

BRAND NEW JAPANESE OPERA WILL BE HEARD IN PORTLAND EARLY NEXT MONTH

Oriental Prima Donna, Who Will Appear in Title Role at Eleventh-Street Playhouse, During First Week of March, Gives Interesting Explanation of Mascagni's Heroine.



Thomas Chalmers, Baritone.



Tovia Kitzay, Tension.

ONE of the few occasions when Portland music lovers have been privileged to hear a new grand opera will occur at the Eleventh-Street Playhouse on Tuesday, March 6, when Pietro Mascagni's new Japanese opera, "Iris," will be presented here by the Boston National Grand Opera Company.

WRITER WEAVES WEIRD TALE OF GHOSTLIKE "HUGUENOT'S HEAD" SEEN BY LE BRUN FAMILY

According to Story, Ever Since Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Eve Head of Evescent Type Has Appeared to Distant Members of Family Just Before Death.

BY MARY INEZ MARTIN. ON principle I do not believe in ghosts, but cannot choose but believe the testimony of my eyes. Here are the plain, cold facts and you who read shall judge for yourselves. On the night of St. Bartholomew's Eve when the Huguenots were massacred and Louis IX stood on the rampart crying, "Perish every one of them, let not one remain to reproach me many unrecorded crimes were committed that have left foul stains on otherwise fair escutcheons. The house of Le Brun stood for the King, consequently when Caspar Le Brun on that night declared himself a Huguenot, had he displayed cloven feet and breath of fire he could not have struck a deeper horror to the hearts of his brothers.



Tamaki Miura.

By even the gifted singers of other nations. When Mme. Miura was asked to talk about the character of the country-maiden, she said: "The idea of Iris, according to Mascagni, is the immortality of innocence. Although Iris finds herself in a geisha house, she remains spotless and pure, and although she is offered for sale in the market place, she remains in the same spirit of innocence. It is an allegory, of course, and like the theme of 'Madame Butterfly,' it reveals many of the characteristics of a Japanese. I have exchanged letters with Signor Mascagni and I think it is wrong to discuss 'Iris' as a complicated work. It contains simply that one statement that 'good is indestructible,' and I call that a very nice idea.

They are opening upon the next. There have been those who, dying suddenly or being unknown to the last, have left no record of the Huguenot's coming to meet them, but every generation has seen the apparition of the Huguenot's Head appearing above the horizon of the next world. The house of Le Brun has become widely scattered during these intervening years. My grandfather, when he went to Holland, where he passed his life and married a Dutch woman, my grandfather, having squandered his patrimony, came to America, where, followed by poverty and misfortune, we have cut ourselves off from our kinsmen in the old world. The American Le Bruns now being nobody in particular, have been lost at sea or died alone with no one to hang upon their last words or watch for the traditional apparition. Consequently in our branch the Huguenot's Head has become merely a picturesque story saved from the wreck of our former property and useful to discourage wakefulness at night on the part of naughty little Le Bruns. It is in this skeptical 20th century, however, that the Huguenot's Head, again I aver that I do not, on principle, believe in ghosts or apparitions, or celestial visitants of any kind; but believing in the meaning of the apparition of the Huguenot's Head you, as well as I, will have a chance to judge.

as much of her property as he could get his hands on he deserted her, leaving her humiliated and heartbroken. The shock of the death at his own father's treatment and deception she had suffered at the hands of her second husband, wrought upon her nervous condition to such an extent that within a few years she had become a helpless invalid, greatly reduced in fortune. So he, ever a man living in a modest little apartment of the five-rooms-and-bath sort, with a canopy over his bed, and a rug on the floor, the atmosphere of whizzing electric streetcars and the chug-chug of automobiles, motor trucks and motorcycles in this most western city of the new world.

Could anything be farther removed from the death of his own father, of France when sabres dripped in the wake of dancing feet? So in my westward isolation from the tradition and tragedy of the death of my own father, one evening at the bedside of my mother I raised my eyes to the wall while she slept, and saw the apparition of a face, bold in outline and of fantastic embellishment. The next moment it was gone.

Face Again in Seen. I do not know whether this was the regulation Huguenot of the Le Brun family because I do not know whether he has been appearing straight away down the line or not. I was not even sure I had seen it. So he, ever a man living in a modest little apartment of the five-rooms-and-bath sort, with a canopy over his bed, and a rug on the floor, the atmosphere of whizzing electric streetcars and the chug-chug of automobiles, motor trucks and motorcycles in this most western city of the new world.

A few months later arising in the night I found myself in my mother's room, the same outline in heroic size confronted me on the wall. A Huguenot of the 17th century, appearing in the wall in the glow of a 20th century arc light robs it of much of its romantic suggestion and all its terror. But there he was, as before, bold in outline and of fantastic embellishment. The next moment it was gone.

Not caring to see my murdered ancestor before me any time, I came to the space where the Head had appeared, feeling that the figure of the blessed dead, if I had my mother's pardon of all must exorcise this unfriendly spirit. Apparition Often Present. But again, some time later, I was sitting in my room, and I saw the apparition of the Huguenot's Head in the wall in the glow of a 20th century arc light robs it of much of its romantic suggestion and all its terror. But there he was, as before, bold in outline and of fantastic embellishment. The next moment it was gone.

Whether this answer brought me rafter or terror I cannot tell. To know the Huguenot had not appeared to my mother assures me she is not to be taken from me, but when I see it I have only just begun to live. The Sisters at the convent told me I had a future before me in my voice. If I have a future before me in my voice, I have only just begun to live. The Sisters at the convent told me I had a future before me in my voice. If I have a future before me in my voice, I have only just begun to live.

I do not try to explain what I see or what I feel for I come always to the inevitable conclusion:—I have seen the Huguenot's Head. I have seen the Huguenot's Head. I have seen the Huguenot's Head. I have seen the Huguenot's Head. I have seen the Huguenot's Head.

The Dallas Oratorio Society gave its first concert recently in the High School Auditorium. It was a distinct success. The chorus of 40 voices, conducted by Caspar Finley, sang with thorough training of the past few months, and responded readily to his direction. The parts were well balanced, and the accompaniment, by Mrs. Bennett, was an efficient and pleasing accompaniment. Mrs. Finley's soprano and Mr. Finley's solo and choruses were well rendered. The program: "In Praise of Song" (Strauss), chorus; "For the King" (Bach), chorus; "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" (Garrett) and "Yaching Glee" (Culbertson), chorus; "April Song" (Newton), chorus; "Alone in Love's Garden" (Hawley), Mrs. Finley; "Love's Old Sweet Song" (Molloy), chorus; reading, "Elkanah B. Alderson" (Day) and "Late Hawkins' Wife" (Day), Mr. Finley; "The Miller" (Macfarren) and "Wake Miss Lindy" (Warner), chorus; "Wally of Leighton" (Sanderson) and "Megan" (Roberts), Mrs. Finley; "When Laid Played" (Day), and "Barbara, Frielechin" in German, by Mr. Finley; "Gloria from 12th Mass" (Mozart). Last Friday work was begun on "The Creation" which will be sung in concert in early May.

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arranged by Mr. Mowrey for two pianos, Mrs. Mowrey assisted. Always subordinate, yet sympathetic, the richness of the harmony was appreciably enhanced by her work. Mr. Mowrey as a composer is undoubtedly influenced by the modern French school, which is so-called 'whole-tone' scale. It was in evidence with its closer and more fascinating harmony, which contains the essence of the music or 'color' of the modern school. The interest of the evening was centered upon Mr. Mowrey's own compositions, the third group of the program, "The Dance Eclectic" was written for Lois Fuller and her company of 30 dancers who appeared in the Starlight at Athens before the King of Greece.