

**GALA PERFORMANCES
END RAVINIA OPERA**

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opened and which has been such a favorite that there has been overwhelming demand for its repetition, is to be given on Tuesday night, August 31. This version of the Manon story is not to be confused with Massenet's "Manon" which has been heard within recent weeks at Ravinia. "Manon Lescaut" is the Italian version of Abbe Prevost's celebrated tale, and Puccini has endowed it with all the color and drama for which he is noted. Mme. Bori will again have the title role in which she reveals herself as one of the greatest actresses as well as one of the greatest singers of the operatic stage, while opposite her, as young DesGriex will be Giovanni Martinelli. This tenor has made this role famous and in it he utilizes his splendid lyrics as well as his dramatic voice. Others in the cast are Mme. Bourskaya, Mr. Mojica, Mr. Defrere, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Ananian and Mr. Coscia. Mr. Papi will conduct.

Wednesday night, September 1, will bring another performance of that beloved coloratura opera, "Rigoletto" which holds high place in the affections of opera-goers of all classes. Miss Luella Melius will be heard as Gilda, a role especially adapted to her vocal style and which gives her every opportunity for a display of her coloratura technique and ornamentation. Mario Chamlee will be cast as the Duke, in which he utilizes his magnificent lyric voice with telling effect in the many beautiful arias which have been allotted to this part. Giuseppe Danise is to appear in the title role, a part which this rich voice baritone finds decidedly grateful to him and in which both his vocalization and his acting are outstanding. Others in the cast are Mr. Lazzari, as Sparafucile, Miss Pag-

gi as Maddelena, Miss Correnti, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Ananian, Mr. Coscia, Mr. Derman and Miss Grassi. Mr. Papi will conduct.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted as usual to the Children's concert and entertainment. The first half of the program will be presented by the Chicago Symphony orchestra, Mr. DeLamarter, conductor, explaining the numbers to the children. The entertainment feature will consist of John F. Dewar's international dancers in a program of Scottish, Irish and English dances. Hugh Jamieson, bag-piper and Mrs. H. Ladwig, pianist, will assist.

On Thursday night, "La Vida Breve," the Spanish opera which added to the Ravinia repertoire this season has already attracted three capacity audiences, will be given in response to the demand of hundreds of Ravinia patrons. This work, with its Spanish libretto, its atmosphere and its superb characterization has been one of the outstanding features of the current summer. It goes without saying that Mme. Lucrezia Bori, who as Salud, the gypsy girl, has swept her audiences off their feet, will again be heard in this colorful part in which as actress and singer, she stands supreme. Opposite

her will be Jose Mojica as Paco. Others in the cast are Mme. Bourskaya, Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Defrere and Mr. Ananian. Mr. Hasselmans will conduct. A feature of this opera is the ballet with Miss Ruth Page and Mark Turbyfill in Spanish dances. Preceding the performance an extraordinary program will be given by the orchestra under the direction of Mr. DeLamarter, which will be enhanced by three soloists chosen from the favorites of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. These are Jacques Gordon, violinists; Alfred Wallenstein, 'cellist and Mrs. A. Conti, harpist.



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