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FORTHCOMING CONCERT OF RUSSIAN MUSIC

In Support of Medical Aid for Russia

Every artist who is appearing at the concert of Russian music to be held in the Colosseum Theatre on Sunday, 9th November, in support of Medical Aid for Russia, may be considered a master in his own particular field and a specialist in Russian music. Mr. Isador Epstein, who attained a recognised place among virtuoso-pianists in England before coming to this country, will bring the polished experience of years on the concert platforms of Europe to his playing of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff works and his part in the Tchaikovsky trio. Mr. Gerald Cassen, who came back to this country after a brilliant international tour, in which his voice was acclaimed as "phenomenal," has made a special study of Russian vocalism and music. Mr. Michael Doré, who received his training in the best Russian conservatoires, acted as conductor of the Imperial Orchestra in Moscow itself. Madame Olga Ryss achieved her greatest successes in the great Russian opera houses. Miss Joyce Van Geems, under the name of Nadia Smirnova, has had the distinction of belonging to the famous de Basil Russian Ballet Company. Outstanding assisting artists are Mr. Reuben Goldberg, Mr. L. Paikin, Mrs. I. Lacey and Miss Else Schneider. Louis Alter's "Balalaika Orchestra" needs no recommendation to South African audiences and the accompanists, Mrs. Gerald Cassen and Miss Margaret Williams have also proved their admirable talents on many occasions.

The range of composition and the excellence of the artists ensure a varied and interesting programme, drawn from the classical and modern compositions of Russian composers as well as from the folk music and popular airs of the Soviet.

Tickets are going very well, but are still obtainable from the booking offices at the Colosseum and Publix (Carlton Hotel), and from any of the members of the large organising committee, including Mrs. I. Kuper (convener); Mrs. I. J. Balkin (convener of programme); Mrs. Bernard Friedman (convener of musical programme); Mrs. C. W. Biccand Jeppe (convener of tickets), and Mr. A. A. Bjorkman.

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FIRST JEWISH WEDDING AT POTGIETERSRUST

Solomon—Krikst

The first Jewish wedding to be solemnised at Potgietersrust took place on Sunday morning, 19th October, at the Masonic Hall, when Miriam, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Solomon, of Potgietersrust, was married to Barney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Krikst, of Johannesburg. The Rev. J. I. Levine, of Pietersburg, officiated.

The maid of honour was Miss Sarah Krikst, and the offices of best man were carried out by Mr. L. Katz, of Johannesburg. The poleholders were Messrs. A. Donde, Karol, Bojar and Coleman, and Rosie and Asne Solomon, cousins of the bride, were the flower girls.

A reception was held at the Town Hall, where Mr. and Mrs. Solomon welcomed about 150 guests, many of them coming from Pietersburg, the bride's former home. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Rev. Levine, to which the bridegroom responded.

WEDDING IN JOHANNESBURG

Caplan—Lutrin

The marriage was solemnised on Sunday, October 26, in the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, of Ester, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lutrin, of Johannesburg, formerly of Durban, and Sergeant Victor Caplan, of the S.A.T.C., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caplan, of Cape Town, formerly of Namaqualand. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. T. Shroek, assisted by Cantor Alter.

The unterfuhrers were the parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. J. Papert, of Kopjes, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Zara Lutrin. The page boys were Martin Abrahams and Samuel Abrahams, and the flower girls were Estelle Abrahams and Greta Distiller. The bestman was Dr. J. Singer, and the poleholders were Dr. A. Papert, Mr. E. Papert, Sergeant W. Cohen, and Mr. S. Serebro.

After the ceremony a reception took place at Sives Hall at which the Captain and Officers of the S.A.T.C. were present.

Dr. J. Singer proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and Mr. D. Goldblatt that of the Unterfuhrers.

A presentation was made by Miss J. Kaplan, on behalf of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and Miss L. Rosenthal congratulated the couple on behalf of the pupils of Miss Lutrin.

Social and

The engagement is announced of Naomi, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jacobson, of Johannesburg, and Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Herrmann, of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Issy, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Harry Bane, of Sea Point, and Marie, daughter of Mrs. E. and the late Mr. M. Rudansky, of De Aar, was solemnised at East London on Sunday, 26th October.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Asher Epstein (nee Becky Bernstein) on the birth of a daughter at Florence Nightingale Nursing Home.

The engagement is announced of Gertie, daughter of Mrs. Z. Aizen and the late Mr. C. Aizen, to Morris, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ullman, of Dvinsk, Latvia.

Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kramer, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Ponevez Synagogue on Saturday, November 1.

Congratulations are being extended to Alec and Ethel Fleischman (nee Jackson) on the birth of a son at the Osselton Maternity Home, Germiston.

The engagement is announced of Helen, younger daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. H. Werner, of Ermelo, to Simsie Kadish, of Davel, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Kadish.

The marriage of Rose, daughter of Mr. H. Wittert and the late Mrs. Sarah Wittert, of 43 Doris Street, Berea, and Isaac, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marks Cohen, of 17 Maynard Street, Capetown, will take place at the Yeoville Synagogue on 9th November, at 11 a.m.

The engagement is announced of Dora, only daughter of Mrs. Sonia Gorshel (and the late Solomon Kroll) to Air-Sgt. Joe Cohen (S.A.A.F.), youngest son of Mrs. Flora Cohen and the late Getzel Cohen. Both of Johannesburg.

The engagement is announced of Eva, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirschner, of Parkview, to Ralph, youngest son of Mrs. Josselowitz and the late Mr. Josselowitz, of Brakpan.

The marriage of Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Katz, of Johannesburg, to Captain Louis Schrire, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Schrire, of Muizenberg, will take place on Sunday, November 2.

David and Hannah Gluckmann (nee Tick) are being congratulated on the birth of a son on October 23 at the Frangwen Maternity Home.

The engagement is announced of Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Spira, to Cyril, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kay, formerly of Cape Town.

Hymie, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Goldblatt, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Fordsburg-Mayfair Synagogue on Saturday, November 1.

Captain and Mrs. Manfred I. Levin (nee Hazel Radford) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on October 23 at the Florence Nightingale Nursing Home.

The engagement is announced of Becky (Berdi), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Levin, to Sam, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gold. Both of Johannesburg.

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There are many exciting moments to be had at the exhibition of paintings by Irma Stern now on view at the Gainsborough Galleries, for colour, strong and sometimes dramatic design, precision of aim and boldness in achieving it are combined in several of her pictures to provide stimulating visual experience for the beholder. The exhibition is interesting, too, as marking another stage in Miss Stern's artistic development. Her treatment of colour has lost some of its turbulence but none of its animation. Her powers of execution are abreast of her conception and there is an amazing range of mood and subject in her present work.

Vital and glowing canvases—there are some eighty in all, including oils, tempera and drawings—depict still-life, landscapes, native studies, with a breath-taking boldness of rhythm, design and colour. Among her studies of natives in the Transkei, "Grass Carriers," is superb in its sense of form. From the movement and animation of this picture there is an abrupt transition to the still, Madonna-like beauty of the "Malay Girl in Yellow Shawl," where even the use of colour has caught something of the peace that speaks out of the subject's eyes. Interesting, too, in "Psychic"—a study of an aged Malay woman where the spirit broods on fleshly lips—is the



Miss Irma Stern.

fascinating contrast of the pink head-dress against a sombre background.

Several portraits are included in this exhibition, of which the study of Sarah Gertrude Millin is the most arresting. Apart from the likeness to the sitter, this portrait reveals some extremely clever painting, the blue of the gown, the background, and the flesh tints providing an interesting study in tonal values.

BARMITZVAH AT PORT ELIZABETH

Master Leslie Rubin

The Barmitzvah of Master Leslie Rubin, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubin, old and respected residents of Port Elizabeth, took place on Simchath Torah at the Western Roar Synagogue.

In the evening a reception was held at the Emanuel Hall, when the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin came to offer their congratulations. The Rev. A. Levy proposed the toast of the Rubin family.

Cantor Mandel's Forthcoming Recital

Music-lovers will have the opportunity of hearing a singer of outstanding merit, in the person of Cantor S. Mandel, who will give a grand recital in the Coronation Hall, Johannesburg, on Sunday night, 16th November. The programme will consist of a selection of songs ranging from "Chazanuth" to the latest Yiddish and Hebrew songs, and arias from operas. Cantor Mandel will be supported by the well-known pianist, Mr. Bruno Raikin, and other popular artists.

AN ENGAGEMENT

Schnapps—Hanson

An engagement of interest to Zionist Youth circles has this week been announced. It is that of Maisie, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Schnapps, of Cape Town, and Joe, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson, of Sea Point.

Both Miss Schnapps and Mr. Hanson have for long been active in Zionist Youth work. Mr. Hanson is at present Vice-Chairman of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive, of which his fiancée is also a member, and is Chairman of the Sea Point Zionist Youth Guild. Both of them have also taken a leading part in Habonim.

The heartiest congratulations are being extended to Miss Schnapps and Mr. Hanson by their many friends and fellow-Zionists.

A Visitor from Palestine

Mrs. David Abramovitch (formerly Miss Fanny Gurland, of Cape Town), and her son have arrived from Palestine. They are staying with Dr. Ellen Altschul, in Johannesburg.

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Around the Cinemas

"A Day in Soviet Russia" at Empire

On August 24, 1940, 97 cameramen in all sections of the Soviet Union went into action to shoot this unique screen panorama of life in Russia. They photographed airports, convoys of ships in the Arctic, military manoeuvres, seaside resorts, schools of seals on ocean-washed rocks, open hearth and blast furnaces, wheat-fields stretching beyond the horizon, city streets and squares and offices. All this was accorded on film to go into a condensed kaleidoscopic cinema account of one day in the cities and villages of the republics that make up the great Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic, and the result of their efforts is now being shown at the Empire Theatre. The film is an extraordinarily interesting one, particularly at the present time when the attention of the world is being focussed on this vast country. The supervising editor is Herbert Marshall and the editor Sidney Cole, who gives a brief explanatory talk (on the screen) before the showing of the film.

"Pimpernel Smith" Continues at Colosseum

So popular has "Pimpernel Smith" proved with Johannesburg audiences, that it is being shown for another week at the Colosseum. Producer-director Leslie Howard provides us here with a polished and exciting commentary on Gestapo frustration. It is couched in the best tradition of the intelligent adventure story, full of slick incident, whimsical in its urbane philosophical comedy, and warmly appealing when it takes time off for romance. With its authentic background of immediately pre-war Berlin, and its genial satire on Gestapo omnipotence, it is highly topical and is guaranteed both to interest and charm cinema-goers.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at Metro

Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" has now been brought to the screen and can be seen at the Metro this week. It is a brilliant presentation, in which Spencer Tracy takes the leading role and in which he gives one of the most outstanding performances of his film career. All the thrills and drama of the book have been admirably retained, and the picture is a positive screen triumph. Supporting Tracy is a strong cast which includes screen favourites like Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner. This is undoubtedly a film which should be extremely popular.

"Shepherd of the Hills" at Plaza

"Shepherd of the Hills," starring John Wayne, Betty Field and Harry Carey in the leading roles is the next picture at the Plaza Theatre. John Wayne is seen as the young mountaineer who has threatened to kill his father. He is in love with Betty Field, a lovely young mountain girl who will not marry him on account of his lust to kill. Harry Carey portrays the Shepherd who wants to bring peace to the Ozarks and to stop the feuds which thrive among them. Others in the cast are James Barton, Beulah Bondi, Samuel S. Hinds, Marjorie Main and Marc Lawrence.

"The Saint Takes Over" at Standard

The film showing at the Standard Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week is "The Saint Takes Over," with George Sanders once again playing the elusive "Saint." In this picture Sanders once again has all sorts of adventures, and it is one of the most thrilling and exciting of this interesting series. Performances at the Standard are continuous—a fact which constitutes another attraction to patrons of this cinema.

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