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Novotna and Szell Open Ravinia Season June 25

Jarmila Novotna, the Metropolitan Opera's soprano star, and George Szell, famed Czech conductor, will share the spotlight with the Chicago Symphony orchestra Tuesday evening, June 25, when the annual Ravinia Festival begins at Ravinia Park on Chicago's North Shore.

For this outstanding summer musical event of the Midwest a program of the classics has been chosen, including works of Tschai-kowsky, Dvorak, and Beethoven. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m. Novotna will present two numbers previously unheard at Ravinia — Dvorak's melodic song to the moon, the aria from "Rusalka," and the letter scene from "Eugene Onegin" by Tschai-kowsky.

Two Ravinia favorites will be presented by the Chicago Symphony orchestra under Conductor Szell's baton. They are the Tschai-kowsky Overture-Fantasia "Romeo and Juliet," and Beethoven's Eroica Symphony. Both have been given a number of times during previous Ravinia seasons.

Tuesday's concert opens a six-week schedule of symphonic music by the Chicago Symphony orchestra under five guest conductors and with three soloists. The seventh week will be given over to chamber music with the Jacques Gordon Quartet and the Albeneri Trio giving the programs.

Conductor Szell, who goes to the Cleveland Symphony in the fall as its director, will be at Ravinia for the first two weeks of the eleventh season, and his fifth consecutive season.

He has chosen to present music which has proven its popularity with Ravinia audiences. At his Thursday evening, June 27, concert he will conduct the Chicago Symphony in three Wagner numbers and the Beethoven Symphony No. 6, F Major — "The Pastoral."

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Saturday evening, when Mme. Novotna will again be soloist, the program includes Weber's Recitative and Aria, "Leise, leise," from "Der Freischutz," and Richard Strauss' Two Songs, "Morgen" and "Caecilie," all of which will be sung by Mme. Novotna.

The orchestra will play Weber's Overture to "Der Freischutz," Strauss' Rondo, "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7, A Major."

The Sunday afternoon, June 30, concert at 4 o'clock will present a program made up of Brahms Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80, Beethoven's Symphony No. 8, F Major, Op. 93.

Allegro vivace e con brio. Allegretto scherzando. Tempo di minuetto. Allegro vivace.

Intermission
Strawinsky — Suite from the Ballet, "L'Oiseau de Feu" (The Fire-Bird).

Introduction — The Fire Bird and Her Dance. Dance of the Princesses. Infernal Dance of the Katchel.

Finale.
Ravel — "The Waltz": A choreographic poem.

Guest conductors who will succeed Szell during the Ravinia season are: William Steinberg, musical director of the Buffalo Philharmonic orchestra; Carlos Chavez, Mexico's noted conductor and composer; Tauno Hannikainen, Finnish-born conductor of the Duluth Symphony orchestra; and Pierre Monteux, San Francisco's distinguished conductor and Ravinia's great favorite.

Soloists in addition to Novotna will be Leon Fleisher, a young American pianist, who made a notable debut at Ravinia last season, and Nathan Milstein, one of the greatest of modern-day violinists.

Ravinia coupon books which are being sold by a women's committee under the direction of Mrs. Ernst C. von Ammon, Winnetka, contain fifteen coupons apiece, each coupon being good for one gate admission or for a reserved seat at regular concerts. The price of coupon books is \$15.00 this year. Gate admissions will be \$1.25 with children's admission 50 cents. Reserved seats for all but six concerts will be \$1.25. Seats for the Novotna and Milstein concerts will be \$2.50. Thus coupon books mean a saving of \$3.75 for their buyers, since the 15 coupons have a total value of \$18.75.

The box office at Ravinia park opened Monday, June 17, and seats went on sale for the opening night concert Tuesday, June 25.

Merchants in six North Shore towns and in Chicago will accept

orders for reserved seats. These are: Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, Evanston and Lake Forest; J. B. Garnett and Co., Highland Park and Glencoe; Fell's, Winnetka; and Lyman-Rennecker pharmacy, Wilmette; and Spaulding's in the Drake, Chicago.

The system instituted several seasons ago to facilitate making seat reservations will be followed again this year, according to Festival officials. Under this system, patrons who pay a five dollar service charge may telephone in advance to the Ravinia box office for reserved seats.

The programs for the first week follow:

Conductor, Mr. George Szell
Soloist, Jarmila Novotna
Tschai-kowsky—Overture Fantasia "Romeo and Juliette"

Dvorak—Aria from "Rusalka"
Tschai-kowsky — Letter Scene, from "Eugene Onegin"
Intermission

Beethoven—Symphony No. 3, (Eroica), E Flat Major, Opus 55.
Allegro con brio.
Marcia funebre.
Scherzo.
Allegro molto.

Beethoven—Symphony No. 6, F Major ("Pastoral"), Opus 68.
Allegro non troppo (Awakening of Joyful Feelings on Arrival in the Country).
Andante molto moto (By the Brook).

Allegro (The Storm).
Allegretto (Shepherd's Song, Thanksgiving After the Storm).
Intermission

Wagner—Prelude to Act III, from "Lohengrin."
Wagner—Prelude and Isolde's Love Death, from "Tristan and Isolde."

Wagner—Prelude to "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg."
Weber—Overture to "Der Freischutz."

Weber — Recitative and Aria, "Leise, leise," from "Der Freischutz."
Strauss—Two Songs — "Morgen" "Caecilie."

Strauss — Rondo, "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," Opus 28.
Intermission
Beethoven — Symphony No. 7, A Major, Opus 92.
Poco Sostenuto-Vivace.
Allegretto.

Presto.
Allegro con brio.
Brahms Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80.
Beethoven — Symphony No. 8, F Major, Op. 93.

Allegro vivace e con brio.
Allegretto scherzando.
Tempo di minuetto.
Allegro vivace.

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Highland Park Legion Presents American Flag To Immaculate Conception

As part of the program conducted in observance of Flag Day the Highland Park post of the American Legion presented Immaculate Conception school with a regulation United States Flag, at a brief ceremony on that day.

Presentation was by Harry Aiston, Americanization officer of the post, and acceptance in behalf of the school was by Father Skoner, assistant to the Rt. Rev. Magr. Morrison and former major in the United States army who came to Highland Park after more than three years service overseas as an army chaplain.

Commander Frank J. Zipoy states that the presentation was part of the established American Legion program of providing all schools in Highland Park with regulation American Flags where there is need for replacement and upon request. Such presentations he adds, gain added significance when made in connection with a day of patriotic observance and are therefore usually arranged to be part of the school program conducted on that day.

Homecoming Arranged In United Evang. Church

A homecoming for former members and pastors in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present church building on S. Green Bay road, will be a memorable occasion in the First United Evangelical church. The anniversary and homecoming will be observed on June 29 and 30. The first date will feature a fellowship dinner at the Community center. Those desiring to attend this should make reservations with Mrs. Raymond Fidler, 149 S. Second St., who is in charge of the dinner, to be served at 6 p.m. The dinner will include a historical sketch in which clothing of 50 years ago will be worn.

Sunday, there will be services morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. F. S. Dick Wickman of San Francisco, Calif., son of Frank Wickman of 627 S. St. Johns, arrived last week to participate in the 50th anniversary. The former Highland Park man is director of the Chinese YMCA in San Francisco. Others who entered Christian work from the congregation are expected to attend or send greetings.

Rev. C. G. Unangst of La Grange, Ind., is expected to arrive next week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fidler, 149 S. Second. Mr. Fidler is a nephew of the former pastor of the local church. Mr. Unangst retired from the ministry in 1931 when his health did not permit him to continue. He served here from 1928 to 1931 and also 1916-19. He will teach the combined men's classes on Sunday morning, June 30, and also speak at the Saturday night fellowship dinner, according to present plans.

Rev. F. R. Cardwell, pastor of the church from 1923-28 will come from Reading, Pa., where he is pastor of a large congregation known as St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational church. He will speak at the Sunday morning service as well as at other times.

Investment Banker to Address Kiwanians

Robert M. Bridges, of Oakland drive, Ravinia, will talk to members of the Kiwanis club on Monday evening, June 24, on "Problems of the small investor." He is sponsored by Brian K. Martin.

Mr. Bridges is associated with the Central Republic Co. of La Salle St., Chicago.

Last Monday night, which was Ladies' Night, the speaker was Brig. Gen. William H. Wilbur. A member of the regular army since his graduation from West Point in 1912, he was decorated in both World Wars I and II. In the latter he was with the group of officers who made a secret landing in Africa ahead of invasion troops, paving the way for their arrival. For his service in this capacity he was decorated personally by the president. He later served in Salerno with the invasion troops, and in central Europe. His talk dealt mainly with the present situation in central Europe, the summary of his own shrewd and well-founded opinions. He stressed the importance of sending food to the starving peoples, since a hungry nation is a desperate nation and a desperate nation a vengeful nation.

Benefit Dance Nets \$1025 for Highwood Memorial Park

The committee in charge of the dance given June 8, for the benefit of the Highwood Memorial Park and Playground, wishes to thank everyone for their generous response to the call. The committee consists of Americo Ladrini, chairman; Carl Pasquasi, Russel Carlson and Mayor Thomas Mussatto. Especially helpful was the Italian Women's Prosperity club, which held a raffle in connection with the dance, the Highwood fire department and the city employees. With the assistance of these organizations and citizens in general, the dance netted about \$1025. This sum will be used for grading the park and for playground equipment, such as swings and teeter-totters.

Victory Belles To Enjoy Garden Tea

Members of the Victory Belles organization will be entertained by its officers at tea, Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m., in the USO garden of the Highwood club.

The tea will be preceded by a short business meeting and a showing of a film entitled "Story of the USO."

Highland Park Host To West Shore Water Producers' Association

On Wednesday, June 12, the Highland Park water department entertained the West Shore Water Producers' association, made up of water works officials of the towns on the west shore of Lake Michigan, beginning with Hammond, Ind., and including the Chicago and Milwaukee area as far north as Sheboygan, Wis.

James E. Kerslake, superintendent of the Milwaukee filtration plant, who is present chairman of the association, was in charge of the meeting, and George Prindle, superintendent of the Highland Park water plant, was host. Mayor Joseph B. Garnett and Com. Lyle Gourley represented the city council.

The group met at the water works and after inspecting and listening to the boasts of operators that Highland Park has the best waterworks in the world, they went in a body to the Sunset Valley club for dinner, after which a program was presented.

John R. Daylis, engineer of water purification for Chicago, was the speaker. He told of the main experiences involved in putting into partial operation Chicago's new 320,000,000-gallons-daily filtration plant, located at 79th and Lake Michigan. This plant is one of several purification units which will eventually be constructed, and it will serve the section of the city lying south of Pershing road, the one most greatly in need of relief from polluted water coming from the Calumet, Indiana, region.

Due to the shortage of material on account of the war, the works are only partially complete, and water is being chemically treated and settled before being pumped into the reservoir. The filters will probably be completed by the first of the year.

Fifty-three members attended the meeting, including W. W. De Berard, city engineer of Chicago and seven of his staff of engineers and chemists. Representatives were also present from Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Glencoe, Deerfield, Highwood, Lake Forest, Waukegan, Zion, Racine, Milwaukee and Sheboygan. Others were prevented from attending by inclement weather.

16 New Members Join Ranks of Legionnaires

Recently added to the roll of the Highland Park American Legion post are the following:

Shirley Mae Lauridsen, Daniel Lencioni, Eugene Konsler, Howard A. Johnson, Angelo L. Notagiacomo, Frank Gray, Joseph Jashelski, Charles Wallace Cross, Colorado Piazzi, Raymond C. Phillips, Arnold D. Stine, William Thomas Wygal, William J. Cortesi Jr., Allan J. Harrison, Donald C. Hoffman and Demont J. Waite.

Members of the degree team who performed the initiation ceremonies were Bert Greene, commander; Miller Schreiner, first vice commander; William Acker, second vice commander; Henry Eitner, past commander; Chris Mathiesen, chaplain; Henry Marazek, sergeant-at-arms, and Harold Pfister, pianist.

Broken Rattle Causes Death of Infant

Rites were conducted last Friday by Rabbi Charles Shulman of North Shore Congregation Israel for nine-month-old John Stackler, 260 Cedar, whose death the preceding Wednesday was pronounced to be the result of swallowing a part of a broken rattle. He was found by his father, Sidney Stackler, about 10:30 p.m., with part of the broken toy lodged in his throat. Drs. G. F. Weinfeld and G. S. Livingston removed the object, but were unable to revive the infant. The Highland Park inhalator squad of the fire department also failed to revive him.

Mr. Stackler is president of the Central Watch Co. of Chicago, and Mrs. Stackler is the former Bernice Kurtson. A brother, Isaac Benjamin, three years old, also survives.

Auxiliary Booth Chairmen for Legion Picnic Named

Mrs. Chris Mathiesen has been named chairman, and Mrs. Harry Eichler co-chairman of the Highland Park American Legion auxiliary booth at the annual Legion carnival to be held at Sunset park, July 2, 3 and 4. They will ask each member to donate handmade articles.

Projects for Every Taste On Summer Playgrounds

Highwood Survey

Whatever chance there may have been for Highwood taxpayers to get what they are paying for — an efficient, well-managed city government — apparently went glimmering at the last council meeting, a survey of opinion among veteran political observers in Highwood indicates.

Informed circles feel that two indications of a continued lack of cooperation were Mayor Thomas Mussatto's veto of a motion passed by a majority of the council (a veto which some of the aldermen feel was illegal as well as high-handed) and his apparent shrugging off of the responsibility for providing for additional funds before approving salary increases.

Alderman Fidel Ghini, representing the first ward, stated that he was in favor of raising wages, but that before this could be done, he felt that it was imperative to have the money to pay the increase. However, when he asked the mayor how this additional money was to be raised, the mayor replied he left that up to the finance committee.

Ghini stated later that he felt that if the mayor was interested in raising wages, he should be equally interested in raising the money. Checks drawn upon an empty treasury, he felt, would be even worse than the present smaller ones.

The vetoed motion, which passed the council by a five to three vote, was to replace the light, previously moved from in front of the home of Charles Portilia, former mayor, to a new location on the same street, close to the home of Amerigo Ladrini, one of Portilia's political foes.

General opinion was that the veto was made for personal reasons, a view shared by Portilia, as well as by the aldermen who were overriden.

Portilia, never noted for giving up easily, has indicated that he does not consider the incident closed. That fact, plus the fact that at least two of the aldermen were heard to make remarks to the effect that they didn't see what use there was in coming to council meetings if the mayor intended to run things to suit himself, regardless of the will of the majority, indicates that the next council meeting will be well worth attending — if there is one.

Vacation School Demonstration and Picnic This Week-end

A demonstration and picnic are scheduled this week for the vacation Bible school being conducted in the United Evangelical church, S. Green Bay at Laurel. The demonstration will be given on Friday evening at 7:30 and will be open to the public. All children attending the school are expected to participate in the demonstration.

Awards will be given for perfect attendance by Pastor R. S. Wilson, director of the school. The offering to be received that evening will be used to meet the expenses of the school. Offerings taken each Friday in the school are used for missionary projects.

The picnic will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 22, starting at 2:30. Games and contests are planned, and a picnic supper will be served in conjunction with the annual picnic of the Sunday school. Each person attending should provide their own sandwiches, and utensils. The vacation school had an attendance of 88 on the first day of this week, with a total enrollment of 114. The highest attendance was 95 on the first Wednesday.

Lions Hear Chinese News Service Man

The luncheon speaker for the Lions club this noon at the Highland House, was Hubert Wang, of the Chinese News Service. Mr. Wang recently arrived in this country from China, and is now an associate of Fabian Chow, who is in charge of the Midwest Bureau, Chinese News Service.

These men covered many phases in China, from frontline fighting to administrative and reconstruction work for the government in Free China. Mr. Wang spoke about about religion in China.

Announce Tennis Tourney Will Start Friday, June 28

The final date to register for the tennis tournament to be sponsored by the Highland Park Playground and Recreation board is Thursday, June 27.

The tournament, to be open to both children and adults, will start on Friday, June 28, at 9 a.m. and continue on Monday, July 1, at 9 a.m. until completed. All matches will be played at Sunset park and Ravinia playground. Championship games will be played at Sunset park. Awards will be made to first three places in each bracket as follows:

Midgets — boys and girls 12 and under; juniors — boys and girls 14 and under; intermediates — boys and girls 17 and under, and open class — any age. Participants must be residents of Highland Park or its immediate vicinity. The entry fee will be 25 cents per player.

Registrations may be made with Leonard Johnson at Ravinia playground, or with Al Danakas or Bert Leech at Sunset park.

Join a Craft Club

The Craft clubs at Braeside school and the Community center have had one week of busy activities. The club meets at Braeside every morning from 9 to 12. Craft instruction is given between 9 and 11, and tennis instruction between 11 and 12.

The craft group meets at Community center from 2 to 5 p.m. every day except Wednesday. Projects consist of work with wood, leather, plastic, plexiglass and metal. Starting this week the children are being taught a new type of craft — the making of earrings and brooches from shells. Highland Park children interested in craft are invited to join these classes.

Bike Hike Fan

On the initial bike hike of the summer program sponsored by the Recreation board under direction of George Scheuchenpflug (Mr. X), 15 boys and girls and their group leader, Stanley W. McKee, set off on a jaunt to explore the countryside surrounding Highland Park.

Included in the group were Kenneth Evans, Tom Van Straaten, Arthur Weinfeld, Jack Hammond, Robert Rosin, Don Rizzola, Bob Rizzola, Janet King, Margaret Ellis, Rudd Johnson, Peter Jachem, Woody Hansmann, Barbara John, Gordon Parks, and Connie Wales.

The bike hikes are a weekly activity. One group leaves from Sunset park on Tuesdays at 9:30 under the leadership of Bert Leech. The other group leaves on Thursdays at 9:30 from Ravinia school under the leadership of McKee.

Art Clubs Active

Highland Park children are taking a keen interest in arts and crafts as indicated by the fine attendance at the opening of the Art club at Ravinia school last week. Under the direction of Miss Ella Rasmussen, art classes are held daily except Wednesday at the school from 9 until noon.

The first half of the morning, from 9 to 10:30, is devoted to art. Children are taught finger painting, spatter work, drawing and painting. The second half of the morning is given over to craft work, at which time the children are kept busy making key chains, belts, bracelets and many other projects.

The Art club at Community center meets on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m., and at West Ridge school on Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Highland Park Playground and Recreation board sponsors the classes as a part of its summer recreation program.

Boys Sports Club

Members of the newly formed Boys' Outing and Sports club elected Robert Pizzato their president at the organization's first meeting in Highland Park Community center last Thursday. The club, which has Mel Mullins, assistant director of Community center, as its adult leader, is a part of the summer recreation program.

Other officers elected at Thursday's meeting were Frank Humphreys, vice president; Jack Peterson, secretary, and Victor Johanson, treasurer.

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