

Painter In Musical Family Would Rather Draw Than Eat

A PROUD young artist is Mrs. Bahr this winter. She has recently been accepted as a member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors. And now she has an oil portrait on display at the forty-fifth annual exhibition of that organization in New York. The portrait, which she calls "Lily," is the head of a Negro girl.

During the past four or five years Mrs. Bahr has devoted the major part of her painting to illustrations in water colors for children's books. She has illustrated a number of juvenile books and has written three volumes herself.

Since she has been taken into the Association of Women Painters and Sculptors, Mrs. Bahr has done more oil work than at any time since her graduation from the Maryland Institute in 1931. In February she will have an exhibit of all types of her work at the institute. The display will be a joint show with her husband, Leonard Bahr, who is a portrait painter.

Mrs. Bahr is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rieffe, of Homeland. She was born in Baltimore, where she received all her education, and is the one pictorial artist in a musical family. Every other member of her family plays an instrument and sings, but none of them can paint or draw.

In 1934 Mrs. Bahr was married, and she and her husband make their home on Park Heights avenue. They have their studio on the third floor of their home and both of them would "rather paint than eat." They devote their time almost exclusively to their art work. She and her husband took a sketch trip through Virginia during the past summer.



MRS. FLORENCE R. BAHR

For recreation Mrs. Bahr likes to hike, swim and ride horseback.

Mrs. Bahr says that really, sincerely she has but two interests in life, Mr. Bahr and art. She doesn't care particularly for clothes, she says, but at the time that she made the statement she was wearing a very good-looking dress of brown crepe printed with snappy terriers in white and green. A green scarf filled the neckline in the front. Mrs. Bahr is a decided brunette, having wavy dark hair and very brown eyes.

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