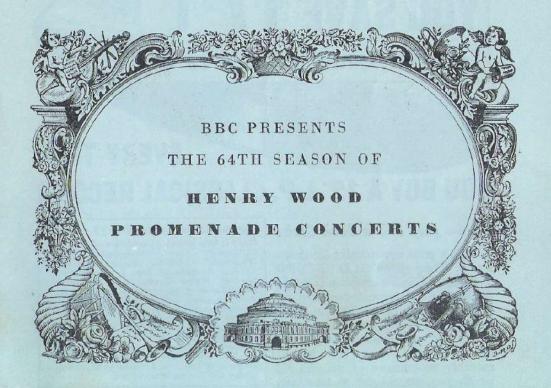
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VARIATIONS ON THE ST. ANTHONY CHORALE

Brahms

Brahms, like Beethoven before him, was a great master of variation form, and returned to it time and again in his mature compositions. The beautiful melody (which also possesses the rhythmic vitality necessary for successful treatment in variation form) is known as the St. Anthony Chorale. It had been used before for a set of variations in a divertimento for wind instruments by an eighteenth-century composer; until recently the work was thought to be by Haydn, but it is now known not to be by him. Brahms recognized its possibilities, and from it produced these eight variations, with a finale, which are well known both in orchestral and two-piano versions.

Like the anonymous eighteenth-century composer, Brahms sets forth the simple ternary theme on the woodwind; the bass strings provide a light pizzicato accompaniment, the violins and violas are silent. The violins set off in Var. 1, weaving strands of melody around the five bell-like notes taken from the main theme's coda. Var. 2 is related to its predecessor, but moves a little faster and is in the minor key. Var. 3 is one of tranquil movement, strings echoing woodwind. The feeling of serenity continues in Var. 4, in spite of a return to the minor key. Here again there is fair exchange between strings and wind.

The fifth variation is one of speed and lightness, fairy-like in the woodwind's chattering thirds. Rhythmic impetus again marks Var. 6, the horns starting the movement; but a new melody appears in Var. 7 (flute and violas), a gentle grazioso section with rich orchestral detail. The eighth variation is one of restlessness and mystery, again in the minor key, which effectively prepares us for the splendid Finale. Here Brahms uses the first five bars of the theme as a ground-bass, over which he builds a magnificent orchestral peroration.

Concerto in A minor, for Violin, Violoncello

and Orchestra

Brahms

Allegro Andante Vivace non troppo

Solo Violin ENDRE WOLF

Solo Violoncello ANDRÉ NAVARRA

This Double Concerto was Brahms's last major orchestral work; in the last decade of his life he occupied himself with important works in other fields, mainly chamber music, piano pieces, and songs. It was written mostly in the Bernese Oberland where Brahms spent the summer of 1887, and was first performed at Cologne in October of the same year, by Joachim and Hausmann, the cellist in the Joachim Quartet. Many letters written by Brahms during the summer show, beneath his customary diffidence ('I might have left the idea to someone who understands fiddles better than I do . . .') his own enjoyment and happiness in his 'queer idea'. And Joachim, who was given a free hand to edit the solo string parts, confessed that only four or five unimportant alterations were necessary in the passages for the violin-which shows well enough how Brahms the pianist instinctively understood other instruments (as Clara Schumann pointed out) once he became engrossed in composition. The preparation and rehearsal of this Double Concerto also had the happy result of reuniting Brahms and his faithful friend Joachim after some years of estrangement caused by Joachim's unfortunate marriage-Brahms having sided with the wife.

Allegro. There can be no confusion here between a symphonic and a concerto movement. This is Brahms at his maturest, and the listener will delight in following the broad, spacious lay-out of comparatively simple material even as he observes the balanced care with which Brahms allots the material to his soloists. There are moments of storm and passion, mainly based on two subsidiary themes that quickly establish themselves in the mind. But for all practical purposes Brahms gives us both his first and second main subjects in the opening bars. The first is the jagged opening theme, whose last three notes are taken up by the solo cellist for a short cadenza. The second is the suave and tender woodwind melody that comes next-its last three notes also seized, this time by the violinist, to develop into a longer cadenza for both soloists before the exposition really begins. The development section is

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fairly short, and the second subject dominates much of the later material as the movement marches dramatically to its close.

Andante. The song-like theme of the slow movement is played—after an initial summons from horns and woodwind—by the soloists in octaves. The key is D major. It changes to F for a central episode started by the woodwind, in which the soloists discourse in triplets; and they hint at this section again after the key has returned to D and the first melody has been repeated, with a further reminder, in the last few tranquil bars, of the rising fourth of the initial summons.

Vivace non troppo. The finale is a gay and mischievous rondo, started at once in the springy theme of the solo cellist, which is immediately echoed by his partner. Against its continual return are set episodes of admirable contrast, firm in purpose and energetically displayed to lead at length to a brilliant ending in the major key.

Symphony No. 3, in F

Brahms

Allegro con brio Andante Poco allegretto Allegro

When his Third Symphony was produced, by the Vienna Philharmonic under Richter in December 1883, Brahms was enjoying the rich fruits of his fame as a composer and as a brilliant soloist in his own two piano concertos. After the launching of his great C minor Symphony, and with the established success of his Second in D, he could devote himself in a relaxed frame of mind to the Third, whose very key, F major, suggests an amiable tranquillity against the gloom of C minor and the occasional radiance of D major. It has, like all Brahms's music, a touch of the bitter-sweet—the mediant of the scale is flattened in the second bar, as if warning us not to expect too much! But the lovely work reflects, as a whole, both the artistic maturity of Brahms (he was then fifty) and the general contentment of his life at this time. Large-spanned, happy, ranging through many humours, manly yet warm of heart, it is the symphony of a man in love with the beauties of life.

Allegro con brio. The story is well known how the opening three-note theme (F—A(flat)—F) symbolizes 'Frei aber froh' ('free but happy'), which was Brahms's optimistic answer to Joachim's

melancholy 'Frei aber einsam' ('free but lonely')-a personal touch that serves us with more than a passing amusement. This large theme is at once inverted by the strings, swinging down joyfully from the heights and as quickly soaring again. It leads at once to a quieter subsidiary theme, distinguished by the four repeated notes of its opening. Then a change of key prepares us for the second subject, in 9/4 time yet slightly reminiscent of one of Brahms's Viennese waltzes, drone bass and all. This theme, with its important continuation, is much used in the movement's development section. The F-A-F motto is heard again, quietly played by the oboe, towards the end of the exposition, and yet again, from a solo horn, after the second subjects have gone through their development. The movement—like all the other movements in this Symphony—ends quietly.

Andante. This charming movement begins with a folk-like melody quietly harmonized for woodwind, its final phrases echoed each time by the strings. After a variation the woodwind find a new theme of more solemn countenance. Dialogue continues between wind and strings, and eventually the opening theme

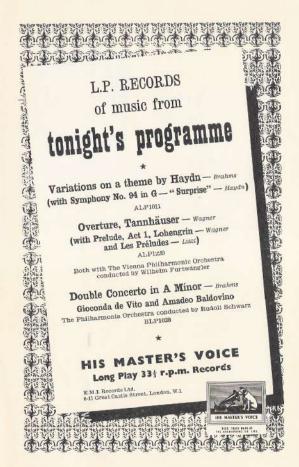
returns on, so to say, a basis of greater freedom.

Poco allegretto. In effect this intimate and beautifully scored movement is a fanciful minuet and trio. But the key is a sombre C minor and the phrasing of the principal theme (cellos; then repeated by violins) is purely lyrical, against gossamer arabesques from the other strings. After the delicately pointed middle section (trio) this main theme is played by the first horn, in an enchanting

piece of scoring.

Allegro. The Finale begins darkly, with a muttering from strings and bassoons playing in octaves. A chorale-like theme follows, and from the triplet in its rhythm we recognize it as an old acquaintance with a solemn countenance-from the Andante. The music brightens considerably, and the strenuous second subject appears, announced by cellos and horns, another theme with a characteristic triplet rhythm. A version of the ghostly opening theme, suitably broadened and transformed, is heard in the development and this, in varying guises, runs through the recapitulation and into the coda. By this time we are in a clear F major again and finally, to clinch the whole Symphony, the F-A-F motive returns, and the work ends with a tranquil version of the opening theme of the first movement, fluttering to earth like the first fading leaves of autumn.

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IF we regard the Hallé Orchestra as having been born on the night of Mr. Charles Halle's first 'Grand Orchestral Concert' (part of which was reproduced at last night's Prom), its hundredth birthday fell on 30 January 1958. On that day, too, Sir William Walton's Partita received its first performance in Cleveland, Ohio. It was played by the Cleveland Orchestra, who commissioned it. The first performance in this country was given by the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester on 30 April.

The work is meant to be enjoyed 'without any preliminary probing into the score' according to the composer, for it poses no problems 'and makes no attempt to ponder the imponderables'. The titles of the three shortish movements are sufficient guide to their general style, and between the two vigorous outer movements comes one of contrasting mood and texture, in which a solo viola and solo oboe begin with an unaccompanied duet.

OVERTURE, Tannhäuser

The two groups of themes on which this Overture is built may be said to represent the struggle between the religious and secular forces in the story of the opera. First we hear the Pilgrim's Chorus played by clarinets, bassoons, and horns. It is repeated fortissimo by the brass, with throbbing scale passages for the violins. As the Chorus dies away the seductive strains of the Venusberg music are heard, to lead at length into Tannhäuser's passionate song of devotion to Venus. The allurements of the goddess are painted in a brilliant and sensuous tone-poem, until they fade once again before the song of the pilgrims, singing their hymn of salvation and redemption.

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Monday 1 September

Josephine Veasey, a Londoner by birth, was evacuated to Sussex during the war. She began to study the piano at the age of fifteen, but when she returned to London at the end of hostilities she turned her attention to singing. Joining the Covent Garden Chorus in 1949 she remained there for two years. Later she became a member of the Arts Council's Grand Opera Group, touring England, Scotland and Wales. She returned to Covent Garden in 1955, and has remained there, singing a wide variety of rôles; she has also appeared at Glyndebourne and broadcast many times, both here and abroad.

Wednesday 3 September

Maria Donska was born in Lodz, Poland, and from the age of thirteen studied with Artur Schnabel in Berlin. Coming to England in 1934 she studied at the Royal College of Music.

Thursday 4 September

Joan Dickson was born in Edinburgh, and studied the cello there, winning a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, and another to study with Mainardi in Rome. She has toured Germany and Denmark, and teaches at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music in Glasgow. She has also played as college with the Scottish October 18 of the College Scottish Academy of Music in Glasgow. as soloist with the Scottish Orchestra, and in chamber music, having been an original member of the New Edinburgh Quartet.

Tuesday 9 September

Lionel Bowman was born in Cape Town and educated at the College of Music there, gaining a scholarship to the Royal Academy in London. Winning many prizes, including the Chappell Gold Medal, he returned to his native country, inspiring much enthusiasm for modern music, and introducing Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain and the Third Prokofiev Piano Concerto there. He returned to this country in 1946, and was the first South African pianist to play in the United States. Having lived for some time in London he has now returned to South Africa again, and will fly back for his Promerade Concert. his Promenade Concert.

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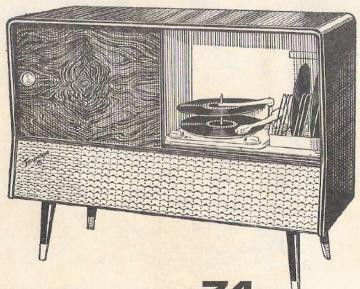


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