

"LOHENGRIN" IS NEXT FEATURE AT RAVINIA

Popular German Opera to be Sung Thursday, July 28; Rethberg and Johnson Stars

Another language will be heard at Ravinia during the week beginning Sunday, July 24, with the presentation on Thursday night of Richard Wagner's great music drama, "Lohengrin." This German work has in seasons past been an outstanding favorite with all Ravinia patrons, and the fact that Louis Eckstein has Elisabeth Rethberg and Edward Johnson available for its two leading roles gives assurance it will receive the same masterful presentation which has distinguished it in the past. Desire Defrere will sing the role of Telramund for the first time on any stage.

The coming week is replete in operatic treats of the first order. In addition to "Lohengrin" one finds among the presentations which are to be given for the first time this season that merry old comic grand opera, "The Barber of Seville," and Halevy's intriguing work, "La Juive."

The week will begin on Sunday afternoon, July 24, with a concert by the Chicago Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Eric DeLamarter. In addition to the program of ensemble numbers which Mr. DeLamarter has arranged, Alfred Wallenstein, cellist, will be heard in a solo group.

"Barber of Seville"

"The Barber of Seville" is scheduled for Sunday night, at which time Tina Paggi will appear as Rosina. Mario Chamlee is to sing the part of Almaviva, and Mario Basiola will have the title role. Leon Rothier is cast as Don Basilio, and Vittorio Trevisan will have the part of Doctor Bartolo.

The regular concert will be given on Monday night, July 25, by the Chicago Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Eric DeLamarter. Tina Paggi, soprano, is the soloist chosen from the ranks of the opera coterie and will present a group of well known arias and songs. Alfred Wallenstein, cellist, will also appear as a soloist. All seats are free for these concerts, the general admission at the gate covering everything.

One of the season's most outstanding works is scheduled for Tuesday night, July 26, when "La Juive" will be presented. Elizabeth Rethberg will be heard in the title role of this opera. The part of Laazer will be sung by Martinelli. Leon Rothier will be heard as Cardinal Brogni. Florence Macbeth will be cast as the Princess. Jose Mojica is to be given the part of Prince Leopold. Others in the cast are Desire Defrere, Louis D'Angelo and Paolo Ananian. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

"Mignon"

"Mignon," Ambrose Thomas' melodious opera, which was restored to the Ravinia repertoire last week, proved to be so gratifying to the record audience that heard it that an early repeat of this work has become imperative. Therefore Mr. Eckstein has scheduled it for Wednesday night, July 27. The same cast which gave a memorable presentation of this opera last Saturday night will be heard. Madame Bori has added to her Ravinia laurels by reason of her interpretation of the title role.

Mario Chamlee has the part of Wilhelm. Florence Macbeth is Philine, while Leon Rothier is Count Lothario. Ona Bourskaya is Fredericka. Others who are importantly cast are Desire Defrere, Louis D'Angelo, and Paolo Ananian. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

A veritable festival will be given for the children on Thursday afternoon, the annual carnival replacing the reg-

ular concert and entertainment, which are weekly features throughout the season, under the chairmanship of Miss Isabelle Cline.

"Lohengrin"

Unusual interest is attached to the performance of "Lohengrin," which will be given on Thursday night, July 28. There is no music drama in the entire German list which has greater appeal than this Wagnerian work, and Ravinia is particularly fortunate in having such splendid exponents of the German school as Elisabeth Rethberg and Edward Johnson for the two principal roles. Another splendid German singer on the Ravinia roster this year is Julia Claussen, who will be heard as Ortrud. Louis D'Angelo will be cast as the king, a part to which he adds distinction, while Desire Defrere will be heard as Telramund. George Chenovsky, a newcomer to Ravinia, but who has won a place for himself by reason of his excellent work as Silvio in "Pagliacci," will be cast as the Herald. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

"Samson et Delila," which is always a favorite with Ravinia audiences, is to be given again on Friday night, July 29. The cast, with one exception, will

be the same as that which has already won unstinted praise in this monumental work. Julia Claussen will be cast as Delila, a part which is perfectly fitted to her rich contralto voice, while opposite her as the giant Samson will be Giovanni Martinelli. Leon Rothier will again be heard as to the old Hebrew, while this time Mario Basiola will be cast as the high priest of Dagon. Others to be heard are Louis D'Angelo, Giordana Paltrinieri, Carlo Coscia and Louis Derman. Louis Hasselmans will conduct.

On Saturday night, July 30, there will be another presentation of those memorable operatic twins, "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana." This double bill is one that never fails to bring a record audience, and this time unusual interest is attached to the "Pagliacci" performance in view of the fact that Lucrezia Bori will be heard for the first time this season as Nedda. Edward Johnson will be heard as Canic, in which part he has already won the hearts of his auditors at Ravinia. Guiseppe Danise will be Tonio. George Chenovsky will be heard as Silvio, and Giordana Paltrinieri as Beppe. Madame Rethberg, who scored such a triumph

when she sung the role of Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana" on Thursday night, July 14, will again have this thrillingly dramatic role, which is so splendidly suited to her vocal commands, and which she also characterizes with telling effect. Mario Chamlee will be heard as Turiddu, a part which he sings and acts with unusual distinction, and Desire Defrere will be cast as Alfio. Gladys Swarthout's excellent voice will show to special advantage as Lola, and Anna Correnti will be Mama Luci. Mr. Papi will conduct both operas.

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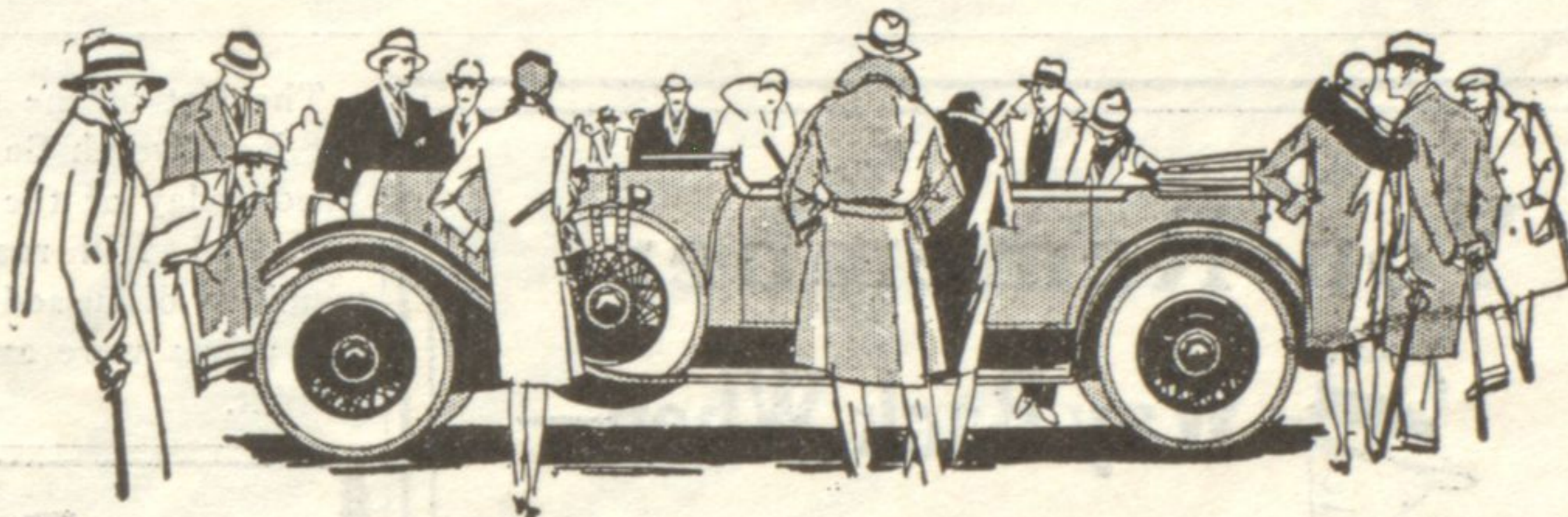
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