

FIFTY-THIRD SEASON

The Walla Walla Symphony Orchestra

WILLIAM H. BAILEY, *Conductor*

with

HORACE LAZZARI

Accordionist

and

THE WHITMAN COLLEGE CHOIR

KENNETH E. SCHILLING, *Conductor*



Tuesday, April 18, 1961

8:20 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Program

POET AND PEASANT OVERTURE Franz von Suppe (1819-1895)

*MANHATTAN CONCERTO (1952) Eugene Ettore

Allegro giocoso
Andante cantabile
Allegro vivo

HORACE LAZZARI, *Soloist*

LONDON EVERY DAY (1933) Eric Coates

Covent Garden (Tarantelle)
Westminster (Meditation)
Knightsbridge (March)

JOHN J. HAFNER, *Conductor*

* REFLECTIONS (Suite for accordion and orchestra, 1958 . . . Andrew Walter

Andantino, allegro giusto
Andante
Allegro

HORACE LAZZARI, *Soloist*

BALLET PARISIEN Jacques Offenbach (1819-1880)

Overture
Valse
Galop
Valse

I N T E R M I S S I O N

THE WHITMAN COLLEGE CHOIR, KENNETH E. SCHILLING, *conductor*

BEHOLD! I BUILD AN HOUSE (1950) Lucas Foss

SAM WAS A MAN (1948) Persichetti

DIE FLEDERMAUS Johann Strauss (1825-1899)

FINALE, Act II.

SOLOISTS:

Judy Haruda, Douglas Sell, William Hartwell, Melvin Litzenberger,
James Stovall, Margaret MacGown, Nancy Fowle.

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Characteristic of the Cheng and the accordion is the use of "free" reeds. Organ manufacturers became interested and incorporated this type of reed with bellows such as had already been devised for pipes. Some of the early "portative" organs had used bellows strapped to the performer long before the incorporation of reeds.

The first modern type of accordion may have been built by Fredrich Buschmann of Berlin in 1822. Since then many significant changes have been made in the keyboards, range of reeds, tone quality and the use of registers. A Russian version of the instrument is called the Bayan, which is taught in every music conservatory in the USSR. An Angel recording (65020) features the remarkable artistry of a noted Soviet performer, Yuri Kazakov.

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About the Artist . . .

Horace Lazzari, born in Ontario, Canada, lived for a number of years in Vancouver, B. C. He began the study of the accordion at a very early age. His teachers were Alfred Carlson and Leanord Wilson, Fellow of Trinity College of London. Mr. Lazzari also studied for a time at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. He is affiliated with the American Accordion Association and the Accordion Teachers Guild, which organizations are continually striving to raise the standards of accordion music and performance.

Mr. Lazzari is well known as a Walla Walla resident, artist, and teacher. This performance marks the first appearance of an accordionist as soloist with symphony orchestra in the Northwest, and Mr. Lazzari is realizing one of his goals: that of performing with the Walla Walla Symphony Orchestra, representing as it does the oldest Symphony Society in the West. He will also perform with the Mid-Columbia Symphony Orchestra on April 27.