

**CIVIC OPERA, SUITS HOLIDAY OCCASION
MIGNON, NEW YEAR'S EVE BILL AT CHICAGO**



Margherita

Salvi

as

Philena

in

Thomas'

Mignon

which

will be sung

at

Civic Opera
New Year's
Eve

**Meistersinger to Be Given at Popular Prices on
Saturday Evening, January 2.**

New Year's Eve will be gala night at the Chicago Civic Opera this season, and for the occasion Ambroise Thomas' Mignon has been selected. This delightful work, one of the outstanding successes of last season, when it was brought back to the repertoire after an absence of many years, is particularly suited to the holiday occasion. It is one of the few operas in the repertoire with a happy ending, which will send the audience away to New Year's Eve suppers in a jolly frame of mind.

One important change has been made in the cast. This season Vanni-Marcoux, the great Franco-Italian singing actor, will have the role of Lothario. Mignon will be Coe Glade, who scored the greatest triumph of her career in the role last season. The Philena will be Margherita Salvi, whose beauty, grace and technical skill have won her many friends during her four years with the Civic Opera. Tito Schipa, one of the most popular operatic and concert tenors in the world, will have the role of Wilhelm Meister, and Emil Cooper, internationally known Russian musician, will be at the conductor's stand.

Another brilliant feature of the ninth week of opera will be the first performance at popular prices of Richard Wagner's Die Meistersinger. The Civic Opera presentation of this great opera has been called by many critics the finest to be found anywhere in the world. Owing to the fact that a huge augmented chorus and a couple of hundred supers, in addition to the full ballet, are used in the production, its cost is far greater than can possibly be brought in by a sold-out house at popular prices. But the host of music lovers who wish to hear the

work are being given the opportunity to purchase seats at 75 cents to \$4. The cast is the same as that which sang the work December 23, with Maria Radji as Eva, Sonia Sharnova as Magdalena, Rene Maison as Walther, Hans Hermann Nissen as Hans Sachs, Alexander Kipnis as Pogner, Oscar Colcaire as David and Robert Ringling as Kothner. Egon Pollak conducts.

The schedule for the next week is:
THURSDAY, Dec. 31, at 8:00—
MIGNON (in French). Opera in three acts and four scenes. With Margherita Salvi, Coe Glade, Tito Schipa, Vanni-Marcoux and others. Ballet. Conductor, Emil Cooper.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2, at 2:00—
CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA (in Italian). Opera in one act by Mascagni. With Rosa Raisa, Coe Glade, Maria Claessens, Antonio Cortis, Augusto Beuf, and others. Conductor, Isaac Van Grove. Followed by I PAGLIACCI (in Italian). Drama in two acts by Leoncavallo. With Claudia Muzio, Charles Marshall, Vittorio Damiani and others. Conductor, Frank St. Leger.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2, at 7:45—

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DIE MEISTERSINGER (in German). Opera in three acts by Richard Wagner. With Maria Radji, Sonia Sharnova, Rene Maison, Oscar Colcaire, Hans Hermann Nissen, Eduard Habich, Alexander Kipnis, Robert Ringling and others. Conductor, Egon Pollak.

MONDAY, Jan. 4, at 8:00—**LA BOHEME** (in Italian)—Opera in four acts by Giacomo Puccini. With Rosetta Pampanini, Margherita Salvi, Charles Hackett, Vittorio Damiani, Virgilio Lazzari, Salvatore Baccaloni and others. Conductor, Roberto Moranzoni.

TUESDAY, Jan. 5, at 8:00—**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE** (in Italian)—Opera in three acts by Gioacchino Rossini. With Margherita Salvi, Tito Schipa, Giacomo Rimini, Vanni-Marcoux, Salvatore Baccaloni and others. Conductor, Roberto Moranzoni.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6, at 8:00—**LA TRAVIATA** (in Italian)—Opera in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi. With Claudia Muzio, Tito Schipa, Vittorio Damiani and others. Conductor, Roberto Moranzoni.

**Auto License Fees in
11 Months of 1931 Are
Slightly Lower Total**

Fees collected for automobile license plates in Illinois during the first eleven months of the year 1931, totaled \$18,412,936, according to an announcement made public last week by Secretary of State W. J. Stratton.

Collections this year were slightly below those for the same period last

year, Stratton's report revealed. Last year's collections for the first eleven months amounted to \$18,429,382 and \$18,447,246 for the whole year.

Licenses issued during the first eleven months of the year total 1,612,012 of which 1,410,663 were for passenger vehicles and the remainder trucks. Last year during the first eleven months 1,637,205 licenses were issued, including 1,428,318 for passenger machines.

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