MOMENTS MUSICAL

Nathan Carter passes another musical milestone

By ADAH K. JENKINS

A slim, black young man mounted the podium at Christ Episcopal Church Monday evening and the Peabody Concert Singers, a mixed chorus of 62 voices, began Johann Sebastian Bach's 117 Psalm Motet, "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden" (Praise The Lord, All Ye Lands).

With energetic and auspicious gesture, Nathan Carter, conducted the motet and "Missa Brevis" by Kodaly, "as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts at Peabody Conservatory".

He is a knowledgable, experienced conductor, who handled his forces with skill of one who knows the demands of the compositions and how to train and inspire his performers to achieve them.

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Choral mechanics were, for the most part, exact; voice leading clear, phrasing artistic; climaxes well built, and above all, interpretations were imaginative.

There were moments of moving beauty, particularly in the celestial effect afforded by the female voices in the "Sanctus" of the Mass.

For the Kodaly work, solo roles were handled well by Carol Sherman, Victoria DiGilosafat, Ellen Sonafrank; and Virginia Price, soprano; David Hagan, tenor; and Earl Grandison, baritone.

At the console was William Patridge. For the Motet, Paul Warner and Christina Kyprie were cellists.

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The Kodaly work is a noble, expressive one, combining rich harmonies of the post-Romantic period and the modern dissonances of the Czech composer, who was a close associate of Bartok.

It is eminentarly suited for the voice since Kodaly believed "singing to be the basis of music education".

Mr. Carter feels that the Mass is especially appropriate since it concludes with a "prayer for peace".

It was written at the end of World War II.

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Monday evening marked another milestone in the amazing career of talented Nathan Carter, a native of Selma, Ala.

Having been born in a musical family, and with his mother being a non-occasional conducting of the school band and chorus.

Then, on to Hampton in 1952, where he majored in music education, conducted the famous Hampton Choir and was an exchange student at Oberlin.

After entering Juilliard, Carter decided to specialize in choral conducting, achieving his bachelor and master's degrees, with the honor of being named "Alumni Scholar", with the highest cumulative average.

His Juilliard experiences included conducting the Faure "Requiem" and premiering works by student composers. He was also associate choral conductor, a position he holds at Peabody.

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In 1961, one year after his graduation from the New York School, Mr. Carter was appointed choral conductor at Knoxville (Tenn.) College after four years he was made head of the music department.

Under his direction, the Knoxville College choir toured extensively and sang with the Knoxville Symphony.

While at Hampton, the young conductor-to-be met his future wife, Jean HeAnn, a graduate of Temple and member of the faculty at Knoxville College.

Mrs. Carter, who is a soprano soloist, appeared in concert this winter at New Shiloh Baptist Church, where her brother-in-law, Rev. Harold Carter, is pastor. True to the family tradition, the Rev. Mr. Carter enjoys singinging tenor.

Nathan Carter believes firmly in "recreating music not just singing notes". He declared, "Music must come alive and one must re-enact what the composer intended".

The conductor was eloquent in his praise of the splendid cooperation of the eloquent in his praise of splendid cooperation of the interracial choir and instrumentalists for his doctorate concert.

Nathan Carter is a musician of impressive gifts and ability, who should continue his career into a brilliant future.

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The Town Choir, well known Baltimore choral group, was presented in concert under the direction of William H. Wright, on a recent Sunday at Douglas Memorial Church in Washington (D.C.).

The event was sponsored by the Heroines of Jericho of the Eastern Star.

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The Town Choir will sing at Sharon Baptist Church, Sunday, April 27 and at Orchard St Methodist Church, Sunday, May 11. Both concerts are at 4 p.m.

Plans are underway for a gala celebration of the 20th anniversary of the choir, to be held next season.

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CALENDAR: Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10 at 8:30 p.m. at the Lyric, the Baltimore Sumphony, with Aaron Copland, guest conductor, and William Masselos, pianist.

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Sunday, April 13 at 8:30 p.m. in Shriver Hall, Johns Hopkins University, the Chamber Orchestra of the Sarr.

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Thursday, April 17 in the Carl Murphy Auditorium, Morgan State College, the closing concert of the season sponsored by the Northeast Symbony Society, with the Baltimore Symphony in a Pops concert "Broadway Revisited", Saul Schechtman, conducting.

SS accepting letters sent in Braille

As a new service for the blind, the Social Security Administration will now accept letters written in Braille and will send replies in Braille when so requested.

Social security officials feel the new service will help blind persons to better understand, and exercise their rights under the law.

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Braille letters received at Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore will be transcribed into typewritten form by Miss Martha Seabrooks, a blind typist who has worked for the agency since 1965.

The reply is dictated to Miss Seabrooks who transcribes it on a Braille electric typewriter.

To insure that Braille letters received at Social Security Headquarters will be transcribed promptly, envelopes should be addressed "Attention: Secretarial Services Unit."

Read Drug picks Nattans

The Board of Directors of the Read Drug and Chemical Co. has announced the election of Roger H. Nattans as chairman of the at their annual meeting on March 14. He succeeds his father, Arthur Nattans, Sr. who has retired.

At the same meeting, I. Raichlen was named Vice-President — Sales and Merchandising.

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Your income tax

The AFRO-AMERICAN, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, Baltimore District, will publish each week in this column, tax information that will enable taxpayers to become more familiar with the Federal income tax laws.

Q. My refund came and it was lower than I expected. How can I find out why it was reduced?

A. In cases such as these, mistakes in arithmetic account for most of the adjustments. You should receive an explanation from us shortly after your refund check arrives explaining the adjustment.

This year, many mistakes in arithmetic are being made on the surcharge. Taxpayers are either reading the surcharge tables incorrectly, making mistakes by not adding it to their tax or making a mistake when they multiply by .075 to determine the amount of the surcharge.

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Q. When do I have to file my estimated tax declaration?

A. Estimated declarations and first quarter payments are due April 15. Use the pre-addressed 1040-ES voucher form you received in the mail when you file. It will assure proper crediting of payments to your account.

Q. How does the $100 limitation apply to casualty losses? We suffered damage from two different storms last year.

A. The $100 limitation applies to each separate nonbusiness casualty. Deduct the excess over $100 not reimbursed by insurance for each separate loss. See page 9 of the Form 1040 for details.

Q. Is a company pension taxable?

A. Your tax liability depends on how much you contributed to the pension fund. This is explained in the instructions for Schedule B of Form 1040. Copies of this schedule and the instructions are available at many banks and post offices as well as local offices of the IRS.

Q. Can I add the medical insurance premiums I pay for my dependent mother to my own for the purpose of tax deductions?

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