

Bronislaw Huberman.

CAPE TOWN CONCERT NEXT WEDNESDAY.

BRONISLAW HUBERMAN, one of the most famous of contemporary musicians, gives his recital in Cape Town at the City Hall on Wednesday evening next, the 1st May.

Since his first public appearance as a child prodigy of the violin he has been a brilliant success and his concerts have never



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failed to draw crowded houses. In 1892 he gave his first recital at the International Exhibition of Music (he was ten years old), and he was afterwards commanded to play before the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, who was so delighted with the performance that he presented the young prodigy with a valuable violin.

Three years later his fame was established when he gave twelve consecutive concerts in Vienna. He has since toured the world and a few years ago achieved greater renown when he formed the Palestine Orchestra of refugee musicians.

Palestine Orchestra.

During a tour of Palestine in 1934, he found everywhere a keen interest in music. He resolved to form an orchestra among the exiled German Jews who had belonged to famous orchestras.

The orchestra was formed in an astonishingly short time. Music-loving workmen provided £1,000 towards a concert hall and money came from Europe and America. More than half of seventy-five players were German.

Toscanini travelled specially to Palestine to conduct the opening performance. He was so pleased with it that he asked to return next year.

At his Cape Town Concert the programme will include: Handel's "Sonata in D Major," Cesar Franck's "Sonata in A Major," Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E. Minor, Opus 64," "La Fontaine d'Arethuse (Szymanowski)," "Waltz Opus 64" (Chopin-Huberman), and "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms-Joachim).

Huberman never emphasizes individual parts at the expense of the whole. His playing is the playing of man who has no longer any need to assert himself. His tone has a rare intensity and his audiences are never conscious of the appeal of the great virtuoso. His technique is placed at the disposal of the composer, and critics have expressed the opinion that no other violinist of the present day shares his musical instinct, his feeling for the logic of a great composer's argument.

Boris Roubakine will be Huberman's accompanist.

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