

New Stars on Stage In "Met" Opera Roles For Cleveland Season



RENATA TEBALDI



CYRIL RITCHARD



DANIELE BARIONI



HELEN VANNI

CLEVELAND — New names will be sparkling in the already brilliant Metropolitan Opera roster when the "Met" presents its annual spring season in Public Auditorium here April 22 through 28.

The sensational Italian soprano, Renata Tebaldi, will be one of the brightest new stars, making her first appearance in Cleveland with the Metropolitan in performances of "La Traviata" and "Tosca." Cyril Ritchard, another star (of Broadway and TV fame) making his initial Cleveland appearance with the Met, will be seen in the gay, rollicking "La Perichole," an Offenbach light opera.

Among other prominent newcomers will be Daniele Barioni, a fast-rising young Italian tenor, who will be starred in a Sunday matinee of "Madama Butterfly," and Helen Vanni, a new Met singer from Davenport, Ia., who will have an important role in "Il Trovatore."

Along with these will appear such favorites as Lily Pons, Jan Peerce, Leonard Warren, Zinka Milanov, Jussi Bjorling, Rise Stevens, Richard Tucker, Patricia Munsel, George London, and Licia Albanese.

Complete repertoire and casts for the Cleveland season are:

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Wednesday night, April 24—"Il Trovatore." Thursday night, April 25—"Carmen." Friday night, April 26—"La Perichole." Saturday afternoon, April 27—"Tosca." Saturday evening, April 27—"The Marriage of Figaro." Sunday afternoon, April 28—"Madama Butterfly."

Mail orders are now being received at the Northern Ohio Opera Association's ticket office in the Union Commerce Bank lobby, Euclid Avenue and E. 9th Street, Cleveland 14, Ohio. Prices are \$1.20, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$10.

Since seats at some prices may not be available for all operas, second and third choices should be included with each order.

1957 EASTER SEAL DRIVE

Hundreds of adults and teenagers in the Cuyahoga county area will spend one hour this Sunday (March 24) serving as Good Neighbors to Greater Cleveland's 1957 Easter Seal Boy, Johnny Pantus, and his 1300 other handicapped friends.

Sunday is the Society for Crippled Children's Good Neighbor Day Drive. Volunteers, known as Good Neighbors, will visit homes to distribute Easter Seals and collect donations for the sick and disabled youngsters aided by the Society.

Typical of these children is the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pantus, 2057 West 81 Street. Little Johnny will reign as Easter Seal Boy on Good Neighbor Sunday and throughout the Easter Seal Campaign which runs till April 21.

John has been going to the Society's West Side Center, 14587 Madison Avenue for treatment ever since he was nine months old. He was born with Spina Bifida, a spinal condition which leaves his little body without any feeling from the waist down to his toes. To help correct the condition he wears braces and has been taught to walk with the aid of crutches and physical therapy treatment.

The needs of these children will be explained by Good Neighbor callers Sunday. Contributions will be taken to the Society which will use the funds to finance its continually expanding program of services at its West Side Center, East Side Center, and Camp Cheerful in Strongsville.

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REVIEW OF OPERETTA PRESENTED BY ZARJA

The following is a short review of the operetta "Kmeta ali Meščana" to be presented Sunday in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave.

Helen recognized the good doctor, as the gentlemen that he was, but upon perceiving how he had been taken by the country girl, dismissed him from her presence with contemptuous words and a wave of her hand in the full presence of Joe who smiling inwardly decided to take the heifer in hand. With a virile display of masculinity, he proposed that Helen marry him because he was not too particular as to who his wife should be. Shaken to the core, Helen could offer little resistance to sister, Bab's defiant affirmation that she would wed with her rediscovered, Francois.

Meanwhile Apolonia, being a woman and therefore trained from the cradle to get her man, had used the good doctor to such excellent vantage that the stubborn and proud Joe was goaded into realization that it was time to apply his brand to the heifer before it strayed into another man's corral.

Perhaps, inspired by the two examples set by his fellow men, Dr. John, took the new subdued Helen in hand and six happy hearts were matched at the Happy Heart Ranch.

This story is age old and the same in every language. The setting may be different and the tongue different as is the case of Zarja's presentation of "Kmeta ali Meščana" (The Farmer or the City Man). Joe, became Joze (Andy Turkman); Apolonia turns into Polonica (Jennie Fatur) Helen is "Helena" (Sally McIntosh); Babs changes to "Manica" (Sophie Elersich) and Francois conforms to "France" (Albert Fatur).

The Zarja Concert and operetta are to be presented Sunday, March 24 at the Slovenian Auditorium on St. Clair at four in the afternoon.

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Steve Opalich of 25608 Char-don Road, was recently named Mayor of Richmond Heights, to succeed E. H. Wills who resigned. Mr. Wills has accepted the position of Vice-President of the Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co., which is in the process of moving operations to Tennessee.

Mayor Opalich has served in council for four terms and has been president of council. He voiced new hope for the blocking of the expansion of Cuyahoga County Airport. Opalich and his wife Alice have three children, Pfc. George, stationed with the Army in Germany, Dorothy, a senior at Euclid High, and Pat, a student at Richmond Heights Local School.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Josephine Foye of 1037 East 77 Street, successfully underwent an operation in Polyclinic Hospital. She is a patient in Room 236. Visitors are permitted.

Mrs. Frances Gorshe, active member of various fraternal and cultural organizations, is a patient in Cleveland Clinic, Room 514. Visitors are permitted from 11:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Taken to Greenlawn Nursing Home this past week, was Mr. August Grobolssek of 19201 Cherokee Avenue.

Mr. Frank Mramor of 1523 East 173 Street, is critically ill in Huron Road hospital. Visitors are not permitted.

Friends may now visit Mr. Frank Jagodnik of 15226 Holmes Avenue. He is a patient in Forest Hills Clinic. His condition has improved sufficiently for visitors to be permitted.

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Valencic, Andy — of 1333 East 185 Street. Member of S.D.Z. Survived by cousin Dominik Dekleva of Cleveland, and a brother John Valencic of Meadownlands, Pa.

Dzurilla, Dennis—Six year old son of Joseph and Joan Dzurilla. Residence at 161 Westbrook Drive, Euclid.

NEW ADDRESS

The well known Mr. and Mrs. Rok and Katie Kogoj have moved to 21355 Miller Avenue. They formerly resided in Garfield Heights for a number of years. Friends may phone them by calling KE 1-5220.

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Strazisar of 19203 Kewance Avenue, are announcing the birth of their third child, a baby girl. Mother is the former Josephine Rogel. Grandparents are Mrs. Strazisar and Mr. and Mrs. Rogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wagner of Wickliffe, Ohio, are the happy parents of a baby boy. Mother is the former Mollie Rogel, sister of Mrs. Tony Strazisar.

HOME

Mrs. Vickie Poljsak has returned to her home at 1114 East 169 Street, and is recovering from an operation. She wishes to express thanks to her friends for their visits, cards, gifts and flowers.

Recovering at his home, after being confined to Euclid-Glenville hospital, is Mickey Podboy, 23325 Ivan Avenue.

Home from the hospital, is Mrs. Darinka Zavrl, 1220 East 173 Street. She remains under doctor's care, and wishes to thank all who visited her during her stay at the hospital, also the members of Progressive Slovene Women Circle No. 1 for the visits, cards, gifts and flowers.

Mrs. Fanny Zakrajsek of 15316 Ridpath Avenue, has returned home from the hospital, and thanks all friends for the visits, flowers, cards and gifts which she received.



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Jadran will present a three-act operetta "Masquerade in Vienna" adapted from Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus. The actual time, date and place is 3:30 p. m. March 31st at Slovenian Workmen's Home Waterloo Rd.

The operetta is under the skillful directorship of Vladimir Maleckar and Florence Slaby. Making their appearances in the title roles will be Florence Uretich, Angela Zabjek, Betty Resnik, Lillian Puncer, Frances Godnavec, Stan Godnavec, Frank Kristoff, Tony Kolenc, Pete Tomsic, Lou Smrdel, Fred Cesnik and George Lonchar.

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