

Apollo and Muses

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Yehudi Menuhin presents Ingerson art to Montalvo

Yehudi Menuhin visited Montalvo Saturday morning and paid tribute to the late Frank Ingerson and George Dennison.

The famed violinist, himself an honorary member of the Board, met with the directors to present them with a painting of Frank Ingerson's that is a copy of "Apollo and the Nine Muses" which hangs in the Vatican. "Frank was the only person ever allowed to copy this painting," said Menuhin in estimating its value.

Menuhin and his wife, Diana, were welcomed by Chester Root, chairman of the Board, and George Barati, Montalvo's Executive Director, who, as a symphony conductor, has appeared in concerts with him in various parts of the world.

The painting had come into Menuhin's hands as part of the estate of Ingerson and Dennison, "Cathedral Oaks," located behind Los Gatos in the Santa Cruz Mountains, which was left to him with the expectation that it would become a school. Formerly a neighbor of the two artists at Alma, Menuhin is now a resident of London, where he directs a school for musically gifted children, among his other multitudinous activities and engagements. "This painting is one I have looked upon ever since I was a child," he reminisced, as he described the events that contributed to its special meaning to Saratoga's Italian style Villa of the Arts.

"Frank and George settled here before there was a road from Los Gatos to Cathedral Oaks, and they had to come over the old wagon trail. Into this wild and unspoiled countryside they brought with them this whole world of art." Coincidentally was the fact that "I knew 'the boys' here, and my wife met them when they were working in London. They lived in a hunting lodge a few blocks from where she lived with her mother, and we both knew them independently of each other."

Diana Menuhin pointed out that, to present a work of each of the artists, they were also donating a small enamel of "St. George and the Dragon," created by George Dennison.

With natural grace and warmth, the couple talked briefly with each member of the Board, and then hurriedly left to catch a 12 o'clock plane for the next engagement on their U. S. tour. The painting will be hung in the library at Montalvo.

Holy Cross reports theft



FAMED VIOLINIST DONATES PAINTING — Yehudi Menuhin and his English wife, Diana, pose beside a painting by the late Frank

Ingerson that he is donating to Montalvo. Kneeling beside it is Chester Root, chairman of the Montalvo Board of Directors.



INSPIRATION TO THE YOUNG — As director of a school in London for musically talented children, Menuhin shows his interest in young people. Proud to be pictured with him are Barbara Davies, left,

daughter of Mrs. Robert Davies, secretary of Montalvo's Board of Directors, and Lorna and Donna Barati, daughters of the Executive Director, George Barati.