

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS



MME. MARCELLA SEMBRICH.

Who Sings at the Salt Lake Theater December 9th.

The members of St. Cecilia's chorus of St. Mary's Cathedral, with reserve on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room is not ready for them. The chorus will appear at the coming bazaar, with Miss Mae O'Neill as soloist. Miss Mae O'Neill will be the soloist at Sunday's church service, singing Glazier's "Ave Maria" at the offertory. Miss Florence O'Neill will sing "Veni Creator" by Lat Hocke at the same service. Miss Eddie Weller, Miss Florence O'Neill, Miss Miller, Eddie, and Miss Genevieve Brooks furnished acceptable Thanksgiving music at the cathedral.

Dalley Buck's "Book of Ages" will be given as the offertory Sunday at the Bazaar service in St. Mary's Cathedral by a quartet composed of Mrs. E. M. Moore, Mrs. Thomas Wise, F. S. Best, John Wise. Tomorrow will be the first Sunday in Advent, with services to correspond.

Arthur Hartmann, the violinist,



BARBARA ELDREDGE AS "CARMEN,"

The Wife of Harold Eldredge, Who Is Now Singing With Him in Europe.

The above picture shows Mrs. Barbara Eldredge, wife of the well known Salt Lake artist, Harold Eldredge, in one of her favorite roles, that of "Carmen." She and her husband are now singing the leading roles at the City Opera House in St. Gall, Switzerland.

Two or three recent appearances have been in "La Tosca" and "Carmen," the lady having the leading part in each, and Mr. Eldredge singing the role of "Scarpia" and the "Toreador."

Recent press notices speak as follows of their work:

"In all of the three leading roles are Tosca, the prima donna, Cavaradossi, the valiant, and Scarpia, the under of police. Every one of these was demands in its interpretation, a sense and measure of strength and passion. Mrs. Eldredge who easily blends to sing the parts, has also the great measure of the roles. Her voice, the great gemstone of the scene, has been dashed into the piece with even more than her customary fire. Her fast dress and her general pleasing appearance added to the impressiveness of her mode. The role of the unscrupulous, calculating and passionate chief of police, Scarpia demands just as Tosca does, equally trained in the arts of acting and singing."

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Sembrich Fears the Art of Pure Singing is Dying

ME. MARCELLA SEMBRICH, one of the world's greatest singers and possibly the greatest exponent of the art of pure tone production, has been secured for one appearance at the Salt Lake theater on the night of Dec. 8. A mail order system will be used next Monday to all who may send in their orders with money and stamped envelopes enclosed.

Sembrich's engagement will form a great opportunity for all vocal students and lovers of the divine art generally.

More than one critic in commenting recently on Miss Sembrich's tempestuous retirement from professional life, has declared that the art of pure singing is dying out, that with the departure of the great prime donna for her well earned rest, there will be no great exponent of the "bel canto" school. Miss Sembrich herself, in speaking of the changes that have come about in singing methods, has said: "The modern operas are free all to be sung well, with the modern composer better little about the voice. They rely upon dramatic situations, upon artistic personalities, upon crashing orchestral effects. Singing pure and simple is losing vogue and a pity it is."

SALT LAKERS IN GOTHAM.

(Special Correspondence.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Last Thursday saw the departure of Miss Afton Young for her home in Salt Lake, after visiting with relatives and friends in New York and Montclair, N. J., for over two months. Miss Young has made many friends during the short stay here by her affable manner and pleasing ways, and her relatives especially will feel the loss of this society. Miss Young will meet Mr. Alvin Seweroff in Chicago Saturday evening and travel home with him as far as Ogden. Mr. Seweroff left Friday, having completed his business here for the winter trade. On Wednesday Mrs. Westerley easily entertained at a luncheon for Miss Young, and a very pleasant day was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Young and baby and Miss Eddie Young are now permanently located in their cozy apartment located in West One Hundred and Thirty-third street and Broadway. Miss Eddie Young will take up music as soon as she has a voice of unusual beauty, and will begin study with one of New York's best teachers. Mrs. Young may also take up some studies at the conservatory, where Mr. Young is now hard at work. It is certain that the Young household will be one of activity in the way of learning this winter. The colony gladly welcomes the newcomers.

J. L. Cotter of Chicago, representing an old time piano house there, is in town until Dec. 1, and making his headquarters with the Daynes-Beebe company.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Best with their two children, left Wednesday for Berlin, having been summoned by a dispatch from Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Best's teacher. Mr. Best expects to study during the winter, and will then enter upon a regular professional career next

spring, having already signed a contract with a prominent German manager.

The News acknowledges the receipt of a number of attractive pieces of music containing selections from the new opera, "The Flirting Princess," now running in Chicago, the special musical numbers in which are written by Harry K. Miller, Miss Florence O'Neill, Miss Miller, Eddie, and Miss Genevieve Brooks furnished acceptable Thanksgiving music at the cathedral.

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Brussels, one of the operatic centers of Europe, has only just heard "Madam Butterfly" for the first time. Miss Dorly had the title role, the composer was present, and the opera scored a big success.

Miss Emma James is at present in Paris, and it is said, has not opened a music book for months. After a considerable stay in the French capital she plans to go on a long voyage, possibly as far as Shanghai, where she was born.

The Joseph Shubert Opera company, headed by the famous tenor of the Bostonians, ceased to exist in Milwaukee a few days ago. Shubert was last heard here with the Savage-English Opera company.

"There is good news for concertgoers," says the London Truth, "in the statement made apparently on good authority that Sir Edward Elgar is now working here at his second symphony, and that he hopes to have it completed by the early part of next year. The prodigious success which has attended his first symphony might well have stimulated any composer to produce a second as speedily as possible, and in Elgar's case, it is only to be regretted that he left it so long before producing his first."

The Boston Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1881 by Mr. Henry L. Higginson, and is entirely supported by him. According to the Century Magazine for February, 1909, the deficit for a season once amounted to \$10,000 and during the season only has it paid expenses. The players in the most part are engaged for a season of 29 weeks. Some, however, receive their salaries for as many as 45 weeks, while the chief players receive varying amounts up to \$5,000 a year for a term of years. The advantages of being able to engage the best players on such liberal terms will readily be seen.

The Pittsburg orchestra was established in 1886 under the auspices of the Art Society of that city, a committee of which presented it for a term of three years.

Their conductors have been Frederic Archer for three years, Victor Herbert for six years, and Emil Paar, who now is filling a second three-year engagement.

The Pittsburg season lasts 29 weeks, and the orchestra makes successful tours in the middle west and Canada.

The total expense of the orchestra, from \$5 to 75 men, have ranged from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per season.

The deficit is made up by 44 contractors, who guarantee \$1,000 yearly each, for a term of three years. During the season of 1898-1899 the deficit decreased in the first two years, were not called upon to pay the guarantee, in fact, in Pittsburg the Boston system of selling seats at auction is followed.

Mr. Fred Beesley, who passed through here two weeks ago with other elders bound for Germany, made New York a three days' visit. Elder Beesley, who resided here for two years, paid several flying visits to old friends.

Miss Davis, who came with the party thus far, has taken up a course of study, piano included, and is now devoting her time to professional work.

At today's services in the Latter-day Saint Hall, Mrs. George Higgins, founder of this city and from which place she and her family removed to Salt Lake three years ago, was a visitor and busily shaking hands with old friends and meeting with the new members of this conference. Mrs. Higgins, who is staying with her sister, Mrs. Little, in Brooklyn, was called to her old home here by the death of her son George, which occurred nearly two weeks ago, the funeral taking place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn. Mrs. Higgins will leave tomorrow to visit with relatives in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and returns here after spending a few weeks with them.

Young Mr. Higgins leaves a wife and three small children, and it is a great sorrow to the mother to return after so long an absence on such an errand; her old friends sincerely offered their sympathy to the bereaved mother and hope to see her with us often before she leaves for the west, where her daughters and their families reside.

Frank Foster, who came into the city with the "Follies of 1899" company a few days ago, was also at church, and says he will remain with the company here 12 weeks longer, then sailing for England, where he will take up a course in dramatic and musical training. Foster is in the best of health and enjoying his labors with the opera company.

Another account says: "Mrs. Eldredge had ample opportunity of displaying her rich dramatic gifts in the title role of Puccini's "Tosca." With captivating temperament she portrayed the tragical heroine in the last act when she more than did justice to a part and production in a manner that deserves unlimited acknowledgement. Her tender warmth in warning her lover in her song "Yield and Fall Together" was very penetrating.

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It is pleasant to announce the complete restoration to health of Mrs. Marie Hausecker, who is now with her friends on West One Hundred and Twenty-third street, having left the hospital two weeks ago. She will take up her studies again in Teachers' college at the beginning of the month.

Julius F. White came down from Vermont and was a visitor at Chapel services today, returning to Boston tomorrow and on to South Royalton until the 19th of December, when he leaves

Flora Parker, Harriet Stanton, Buttie Loraine, Elsa Ryan, Daisy Dumont, Florence Martin, Edith Decker, Clara Palmer and Winnie O'Connor.

The entertainment, to be provided by a all star company, will be divided into two parts, the first of which will consist of selections from comic opera,

while the second will be made up of scenes in which the stars will have an opportunity to do special "stunts."

It is expected that the company will be seen for at least a few performances in New York before starting on the tour, which is to embrace all of the principal cities between here and San

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