

Dana faculty member nominated for Pulitzer Prize

A composition by Dr. Robert L. Rollin, Dana School of Music, has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in music.

The classical composition, "Five Pieces for Flute and Piano, on Legends of the Seneca Indians," has been performed nationally more than 10 times within the last year. It was nominated for a Pulitzer by Seesaw Publishing Co. of New York City, which published the work.

It was the second recent Pulitzer nomination for a YSU faculty member. Dr. James P. Ronda, history, had his book,

Lewis and Clark among the Indians, nominated in 1984. It was not selected for a prize.

"I'm really excited," said the 38-year old Rollin. "It's just like the Academy Awards. Whether you win or lose is not quite as important as just being nominated. I feel very fortunate."

"It means a distinguished panel of judges, including composers, will review the work," he said.

Announcement of those selected to receive Pulitzer Prizes will be made in late spring.

Rollin got his inspiration for the piece as a result of a trip in June 1984 to the Allegheny Indian Reservation and the Seneca Indian Museum in New York State. He became interested in the culture and folklore of this tribe, and it was this folklore which helped generate formal plans and moods for the composition's five movements.

A Phi Beta Kappan at the City College of New York with honors in music and English, Rollin earned his master's and doctoral degrees in composition and theory from Cornell Univer-

sity, Ithaca, N.Y. He was a teaching fellow at Cornell and then taught at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, and North Central College, Naperville, Ill., before joining the YSU faculty in 1977.

Rollin has composed a wide range of musical literature for many instruments and voices. His music has been performed nationally and internationally, and his experiments and writings about music and its relationship to other art forms have been published in numerous periodicals. He has
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been awarded National Endowment and post doctoral grants for composing and research.

For six consecutive years Rollin has received an ASCAP Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

One of Rollins' works, "Night Thoughts II", will be performed by pianist Adam Fellegi on a British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast in mid-1986.