

CONCERTS AND RECITALS

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Young Audiences, Inc. joined with the Buffalo public and private schools in the presentation of a series of concerts and recitals for children living in the Target Area.

For many years the Buffalo schools and these musical organizations have cooperated in the presentation of school concerts and recitals. However, under this Title I E.S.E.A. Project, it was possible to increase this service for the inner-city children.

A special series of concerts in the world renowned Kleinhans Music Hall was arranged by the Music Department and the conductors of the orchestra. The selections performed were at the children's level of comprehension. Prior to the concerts, preparatory teaching was carried on in the schools. These factors added greatly to the children's enjoyment and understanding of the music played. Seeing and hearing a live performance in the atmosphere of a great music hall proved inspiring to large numbers of the pupils present.

Junior and senior high school students were given an additional personal contact with good music when the Philharmonic Orchestra went to the schools and presented works of a more advanced nature. Compositions by Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel and Bernstein were played.

Children in the elementary grades enjoyed similar experiences when string, woodwind, bass and mixed trio ensembles performed in the schools under the direct supervision of Young Audiences, Inc.

Through these activities many children were introduced to the pleasure and cultural value of listening to programs of good music.

