Orchestral Works of N. S. Composers to Be Given at Ravinia

The Ravinia Festival has com-

phony Orchestra at Orchestra hall, Illinois on parade and in action. under Dr. Frederick Stock, and each phonic literature.

in large symphonic forms is Arne sented anywhere this year. A cast besides Hannibal's elephant corps, member of the Northwestern faculty. Mr. Oldberg's works have appeared numerous times in the programs of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and he is known as a brilliant theorist and composer. His latest work simply called "Fantasie," will be played during the six weeks season at Ravinia, by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the date and conductor to be announced later.

Second of the composers commissioned by the Festival Association to write for the Festival is young David Van Vactor, flutist of the Chicago Symphony, whose compositions are being heard with greater frequency all the time. 'At 32 he is busily engaged in playing the flute, teaching (at Northwestern) and composing. As a composer he is fond of writing for unusual combinations of instruments. His best known composition is probably "Passacaglia and Fugue" which now ranks in the permanent repertoire of the Chicago Symphony. His new "Suite d'Orchestre" will come to its first performance during July at the Ravinia Festival. Mr. Van Vactor may fairly classify as a Ravinia product as he ushered there as a boy during the halcyon days of the Ravinia Opera.

Third and youngest of the three, and first to have his commissioned work played, is Gardner Read who is in his twenty-fifth spring. Mr. Read's recent transcription of his "Passacaglia and Fugue" Opus 34 for Organ, (played in its original form by Carl Weinrich at the Second Annual American Music Festival, Westminster Choir School, May 6, 1937) will come to performance the first week of the Ravinia Festival under the direction of Dr. Artur Rodzinski.

Mr. Read will leave for Munich on a six week Cromwell Fellowship immediately after the world premiere of his work, which is completed and now in the hands of Dr. Rodzinski.

Mr. Read's short but brilliant career has been somewhat a series of awards-in 1932 a scholarship for outstanding work in composition, to the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan. The same year brought him a scholarship to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester headed by Dr. Howard Hanson. Graduated in '96 and with his Master's degree in his pocket, he added a scholarship to the MacDowell Colony in Peterboro, New Hampshire, where he completed his first symphony, which added to his laurels by winning the \$1,000 prize in the contest sponsored by the Philharmonic-Symphony Society of New York for a major work by an American composer.

The fellowship was renewed the following summer, and in the summer of 1938 he received the Cromwell Fellowship to the summer music festival at Munich.

Mr. Read's Symphony No. 1 in A minor, Opus 30, was presented by the New York Philharmonic society. with John Barbarolli conducting, in November 1937, and other compositions have been played by the Rochester, Cincinnati and Chicago Symphony Orchestras. His latest works are numbered in the 50s.

The "Passacaglia and Fugue" originally numbered 34, for Organ in its present transcription for Orchestra is No. 34A. Composed originally at the MacDowell Colony at Peterboro during July and August, 1936, the transcription was made at Evanston, Illinois during March and April 1938. Mr. Read states that the style and handling is based on Bach.



National Guard to Stage Big Military Show in Chicago

Military elephants, representing missioned three orchestra works the lumbering "tanks" of Hannibal's attached troops of the Illinois Nafrom Chicago and North Shore com- great army of ancient history, are posers for performances during the coming to Chicago for the big Mil-1938 symphonic festival season itary Show of the Illinois National opening at Ravinia Park on June Guard next week in Soldier Field. By coincidence all three of the of the spectacular pageant, "Fifcomposers are residents of Evan- teen Famous Armies of History." event will mark the culmination of drills by crack infantry companies, ston, and two are on the faculty of The show, to be presented on the the armory training year and will a colorful mass demonstration by the Northwestern University School nights of Saturday, June 18, and be a preliminary to the annual 15 the sailors of the Illinois Naval of Music. All three have had works Sunday, June 19, will be a stirring day field training period at Camp performed by the Chicago Sym- display of the citizen soldiers of Grant, Rockford.

according to his years has contri- the Guard have been rehearsing the Jr., commander of the 124th Field

ons and machines designed for the Washington continentals, the spectators.

Major General Roy D. Keehn, commander of the 33d Division and tional Guard, explained that the purpose of the show is to give the citizens of Illinois a visible and in a mighty crescendo of sound and practical demonstration of the ap- action. The pachyderms will be a feature pearance and military efficiency of the state's citizen soldiers. The be fancy mounted drills, precision

In charge of the show as man-For many weeks the soldiers of ager, is Colonel Charles C. Haffner, buted various forms to the sym- many and varied events of the Artillery. He is also the author spectacle, which will be the greatest of the spectacular pageant of fa-First as to seniority and output military demonstration to be pre- mous armies, which will include, Oldberg, pianist and pedagogue and of more than 5,000 soldiers, hun- Egyptian chariots, Caeser's artildreds of horses, eighteen war planes lery, medieval knights in armor, arand all of the other modern weap- quebusiers, a bedouin camel corps, performance will be given Monday

military might, "The Battle of the Argonne," in which war planes, infantry, field artillery, cavalry, antiair artillery and tanks will be seen

Earlier in the program there will Militia, an impressive parade of massed infantry regiments and a demonstration of new mile-a-minute tanks. Throughout the program martial and other appropriate music will be played by a massed band of 200 pieces and by other regimental bands.

The performances will begin at 8 p.m. each evening. In the event of rain on Saturday an additional

Sher- night, June 20. Any proceeds of defense of America will provide man's mid-west "foot" cavalry and the show will be divided among the more than two hours of thrills for seven other famous armies. The units of the National Guard to be pageant will lead up to a breath- used for athletic and other recretaking demonstration of modern ational activities. Tickets may be obtained from any National Guardsman or at any State street department store at the advance sale prices of 50 cents for reserved seats and 35 cents for general admission.

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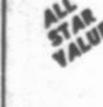
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