

Marvin Mutchnik

Marvin Mutchnik was a native of Chicago who joined the EWU music faculty in 1960 rising to the rank of professor in 1977. At Eastern, he conducted the university orchestra and taught violin, viola, String Techniques, String Pedagogy and Music in the Humanities. He also served as director of the Robert Reid Laboratory School String Program.

An active performer in the Spokane musical community, Professor Mutchnik was a founding member of the Festival Arts Trio and the Spokane String Quartet. He was also a member of the Spokane Symphony Orchestra, serving as its concertmaster for twelve years. He performed with Connoisseur Concerts, the Civic Theater and played in pit orchestras for traveling productions.

Professor Mutchnik also performed in several summer festival orchestras including those at Aspen, Tanglewood and at Oregon's Britt Festival. He was a longtime faculty member at the Brevard Summer Music Center in North Carolina.

Following his retirement in 1987, he taught part-time at Eastern and continued performing. His work in string pedagogy was especially influential and his enthusiasm as a teacher unrivaled.

Betty Ohrt

Betty Ohrt, a native of Regina, Saskatchewan, joined the EWU faculty in 1964, serving as Dean of Women until 1972 when she became director of Women's Programs. She was appointed Associate Dean of Health Sciences in 1975, a position she held until 1988 when she retired.

Dr. Ohrt was active in civic and health organizations including the Inland Empire Nursing Association, the Northwest Museum of Health and Science and the Community Health Education Committee. A strong advocate of Planned Parenthood since its founding 17 years ago, she was a member of the board of directors for the Spokane and Whitman county chapters from 1983 to 1989. At the time of her death, she was president of the Spokane chapter of Zonta, a women's business organization having just completed a year as director of Area Three for Zonta.

One of the highlights of Dr. Ohrt's career came in 1985 at the culmination of the United Nations Decade of the Woman, when she presented a paper at the Year of the Woman conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Ohrt and Mutchnik were married June 30, 1973.

MEMORIAL CONCERT

Celebrating the Lives

of

Marvin Mutchnik and Betty Ohrt
(1926-1989) (1932-1989)

Given by

Eastern Washington University Students and Faculty
Ex-Students
Colleagues
Friends

Sunday, November 12, 1989
3:00 p.m.
Music Building Recital Hall

Greetings

Travis Rivers, Chair
Department of Music

Tributes

I

Dr. George Lotzenhiser, Dean Emeritus
School of Fine Arts
Read by Dr. William Maxson, Chair Emeritus
Department of Music

II

Dr. Helen Westrum, Chair Emeritus
Department of Home Economics
and
Dr. Donna El-Din, Chair
Department of Physical Therapy
Read by Dr. El-Din

Program

Reverie B. C. Fauconier
Parla L. Arditi

David Dutton, oboe
Beverly Biggs, fortepiano

Quartet in D Minor (D. 811) Franz Schubert
Allegro

Spokane String Quartet
Kelly Farris, violin Claire Keeble, viola
Jane Ayer Blegen, violin Achilles Balabanis, cello

Träumerei, Op. 15, No. 7 Robert Schumann

Roma Vayspapir, double bass
Spokane String Quartet

Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major L. van Beethoven
Adagio - Allegro vivace
Allegro ma non troppo

Eastern Washington University Orchestra
with
Former Students, Colleagues, and Friends
Kelly Farris, Conductor