

The Liszt Society

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SUBSCRIPTIONS : It is almost time for the start of the 1993/94 membership year. Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 1993 and are particularly necessary for those attending and voting at the A.G.M. in July. The rates remain at £15 for UK members, £18 for overseas members and £8 for UK students. Please send subscriptions for the attention of the secretary to the Society's registered office at 135 Stevenage Road, Fulham, London SW6 6PB. Application and covenant forms are available on request from the secretary.

Liszt Society Activities - 1993 (to date)

Sunday 20th June at 3pm

A soiree will be held at the house of Council member John Davies - 19 Birch Grove, Hook, Hants RG27 9HH. Participants are invited. Numbers are limited so admission is on a first come first served basis. Members and their guests are invited to play, sing or join in the rapturous applause. As this Newsletter goes to print the musical entertainment includes piano works and songs.

Please contact John Davies if you wish to attend. Telephone: 081-893 7288 (day); 0256-764569 (not after 9:30pm). Tickets, inclusive of wine, cost £5 for members and £8 for guests.

Saturday 10th July at 3:30pm

The A.G.M. of the Society will be held in the crypt of St Mary's Church, Battersea. The meeting will be followed by a recital in the church to be given by violinist Zoë Black, organist Iain Quinn, and pianists Anthony di Giandomasso and Leslie Howard. Food and wine will be served in the crypt. The cost of refreshments is £5 per head (members and guests). Please send cheques to the secretary

at the Fulham address not later than the 1st July, 1993.

Whiteleys Atrium Concert Series

Thursday, October 21st 1993

The next recital in the series will be given by Swiss pianist Michael Thalmann and will be an all-Liszt programme. Tickets £5 for members and £7 for guests.

Recitals

1st July at 7:00 for 7:30pm

The Janosi Ensemble of Budapest will perform at the Hungarian Embassy, 35 Eaton Place, London SW1. The folk music of Hungary and Transylvania performed by the group was used by Liszt, Kodály and Bartók in many of their compositions. A limited number of tickets are available from J. Audrey Ellison (address below). Please telephone 071-381 9751 for details. On the 2nd July the Janosi Ensemble play at Thaxted Festival (8pm in Thaxted Church).

Friday 25th June at 8pm

D'Arcy Trinkwon, organ, plays at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith Broadway. The programme includes works by Bach, Franck, Liszt, Cochereau and Sowerby.

Saturday 10th July 1993

Leslie Howard and Stephen Coombs can be heard on Radio 3 between 2:15 and 3:00pm performing Liszt Orpheus and Prometheus tone poems in Liszt's two-piano arrangements, so tune in on your way to the A.G.M.

Monday 12th July at 7:30pm

Mark Durnford, piano, gives his debut recital at Wigmore Hall. Programme includes Liszt-Busoni Fantasy and Fugue on the Chorale 'Ad nos ad Salutarem Undam'.

Neil Clarke's recital at St. George's, Hanover Square on the 22nd July no longer includes

the Berlioz-Liszt Harold in Italy. The work will be performed next year instead.

Recordings

LESLIE HOWARD: The Complete Solo Piano Music of Liszt - *Hyperion*. The series has now reached Volume 23 (CDA66683) - transcriptions which include Berlioz's 'Harold in Italy' (with Paul Coletti, viola) and premiere recordings of four rare transcriptions by Gounod and Meyerbeer. The most recent release is volume 22, the five CD set of the Beethoven-Liszt Symphonies Nos. 1-9 (CDA66671/3 and CDA66674/5).

CYPRIAN KATSARIS: Mozartiana - *Sony Classical SK52551*. This CD contains piano transcriptions based on music by Mozart. The composers represented are Gelinek, Liszt Czerny, Beethoven, Thalberg, Bizet, Edwin Fischer, Wilhelm Kempff, and Katsaris himself.

ASV have several recordings of interest to Liszt Society members, including CD DCA778 (1991) - Steven Mayer, piano, performs with the LSO under Tamas Vasary. The disc includes De Profundis, the 3rd Concerto, and the 1853 version of Totentanz. Also available is 'The Hungarian Anthology' - CD DCA860 (1993) on which Peter Frankl, piano, performs Liszt's Csárdás macabre S224 and works by Dohnányi, Kodály, Bartók, Weiner, Kurtág and Szöllösy.

Publications

In Walls of Circumstance: Studies in Nineteenth-Century Music - Dr Eric Frederick Jensen examines the lives and music of eleven composers, most of whom are little known today. They are Juan Crisóstomo Arriaga, Norbert Burgmüller, Franz Berwald, Henry Hugo Pierson, Sigismond Thalberg, Charles-Valentin Alkan, Hippolyte Mompou, Pietro Raimondi, Giovanni Sgambati, Hermann Goetz and Guillaume Lekeu. Published in 1992 by Scarecrow Press Inc., Metuchen, N.J. 08840 at US\$25.00.

Aspects of the Liszt Tradition by Tilly Fleishmann. Robertson Publications stock the 1991 revised edition, Ed. Michael O'Neill (revised by the author's son, the late Prof. Aloys Fleishmann). The price is £11.50 (plus £1 p&p in the UK), to The Windmill, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6JJ (telephone 0296-623107).

Kevin Mayhew Publications are producing the Missa Choralis in a new edition prepared by Leslie Howard. This is the first volume of a series of practical editions for liturgical or concert use and will include Liszt's organ and sacred choral music.

The Hardie Press are making arrangements to take over the agency of the remaining volumes of Schott & Co.'s Liszt Society publications.

Liszt Society Prize

The Royal Over-Seas League Liszt Society Prize of £200 for the best performance of a work by Liszt was awarded by Roderick Lakin to Society member Anthony di Giantomasso for his song accompaniment.

Obituary

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Society member Dr G.O. Morse who died in November 1992. Condolences were sent to Dr Morse's widow, Mary.

Honours

The Society wishes to offer its hearty congratulations to its patron Lord Menuhin on the occasion of his elevation to the peerage in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

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