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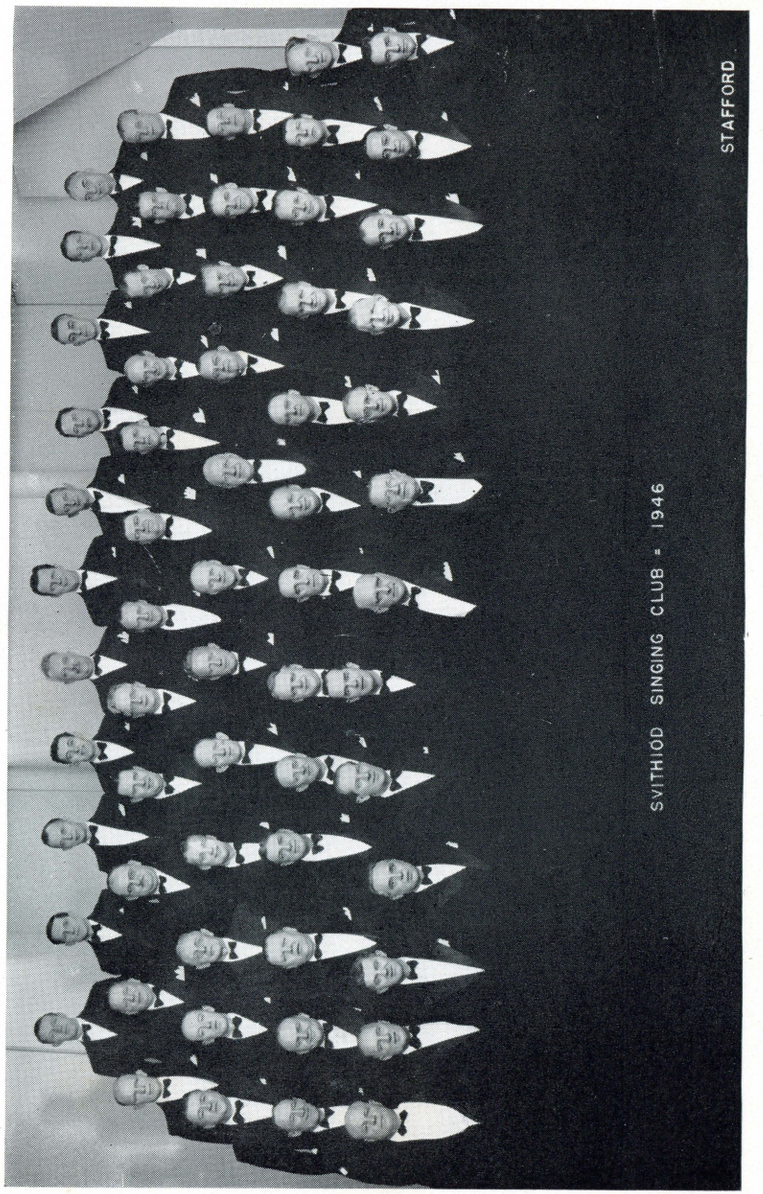
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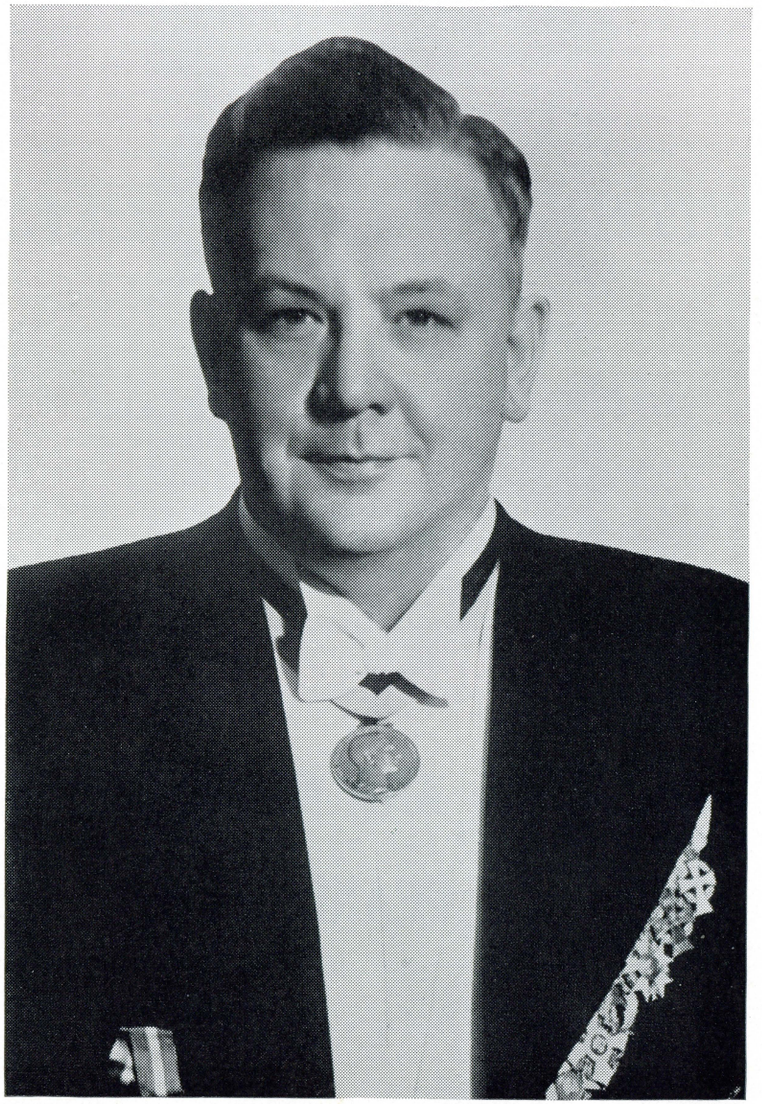
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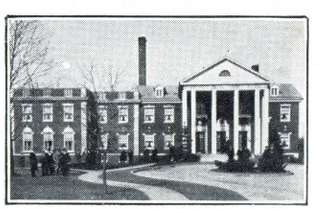
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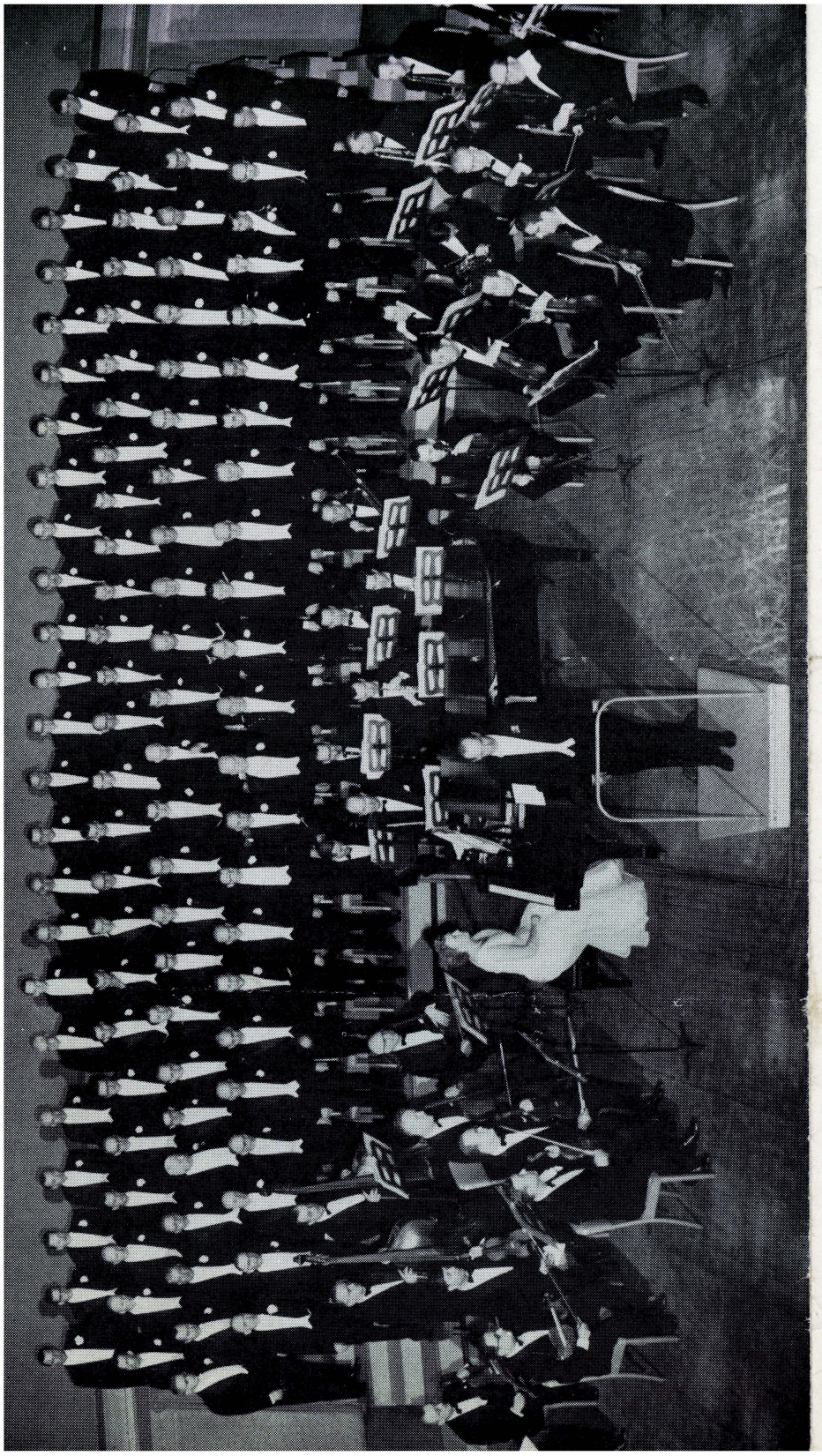
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1961

8:15 P.M.

MR. KNUTE HANSEN, *Directing*

Soloists

MRS. WILLARD NORBERG, *Violin*
MR. RAYMOND ANDERSON, *Tenor*



PROGRAM

De Svenske ..... *F. Körling*
O, hur härligt majsol ler ..... *Fr. Kuhlau*
Demanten på marssnön ..... *Bj. Gjerstrom*
Välkommen till våren ..... *H. Petsche*

SVITHIOD SINGING CLUB CHORUS
KNUTE HANSEN, Directing
WILLIAM WHITAKER at the piano

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Roadways ..... *Edith Rose*
I Heard You Singing ..... *Eric Coates*
Pagliacci (Aria) ..... *R. Leoncavallo*

RAYMOND ANDERSON, Tenor

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Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee ..... *J. Seb. Bach*
Hark, The Vesper Song ..... Russian Air
My Lord, What a Morning ..... *Morgan Hayden*
In The Storm ..... *Alb. Durrner*

THE CHORUS

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Chanson d'Amour ..... *Josef Suk*
Banjo and Fiddle ..... *Kroll*
Schwedische Melodie ..... *Wilhelmj*
Danse Rituelle du Feu ..... *De Falla-Kochanski*

SHIRLEY NORBERG, Violinist
WILBUR KRUSE, Accompanist

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Morning ..... *Oley Speaks*
I furuskogen ..... *Peterson-Berger*
Stämning ..... *Peterson-Berger*
Song of the Jolly Rogers ..... *Cudleigh-Candish*

THE CHORUS

The Chorus at its Seventy-fifth Anniversary Concert, Orchestra Hall, April 12th, 1957

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*KING HAKE'S PYRE

King Hake, a Viking war lord, has been mortally wounded in battle. He orders his faithful men to place him on a dragon with his dead warriors, his weapons and his gold and then to set fire to his bier and send the dragon out to the open sea. With the blazing dragon sailing out to sea in the dark of night, the Vikings on shore sing the praises of their fallen king in a mournful dirge, while Thor, the God of Thunder, hovers over the burning dragon, leading the way to Valhalla, where Odin awaits the fallen hero.

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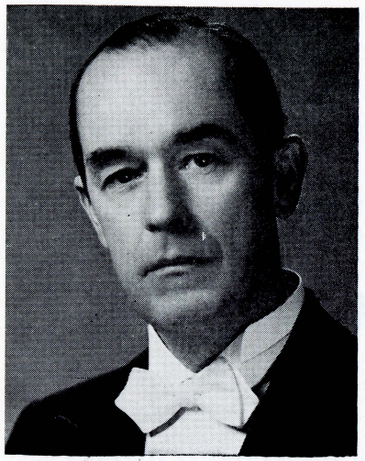
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8:15 P.M.

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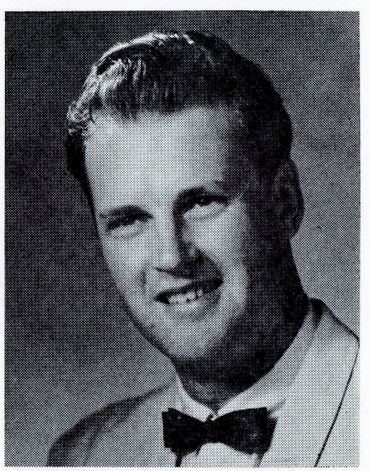
MR. ROY SAMUELSEN, *Baritone*
Soloist



KNUTE HANSEN

Director

Mr. Hansen is today directing his 30th consecutive concert with the Svithiod Singing Club Chorus. Mr. Hansen is also the Director-in-Chief of the American Union of Swedish Singers.



ROY SAMUELSEN

Soloist

Mr. Samuelsen has appeared in leading roles with the Kentucky Opera Association, University of Utah Summer Theatre. Last fall Mr. Samuelsen sang the role of Monoah in Handel's oratorio "Samson" on Vanguard recording with Metropolitan stars, Jan Peerce and Phyllis Curtin. This recording will be released in late summer. It is with great pride that we present Mr. Samuelsen.

PROGRAM

Fanmarsch (Banner Guard) ..... *G. Wennerberg*

Uti vår hage (In Our Garden)—folk song ..... *Arr. by Hugo Alfven*

I furuskogen (In the Pine Woods) ..... *Peterson-Berger*

Lyft din röst (Raise Thy Voice) ..... *Viktor Hedgren*

Conducted by the Composer

THE CHORUS

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When the Air Sings of Summer
from "Old Maid and the Thief" ..... *Menotti*

Credo from "Otello" ..... *Verdi*

Largo al factotum from "Barber of Seville" ..... *Rossini*

ROY SAMUELSEN, *Baritone*

°

Vikingarne from "Vikingarne" ..... *A. Frieberg*

Incidental Solo: ROY SAMUELSEN

*King Hake's Pyre (The Viking King's Funeral) ..... *Peter Heise*

THE CHORUS

°

Syng, syng ..... *Kjerulf*

Tonerna ..... *Sjöberg*

Vaaren ..... *Edvard Grieg*

Konge kvadet ..... *Edvard Grieg*

ROY SAMUELSEN, *Baritone*

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The Green Cathedral ..... *Carl Hahn*

Den store, hvide flok (The Great White Host) ..... *Edvard Grieg*

Solo: ROY SAMUELSEN

The Heav'ns Resound ..... *L. Von Beethoven*

This Is My Country ..... *Al Jacobs*

Incidental Solo: EVERETT WESTMAN

THE CHORUS

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CHAMPAGNE

PROGRAM

WELCOME

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INTRODUCTIONS

EVERETT W. WESTMAN ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

REMARKS

GUNNAR BLOOM ..... *Historian*
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THE SVITHIOD SINGING CLUB CHORUS

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HONORING ITS DIRECTOR

Knute Hansen

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1972, 8:30 P.M.

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SVITHIOD SINGING CLUB . . . a short history

In March, 1882, a small group of enterprising members of Lodge No. 1, of Independent Order of Svithiod, banded together to organize a chorus. Their purpose was to carry forth in this country that native love of song, inherent of their Motherland, and develop it to a like efficiency over here, offering opportunity to singers and entertainment at social functions. They chose as their name, *Svithiod Singing Club,* and it has carried on with growing success ever since under that banner.

After but a few years this chorus had progressed to such proportions and reputation that it became an organization all unto itself, completely apart from the lodge which it sprang. Its rehearsals drifted from one near north side hall to another until in 1896 the property which still houses the organization was purchased. So great was the development of this chorus that it soon attracted non-singing members who wished to contribute their support to such a worthwhile effort.

With a clubhouse and hall of their own a social program was instituted and the club soon became a beehive of activity. Many are the famous and important functions held within these portals. Even though this feature magnified, the club has never swerved from its maiden objective. It still boasts of one of the finest choruses in the land, having achieved honor and glory both here and abroad. It has numbered among its directors men of international fame.

In 1948 the Club acquired the property west of the clubhouse and a building project was launched to a cost of over half a million dollars—a project that saw its culmination May 19, 1951, when the Grand Opening was celebrated with a formal banquet. The Club can now point with pride to the finest Swedish clubhouse in the world—with a cuisine, service and social calendar second to none.

And we still hold true to purpose, carrying on for posterity the heritage which is ours.

Program

GREETING ..... Gunnard O. Hagen
President, Svithiod Singing Club

I

Välkommen Till Våren ..... *H. T. Petschke*
Säv Säv Susa ..... *Fröding - Wohlfart*
(Solo: John A. Carlson, Jr.)
Under Rönn Och Syren ..... *H. Palm*
Sjöfararen Vid Milan ..... *Fröding - Palmgren*
I Bröllopsgården (From Ett Bondbröllop) ..... *Söderman*

CHORUS*
Knute Hansen, Directing

II

Mein Madel Hat Einen Rosenmund ..... *Brahms*
Stille Sicherheit ..... *Franz*
Wien, Du Stadt Meiner Traume ..... *Sieczynski*

ALICE SWANSON, Soprano

III

The Heav'ns Resound ..... *Beethoven*
Psalm XXIV ..... *Wennerberg*
Solo: T. Ralph Anderson
Trygarre Kan Ingen Vara ..... *Swedish Folk Song*
(Words by Lina Sandell, Arranged by V. Hedgren)
Laudamus ..... *Owen - Protheroe*

CHORUS
John A. Carlson, Jr., Directing

IV

One Kiss ..... *Romberg*
Sverige ..... *Stenhammer*

ALICE SWANSON

Your's Is My Heart Alone ..... *Lehar*

ALICE SWANSON - THOMAS MARTIN

V

Love Walked In ..... *Gershwin*
Solo: Thomas Martin
In The Still Of The Night ..... *Cole Porter*
Let There Be Peace On Earth ..... *Jackson - Miller*
Green Cathedral ..... *Hahn*
The Omnipotence ..... *Schubert - Liszt*
Solo: Alice Swanson

CHORUS
Knute Hansen, Directing

PRESENTATION ..... Gunnard O. Hagen

*At the Piano: BLANCHE STROM NORDBERG

KNUTE HANSEN



The following article, written by Gunnar Bloom, Club Historian, was presented at a recent testimonial dinner honoring Mr. Hansen. We thought you might like to share this delightful "biography" with us.

Once upon a time, in the city of Fredrikstad, Norway, lived a jeweler, Ole Hansen and his good wife, Elise. Ole was Norwegian and Elise was Swedish. That must have been a very good combination, for in due time Elise told Ole that she would soon produce another jewel to their collection.

On June 30, 1898 after months of preparation she delivered the finished product, a son, and they called him Knute. At the baptismal service the minister spilled some water in the infant's mouth and Knute has hated the stuff ever since.

Knute passed through the school years with honors and his musical interest was a joy to his parents. His father wanted him to be a jeweler, his mother thought he should be a veterinarian, as he had shown profound interest in small animals. But Knute took the easy way out and became a musician.

Soon we find him studying at the Academy of Music in Oslo, Norway. Upon graduation he continued his studies in Denmark, at The Copenhagen Musical Conservatory. That was in 1921. He spent 1922 and '23 at the Conservatory of Music in Leipzig, Germany. *(Continued on next page)*



JOHN A. CARLSON, Jr.

A graduate of DePaul University, the University of Stockholm and the Royal Academy of Music, Sweden, Mr. Carlson brings a wealth of musical knowledge and expertise to our Chorus. Presently organist of the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, Ill., he is also Director of the Chanters of Medinah Temple, Chicago, and owner of Carlson Industries.

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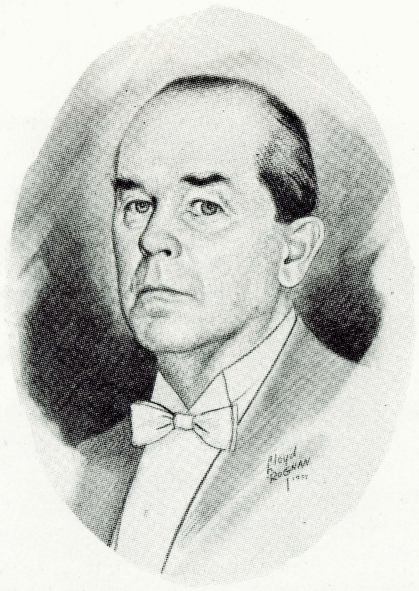


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Program

I

Hymn Of Freedom . . . . . *Brahms – Arr: M. Gardner*

Hail Bright Abode . . . . . *Wagner – Homier*

Man And His World . . . . . *R.J. Hughes*

Listen To The Lambs . . . . . *R.N. Dett*

II

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

T. RALPH ANDERSON. . . . SOLOIST

III

De Svenske . . . . . *Sven Körling*

It's Spring! Here comes the Swedes from the mountains and plains singing and dancing in joy that the long cold and dark winter is over. Come one and all – join the festivities!

Fredmans Sång No. 64 . . . . . *Swedish Folk Song*

It's Spring! See the butterflies through the misty spring morning seeking shelter in the grass and spring flowers. Hear the forest echoes of all nature awakening as a swan floats gracefully on the rippling waters.

Hjärtats Saga . . . . . *W. Aström*

Loves memory is eternal! The woodland spring will dry up and the flowers of the meadow will die as time moves on. But those innermost memories of the heart live on and on.

Midsommar Dans . . . . . *A.M. Myrberg*

It's midsummer! Come my beautiful love and dance with me to the fiddler's tune under the glow of the Midnight Sun until a new day dawns.

Nu Strålar Ljus . . . . . *O. Lindberg*

Peace at last! World War II is over. The lights in every town, hamlet and cottage in Sweden can be seen. In humility raise your thanks and praise to the Almighty.

IV

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

THOMAS MARTIN. . . . SOLOIST

V

If I Were A Rich Man . . . . . *Harnick – Bock*

Russian Picnic . . . . . *H. Enders*

When The Saints Go Marching In. . . . . *Spiritual – Arr: Don Large*

Battle Hymm Of The Republic
T. Ralph Anderson – Soloist

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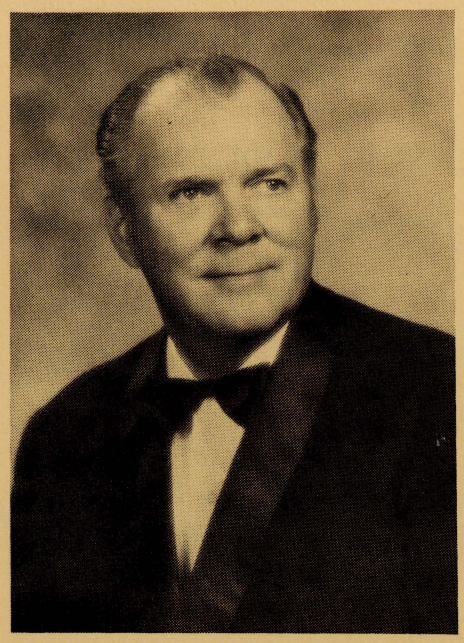
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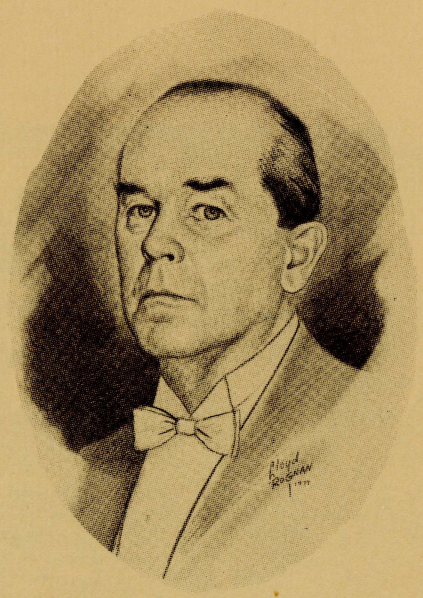


FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1974, 8:15 P.M.

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624 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614



John A. Carlson, Jr.
Director



Knute Hansen
Director Emeritus

Accompaniment

Piano . . . . . Blanche Strom Nordberg
Percussionist . . . . . Henry Hiorns
Trombonist . . . . . Robert Hiorns

Robert J. Birkhaug
Chairman, Music Committee
1974-1975

Program

I

The Star-Spangled Banner . . . . . *John Stafford Smith*
Sverige . . . . . *W. Stenhammer*
Morning . . . . . *Oley Speaks*
The Last Words of David . . . . . *Randall Thompson*
Lift Thine Eyes . . . . . *F. K. Logan*

II

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

Manuel Dermer . . . . . *Violin Soloist*
Meditation from Thais . . . . . *Massenet*
Andalucia . . . . . *Ernesto Lecuon*

III

Vinter Rasat Ut . . . . . *O. Lindblad*
"Winter Rushes Out"
Glad Såson Fågeln . . . . . *Prince Gustav*
"Happy as a Bird"
Tonera . . . . . *Sjörberg*
"Melodies"
Å Jänta Å Ja . . . . . *Swedish Folk Song*
"My Gal and I" *Arr: Gosta Hadell*

Special Piano Arrangement by Harry T. Carlson

IV

SPECIAL SELECTIONS

Hungarian Dance No. 5 . . . . . *Brahms*
Climb Every Mountain from Sound of Music . . . . . *Hammerstein*

Manuel Dermer . . . . . *Violin Soloist*

V

Sing from Sesame Street . . . . . *Joe Rapsos*
Dry Bones (Spiritual) . . . . . *Arr. Livingston Gearhart*
Ev'ry Time . . . . . *Arr. Royal Stanton*
America – Our Heritage . . . . . *Helen Steele – Arr. Ades*
Battle Hymn of the Republic . . . . . *Steffe – Arr. Roy Ringwald*
Soloist . . . . . *T. Ralph Anderson*
Narrator . . . . . *Everett Westman*
Piano Duet . . *Blanche Nordberg and Milton Strom*