



The Liszt Society Newsletter

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MEMBERSHIP : 178 paid-up members have now re-subscribed for 1990/91. We also have 28 new members this season. Any former member not re-subscribing for 1990/91 has now, regretfully, been removed from our membership list. Only paid-up members (£15 UK, £18 overseas) are eligible to vote at the AGM on June 22nd 1991. The 1991/92 subscriptions become due on July 1st 1991.

LISZT SOCIETY ACTIVITIES : Please note the AGM date above. Full details will be mailed out in May. The venue will once again be the drawing room at Fulham Palace. Deborah Morris, soprano, accompanied by Leslie Howard, piano, have kindly consented to perform Liszt songs after the meeting.

ACTIVITIES VENUE : The Society would like to find another recital venue in the London area. Space for c. 35 persons and a reasonable piano for future events. All expenses incurred would be reimbursed. Would any member who might be able to help please contact the Activities organiser, John Davies at "The Ravens", 19 Birch Grove, Hook, Hants RG27 9HH, tel 081-890-3050 in work hours.

RECITAL DIARY : Liszt Society members Robin and Kim Colvill continue their performances in the series The Liszt Grand Tours of 1840-41. On Tuesday 7th May 1991 at 7 pm the Colvills present A Liszt Celebration at St. George's Church, St. George Street, Hanover Square W1. The recital by Robin Colvill, piano and Kim Colvill, narrator and presenter, commemorates Liszt's appearance at Hanover Square, 150 years ago. Tickets can be bought on the evening of the performance. Liszt Society members £3, non-members £6. Liszt Society members living in or near London will receive a leaflet giving full details of this evening with this newsletter.

Member Todd Crow, Professor of Music at Vassar College, New York gave a recorded

broadcast on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday 10th April. Professor Crow's programme included the d'Albert Sonata in F# minor Opus 10 and Brahms' Handel Variations.

New member Bela Hartman of Munich gave his English debut recital at Blackheath Concert Halls on Saturday 13th April 1991 at 7.30 pm. Having spent his earliest years living in

Blackheath, the venue was particularly appropriate. Bela Hartman's programme included Schumann's Concerto without Orchestra (Sonata No. 3, opus 14).

New member Piers Lane plays Schschedrin, Schnittke, Rachmaninoff and Chopin at the Wigmore Hall on Sunday 21st April 1991 at 7pm, in aid of the Elisabeth Skinner Memorial Prize Fund.

Alfredo Perl, piano, will perform Liszt's Ballade No 2 in B minor during his BBC Concert Hall performance on Wednesday 22nd May 1991 at 1 pm. Tickets may be applied for by writing to the Radio Tickets Unit, BBC, London W1A 4WW, enclosing a SAE.

Member David McConnell's farewell recital prior to returning to Canada included Liszt's Nuages Gris, En rêve, and Petite piece de piano No 4, as well as an "Angelus" of his own composition, inspired by Liszt. He prefaced the performance with a reading of "Liszt Plays to Me" by Rev. H. Haweis, from Sitwell's biography of Liszt.

RECORDINGS : Hyperion have announced Volumes 9 and 10 of Leslie Howard's ongoing series of Liszt's complete piano music.

Volume 9 includes the Sonata together with the two Elegies (S196/7), Six Consolations (S177), Gretchen (from the Faust Symphony) and Totentanz (S525). CD A66429, Cassette KA66429.

Volume 10 includes the Hexameron S392 - Variations on 'Suoni la trombe' from Bellini's I Puritani by Liszt and five other composers. Also on this record are Liszt's arrangement of Berlioz's 'Symphonie fantastique' in its original version S470, and Un portrait en musique de la Marquise de Blocqueville S190 CDA 66433.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED :

The Alkan Society Bulletin No 42 : March 1991 from the Hon.Sec. Peter Grove, 21 Heronswood, Salisbury, Wilts SP2 8DH.

Liszt Technical Studies - seeking ways and means by Mariann Abraham, 1991. Published by the author with acknowledgement to Editio Musica, Budapest.

Liszt Concerto for piano and orchestra in E♭ major, Op. Posth., Reduction for 2 pianos, First edition (Rosenblatt). Editio Musica, Budapest.[Z 13619].

Commemorative brochure from the Bratislava Liszt Club - "the first ten years" and other articles.

The Story of Hermann Cohen OCD by Tadgh Tierney OCD, published by the Tiresian Press, Boars Hill, Oxford. ISBN 0-947916-059. Price £5.95. Hermann Cohen (1821-1871) was an international artist with rare musical gifts. He was one of Liszt's pupils in Paris. As a young man he suddenly became a Christian and then a fervent Carmelite. He died in Spandau ministering to soldiers from whom he contracted smallpox.

Liszt et La Pedagogie Du Piano by Bertrand Ott available from Editions E.A., France (Order form only received).

Member Peter Feuchtwanger, Professor of Piano, is again holding masterclasses at Feuchtwangen, Germany, 23-30 May 1991. Brochures available from Stadtverwaltung Feuchtwangen, Hindenburgstrasse 5/7, Postfach 1257, D-8805 Feuchtwangen, Germany.

The British Kodaly Academy holds the 1991 Summer School at the Cheltenham Ladies' College, Glos. 4-11 August. Full details from Audrey Ellison. Please enclose SAE.

COMPETITIONS: The fifth F. Liszt International Piano Competition will be held in Parma from 19-25 September, 1992 (applications by 31st May 1992). Details from Audrey Ellison.

Exchange Holiday in Weimar : Volkmar Lehmann, Professor of Piano at the Hochschule für Musik 'Franz Liszt' in Weimar, would like to arrange an exchange holiday for his daughter and has asked me to make enquiries. His daughter, who is in her late twenties, is a linguist. English is one of her languages and she would welcome an opportunity to spend a fortnight or so with an English Family in, or within easy reach of, London. In return the Lehmann Family would welcome anyone interested in visiting Weimar to stay at their home. For further information, please contact Elgin Ronayne, 44 Vineyard Hill Road, London SW19 7JH. Tel 081-946-5557.

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