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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**HENRI ELKAN**

**Musical Director and Conductor**

**FALL**



**CONCERT**

**Emily Schmalstieg — Contralto**

**Solist**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1955**

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Dear Friends,

The Association is most happy to welcome you to this performance by the orchestra. We sincerely hope you will enjoy the program prepared by Henri Elkan, our Music Director and Conductor, and that you will plan to attend as many of our concerts in the future as may be conveniently possible.

A great deal of hard work has gone into the organization of the orchestra. All of the work has been done by volunteers who have given freely and generously of their time. We, and they, believe that this undertaking will develop a great new cultural and educational force in our growing community which will merit your continued support.

We are making ambitious plans for the future. These plans are directed to develop music appreciation by our young people. We are pleased to have the enthusiastic endorsement of local and county school officials in these efforts.

We want YOU to agree that this undertaking merits your support in at least one way that is open to you. It is hardly enough that many people agree with us and lend their "moral" support. We need and ask for your ACTIVE support. We hope that you will attend our concerts regularly; and that you will induce your friends to come out and satisfy themselves that here is something they, too, will want to share.

A sincere "thank you" to all those who have contributed to our organization in our recent fund raising campaign. We will list our friends on our next program. We would like YOUR name to be listed among our patrons; and so we urge you to fill out the face of the envelope enclosed and give it to one of the ushers, or mail to our Chairman, Fred S. Underhill, 9 E. Plumstead Avenue, Lansdowne. By doing so, you will be making a real contribution to the growth and success of this community enterprise.

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# PROGRAM

Sunday, November 27, 1955

Henri Elkan, Conductor

Emily Schmalstieg — Contralto

- A. Overtura — Caliph of Bagdad Boieldieu
- B. Symphony No. 39 — in E Flat Mozart  
Adagio — Allegro  
Menuetto — Allegretto
- C. Amour, viens aider (Samson and Dalila) St. Saens  
Emily Schmalstieg
- D. Fiddlin' for Fun Faustin — Jean Jean  
Pop! Goes the Weasel Cailliet  
Intermission
- E. The Arkansas Traveier McDonald
- F. Ballet Musc (Faust) Gounod
- G. a. O don fatale, o don crudel (Don Carlo) Verdi  
b. Vilja Song (The Merry Widow) Lehar
- H. Emperor Waltz Strauss
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

**HENRI ELKAN**, born in Belgium, received his musical education in the Conservatories of Antwerp and Amsterdam. He entered the Philadelphia Orchestra upon his arrival in the U. S. A. and after 8 years playing under the leadership of the greatest conductors, he was appointed conductor of the Philadelphia Ballet Co. and assistant conductor and chorus master of the Philadelphia Grand Opera Co. He assisted Dr. Leopold Stokowski with the American premiere of Alban Berg's *Wozzeck*. Since then he became conductor of The Trenton Symphony, The Steel Pier Grand Opera Co., The Dra Mu Opera Co., etc. He appeared as guest conductor with the Philadelphia Symphony, The Minneapolis Symphony, and also conducted assignments in Paris, London, Brussels and Deauville, besides numerous operettas, choral concerts and other musical activities in the United States.

**EMILY LOU SCHMALSTIEG** is a native Pennsylvanian who has spent the greater part of her life studying music. She is a graduate of both the Susquehanna and Columbia Universities and did further work at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. Her voice training was obtained under many fine teachers including Henri Elkan, Conductor of the Lansdowne Community Symphony Orchestra and Viola Peters, coach with the Metropolitan Opera. Miss Schmalstieg has worked as a church soloist and as soloist with the Repertory Production Company of Philadelphia.

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## PROGRAM NOTES

### Overture — Caliph of Bagdad

Boieldieu

1775 — 1834

Tuneful music by one of France's most popular composers of the 18th Century.

### Symphony in E Flat

Mozart

1756 — 1791

Critics refer to this symphony as a "Triumph of euphony — full of charm — music translated into poetry." Joseph Haydn, speaking to Mozart's father about his son said, "I declare to you before God and as an honest man, that your son is the greatest composer I know, either personally or by name."

### Amour, viens aider

(from Samsen and Dalila)

St. Saens

1835 — 1921

The opening aria of the 2nd act, Dalila evokes love's aid in her plan to enslave Samson in order to deliver him into the hands of the Philistines.

### Fiddlin' for Fun

Faustin — Jean Jean

A virtuoso piece for the Violin section

### Pop! Goes the Weasel

Cailliet

1891 —

Variations on the well-known American Folk Song

### The Arkansas Traveler

McDonald

1899 — 1955

A modern orchestration by an American composer.

### Ballet Music from Faust

Gounod

1818 — 1893

In the last act, this Ballet called "The Walpurgis Night" is shown to Faust by Mephisto, The King of the Underworld.

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O don fatale, o don crudel (from Don Carlo) Verdi  
1813 - 1901

Princess Eboli, who has been ordered to leave the Court by Queen Elizabeth, expresses her chagrin.

Vilja Song from The Merry Widow Lehar  
1870 - 1948

This is the most famous aria sung by The Merry Widow.

Emperor Waltz Strauss  
1825 - 1899

Composed for Franz Joseph, Emperor of Austria.

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meister  
Thomas Adams  
Emma Bannar  
Rene Bouvet  
Clarence W. Carroll  
Tony Coma  
Thad Hegner  
Albert Herzel  
Raymond Mason  
Marjorie Megraw  
Alice Pennock  
Abbie Royer  
Ellen Taxis  
Larry Ustick  
William Wagner  
Rita Jafalla

## SECOND VIOLINS

Mary Margaret Hunter  
Benjamin Beissel  
John Brumbaugh  
Grace Clayton  
Lucile DeGangi  
Joseph Geiger  
Margaret Heinz  
Anne Lennig  
Anna P. McCarthy  
Florence Patchell  
Frances Reeder  
Paul Young  
Margaret Heinz

## VIOLAS

William J. Maund, Jr.  
Stephen Brown  
Marie Carroll  
Anthony Daly

## CELLOS

Winifred Kempton  
Grace Price  
John Seybold  
Ann Dodge  
Dr. W. F. G. Swann

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Harry Mitchell  
John S. Clamari  
George Kalmer

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William Trumpler  
Alfred Kitchen  
Carl Schatz

## CLARINETS

Paul McClure  
Josephine Gluckert  
Nat Sherman  
John Mauro  
Sergio Boccassini  
Andrew K. Ceccola

## TROMBONES

William Lucas  
Arthur Tregembo  
Margaret Young

## TRUMPETS

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Martin Lessen  
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