

Classical Piano Recitals Meets Critics Approval

The following was written especially for The Guardian by the director of music for P.E.I.

By CHRISTOPHER GLEDHILL A disappointingly small audience last night enjoyed a rare treat in the lecture room of the Confederation Centre when Sister Mary Theresa of Halifax gave a vital and exciting recital.

The solo recital is the most exacting possible test of technique and musicianship; the soloist is out there on his own. He can make his instrument obey his every whim. He may feel quite completely different feelings at the same work at different recitals. The responsibility is correspondingly greater. For this reason a solo recital has an excitement that cannot be found in any other type of music-making.

Sister Mary Theresa has all the attributes necessary for a solo pianist of the front rank. Her technique is fluent and strong. She has a vital and aggressive approach to the keyboard, and she has obviously had a great deal of experience with all by the following process of time.

FRIST DISCOVERY From a soloist at the Italian Concerto were taken firmly in hand by the recitalist and swept impetuously into the first movement with all the excitement, as it were, of a first discovery. This was a vivid and exciting performance. The andante, with its reminiscences of certain chorale preludes, was taken at just the right speed for the right hand to sing its exquisite cantilena without running the risk of a too torpid rhythm. The finale, marked presto, was too fast. Bach's presto is not the same thing as the presto of later ages.

The Haydn Andante con variazioni was given a thoughtful and very emotional performance. In this work Haydn seems to foreshadow the romantics. At the same time, the climaxes and the "dying falls" were a little over-enthusiastic, with the whole tonal range of the modern concert grand being brought into play.

Mr. Macquarrie didn't feel that the language question was the most important aspect of the French revolution in Canada, he thought the economic aspects were more important. He said right now there is a committee of the Quebec Legislature investigating the economic aspects of separatism.

DEGAULLE INFLUENCE He felt that General DeGaulle was a man of his time, the grandeur of France has influenced the French in Canada. Mr. Macquarrie said it was not an unconvincing General DeGaulle wouldn't mind anything happening in North America which would embarrass the United States.

into play. The over-all conception is quite consistent with itself, though it was not quite in keeping with the stylistic conventions of the period, which were dominated by the more delicately voiced instruments of the time.

Sister Mary Theresa was thoroughly at home in the warm romantic music of Chopin, and the Etudes and the Ballade in G-minor received just the right treatment.

Values Nobles et Sentimentales are vintage Ravel in dry and sparkling, and the serenade was just that, save in one or two instances where a clearer, less "atmospheric" reading would have been closer to the composer's intentions.

This is a work which is not heard very often, except in the composer's own orchestral transcription, which is a pity, as it comes off better in the solo piano version.

SLY HUMOR I felt rather cheated at the end, as Sister Mary Theresa omitted the Epilogue, which to my mind is the most delightful and original section of the work. However we owe her a debt of gratitude for her insistence in presenting this sparkling, little-headed and incidentally rather formidable work.

There were one or two slips due to nervousness, which were well covered up, though on the whole the recital was a remarkable one and clear.

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Mr. Macquarrie thought that perhaps United Canada would have to shed some of its provincialism and find a voice to take part in the dialogue with Quebec.

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WEATHER

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AYRSHIRE BREEDERS RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

A highlight of yesterday's annual meeting of the P.E.I. Ayrshire Breeders Association held at Birch Court was the presentation of various individual and herd awards.

Deaths Due To Diabetes On Rapid Decline Here

Only 2.8 per cent of deaths in P.E.I. in 1964 were attributed to diabetes, Charles F. Praught, administrator of the diabetic control program in the province, said yesterday.

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CITY MAN IN CYPRUS MEETS MISS CANADA

Mr. Gary Meredith, Charlottetown, picks a fresh orange for "Miss Canada" Linda Douma of Cyprus Show.

Queens MP Views Separatism As Lucid And Curable Problem

Last evening at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Charlottetown Junior Chamber of Commerce, Health Minister, MP for Queen's, the speaker on "separatism" and he told the "Joycees" "I am convinced we've got the wisdom, the restraint and the strength to see this thing through."

Mr. Macquarrie flew to Charlottetown from Ottawa yesterday to deliver this talk and he left this morning to return to the Commons and the Flag Debate.

Mr. Macquarrie thought that "those of us who are not Quebecois should find out as much as we can," so that we can completely understand the question of separatism. Mr. Macquarrie professed to be no expert on the subject, but he was a problem that interested him and that he felt must interest every Canadian.

He pointed out that this is not the first time the question has arisen in the House of Commons to consider if "Some 70 or 80 years ago British Columbia not only didn't they were going out, but where they were going. To the United States."

HISTORY OF FRENCH He briefly reviewed the history of the French in Canada and said that some 200 years ago there were approximately 60,000 French people in Canada.

DEATH NOTICES

ENTERS HOSPITAL Mrs. Robert G. Galloway, 17 Beaver Street, Summerside has entered the Prince County Hospital for a short stay.

LIQUOR CASES HEARD Four liquor cases were heard in Summerside Police court yesterday morning. Three men were fined \$20 and costs for being drunk and the fourth was fined \$20 and costs for illegal possession of liquor.

9TH BIRTHDAY Patrick Butler of Glenagry celebrated his 9th birthday at his home this week. Many visitors called to attend greetings, and he also received two birthday cakes made by Mrs. Robert Galloway and Mrs. Charles Rogers, as well as messages from friends out of the province.

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY The John Howard Society, Prince County Branch, has dealt with some 34 cases since its formation. It was stated at a recent meeting of the directors of the branch in Summerside. The board has been spending time in the aims and practical functions of the organization.

MACINNIS FUNERAL - Funeral of Mrs. Emma MacInnis was held yesterday afternoon from the Compton Funeral Home.

TRAINOR - At the Charlottetown Hospital, Thursday, Dec. 10, 1964, Peter C. Trainor, 24 Longworth Avenue, in his 84th year. Resting at the Charlottetown Funeral Home from Saturday morning at 8:45 for Requiem High Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

BLANCHARD - In the Charlottetown Hospital, Dec. 10, 1964, Mrs. Corvelina Blanchard, 17 Sydney Street, resting at the Hennesey Funeral Home from where the funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10:30 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass at 10:45. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

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