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1. HIDEKO YOSHINO — Japanese American soprano was born in Alameda, California and is a former student of the University of California. During World War II she was attached to the Rocky Mountain USO as a volunteer artist, and later made a coast to coast good will recital tour under auspices of the American Citizens League.

2. ELIZABETH DUNNING — Scotch-Irish contralto is the possessor of a rare voice of pure contralto quality, and is an excellent musician. She has sung under the baton of Toscanini, Rodzinski and Beecham in radio, concert and opera, and is the leading solist at Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue, New York. Personable and charming, she is a native of Plainfield, N. J.

3. NAPOLEON REED — Negro tenor is an artist with a background in concert, radio, opera and musical comedy from coast to coast. He sang the leading role in "Aida" with The National Negro Opera Company in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Washington and was also the tenor star in Carmen Jones.

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Although they are glad for an opportunity to "show off" a practical example of a democratic principal in action, the paramount objective of the artists is to render the finest musical program possible through their extraordinary and diversified talent.

THE ONE WORLD ENSEMBLE

HIDEKO YOSHINO, Soprano ELIZABETH DUNNING, Contralto
NAPOLEON REED, Tenor BURTON CORNWALL, Basso
FRANCES BENNER, at the Piano

PROGRAM

I

ONE WORLD Geoffrey O'Hara
AVE VERUM Mozart
EXULTATE DEO Scarlatti-Kesnar

THE ENSEMBLE

II

THE JOLLY YOUNG WATERMAN Charles Dibdin
UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE Carl Busch

MR. CORNWALL

III

Japanese Songs

KANE GA NARIMASU Koscak Yamada

A man of great sorrow returns to his place of childhood. As he stands at the top of the valley looking down into darkness the temple bells are heard pealing mournful sounds. He gazes up into the black sky, he notices it has a little star to make it happy, but he has nothing to gladden his heart.

UME WA SAITA KA Koscak Yamada

A song sung by a male pleasure seeker—The coloring, fragrance, and the characteristics of the different types of flowers represent the varied personalities of the female species to him. He finds one to his liking, and the lady says to him coyly—"So-o-o?"

MA TSU SHIMA ONDO Koscak Yamada

Once a year on the island of Matsushima, a day is set aside to commemorate the dead souls. At the end of the celebration, the villagers have a public dance to chase away the evil spirit.

MISS YOSHINO

IV

AL NOSTRI MONTI -- (Duet: from "II Trovatore") Verdi

In this duet Azucena, exhausted and broken, sings of her longing for home and mountains, while Manrico, imprisoned with her, prays that she sleep on while he in silence turns to heaven.

MISS DUNNING and MR. REED

PROGRAM—Continued

BELLA FIGLIA DELL AMORE— (Quartet from
"Rigoletto") Verdi

In this scene, within the tavern, the Duke endeavors to win Madalena, while outside, Gilda, upon the discovery that her lover is not faithful, is beseeched by her father, (Rigoletto) to be silent, that her tears are of no avail. He will avenge her.

THE ENSEMBLE

INTERMISSION

V

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THE ENSEMBLE

VI

WIDMUNG Schumann

You are everything to me— joy and pain, life and death. In you are rest and fulfillment. Your love raises me beyond myself. —You are my better self.

SEGUIDILLA— (from the Opera "Carmen") Bizet

In the opera "Carmen", the cigarette girl invites the handsome soldier, Don Jose, to join her at the place of her friend, Lillas Pastia. She has sweethearts by the dozen she tells him, but none of them is to her liking. Her heart is free and if he loves her, they will hasten to Seville where they will drink Manzanilla and dance the Seguidilla.

MISS DUNNING

VII

TRIO— (Prison Scent from "FAUST") Gounod

Marguerita is in prison. In a delirious agony she has slain her child. Faust begs her to fly with him. Mephisto demands that Faust hurry and come away before dawn. Seeing Mephistopheles, Marguerita implores pardon from heaven.

MISS YOSHINO, MESSRS. REED and CORNWALL

VIII

NEGRO SPIRITUALS AND FOLK SONGS Selected

MR. REED

IX

OMNIPOTENCE Schubert

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The Experimental Group was formed by Miss Dunham to have a flexible, small group of dancers who could afford to take the time to experiment with movement patterns and various authentic fanciful ballet ideas which she could not do with her largest group. Henri Augustine, native of Haiti and head of the Percussion Department in the New York School, expertly provides the incessant accompaniment on Haitian, Cuban, or Brazilian drums according to the dance origin.

This group has delighted many audiences including Columbia University, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, and Howard University, The Delve Woman's Club, at the Mosque, Richmond, Virginia, and numerous organizations — philanthropic, ethnic and cultural, as well as the new field of television entertainment.

Superbly trained, exotic and dynamic in authentic colorful costuming, these dancers perform with such amazing verve, understanding, and sympathy for their subject that the emotional impact is delightful as well as informative.

THE EXPERIMENTAL GROUP

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THE KATHERINE DUNHAM SCHOOL

in

"CARIBBEAN BACKGROUNDS"

A Program of Dances and Songs

PROGRAM

The Caribbean Islands offer wonderful source material for the investigators seeking authentic information concerning the dances and rituals of the peoples brought to the Western Hemisphere as slaves. Here in practically inaccessible and untouched interior places, dances and rituals are preserved intact.

I. CARNIVAL

All of the Caribbean Islands hold Carnivals during Lent. Bands of people, led by a 'King' of 'best dancer', travel from town to town visiting friends and seeing the countryside. Two such bands meet; the 'kings' compete, and the crowd decides the winner.

II. CONGO PAILLETTE

Probably has its origin in fertility rites. Has now lost its significance and is danced chiefly for pleasure.

CHICA

Really a working bee known in Haiti as a 'Combite', where, with songs and dances, crops are harvested, houses built, etc.

III. MOUNDONGO

A Haitian chant to the God Moundongo, who was supposed to have eaten human flesh, is now used as the basis for a festive play dance.

IV. MAZOUK

West Indian form of the Polish 'Mazurka'. Originally danced in mimicry of their European masters. The Mazouk is now a graceful, rhythmic dance of the Martinique people, still containing faint traces of its former satire.

PROGRAM

V. L'AGYA

In imitation of the fighting cocks, the men of Martinique have employed the French 'Savatte' in a more savage form known as 'L'Agya'.

VI. CHANSONS HAITIENNES

VII. MERINGUE

A lively, flirtatious dance of the West Indies.

VIII. AMERICAN PATTERN:

- a. Balling the Jack
 - b. Cakewalk
 - c. Charleston
 - d. Walking the Dog
 - e. Blues
- (1) Character
 - (2) Abstract

INTERMISSION

IX. MARCATU (Brazilian)

The influence of African rhythm is evident in this Brazilian-Afro-Indian dance.

X. SAMBA (Brazilian)

XI. RHUMBA (Cuban)

XII. CABILDO (Puerto Rican)

Based on Puerto Rican ritual rhythms.

XIII. CEREMONIAL DANCES (with Invocation):

- a. CHANTS
- b. LEGBA
A dance to the household God Legba.
- c. YANVALOU
A rhythm dedicated to Damballa, God of dance and motion.
- d. ZEPHAULE
A vaudoun dance, the rhythm is peculiar to the Arada tribe of Haiti.

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DOROTHY MAYNOR, Soprano

Dorothy Maynor's childhood was spent in the home of a Methodist vicarage in Norfolk where she absorbed the haunting music of Negro spirituals even before she could talk. Together with her brother and sister, Dorothy helped her father and his struggling parish by singing in the church choir. At fourteen, she entered Hampton Institute to prepare for a career in home economics. Her musical talent received instant recognition when, as a member of the Hampton Choir, she was one of a carefully selected group to tour the United States and Europe.

Throughout her subsequent school years her musical development was greatly aided by friends who recognized her genius and were instrumental in shaping her career. Dr. Nathaniel Dett persuaded Miss Maynor to change her major to music. John Finly Williamson offered her a scholarship at the Westminster Choir School at Princeton, and Miss Harriet Curtis was the friend who provided funds for Dorothy Maynor to study voice in New York.

The gifted young singer was greatly encouraged by these expressions of faith and friendship and devoted the next three years to intensive studies of language, concert and opera singing with her voice teacher. To supplement her meager income, she took a job as conductor of the choir of the Nazarene Congregational Church in Brooklyn.

Since her sensational "discovery" by Serge Koussevitzky at the Berkshire Musical Festival in 1939, Miss Maynor has streaked to the top rank of singing stars in America's musical horizon. Following her debut performance at the Town Hall in New York, came subsequent engagements with the New York Philharmonic, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Cleveland orchestras. Miss Maynor made many transcontinental tours, and during the war, her voice was heard in camps and hospitals by men and women in the armed services. She has also been heard by vast audiences throughout the country here and abroad through radio broadcasts, and many of her songs are permanently preserved in record libraries. Miss Maynor has recently appeared at the Teatino Auditorium in Havana, Cuba.

A rare phenomenon among singers, this artist has some astounding musical accomplishments — she can play the oboe, the piano, the French horn, orchestrate a song, and transpose accompaniment at sight. She is often affectionately referred to as a "musician's musician."

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DOROTHY MAYNOR, Soprano

Assisted by LUDWIG BERGMANN at the Piano

PROGRAM

Aria; Ah! non credea mirarti (Who Thought to see Thee Languish)
from "La Sonnambula".....Bellini

As Rodolfo tries to convince Elvino that Amina is a sonnambulist, Amina herself appears, walking in her sleep over a bridge that shakes under her weight. Elvino realizes his mistake in having denounced Amina's love and follows her. As he replaces the ring on her finger, she awakens to find herself in his arms and then sings of the heaven of love they will make on the fair earth on which they live.

I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly.....Purcell

I'll Sail Upon the Dog Star.....Purcell

Henry Purcell has been pronounced the greatest natural genius that England has produced, although he was born in a transition period. In spite of his great volume of material (operas, incidental music, secular cantatas, songs, and instrumental music), little is known today due to the fact that it reflects the activities of the seventeenth century. Among his songs are some gems, such as these: I ATTEMPT FROM LOVE'S SICKNESS TO FLY, from "The Indian Queen" and I'LL SAIL UPON THE DOG STAR, from D'Urfey's drama, "A Fool's Perferment."

II

Hark, Hark, the Lark (Shakespeare).....Schubert

"Hark, hark, the lark at Heaven's gate sings,
And Phoebus begins to rise;
His steeds to water at those springs
On chaliced flowers that lie,
And winking Mary-buds begin to open their golden eyes;
With everything that pretty is, my lady sweet, arise."

Standchen (Serenade).....Schubert

"Softly though the night floats my song to you. In this stillness I await thee; come, my love, to me. They understand the pain of love. Oh, my heart is filled with longing. Darling, hear my plea come and bring me joy."

Im Fruhling (In Spring).....Schubert

"I sit upon the hilly slope, the sky is blue above;
O'er valleys green the breezes play, where once upon a sunny day
I knew the joy of love . . .
Oh, would I were a little bird, I'd lift my voice in song,
I'd sit upon the branches there, and sing of one sweet maiden fair
The whole sweet summer long."

Ave Maria.....Schubert

"Ave Maria, maiden mild, listen to a maiden's prayer.
For thou canst hear amid the wild; 'tis thou canst save amid
despair . . .
Oh, maiden, see a maiden's sorrow, oh, mother, hear a suppliant child."

PROGRAM

III

Aria: Now to My Aid, Fun, Wit, and Humor
from "The Merry Wives of Windsor".....Nicolai

Upon discovering that her friend, Mrs. Rich, has also received a love letter from Sir John Falstaff, Mrs. Fluth is resolved to be avenged. She rehearses the scene in which she plans to trick Falstaff and let him know that his game of love has been found out. To help her frame her plot, the merry matron calls fun, wit, and humor to aid her in her mischief-making.

INTERMISSION

IV

Noel des enfants qui n'ont plus des maisons
(Christmas Carol of Homeless Children).....Debussy

"We have no homes, no schools, no churches; our father is at war, our mother is dead. Noel, punish our enemies; avenge the children of France! And please, no toys — just let us have our daily bread. Dear Noel, we have no shoes — but give victory to the children of France!"

GreenDebussy

"Take these fruits, flowers, and these branches — my gift of love — and then my heart which beats only for you. But hurt it not, let me rest my head on they bosom and dream in peace."

MandolineDebussy

"Beneath the singing branches of the trees, serenaders and their lovely ladies exchange sweet nothings in the moonlight . . . The faint breeze carries far the tinkle of their mandolins, while a kindly moon looks down."

Three Greek Folk-Songs:.....Ravel

Quel galant

"WHAT GALANT is comparable to me! Tell me, my Lady Vasiliki? See pistols and sharp sabres hang from my belt, And remember, it's you I love!"

La-bas, ver l'eglise

"THERE BY THE CHURCH, O blessed Virgin, a multitude has assembled; to Ayio Constandino the people have come — the faithful and pious people."

Tout gai

"BE GAY, love, be gay, so gay;
See, the moon shines so brightly;
Come and dance, love, come and trip so lightly.
Tra, la, la, la, la . . ."

V

Sigh No More.....W. A. Aikin

On a Quiet Conscience.....Paul Bowles

Negro Spirituals:

Gimme dat Ole Time Religion.....arr. E. V. Wolff

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.....Traditional

Rock o' My Soul.....arr. Alice de Ceeve

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