

Prima Ballerina to Appear At Final in Concert Tour

Final concert of the 1955-56 season, sponsored by the South Oakland County Community Concert Association, will be presented April 13 with admission by membership card only.

Youth, beauty, grace, talent and intelligence—describe Marina Svetlova, Prima Ballerina, who will appear Friday, at 8:15 p.m., at the Royal Oak high school auditorium, with her own touring concert group composed of Jack Reaber, leading male dancer, Elba Ocampo, exotic Spanish dancer, with pianist Theodor Haig as assisting artist.

BORN IN Paris, Svetlova began dancing at the age of eight. Her inherent spirit of the dance was immediately recognized, and she was known as the "baby ballerina."

standing when she was appointed Prima Ballerina of the Metropolitan Opera Association, a position which had been vacant for a decade.

The Dance Masters of America selected Marina Svetlova as its leading guest teacher for their 1950 convention.

BECAUSE of her love for ballet and her eagerness to share its magic with as wide an audience as possible, Svetlova organized her own company so that she could bring its enchantment to concert-hall audiences in as widespread an area as her operatic schedules would permit.

In the midst of all this artistic activity, Marina Svetlova somehow finds time for a variety of other interests and enthusiasms. One of these is aviation. A licensed pilot since the age of sixteen, she now has over 300 solo hours to her credit.

JACK Reaber, leading male dancer, was born in Pittsburgh and in the intervening twenty-six years has made a distinguished place for himself in the American dance world. His outstanding abilities won him an important dancing role in the Irving Berlin smash musical hit, "Annie Get Your Gun."

He has appeared as solo dancer on the Milton Berle and Jackie Gleason television shows, and he has completed long engagements as featured soloist at the Radio City Music Hall.

ELBA Ocampo, fiery young Spanish dancer, was born in Spain and grew up in Argentina, where she studied both dramatic arts and dancing. She first came to the United States in 1949 as a member of the celebrated Spanish dance troupe, "Cabalagata."

Following a memorable tour with that company, she remained here and has been much in demand ever since—for solo concerts, with outstanding Spanish dance groups, and on television. Her many television credits on both the NBC and CBS networks include Ed Sullivan's popular "Toast of the Town."

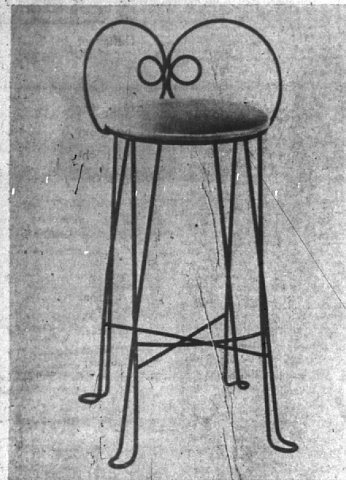
THEODOR Haig, concert pianist, has had a versatile career divided between the concert stage and radio. A native New Yorker, Haig has appeared as assisting artist to numerous Metropolitan Opera singers and on solo concert tour, throughout the United States and Canada, Mexico, South America and South Africa. Although he made an early debut at the age of eight, he delayed his concert activities until he reached maturity.

He first came into prominence through his broadcast recitals from the New York World's Fair in 1940. Since his release from the Army after wartime service, Haig has resumed his concert and radio work with growing success. Haig has served as assisting artist to Svetlova's dance group for several seasons on the company's annual North American tours as well as on her recent tours of Israel, Greece and India.



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Keynoter's annual spring concert will be next Wednesday in the Community house, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Walter Barkley and Mrs. Newell Allen, co-sponsors, announce that an especially talented group of high school musicians will perform this year and invite the public to hear this program of piano, voice, violin, flute, clarinet and trombone.

The Keynoter club is one of the junior musical groups sponsored by Birmingham Musicals.

Bill Masters, Glenn Orr, Sally Satterthwaite, George Bouse, Diane Doering, Anne Soltis and Diane

Hodge are other members who will participate. Members of Junior League Musicals will be guest artists. They are Mary Smith and Nina Slawson, vocalists. Also Carolyn Hunton and Mrs. Dorothy K. Roosevelt will present a two piano number.

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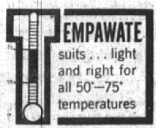
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