

SHERATON HOTEL

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Mrs. Elton G. Dunlap
158 Edgerton Road
Akron 3, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Dunlap:

Please excuse the delay in replying to your very nice letter concerning the stairway in our Grand Ballroom. We are glad to hear that Dave Garroway's program, which took place in our Grand Ballroom, caused curiosity concerning the stairway.

The stairway was designed by John W. Rhoden of 285 - 8th Avenue, New York 1, N. Y. He is a well known sculptor, who has had many of his works exhibited as well as receiving some outstanding awards. He received the Fulbright Fellowship for 1951-52 and the Prix-de-Rose Fellowship 1953-54. In addition, he has traveled throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, etc. In 1955-56 he made an exhibition tour for the State Department.

Mr. Rhoden used a blow torch to fuse copper, bronze, nickel-silver, brass, and jewel-colored glass in panels of contemporary design. The stunning background not only adds beauty to the room but is a support for the stairway, as the north end of the stairway is attached to the ceiling through Mr. Rhoden's masterpiece.

We trust the above information will answer some of your questions. We have taken the liberty of enclosing some additional literature on our hotel.

We appreciate very much your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Ridgway
Public Relations Director

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CC: Mr. John W Rhoden