

Portland Symphony Concert 'Ambitious'

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The Portland Symphony Orchestra under its musical director and conductor, Theodore Bloomfield, played a program of great interest last evening at the Willamette University Auditorium. Brunetta Mazzolini, Portland soprano, was a happy choice as soloist in the Mozart Motet, K. 165, and the Mahler fourth symphony. Other items on the program were the Prelude to "Khorvanchina" by Moussorgsky and Kodaly's Dance from Galanta.

Bloomfield, conducting without a score, led his players with awareness of the different musical styles and often revealed continuities of lovely proportions. The orchestra gave its disciplined beauty, barring ragged ensemble here and there. Plasticity noted.

The leading melody of the Moussorgsky work was molded with noticeable plasticity, particularly by the solo clarinet, oboe and flute. The Mozart Motet was well received by the audience. Miss Mazzolini projects with consistent authority her lovely voice in all ranges, including the low. Her voice is true and pure, flexible in the coloratura passages, if not crystal clear. Now and then at the end of a phrase the singer forced her tones, but one suspects this was because the orchestra was too loud.

The orchestra could have been lighter-footed in its support. I found the phrasing careful, but heavy. However, who requires more deftness than Mozart? Bloomfield conducted his forces in the 18th century manner, from the keyboard instrument.

Kodaly's Dances were performed with great zest highly suitable to the exclamatory rhythms and infectious folk melodies. This 1934 example of contemporary music was most auspiciously guaranteed to please everyone, unless there are people who think that music should have only soft charms. The rough vigor of the music was mighty refreshing to me.

Beautiful Moments
In the Mahler symphony there are many beautiful moments. The orchestration is of constant interest, particularly in transition passages, which were often carefully shaded by the orchestra. The different strands of thought going on at the same time gave all of us plenty to follow. I thought the first and last movements the most successful. The fanciness of the second movement didn't quite come off, and the third movement

is too long for me. Let's place the above in perspective. We were treated to music which we could all hear many times; it was played by an orchestra that works hard and is far more than adequate; the concert was effectively directed by a musician schooled in the best of taste. I'm mighty thankful for the privilege of hearing such music-making.

Emotional Problems Explained
Most emotional problems of retarded children come from inability to cope with the competitive world, an expert in the field declared Tuesday night at a meeting of the Salem Association for Retarded Children.

Dr. Charles Bradley, professor of pediatrics and psychology at University of Oregon Medical School in Portland, said that such children should not be called on to do what they are not capable of doing.

The guest lecturer added that peace of mind is important to the emotional stability of youngsters in the retarded category.

Examination System
Dr. Bradley sketched in his talk at the South Salem High School Little Theater how a system of examinations is used to determine the retarded child's capabilities and intelligence.

The speaker said the National Association for Retarded Children has provided a \$30,000 fund to sponsor professors and to encourage more medical men to go into the field of retardation.

2,000 Physicians on Hand
Dr. Bradley also told of his participation in the international conference of pediatricians held last year at Copenhagen, Denmark. He said some 2,000 physicians from 62 countries were present.

The speaker also dwelt on a recent conference at Chapel Hill, N. C., where experts on genetics and immunology delved into the factors of mental retardation.

Dr. Bruce Knapp of Salem will talk to the Salem association Jan. 22 as next in a series of lectures on the subject.

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Salem, Jan. 15.—The wife of Oregon College of Education's intramural athletic director, Mrs. Kenneth J. Cumiskey, was injured tonight in a one-car accident on River Road between Salem and Independence, according to her husband.

The car is believed to have crashed into a cement underpass. She was admitted to Salem Memorial Hospital where her condition was described as "good." Her husband said she is being treated for bruises.

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He was born Jan. 31, 1885 in Shedd, the grandson of pioneers. He lived in Portland for a time before he established a permanent residency in Salem in 1907.

Prior to his retirement he worked 35 years with the Portland General Electric Co.

He was a member of Leslie Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge No. 4.

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Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Bishop, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Henrietta French, Hotville, Calif.; foster son, Leo L. Baton, USN, Oaklawn, R.I.; sister, Mrs. Hazel B. Gillette, Kent, Wash., and brother, W. Rex Bishop, Milbrae, Calif.

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