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HILL AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

ELISABETH RETHBERG, Soprano VIOLA PETERS, at the Piano

Wednesday Evening, February 12, 1930, at 8:15

PROGRAM

Aria, "Deh vieni, non tardar" from "Marriage of Figaro"	
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ARIA, "Deh vieni, non tardar" from "Marriage of Figaro".. Mozart Ah, why so long delay? speed, speed thee hither! While you're away, all nature seems to

wither.

Tho' bright the moon, and bright the stars are glowing,

Deeper around the wood its shade is throwing.

In ev'ry gentle murmur of the river, In the rustling reeds that near it quiver, A voice to love invites, the bosom filling With love alone, all other passions stilling;

Come then, my dearest,—the hours are quickly flying!

Come, my dearest, come, then, my dearest;

Let me with roses bind now your head, Let me now with roses bind your head, Let me with roses bind now your head.

HALLELUJAH Mozart Hallelujah: A paean of rejoicing.

À CHLORISReynaldo Hahn S'il est vrai, Chloris, que tu m'aimes, mais j'entends que tu m'aimes bien, je ne crois pas que les rois mêmes ont un bonheur pareil au mien; que les dieux seraient importunes de venir changer la fortune de la félicité des cieux: tout ce qu'on dit de l'ambroisie ne touche point la fantaisie au prix des graces de tes yeux.

LE PAPILLONFourdrain Gay, golden butterfly, flying about so delicately and carefree, how like my little sweetheart are you! She, also frivolous and light-hearted, chats with me now. But, ah, when spring comes, she, forgetting all our vows of love, will flutter away to someone else!

ARIA, "Jewel Song" from Gounod Oh, heaven! what jewels! Can I be dreaming? Or am I really awake? Ne'er have I seen such costly things before! should just like to see How they'd look upon me Those brightly sparkling ear-drops! Ah! at the bottom of the casket is a glass;
I there can see myself! But am I not becoming vain? Ah! I laugh, as I pass, to look into a glass; Is it truly Marguerite, then? Is it you?

Tell me true! No, no, no, 'tis not you! No, no, that bright face there reflected Must belong to a queen! It reflects some fair queen, whom I greet as I pass her. Ah! could he see me now, Here, deck'd like this, I vow, He surely would mistake me, And for noble lady take me! I'll try on the rest-The necklace and the bracelets I fain would try! Heavens! 'Tis like a hand That on mine arm doth rest! Ah! I laugh, as I pass, to look into a glass; Is it truly Marguerite, then? Is it you? Tell me true! No, no, no 'tis not you! No, no, that bright face there reflected Must belong to a queen! It reflects some fair queen, whom I greet as I pass her. Ah! could he see me now, Here, deck'd like this, I vow, He surely would mistake me, And for noble lady take me!

O KUEHLER WALDBrahms
O forest cool, where soughest thou
To mark my dear one's way?
O echo soft, where dost thou list
To understand my lay?
Deep in my heart the forest soughs,
To mark my dear one's way,
In sorrow sleeps the echo soft
For vanished is my lay.

If mayhap she seek thy mission, How 'tis with this outcast faring,

Say—Right deep was his despairing, Most forlorn was his condition, But since thou, sweet one, doth deign Thus to think of him again, He will live yet many a day.

Each violet peeps from its dwelling, To gaze at the bright stars above. Roses each other are telling Wild legends of fairy and love. The tumbling leaves scarcely brushing Gazelles pause to list to each word. While in the distance rushing The sacred stream is heard.

Beneath the tall palm-trees sinking There we'll gently rest, From love's pure fountain drinking We'll dream the dreams of the blessed.

GRETCHEN AM SPINNRAD Franz Schubert

Gretchen sitting at the spinning wheel sings of her long love, how she cannot live separated from her beloved. She recalls his smile, his splendid figure, his beautiful eyes, his magic words and fervent kiss. She is ready to give her all and she knows that she cannot hold him forever. Therefore, she wishes him to be once more near her, that she may breathe her last in his arms. Without hope, in despair, she continues to spin and sings of her lost peace of mind and her great sadness.

PHILLIS HAS SUCH CHARM-ING GRACESOld English

Phillis has such charming grace, beauty triumphs in her eye;

If not for me her caresses, I must love her though I die.

Phillis has such charming graces, for her smile I pine and sigh.

Lovely Phillis, thou fair destroyer, ease my troubled, lovesick mind,

Smile upon a hopeless lover, cease to charm or else be kind.
Phillis has such charming graces, I must

love her though I die.

I must love her though I die.

By a lonely forest pathway I am fain at eve to flee

To the dreary rushy beaches, Dearest, there to dream of thee!

And I watch the woods grow darker,

Hear the reeds' mysterious sighs, Hear them whisp'ring and complaining, Till my tears, my tears arise. And I fancy 'tis the accents Of thy voice that round me play, Till the music of thy singing On the waters dies away.

AN OLD SONG

..... Annabel Morris Buchanan

Low blowing winds from out a midnights sky,

The falling embers and a kettle's croon— These three, but oh what sweeter lullaby

Ever awoke beneath the winter's moon. We know of none the sweeter, you and I, And oft we've heard together that old tune—

Low blowing winds from out a midnight sky,

The falling embers and a kettle's croon.

A SPRING FANCY Densmore

Spring-time, and sunshine,
And blossom-time again;
Bud-time and bird-time,
And April rain.
Daffodils, violets,
And blue bird's feather.
Sun and shower, cloudy hour,

And fitful weather.

Lassies and laddies dancing in a ring,

Lassies

Hearts are gay,

Hear them say, "Tra-la-la-la,

"Tis spring!"

Fairy dancing, heart entrancing, All the world's a-Maying! Voices singing, bells are ringing, All the world's a-playing!

All the world's a-playing! Blossoms fair, perfumed air, Love birds coo.

'Tis the Maytime!
'Tis the playtime,
Hearts are gay!
Laugh and say,
"Tra la, 'tis spring!"

Love and music, these have I lived for, nor ever have harmed a living being. The poor and distressful, times without

number, by stealth I have succoured. Ever a fervent believer, my humble prayers have been offered up sincerely to the saints; ever a fervent believer, on the altar flowers I've laid.

In this, my hour of sorrow and bitter tribulation, oh! Heavenly Father, why dost Thou forsake me?

Jewels I gave to bedeck Our Lady's mantle;

I gave my songs to the starry hosts in tribute to their brightness.

In this, my hour of grief and bitter tribulation, why, Heavenly Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?

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Ossip Gabrilowitsch, Conductor

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ORGAN RECITALS

The Wednesday afternoon organ recitals will be given throughout the school year, beginning at 4:15 and lasting about one hour. The majority of the recitals are played by Mr. Christian, though from time to time guest organists are invited to appear.

All students, and all interested members of the community with the exception of small children, are cordially invited to attend.