Interreligious Choir Concert

The 100-voice interracial Harmonia Interfaith Chorale rehearses for an interreligious musical program at Hofstra University Playhouse in Hempstead. Featured in the concert were a Jewish "Sacred Service" and a Roman Catholic "Missa Brevis." Shown from left are Miss Nuala Kearns of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Glen Cove; Mrs. Ottilie Jones of Little Zion Church of God in Christ, Freeport; and Mrs. Flora Snyder of Hillside Methodist church, New Hyde Park, all in Nassau County. The concert was dedicated to better understanding among people of all religions. It was sponsored by Catholic Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg of Rockville Centre; Protestant Episcopal Bishop James P. DeWolfe of Long Island; Rabbi Jacob Rudin of Temple Beth-El, Great Neck; and the Rev. Howard C. Shaffer, Jr., president of the Nassau Council of Churches of Christ. (RNS Photo)

NCTC To Present Awards At Detroit

The National Catholic Theatre Conference Convention on August 24-28 at the Sheraton-Cadill a Hotel, Detroit, will see upwards of one thousand members participate in workshops conducted by specialists in the world of the theatre, in panel discussions on radio and television, childrens' theatre and creative dramatics.

Members of the Rochester Unit, N.C.T.C., representing high school, community and children's theatre groups of the Rochester Diocese, will attend the Detroit meet. Sister M. Claudia of St. Agnes High School is chairman of the local unit.

Highest honors of the conference, the Dinneen Award, will be given to George Schaefer, one of television's consistently top-ranking producers and directors for his faithful adherence to the highest standards of excellence in the entertainment field. Schaefer, producer-director of the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" series has won 15 Emmy Awards, four Sylvania Awards, and recognition from many others including his Alma Mater, Lafayette College

Ralph Nelson, producer-director of "Lilies of the Field" is expected to attend to accept the Religious Drama Award along with his co-winner, Edward Dmytryk, the producer of the movie, "The Reluctant Saint." The widow of the screenwriter, the late Joseph Petracca, will be on hand to accept her husband's posthumous award.

Grace Stanistreet of the Children's Center for Creative Arts of Adelphi University, New York, will spin her magic in creative dramatics, and will be complemented in her work with dance workshops conducted by Bruce King, also of the famed Adelphi University.

The Brooks-Van Horn Costume Company of Philadelphia and New York will present to Father Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., chairman of the department of speech and drama of Catholic University, Washington, D.C., its annual award of $500 for outstanding work in the field of living theatre.

If film commitments do not prevent his attendance, Sidney Poitier will be honored with a St. Genesius statuette for his heart-warming role in "Lilies of the Field," which not only endeared him to the world, but won for him the first Academy Award for Best Male Performance given to a member of his race.

Not the least of the attractions will be the excursions to Stratford-Ontario to view "King Lear" and "The Would-Be Gentleman," the Show-boat cruise, and a gigantic farrago (hootenanny!) especially for the younger members of the Conference immediately after the Awards Banquet, on August 27.

Mad, Mad (Etc.) World Premieres At Riviera

Not since the comedy "So This Is New York," produced in 1948, has such a lavish motion picture comedy been brought to the screen. Now for the first time on then, we'd expected to be, Jacqueline and I attended Eleanor time on the giant 70 mm screen, producer-director Stanley Kramer presents "It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, World," in Technicolor and Stereophonic Sound.

"It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" had its premiere at Schine's New Riviera Theatre, 1451 Lake Avenue, on Wednesday, Aug. 12. This laugh-packed show will be shown daily at 1:30 and 8:30. The picture has been booked for a limited engagement, and will run thru Oct. 20.

Kramer's film was conceived and executed in the wonderful tradition of hilarity established by the Keystone Kop comedies which helped launch Hollywood as the world's motion picture center. Moreover, it is a comedy with an underlying theme — that greed drives people into ludicrous situations. In this specific case it is greed for a long missing cache of money that results in a frantic chase involving fantastic collections of fortune seekers, lawbreakers, and cops.

Portraying these unusual characters are such stars as Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Buddy Hackett, Ethel Merman, Mickey Rooney, Dick Shawn, Phil Silvers, Terry Thomas and Jonathan Winters.

Disc Notes

Oh! That Caterina

by PAUL CONTESTABLE

I still remember the first time I heard Caterina Valente sing The Breeze and I. The melody haunted me for months afterward. Now on her latest Decca release, Caterina has included this fabulous song as I still remember it along with a host of other fabulous renditions in the LP Caterina Valente's Golden Favorites.

Her ideal tempo and taste soars with inspiration and beauty whether she sings in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian. Born in France of Spanish and Italian parents, she became a German citizen by marriage. Since then she has entranced audiences throughout Europe and America in many languages.

This album offers Malaguena in German, Poinciana in English, Oho-Aha in Italian, Granada in English and Spanish and a compelling array of other tunes including Kiss of Fire, Mack the Knift, Secret Love, Temptation, Siboney, Flamingo and C'Est Si Bon.

If Caterina Valente isn't already everyone's favorite, this album will soon make it so. Entrancing in mono or stereo.

In his third Decca album, Rick Nelson turns his attention to songs both old and new. The Very Thought of You presents a teen-age idol that is enjoyed equally by adults — and today that is quite a feat.

Rick skillfully mixes songs such as My Old Flame, The Very Thought of You and Love Is the Sweetest Thing, with I'll Get You Yet and I Don't Wanna Love You. Also included are Just a Little Bit Sweet, The Lonliest Sound, You'll Never Fall in Love Again, I Love You More Than You Know, Be My Love, I Wonder and Dinah.

And for those of you who missed the chance the last time, you can still get a color photo of Rick by writing to him at 1040 N. Las Palmas Ave., Hollywood 38, Calif.

George Feyer adds a fresh and distinctive touch to Golden Waltzes Everybody Knows with some fine orchestral accompaniment from Dick Jacobs on the Decca label. Wonderful dancing and listening music is provided with no pause between songs, much like the current Discotheque craze that is sweeping the country.

Impeccable taste and superb artistry predominate, throughout the recording to charm the listener from beginning to end. You'll be entranced through such songs as Lover, Diane, Ramona, Belle of the Ball, Paradise, Greensleeves, Wunderbar, Straussiana Melody, Always and A Wonderful Guy. And that's only a part of the songs included.

You'll also get a double treat when George Feyer skillfully intermixes Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto with the current tune Tammy. Though listed as Tammy on the album cover, he continually weaves back and forth between the two tunes in a fascinating exhibit of his unique artistry.

The record continues with Tenderly, Skater's Waltz, After the Ball, Sari Waltz, A Bicycle Built For Two, Sidewalks of New York and Je N'En Connais Pas La Fin. A true showcase of fine music with a fresh sound to waltz standards. Even more exciting in stereo.

Jan Garber and His Orchestra invite everyone on a sentimental journey (including a song by the same name) as they present They're Playing Our Song on a new Decca release. Though some of the titles sound amusing if taken in sequence (I Don't Want to Walk Without You, You'll Never Walk Alone and I'll Walk Alone), the record is an impressive array of charming music.

The record is smoothly danceable — at least the way I remember dancing where you and your partner used to keep some sort of rhythm with the music and move about the floor together; not the way some of the dances are done today.

The album includes many of the favorite and nostalgic songs of the World War II era including I Left My Heart At the Stage Door Canteen, I'll Never Smile Again, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree (With Anyone Else But Me), Candy, It's Been A Long Long Time, Speak Low and I'll Be Seeing You. First rate for dancing, humming, singing or just listening to.

Titled after his currently popular hit single, arranger-composer-harpist Robert Maxwell presents music with a unique flavor all its own in his new album Peg O' My Heart. Along with the title song, the Maxwell magic is savored on such evergreens as Tammy, As Time Goes By, What Is This Thing Called Love and Sophisticated Lady.

The distinctive arrangements for his harp artistry, ably supported by excellent orchestration, make this Decca release a most melodious masterpiece.

Also included are Don't Get Around Much Anymore, You Belong To My Heart, One O'Clock Jump, Manaha de Carnaval, Adios, Lonely Love and Little Dipper. Even more exciting is stereo.

When I wrote about The Surfaris first record a few months ago I wasn't sure whether I like their novel music or not. Now with the release of their latest LP, Fun City, USA, there is no longer any doubt. They're great!

The unique and provocative sounds created by this group for Decca Records has already endeared them to the teen-age set across the country. But the adults are also finding them most entertaining.

Ron Wilson not only does a fabulous job on the drum on Hot Rod Graveyard, but also gives a fine vocal on his own song, I'm Leaving Town. Another member of the group, Jim Fuller adds three of his own compositions to the LP, Big Surge, Burnin' Rubber and Dune Buggy. A vocal duet of Hound Dog will also bring back memories of a fellow named Elvis Presley. All in all, it's a fine record for the teen-agers and many adults in stereo or monoral.

Brunswick Records has released an album by Jackie Wilson of 12 brand new original compositions including his recent big single, Big Boss Line. A real swinger, Somethin' Else is sure to please the teen-age set although, I'm not too sure about most parents. Or were we born 20 years too soon?

Legion Of Decency

The following are the titles of the films reviewed this week to be used in their respective classification of the Legion of Decency. Clip and save.

Class A, Section I
Murder Most Foul

Class A, Section II
Fail Safe

Class A, Section III
Fargo
Los Taranios

Class C (Condemned)
Contempt

Any attempt on the part of the picture-maker to discuss a serious theme is completely negated by gross and exaggerated situations and dialogue.

Get Acquainted Picnic Planned

The Nazareth College junior class will hold a "Get Acquainted Picnic" for incoming freshman Sunday, August 16 at 2 p.m. at Webster Park.

On the same day picnics will also be held for freshman resident students throughout the state. Area Picnics are scheduled in Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Long Island, Westchester County, Watertown and the Southern Tier.

Dancers Take 33 Medals

Desmond Penrose Hibernians Dancers won a total of 33 medals at the Syracuse feis on July 18. They are:

Susan Auble, Ellen Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Kathleen Begy, Mary Lou Boss, Jo Ann Bellisle, P. J. Bellisle, Maura Connicannon, Maura Congdon, Shila Congdon, Sheron Gleason, Karen Mahoney, Margaret Mary O'Dwyer, Kelly Roach, Kevin Roach, Patricia Gilgoley and Margaret Mahoney.

County Fair Opens Aug. 17

The 1964 Monroe County Fair will open on Monday, Aug. 17 with many new spectacular attractions and free entertainment every evening at 8:30 p.m.

The traditional inter-faith opening ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. with Representative Frank Horton as guest speaker.

The evening will bring Championship Drag Races at the Grandstand at 8 p.m., Flower judging in Lockner Exhibit Hall and at 8:30 p.m. the United States Army Field Band consisting of 100 pieces and a 24 voice chorus will give a one and one half hour free concert.

The Page Combined Shows midway will feature such new thrill rides as the Flying Coaster, Bubble Bounce, Merry Mixer and Rock-O-Plane along with the old standby rides as the Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Tilt-A-Whirl and Octopus. Rides designed for the youngsters in "Kiddieland" are the Kiddie Auto, Space Plane and Helicopter.

Other attractions are featured throughout the week.

'Ali Baba' At Playhouse

"Open Sesame!" is the magic phrase that will thrill the audience, when Peter Piper Players present Ali Baba And the Forty Thieves at Town and Country Playhouse, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. The performance will be in the air-conditioned East Rochester High School Theatre.

This fabulus tale from the Arabian Nights will spring to life in a spectacular production that is authentically Arabian. Several of the songs will be sung in Arable, costuming dancing and scenery will be ablaze with the Arabian nights flavor. And the children will find special delight with Ali Baba's best friend, the donkey named Kuhlon.

Tickets may be purchased at the Town and Country Playhouse box office. Admission is 90 cents.

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