and has performed in Carnegie Recital Hall, the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto, with the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa and the Music Academy in Sion, Switzerland.

Presently, Miss Shannon is on the Faculty of the Royal Conservatory in Toronto.

When not on a concert tour or teaching in Toronto, Miss Shannon teaches music in her home in Maple where she has a small group of "very talented" students.

She said she likes to keep her classes small so she can focus on each individual student and have "sessions" instead of "classes".

Each month the pianist holds informal gatherings in her home where friends and students have a chance to enjoy each other's accomplishments in an informal setting.

Miss Shannon said she does not have a favorite piece of music, in



ADRIENNE SHANNON

fact she likes all composers and all periods.

But, her Russian training (from Boris Berlin) makes romantic Russian composers like Rachmaninov and Scriabin one of her strong areas.

Friday, November 2, in Thornhill and Saturday, November 3, in Aurora, Miss Shannon will play a Greig Concerto with the York Symphony.

This particular piece is well known to her, she said, as she has played it many times with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa.

TRAVEL:

Covent Garden noted for theatres

By THELMA DICKMAN LONDON, Eng. — Covent Garden, once the purview of Benedictine monks, the Earl of Bedford, Samuel Pepys and Liza Doolittle, became a wasteland after the colorful fruit and flower market that bears its name was moved to the suburbs in 1974.

Instead of bustling marketers working in glass pavilions filled with rosy strawberries, green lettuces and, of course, the violets sold by Liza, overnight the streets were filled with dust, papers and shuttered shops.

But now Covent Garden is in bloom again, helped along by new boutiques, wine bars, offbeat craft shops and restaurants. Gardens are being planted and buildings restored. One of the main glass pavilions will be opened next year to become London Transport's new museum for old buses and carriages, while a Museum of Theatre will occupy the basement.

Covent Garden has always been a theatre district, and St. Paul's church (which its architect Inigo Jones described as "the handsomest barn in England", because of its simplicity) is stuffed with memorials to famous actors and actresses. Its courtyard saw the meeting between Liza Doolittle and Henry Higgins — and here Samuel Pepys watched England's first performance of Punch's puppet show in 1662.

If you want to stay overnight in the area, there's a refurbished hotel called The Fielding at 4 Broad Street; 30 rooms, small but comfortable, and you'll certainly be one up on any of your neighbors in the "did you ever stay at that little hotel in Covent Garden?" department.

Buying things is a pleasure in the district. You'll surely like Penhaligon's, which makes oils, perfumes and pomades using the traditional recipes of Walter Penhaligon, the court barber in the 1870s. Everything is beautifully wrapped, fairly pricey — and heavenly. Fern-scented bath oil in a fat glass test tube is about \$20; bluebell essence is just that — a deep breath of wild bluebells enveloped the shop when the bottle was opened, and a small vial should last for many months.

Books are bought at Bertram Rota, a world specialist in first editions, rare books and fine printing. Stanford's claims to be the largest map retailer in the world. Steel pen nibs can be bought from Philip Poole (customers include cartoonists, calligraphers, composers). Laines Anny Blatt sells French knitting wools in a rainbow of colors, plus made-up sweaters, patterns and needles (Blatt is called the Coco Chanel of knitting).

Anello and David sell fashion, ballet, tap and just shoes, made from fine leather and no more expensive than chain-store shoes. Scottish Merchant is crammed with woolen sweaters, both fashionable and serviceable from Cornwall, the Shetlands, Channel Islands and the Hebrides.

Bell, Book and Radmall offer English and American first editions of detective, science and fantasy fiction, and Les 2 Zebres sell expensive and very chic clothes and accessories for well-heeled men.

And of course, there are also things for the palate. You might want to eat at Calabash, which presents African food cooked by Africans (fish baked in hot sauces, green banana fritters). Food for Thought is full of nut cutlets and good quiches and salads. Friends is partly owned by Elton John, which means lots of people go there, but sometimes the food isn't up to scratch, considering the prices.

The Grange is pretty, quiet and has good food, as does Inigo Jones. Mon Plaisir is a bit grotty and offhand in its service, but it's like a French bistro, and the food is good value for money.

Peppermint Park is art deco in design, and a curious blend of American-cum-not-so-great-English food. Thomas de Quincey is pretty, good food and good service and Rules is touristy and maintains only a shadow of its former good food and service.

But there are so many places in Covent Garden to see, so many places to buy or at least see your heart's desire, that any article on the area is likely to turn into a telephone directory.

Go there yourself, amble around. Buy a punnet (small box) of strawberries or a fresh peach, and eat it wand-

ering around. Sit down for a few minutes in one of the parks exuberantly planted with small trees and masses of bright flowers. Watch the mimes, concerts or short plays put on during the noon hours.

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Churches

join festival

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with the reconstruction on unistone sidewalk on the Levedale Road.

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