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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Rome University Lists A Spring Concert Season

A SPRING CONCERT SEASON, comprising 13 programs, beginning Thursday night and running through May 14, has just been announced by the University of Rome's Concert Institute. The season's opener will be a chamber music concert, devoted to music by Monteverdi, by the Luca Marenzio sextet.

Among the individual artists who will perform at the university's Teatro Ateneo during the season are soprano **Lydia Slix**, violinists **Elaine Weldon** and **Uto Ughi**, pianists **Giuseppe Postiglione** and **Pieralberto Biondi**, Spanish dancers **Susana** and **José** and singer **Ornella Vanoni** in a program interestingly described as "Songs of the Underworld."

Chamber music groups on the schedule include one from Radio Zagreb, one from the German city of Delmold, the Trio Santoliquido and the Quartetto di Roma.

Happy Birthday . . .

. . . today to Mrs **Gladys Bahari**, wife of **Gabriel Bahari**, general manager of Misrair Airlines . . . to Lt. Col. and to **Horace Gibson**, MAAG . . . and to **Joseph W. Brantley** of the Parioli Day School staff . . . and if this were Leap Year to **Domenico Cardinal Tardini**, born Feb. 29, 1880, who, to judge by the number of birthdays he has had since then, is surely the youngest member of the Sacred College of Cardinals . . . and to another Feb. 29er, Mrs **Nora Irwin**, wife of British writer **Frederic Irwin**.

Told By The Tiber

Italy's new Foreign Minister **Giuseppe Pella** yesterday received protocol visits from the following ambassadors — **James D. Zellerbach** (U.S.), **Hugh Alexander McClure-Smith** (Australia), **Yu Tsune-Chi** (Nationalist China), **Joaquin E. Salazar** (Dominican Republic) and **Felix Welter** (Luxembourg) . . . among the guests at the lavish cocktail party given Thursday night by Air India at the Grand Hotel were Gen. **Renato Abriata**, general manager of civil aviation; **Alfonso Di Paolo**, ENIT executive; Indian Ambassador to Italy **Khub Chand**, **Richard Spater** of TWA, **Tullio U. Gray** of Pan American, **Y. Shrem** of El Al, Mr and Mrs **John Fornacca** of American Express and **John Galleni** of CIT. The guests were welcomed by Mr and Mrs **Mario Colusi** and Mr and Mrs **Luigi Colavolpe** of Air India. A feature of the party was the classical Indian dancing of **Indrani Bahman** . . . **Edward R. Perkins** of American Export Lines is again the chairman of the Rome Regional Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce for Italy. He was reelected at Thursday's annual meeting. Members of the committee for next year are **Maurizio Bettoja**, **Raffaele Boccia**, **Ralph P. Bolton**, **James J. Grieco** and **Tullio U. Gray**. The secretary is Gen. **Adolfo Infante** . . . visitors from the north are raving about Verona's new hotel, the Due Torre (Two Towers). There will be an important reception there during the Verona Fair opening March 8 . . . because of the indisposition of tenor **Giuseppe Di Stefano**, the opening performance of "Andrea Chénier," which was to have taken place Thursday night at the Teatro dell'Opera, has been postponed to tomorrow night.

Ins And Outs

Archbishop **Makarios**, bearded leader of the Greek Cypriots, will be in Rome this evening. Olympic Airways is flying him and his entourage of ten from London today and will take them on to Athens tomorrow. The archbishop's one-night stand will be spent at the Hotel Boston . . . **James C. Donnell II**, president of the Ohio Oil Co. of Findlay, Ohio, and his wife are at the Grand Hotel. In Europe on a combined business-and-pleasure trip, the **Donnells** will be proceeding on Tuesday to Tripoli in oil-rich Libya . . . the Giulio Cesare of the Italian Line set sail yesterday from Genoa for Halifax and New York with a passenger-list that included **Isidor Tornberg**, vice president of the Wood Newspaper Machinery Corp. of Plainsfield, N. J.; Canadian musician **Michel Cherniawsky**; Rev. **Ambrogio Ceriani**, bursar of the Padri Giuseppini of Asti; and Mrs **Ruth Waters Pignatelli**.

Art Notes

Tomorrow will be your last chance to see the great exhibit of Amedeo Modigliani's paintings and drawings at the National Gallery of Modern Art . . . **Odyssia Skouras** today will open a new show at her Odyssia Gallery on Via Liguria — works by the Bolognese artist **Sergio Romiti** . . . "monotypes" by **Ivanoe Fossani** have gone on exhibit at **Aedo Galvani's** La Fontanella Gallery on Via del Babuino . . . **Felice Ludovisi's** current show at the Russo Gallery — mostly of rural subjects — will continue till next Wednesday.

Scout Brunch

The Madison House will be the locale for tomorrow's "Fathers' and Sons' Brunch" for the Boy Scouts of America, Rome Troop 6. The party will start at 1 p.m.

Cost is 1,000 lire for each parent and each Scout, 500 lire being charged for each additional Scout in the same family. All Scouts, and all boys interested in Scouting, and their fathers are invited to participate in the function, which will commemorate Boy Scout Week.

For any additional information, call Mrs **Irving L. Posner**, telephone 876.647.

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears," please telephone Rome: 587.115 between 1 and 5 p.m. or write to 8 Via Dandolo, Rome, Italy.



POPE JOHN XXIII is pictured examining a special display of the 1959 Appeal Poster of the American Catholic Bishops' Annual Fund drive for overseas relief work which is now in progress in all parishes throughout the United States. He is shown with Msgr. Andrew P. Landi of Brooklyn, N. Y., director of the Bishops' Agency in Italy.

Prince Massimo Debts To Be Paid Prior To Auction Sale

(By United Press International)

Lawyers for Prince Vittorio Massimo said yesterday that the debts of the Roman nobleman which a civil court here ordered to met by auction sale on March 20 of apartments in the ancient family home will be paid before that date.

A Rome civil court last week ordered the sale by auction of two four-roomed apartments in the historical Palazzo di Pirro family home on Rome's Corso Vittorio Emanuele to meet payment of debts in the form of promissory notes signed by Massimo. They were due in January and February 1955.

Lawyer Giuliano Bracci for Prince Massimo, the estranged husband of British movie actress Dawn Addams, said that every effort had been made to pay the debts which amounted to about 3,000,000 lire ($4,800). He said that the notes were signed by Prince Massimo to pay creditors of firms for which he acted as representative.

The Rome civil court valued the two apartments at a little more than 3,000,000 lire ($4,800) as a basic price covering the 1955 debts to be paid, for the March 20 auction sale.

One of the apartments was on the fourth floor and the other a group of four rooms in the attic of the Palazzo di Pirro family home adjacent to the more ancient and historic family's 500-year-old Palazzo Massimo.

Lawyer Bracci said that Prince Massimo would make payment on the promissory notes prior to public auction sale.

The first news of the Rome court's action was contained in a sales column of a local morning newspaper which gave notice of the auction ordered by Judge Ortensi of the Rome Civil Tribunal.

Bidding for the two apartments in Palazzo di Pirro, which was built about the mid 16th century, was set for 10 a.m.

For such auctions the custom is to light a candle set on the table of the court judge to start bids. When the candle is consumed and the light is extinguished no further bids are accepted.



YOUNG ITALIAN actress Nadia Bianchi (above) is currently appearing in the musical show, "The Diplomat," in Verona.

Oil Job Offered Italian Prince By Shah, Paper Says

LONDON, Feb. 27 (UPI) — The Daily Mail said today that the Shah of Persia has offered Italian Prince Victor Emmanuel, son of ex-King Umberto, a 700-pound-a-month job with an oil company.

The Shah, who is reported to be wooing Victor's sister, Princess Maria Gabriella, made the offer during a visit Victor made to Tehran last month, said columnist Paul Tanfield.

The Daily Mail said if the prince accepts the job, it will make him financially independent and put him in a position to ignore his family's ban against marrying a French girl, Dominique Claudel.

C'wealth Envoys For Byron Date

Commonwealth ambassadors and many other English-speaking envoys have indicated they plan to attend the Byron Memorial Appeal luncheon at the Grand Hotel next Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m.

Those planning to be at the luncheon are asked to mail their acceptance cards to the Grand Hotel as soon as possible to insure that reservations will be made for them. Cost of the luncheon is 1,800 lire per person.

The British and U.S. ambassadors to Italy will be the principal speakers. Details of the unveiling of a statue of Lord Byron in the Borghese Gardens in April will be announced.

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