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Albert Schweitzer International Prizes

Schweitzer Week Events

Throughout March 1989

Exhibit of Schweitzer artifacts and memorabilia from the collection of Harold E. Robles, president of the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Foundation, Inc., Wallinford, CT. Open daily at Randall Library. Free.

Sunday, March 19, 1989

Bach organ concert, featuring Dr. Clair Rozier, assistant professor of music at UNCW. Time and place to be announced. Free.

Monday, March 20, 1989

Lecture sponsored by the UNCW Department of Philosophy and Religion. Albert Schweitzer Essay Contest winners will read the winning essays and receive their awards. 7:30 p.m. Cameron Hall Auditorium. Free.

Tuesday, March 21, 1989

Thalian Hall Concert Series presents a concert in honor of the Albert Schweitzer International Prize Recipients featuring solo performances by Roya Weyerhauser, pianist, and Nicholis Kitchen, violinist. 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium. Admission by season tickets or by individual tickets - \$8 orchestra, \$6 family circle; available at Thalian Hall Box Office, 763-3398.

Wednesday, March 22, 1989

Prize recipients lunch with UNCW students.

Albert Schweitzer International Prizes presentation ceremony. 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium. Black tie optional. Free. Reception to follow ceremony, University Union.

Schweitzer Prizes to be awarded March 22

UNCW will be celebrating the fourth presentation of Albert Schweitzer International Prizes in March, with prizes honoring a Nobel Prize-winning chemist, a Swiss doctor and a famous opera singer.

The Prizes, presented every four years at UNCW, recognize achievement in medicine, music and the humanities, the three areas in which Schweitzer excelled.

George Herbert Hitchings, Ph.D., co-recipient of the 1988 Nobel Prize in medicine is the 1989 Schweitzer Prize winner for medicine.

Hitchings, scientist emeritus with Burroughs Wellcome Co., Research Triangle Park, N.C., brought about what many observers call a "revolution in chemotherapy." He discovered new compounds for the treatment of leukemia, malaria, gout, other bacterial diseases, and an immunosuppressive agent which made the first kidney transplant possible.

In making the announcement, Prize Director Dolores Kirk stated that, "Like Schweitzer, Dr. Hitchings has dedicated himself to improving the quality of human life. As a scientist, he is the creator of medicines used by millions of people around the world to cure illness and sustain life."

Hitchings joined Burroughs Wellcome Co. in 1942 as a biochemist. He is a resident of Chapel Hill, N.C. His nomination for and acceptance of the Schweitzer Prize in medicine was completed prior to his winning the Nobel Prize.

Professor Doctor of Medicine Boris Luban-Plozza of Locarno, Switzerland, is the 1989 Prize winner for humanities. Luban-Plozza demonstrates all three areas of Schweitzer's expertise - music, medicine



Beverly Sills
1989 Albert Schweitzer International Prize
for Music

and the humanities. Not only an exceptional trumpet player and singer, Luban-Plozza is a world authority in psychosomatic medicine and a leader of the Balint Method movement toward patient-centered, humane medicine.

In his concern for the whole patient, Luban-Plozza's medical approach is an inspiration to thousands of young medical people who are seeking ways to practice humane medicine without departing from scientific principles.

An accomplished and dedicated musician, Beverly Sills will receive the 1989 Schweitzer Prize for music. Sills is general director of the New York City Opera, a post she came to after one of the most dazzling singing careers in operatic history. Sills



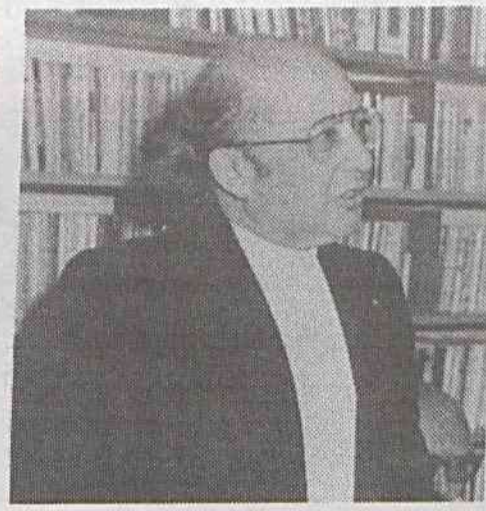
George H. Hitchings, Ph.D.
1989 Albert Schweitzer International Prize
for Medicine

was lead soprano with both the New York City Opera and the Metropolitan Opera, and received Emmy awards for her television specials.

The mother of two handicapped children, Sills has been a long-time champion of the March of Dimes' work against birth defects. She has one autistic child and one deaf child.

Schweitzer Prize winners are chosen by a secret committee from nominations submitted by an international nominating council to the chairman, the Rev. Dr. Hugh Anderson, professor emeritus of the Divinity School, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Prize winners will receive \$5000 and a bronze medal at the March ceremony.



Prof. Dr. Med. Boris Luban-Plozza
1989 Albert Schweitzer International Prize
for Humanities

Previous Prize recipients include humanitarian Mother Teresa, music giants Andres Segovia and Gian Carlo Menotti, and distinguished physicians Larimer Mellon and Theodore Binder.

The Schweitzer Prizes are sponsored by the N.C. Educational, Historical and Scientific Foundation, Inc. in Wilmington, and have been hosted by UNCW since the program's inception in 1972.

The 1989 Prizes ceremony will be on Wednesday, March 22, in Kenan Auditorium. A reception at the University Union will follow the ceremony. Both are free and the public is invited to attend.

Renee Brantley