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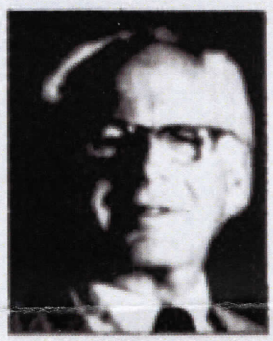
OBITUARIES

Service today for composer, concert pianist

Adam Kapuscinski

A private memorial service will be held today, July 8, for Adam Kapuscinski of Eugene, who died July 3 of a heart attack. He was 81.

He was born March 16, 1913, in Pinczow, Poland. He married Gisele Hakim in Paris on Dec. 21, 1953. They later separated.



Adam Kapuscinski

Kapuscinski began playing piano at age 6. In 1934, his compositions for the National Polish Ballet won first prize at the International Ballet Competition in Vienna.

He graduated from the Warsaw Conservatory of Music in 1937. That year he also won the Klara Wiesenthal Award in Austria and became a commissioned composer for the National Polish Ballet and the Ballet of Berlin Opera.

In 1939, when the Germans invaded Poland, he was interned in a Nazi concentration camp. He escaped in 1940 and fled to Eastern Poland, where he became a prisoner of the Russian Red Army.

After Russia went to war with Germany, Kapuscinski joined the Polish Army of General Anders under British command.

The army went to Iran, where Kapuscinski gave numerous recitals for the Allied Armed Forces and for Iranian welfare. He gave private piano lessons to the family of the shah.

When the army proceeded to Italy, Kapuscinski remained in Teheran and became an Iranian citizen. He taught at the Teheran Conservatory and performed in Teheran, Abadan and Ispahan. He received the Homayoun Medal, the highest award for musical achievement from the shah of Iran.

From 1954 to 1955, he went on a concert tour in Europe and performed on European radio and television.

In 1960, he moved to the United States on the advice of Polish concert pianist Artur Rubinstein, whom he had met in Paris. Before he moved, he gave a benefit recital in Geneva, Switzerland, for the United Nation's World Refugee Year.

He lived in New Canaan, Conn., until 1961, when he moved to Glen Cove, N.Y. He became a U.S. citizen in 1966.

He played at Carnegie Hall in New York and, at the request of Egypt's First Lady Jehan Sadat, played a benefit concert in Cairo for the International Year of the Child in 1979.

Since moving to Eugene in 1983, he has performed several benefit concerts for such organizations as Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America and The Oregon Natural Resources Council.

Survivors include a son, Jacques of Washington, D.C.; and a daughter, Anne of St. Paul, Minn.

Today's service will be at Sunset Hills Memorial Gardens in Eugene. Poole-Larsen Funeral Home in Eugene is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Adam Kapuscinski Memorial Fund, International Committee for the Red Cross, 19 Ave. de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland.