The Tech Performing Arts Series presents...

KATHLEEN BATTLE
A cloying mixture of world renown, soprano Kathleen Battle will give a solo recital. Program will include songs by Schubert, Strauss, Purcell, Korngold, and Janacek.
Symphony Hall, December 1 at 8 pm.
MIT price $5.

Tickets are on sale at the Technology Community Association, W20-450 in the Student Center. Office hours posted on the door. Call x3-4883 for further information.

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Ruth Rubin, Klezmer Conservatory Band maintain Yiddish traditions

YIDDISH MUSIC FEST
Lecture-recital by Ruth Rubin, Performance by an ensemble of the Klezmer Conservatory Band.
Krege Little Theatre, Saturday, November 18.

By JONATHAN RICHMOND

FOLK SONG "reflects the day-to-day life of the people... it expressed what the community feels like," said Ruth Rubin, legendary folk-humanist and assembler of Yiddish folk song. Saturday night in Krege Little Theater.

With a clear, energetic voice she sang and spoke her way through the life cycle in Yiddish song. Oy! What to do when a mother hits your shutters at dawn to arouse the faithful to prayer and the baby starts shrieking? You sing a lullaby to put the baby to sleep, and Rubin sang a gentle-rocking tune.

Then we heard other lullabies with less gentle themes. "Sometimes the text of the lullaby had nothing to do with the baby; the baby doesn't know," Rubin said. She sang of the annoyance of the babysitter who had to change diapers, and the plaint of the woman deserted by a man who had promised to marry her but had married another.

"Childhood was short," and boys would be sent off at bar mitzvah to learn a trade. Rubin sang a vigorous apprentices' song, and one bewailing a child's life as a seamstress. Love songs — part of a claintione culture given the custom of arranged marriages — came next, then tunes for a wedding. Many were sad songs, but an upbeat "nonsense song" was included as well. Rubin's involvement in both her singing and her lecturing made her texts come out from the past and live today. It was all rather touching, but energizing, too.

After the.intermission, an ensemble from the Klezmer Conservatory Band hit the floor for a very lively set. The beat was zingy; the Yiddisher spirit was strong. Ileana Stahl on clarinet put in a very spacy performance of a Romanian Doyne. Baby Broster sang several numbers with great character, while the racy colors and embellishment — in sadness as well as in rejoicing — of Director Hankus Netsky and other members of the band showed that this repertoire is alive and well. The evening ended with the audience dancing up and down the aisles of Krege Little Theatre. "Dance with such passion it'll give a pain to your enemies" were the words. The enemies were surely vanquished as everyone left for home happy.

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