

Oratorio Singers To Stage First Concert Of Season On January 23

The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, celebrating their 20th year, will present their first concert of the season on Saturday January 23, at 8:15 p.m. at Owens Auditorium.

Director Donald Platt, chairman of the Music Department at Davidson College, has chosen two short contemporary works that highlight the musical achievement of this outstanding chorus, and offers to the community the opportunity to hear two works not performed before in this area.

"Celebrations" by Vincent Persichetti is best described as music that is pulsating, free wheeling with a vibrancy that describes so well the poetry of Walt Whitman. The text is based on nine short poems written by Walt Whitman that are in celebration of man as he reflects upon himself, nature, eternal life, the seas, the soul, and his union with mankind. The music is in the form of a suite, written for chorus and wind ensemble. Vincent Persichetti is head of the composition department at the Juillard School of Music. Considered one of the leading composers of today, his works have been performed throughout the world. He is a virtuoso performer, scholar, artist, teacher and author.

"Belshazzar's Feast" by Sir William Walton is a dramatic score for full orchestra and harp solo. The orchestra accentuates the drama through the use of a full contingent of instruments, that includes, tambores, cymbals, gongs, glockenspiel wood blocks and even an armoire! The story of the hand writing on the wall which signified the imminent downfall of "impious Belshazzar" and the city of Babylon, lends itself to great choral drama, and Sir William Walton, who has been acclaimed as one of England's finest contemporary composers, has produced what is considered one of his masterpieces, and one of the greatest choral works of this century. Joining the Singers will be Harris Poor, Bass-Baritone. A former member of the Abbey Singers he has appeared with the Boston Symphony, and the Sante Opera Co. As a concert soloist has sung with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Chor-

us Pro Musica of Boston, and appeared with the Little Orchestra Society in Benjamin Britten's Curlew River in New York and on national tour.

Acclaimed as one of the ten outstanding choral groups in the nation, The Oratorio Singers bring professional excellence to their performances, and invite everyone to help them celebrate their twentieth season. Tickets for the January 23rd performance can be secured through the Oratorio Office, 827 East Boulevard, 375-7512.

Orchestra and Mezzanine seats are \$3.75. First five rows in the Orchestra are \$3.00, Balcony and Side Orchestra are \$2.50 with a special student price of \$1.50 in the Balcony. Call or write the office for your tickets.

Mrs. Conrad Hughes Dixon Circle Hostess

Mrs. Conrad Hughes was hostess Saturday night to members of Circle 1 of Dixon Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Robert Wilson, wife of the church pastor, conducted the Circle Bible Study. Mrs. Wayne Wells, president of the Women of the Church, presided.

Mrs. Hughes was assisted in serving refreshments.

Mrs. Norwood Circle Hostess

Mrs. Judy Norwood was hostess Tuesday morning at her home to members of Circle No. 2 of Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, chairman, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Boyer Murray presented the program.

Mrs. Norwood was assisted in serving refreshments.

Senior Citizens Club Luncheon Friday

Members of the Senior Citizens club will hold their noon luncheon meeting Friday at the Woman's club.

A covered dish luncheon will be served.

A new law removed the "inability to pay" requirement for all veterans 65 years of age or older having war or peacetime service, and for veterans who receive VA pensions.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday:
7:30 — American Legion Post 155 and Auxiliary, joint program at the American Legion building. Hostesses: Mrs. Paul Mauney and Mrs. Charlie Moss.

Friday:
12:00 — Senior Citizens club luncheon meeting at the Woman's club.

Saturday:
9:00-12 p.m. — American Legion Dance for Legionnaires, their wives and guests at the American Legion building. Music by "The Wanderers."

7:30—The wedding of Miss Ginger Lynn and Jimmy Hall in Bethlehem Baptist church.

Wednesday:
3:30 — Open Gate Garden club at the home of Mrs. M. C. Amos, with Mrs. W. M. Gantt, co-hostess. Members will meet at the Amos home, then go to Kings Mountain high school for a program by Charles Knight.

3:30—Kings Mountain Garden club at the home of Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Carl Mayes, program chairman, "New Friends in Gardening."

Charles Knight Club Speaker

Charles Knight will give a program on "Landscaping" and show members of the Open Gate Garden club on a tour of the Kings Mountain high school greenhouses for the club's Wednesday afternoon program at 3:30 p.m.

Members will gather at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. M. A. Amos and from there will go to the high school for the program. After the program, members will return to the Amos home for refreshments with Mrs. W. M. Gantt, co-hostess.

Ms. A. W. Kincaid is program chairman for the afternoon.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. Deck Fulton returned home Saturday after spending the Christmas holidays in Graham with Mr. and Mrs. James Houser and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moser. Mrs. Fulton is daughter of Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Moser.

Mr. and Mrs. James Houser accompanied Mrs. Fulton home Saturday.

Ginger Lynn, Jimmy Hall To Wed Friday

Miss Ginger Lynn and Jimmy Hall will be married Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in a double ring ceremony in Bethlehem Baptist church.

All friends and relatives of couple are invited to attend. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lynn Kings Mountain. She is employed by Lithium Corporation in Brierley City.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Neal Hull Kings Mountain. He is employed by Gibbs Dental Laboratory, Gastonia.

Auditions Are Invited

Auditions for new singers of the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will be held on Monday, January 11, from 8-10 p.m. at the Myers Park United Methodist church. Director Donald Platt will hear all voices.

Tenors and Basses are especially needed. If you cannot attend auditions at this time call Oratorio office at 375-7512 for another appointment.

The Dvorak "Requiem Mass" will be presented on Saturday, May 1, 1971 at Owens Auditorium. Joining the Singers will be noted soloists Lois Bove, Soprano, Juanita Falls, Mezzo-soprano, Jerry Helton, Tenor, and Arno Voketaitis, Bass.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Michael McKeef Chapel Hill have returned home after spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. McKeef, and Mrs. Clifford Kline.

Dr. and Mrs. McKeef and Mr. McKeef's parents attended the Peach Bowl game in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall, Jr. have returned to Gatlinburg, Tenn. after a visit with Mr. Wall's sister and brother-in-law, Senator and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris.

Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg has returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where she spent the holidays with her son, Bill Throneburg and family.

Mrs. Throneburg visited her son James, in New York and from New York flew to Utah for a visit with her other son and family.

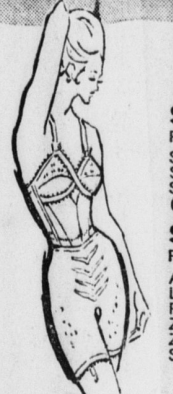


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