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# Sixty-first Annual MAY FESTIVAL

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA THE UNIVERSITY CHORAL UNION THOR JOHNSON, Guest Conductor

#### SOLOISTS

Lois Marshall, Soprano BLANCHE THEBOM, Contralto

JOHN McCollum, Tenor WILLIAM WARFIELD, Baritone

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 2, 1954, AT 2:30 HILL AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

#### PROGRAM

ELIJAH: A Dramatic Oratorio for Chorus,

Soloists, and Orchestra, Op. 70 . . . . . . . . Mendelssohn

UNIVERSITY CHORAL UNION and SOLOISTS

PART I

Introduction As God the Lord (Baritone).

Overture

Chorus Help, Lord!
Duet (Soprano and Contralto) with

Chorus Lord, bow thine ear.
Recitative (Tenor) Ye people, rend your

Aria (Tenor) If with all your hearts.

Chorus Yet doth the Lord.

Recitative (Contralto) Elijah, get thee hence.

Recitative (Contralto) Now Cherith's brook.

Recitative (Soprano) What have I to do with thee.

Recitative (Bass) Give me thy son.

Chorus Blessed are the men who fear Him.

(Baritone) with Chorus As Recitative

God the Lord of Sabaoth Chorus Baal, we cry to thee.

Recitative (Baritone) Call him louder!

Chorus Hear our cry, O Baal! Recitative (Baritone) Call him louder.

Chorus Baal! Baal!

Recitative and Air (Baritone) Draw near,

all ye people.

Chorus Cast thy burden upon the Lord (Chorale).

Recitative (Baritone) O Thou, who makest thine angels spirits.

Chorus The fire descends.

Aria (Baritone) Is not His word like a fire?

Youth: SUSANNE WATT, Soprano

Arioso (Contralto) Woe unto them who forsake Him!

Recitative (Tenor) O man of God, help thy people!

Recitative (Baritone) with Youth and Chorus O Lord, Thou has overthrown thine enemies.
Chorus Thanks be to God!

PART II

Aria (Soprano) Hear ye, Israel! Chorus Be not afraid.

Recitative (Baritone and Contralto) The Lord hath exalted thee.

Recitative and Chorus Have ye not heard! Chorus Woe to him!

Recitative (Tenor and Baritone) Man of

Aria (Baritone) It is enough.

Recitative (Tenor) See, now he sleepth.

Trio Lift thine eyes. Chorus He, watching over Israel.

Recitative (Contralto) Arise, Elijah.

Recitative (Baritone) O Lord, I have labored in vain.

Aria (Contralto) O rest in the Lord.

Recitative (Baritone) Night falleth round

Recitative (Soprano) Arise, now! Chorus Behold, God the Lord. Chorus Then did Elijah.

Aria (Tenor) Then shall the righteous shine forth.

Quartet O come, every one that thirsteth. Chorus And then shall your light break

Organist: MARY MCCALL STUBBINS

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## 1954 — UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERTS — 1955

Seventy-Sixth Annual Choral Union Series
ROBERTA PETERS, Soprano Monday, October 4 THE SOCIETÁ CORELLI Friday, October 15 BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Wednesday, October 20 CHARLES MUNCH, Conductor
THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA Sunday, November 7 GEORGE SZELL, Conductor
JORGE BOLET, Pianist
\$14.00; Block C, \$12.00; Block D, \$10.00
Ninth Annual Extra Concert Series
ELEANOR STEBER, Soprano Sunday, October 10 CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA OF AMSTERDAM Wednesday, October 27 EDUARD VAN BEINUM, Conductor THE ROBERT SHAW CHORALE Monday, December 6 ROBERT SHAW, Conductor
ISAAC STERN, Violinist Thursday, February 10 Walter Gieseking, Pianist
Season Tickets: Block A, \$8.50; Block B, \$7.00; Block C, \$6.00; Block D, \$5.00
Annual Christmas Concerts
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Fifteenth Annual Chamber Music Festival
BUDAPEST STRING QUARTET February 18, 19, 20, 1955 Season Tickets: \$3.50 and \$2.50. On sale beginning October 15.
Sixty-Second Annual May Festival
SIX CONCERTS

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