

CHARLIE MARSHALL, WHO, WHAT IS HE?

Tenor Who Won Fame in First Appearance Before Chicago Opera Audience To Sing at North Shore Festival

"Who is Charlie Marshall?" That is what New York opera lovers asked after having read of the wild ovation given Charlie Marshall, "the new tenor," when he repeated his phenomenal success in "Othello." That is what north shore music lovers are asking after hearing that the great tenor will sing at the annual north shore music festival on the second artists' night, Tuesday, May 31, at Patten gymnasium, Evanston.

Now, with Mary Garden, the new director general of the Chicago Opera company, and Pietro Cimini, the Italian conductor, at his back, many are asking:

"Is this Marshall to be a successor to Caruso?"

Mary Garden jumped to her feet and tried to outdo the applauding audience when Marshall finally came before the footlights alone after many curtain calls, while Pietro Cimini said:

"Even in the conductor's stand while I was leading the orchestra I was touched as never before by that wonderful last act."

"There is not an Italian in the world who can give such an all around splendid performance as did Marshall."

Who is Charles Marshall? He is an American, about 35 years old, born in Auburn, Me., who studied in Italy, where he took an Italian name.

Assumes Latin Name

At the New York office of the Chicago Opera association, No. 83 West Forty-second street, it was learned that Marshall did not wish to start in the usual American way, so he changed his perfectly good American name to Carlo Marziali—the Latin equivalent for Charles Marshall and the name by which he was known abroad.

Upon his return to America he took back his own name.

Charles Marshall's father was a shoe manufacturer in Auburn, Me. He was fairly well to do and when he realized that his boy had a wonderful voice he placed him in the choir of an Episcopal church. Later he sent him to Italy and here Marshall, or Marziali, made his new name famous with triumphant interpretations of such heavy roles as Othello, William Tell, Rhadames and Canio.

Success Widespread

Having made his name in Italy Marshall then duplicated his success in these and other operatic parts in Russia, Turkey, Greece and Germany. His early study was with Vannucini, Lombardi the elder and other masters in Italy and his debut was made in "Il Trovatore."

And yet, with all his success upon the other side Marshall's one idea was to come to America. He cancelled a concert tour in Europe to sing the title role of "Othello" for the Chicago Opera association, the first performance of this opera ever given by that organization.

This opera is rarely sung because of the scarcity of artists who can sing the tenor role. Marshall possesses a voice of tremendous volume and unusual strength and sings the difficult parts with ease and fluency.

Sticks by Chicago

The Metropolitan Opera company made Marshall an offer to sing in New York as soon as his success became known. But the string attached to the proposition was: He must not sing "Othello" in New York with the Chicago Opera company but must make his first appearance there with the Metropolitan opera.

However, Marshall will never forget his first American ovation. He said: "Chicago gave me my chance and I shall stand by Chicago. I can never forget what Chicago has done for me by giving me such a splendid reception on my first operatic appearance in my native land."

Has Chicago really discovered a new singer?

Marshall was recalled ten times at the conclusion of the first act, eight times at the climax of the second and

at the close of the performance the audience at the Auditorium swarmed to the stage in appreciation of his efforts.

Will the news of Marshall's success put new life into Caruso and hustle that worthy back to his operatic roles?

HINTS FOR THE GARDEN

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Editor's Note: This column is to be conducted continuously during the gardening season as an aid to amateur gardeners. The "hints" and careful instructions to be found in these articles are based upon expert investigation of the particular needs of the home gardener. If you have a garden you will want to be a constant reader of the "Hints for the Garden" column. Refer it to your neighbor gardener.

GREEN ONIONS FOR THE TABLE

Everybody likes to eat the first new little green onions of spring. These are among the first vegetables that any home gardener can raise. In order to have these onions at the earliest date plant onion sets which are sold at seeds stores in three varieties: white, red and yellow. Many prefer the white variety as they are milder to the taste. These onion sets vary in size from three-quarters of an inch to the size of a pea. Those the size of a pea are just as good and will grow just as large an onion as the larger ones.

A twenty-foot row planted every two weeks up to May 1, will supply an abundance of green onions for all purposes until onions grown from seed mature. Plant the sets as soon as the ground can be dug in the spring. Frost cannot hurt them. They will grow in any garden loam. Plant the seeds in rows 12 inches apart and the sets 3 inches apart in the row. Push each one down into the ground 2 or 3 inches and completely cover with soil. You may expect green onions ready to eat in three or four weeks after planting.

What are your garden problems? Are you going to set out a hedge? Do you wish to know how to start a new lawn? Do you want to know how to obtain a continuous supply of fresh

vegetables all summer and a surplus for winter?

Do you have an abundance of bloom from early spring until frost?

These are a few of the questions that many home gardeners need expert advice about. The National Home Gardeners' association offers complete service, including a monthly magazine, the Home Garden, to the suburbanite gardeners for the payment of the one dollar a year membership in the association. Send in your membership to the National Home Gardeners' association, 306 S. Wabash avenue, Chicago. One dollar a year covers this complete garden service. The association is sponsored by leaders in Chicago and vicinity and is not conducted for profit.

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