RAVINIA OPERA SEASON REACHES MIDWAY POINT

Sixth Week Promises Repertoire of Exceptionally Attractive Renditions

With a repertoire containing many outstanding features, the sixth week of Ravinia opera and concerts will begin the second half of the current seaconcerts.

with Giovanni Martinelli singing the Mr. Hasselmans will conduct. role of the Duke for the first time capable of handling the lyric roles as half of the program will consist of a he is those which are intensely concert by the Chicago Symphony ordramatic and much interest centers in chestra, Mr. De Lamarter explaining standing success as to win the highest are free for everyone. laudation of the professional critics. Otherwise in the cast are Ada Paggi, special occasion at Ravinia, the sea-Virgilio Lazzari, Louis D'Angelo, Paolo Ananian, Anna Correnti, Francesco Curci, Philine Falco and Virgilia Grassi. Mr. Papi will conduct.

Rethberg in Concert

On Monday night, August 2, the fourth of the series of concert-recitals given by the Chicago orchestra in conjunction with one of the leading artists of the Ravinia opera forces as soloist, will be presented. Mme. Elisabeth Rethberg, dramatic soprano, is to be the soloist. She will appear five times, two of her numbers being well known arias, one from "Der Freischutz" and the other from "Le Marriage de Figaro." In addition she will be heard in three song groups, the first consisting of three songs in French, the second of four songs in German, and the third of four songs in English. A splendid program has been prepared by the Chicago Symphony orchestra. Mr. DeLamarter will conduct. All seats are free for these concerts, the general admission at the gate covering everything.

"La Juive," which on the occasion of its initial presentation this season aroused Ravinia patrons to an unusual pitch of enthusiasm will be given again on Tuesday night, August 3, in response to popular demand. The same stellar combination of singers formerly appearing will be heard again, with Elisabeth Rethberg as Rachel, Giovanni Martinelli as Eleazar and Leon Rothier as Brogni. In the title role Mme. Rethberg has a part which not only demands the beautiful tonal quality which she possesses in abundance, but likewise a display of that dramatic power which places her at the head of the list of great dramatic sopranos. Mr. Martinelli is also cast in a role which seems to have been tailored to his measure, and in which his singing, his acting and his characterization combine to make one of the musical and historical masterpieces. Mr. Rothier completes the trio of principals with an outstanding performance as Cardinal Brogni, this role affording the basso unusual opportunity for singing and acting. Miss Florence Macbeth has a congenial role as the Princess,

which calls for a display of lyric singing and Mr. Mojica is well cast as Leopold. Others in the cast are Mr. Defrere, Mr. D'Angelo and Mr. Ananian. Miss Ruth Page will appear in solo dances. Mr. Hasselmans will conduct.

Give "Manon" Wednesday

Popular request also brings another performance of "Manon" by Massenet, which is scheduled for Wednesday night, August 4. Mme. Bori will be heard as the wilful runaway, a part which she interprets in an individual son in an auspicious manner. Louis manner and which she makes entirely Eckstein has scheduled six operas different from her delineation of the which hold firm positions among the title role in "Manon Lescaut." Mr. favorites of American opera goers and Chamlee has one of his best roles as some of which are being given by young DesGrieux, utilizing his beaupopular request. The week will open tiful lyric voice and his acting ability on Sunday afternoon with a concert with marked distinction. Mr. Rothier by the Chicago Symphony orchestra, will be the elder DesGrieux, which afunder the direction, of Eric DeLa- fords him opportunity for fine singing. Marter. All seats are free for these Others in the cast are Margery Maxwell, Ada Paggi, Philine Falco, Jose Sunday night, August 1, Verdi's Mojica, Desire Defrere, Louis D'-"Rigoletto," one of the best liked of Angelo, Paolo Ananian, Carlo Coscia, the florid Italian operas, will be given, Louis Derman and Virgilia Grassi.

Thursday afternoon, will as usual, in his long career. Mr. Martinelli has be devoted to the weekly Children's already demonstrated that he is as Concert and Entertainment. The first his premiere appearance in this part. the numbers to the children. The Miss Florence Macbeth, will be Gilda, second half of the program will be an a part which offers her every op- entertainment to be given by Henry portunity for coloratura singing, while Roethig, magician. All children, twelve Giuseppe Danise will have the title years of age and under, are admitted role in which he has scored such out- free to these concerts. Reserved seats

> Thursday night, August 5, will be a son's first performance of "Lohengrin" having been scheduled for this time. The German libretto will be used. It is gratifying that Mme. Elisabeth Rethberg will be heard as Elsa, as Mme. Rethberg ranks as one of the world's greatest Wagnerian singers and has achieved brilliant success under the exacting standards of the leading opera houses of Germany. It is likewise a matter of importance that Edward Johnson will have the title role. Mr. Johnson is a trained Wagnerian singer and has sung the role of Lohengrin many times, but heretofore has always used the English libretto. This will be the first time! that he has sung this role in German. Mario Basiola, who will be heard as Telramund, will also sing German for the first time. Alice Gentle, well known as Ortrud, will have that part. Desire Defrere will be the Herald and Louis D'Angelo will appear as King Henry. Mr. Hasselmans will conduct.

> "Don Pasquale" one of the most amusing as well as one of the most melodious of the lighter works will be given on Friday night, August 6. Mme. Bori will again be heard as Norina, a part which demands that lightness of touch and fleetness of acting in which this singer is expert. Mr. Chamlee has a splendid lyric role as Ernesto, which includes the beautiful serenade of the last act, while Vittorio Trevisan in the name part, has one of the great buffo roles of opera. Mario Basiola does some fine singing

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