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By MADELEINE BRODIE

### SPANNING TWO CENTURIES IN MUSIC

The second program in the series of concerts by the great orchestra of America brings George Szell and the Cleveland Orchestra to the Masonic Auditorium next Tuesday. This musical aggregation and its very gifted conductor turned in one of the excellent performances of last season. It was smaller orchestra than most of the others, but it was well trained and well integrated, and so quality superseded quantity. This year its personnel numbers 400 members so that the Cleveland Orchestra comes to Detroit with new power and resonance, added to its already established technical eminence. The program chosen by Mr. Szell will consist of Cherubini's Overture to the Opera Ballet, "Anacreon"; The Concerto for Orchestra, by Bela Bartok; and the Symphony No. 2 in D Major by Johannes Brahms.

**At His Best**  
Cherubini, who was born in Italy in 1760 and died in France in 1842, stands as a link between the music of Mozart and Beethoven, and the turbulent and romantic art of Wagner, Berlioz, and Liszt of the 19th century. He, like many other Italian composers who wrote French operas, managed to time the old forms with Latin fire and warmth - and this Overture to "Anacreon" shows Cherubini at his best. In the light of the colorful and highly imaginative music of the Romantic Period that followed him,

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## WITH THE Collegians

Robert Bradley of Bloomfield Hills has been named hall representative for the coming year by the students of Vandercook Hall, one of the most desirable of the campus of Western Michigan College.

Dave Wangberg, Birmingham senior, was elected vice-president of the senior class at Central Michigan College recently. In one of the most hotly-contested elections in the history of the college, more than 70 per cent of the student body voted Wangberg as vice-president of the senior class, and was president of his freshman class. He is also a member of the Men's Union board and the Interfraternity Council.

Marilyn Spencer Hopkins of Arlington drive was a member of the program committee for the dinner program given at the University of Michigan's new women's residence which was named in honor of Alice Freeman Palmer recently.

Local students at Wayne University this year include Mrs. Grace H. Flood of Linden road who is studying art in the college of liberal arts and Elizabeth M. Moore of Poppleton road who has enrolled in the nursing curriculum.

Among the 38 scholarship winners for the fall semester announced recently at the University of Michigan was Willis J. Service, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills, a senior in engineering. The scholarships are known as the Bomber Scholarships.

Conrad Burkman, son of Dr. N. W. Burkman, 719 Westwood, has been elected treasurer of the freshman class at Albion College, Albion, Mich. Burkman, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, is a pre-dental student and a freshman.

The Sigma Chi fraternity at Albion College pledged the following men this week: Walter Bodie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bodie, 635 P. R. T. Rd.; Richard Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gregory, 1216 Dorchester, and Hampton Wagner, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Mason, 604 Overhill. All three men are freshmen at Albion this year. Bodie is a pre-engineering student and the other two are pre-forestry students.

Miss Judith Elise Olson, 572 Madison, who is attending West-

ern College, was among 35 students entertained at a tea recently by President Philip E. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson at their home on Patterson Place. All students will be entertained by the Hendersons during the year in a series of weekly student teas.

Edward S. Reid, III, has been named a scholar of the second rank for the academic year 1948-49 in Yale College. William C. De Vane, Dean of Yale College, today made public the list of honor students. Reid qualified with a general average of over 85. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Reid of Clifton road, Reid prepared for Yale at the Cranbrook school in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Since coming to Yale he has been a member of Dwight Hall.

Miss Shirley Elizabeth Mainland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce Mainland of Glenhurst drive, is attending the Katherine Gibbs school in Chicago.

Miss Marilyn Martin, 1801 Webster, who is attending Western College, has among 35 students entertained at a tea recently by President Philip E. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson at their home.

Richard Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gregory of 1216 Dorchester, has just been pledged to the Sigma Chi fraternity at Albion College where he is engaged as a freshman, pursuing a pre-forestry course.

Three residents of Birmingham will serve church chairmen in the statewide campaign throughout the Michigan Methodist for \$1,000,000 for Albion college. They are Thomas Lenahan, 25875 Forest View Drive, RBK, who will serve the Southfield Methodist church; Lee Weldon, 1376 Humphrey, who will serve the Embury Methodist church of Birmingham and Wylie Groves of 647 Hanna, who will serve First Methodist church here. The campaign, which started on Sunday, Oct. 30, will undertake to secure funds for needed scholarships and endowment for Albion college, as well as the erection of a chapel.

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Miss Kay McDonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McDonnell, recently pledged Kappa Alpha Theta national sorority at Rollins College.

Bob Webster, a freshman at the University of Michigan, was recently pledged to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Webster of Frank street.

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**Effective Writing**  
This unique form of writing is very effective in this work. Bartok has taken simple, haunting folk themes from his native Hungary and has woven them into a modern harmonic scheme. When these themes are announced simply by a small group of instruments, they become more expressive and can be assimilated before the entire orchestra goes to work and begins to enlarge and complicate them.  
But if you are looking for the colorful gypsy airs of Liszt and Brahms, you won't find them here. For the vivid and seductive strains of gypsy caravans, which we have come to associate with the music of Hungary, must not be confused with true Hungarian music which often is somber and severe.  
Bartok has captured this true spirit of Hungarian music in this subtle orchestral work. And unlike some of the moderns, his music is not just cold, robotic-like hodgepodge of musical techniques, but is warm and human because of its origin and inspiration.

**Master of Form**  
Brahms was indeed a master of form. It actually took him 20 years to develop himself enough to write his first symphony, during which time he wrote chamber music, songs, several concertos, much music for the piano, and several works for orchestra, such as his very famous Hungarian Dances.  
So we see that the Four Symphonies stand as the full fruition of the composer's art. The eloquent reflection of a man whose life, for the most part, was a very hard one and who, in music, despite its contemplative reserve at times, breaks out at every possible opportunity in an unbridled expression of joyous enthusiasm.  
The Second Symphony in D Major, which will be played by the Cleveland Orchestra, is the greatest of the most melodious of all—full of beguiling melodies and intricate rhythmic patterns that climax in a brilliant and powerful movement of majestic power.  
**Requires Many Hearings**  
Like the innumerable individual whose many-faceted personality only becomes apparent on close association, so it is with a Brahms symphony. It requires many hearings before all its beauty and significance can be grasped and enjoyed.  
The Concerto for Orchestra by the Hungarian Composer, Bela Bartok, was commissioned by Serge Koussevitzky and was written in 1942, not long before the composer's death. It is evidently a favorite concert piece of George Szell's for he has played it many times with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.  
We usually think of a concerto in terms of a solo instrument with orchestra. But here Bartok has chosen to group together several instruments that pronounce the solo theme of the concerto.

**More Elaborate Tapestry**  
The Four Symphonies of Johannes Brahms follow closely in the tradition of Beethoven, for they, like the symphonies of Beethoven, possess the same force and vigor and the same mastery of construction that characterize the works of his predecessor.  
But Brahms's music is truly a more elaborate tapestry than that of Beethoven's, for into the pure classic forms breathed the new classic spirit of his symphonies abound in glorious waltzes and lilting melodies and almost always a singing lyricism that pervades both the joyous and the melancholy.  
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