

Lend Me Your Ears by Ken Wlaschin

Circus in the (big) American style comes to Rome

SOME PEOPLE JUST AREN'T OPERA OR THEATER FANS. Music they may enjoy, movies are pleasant and sport is all right. But their real enthusiasm is the circus. One American artist of distinction who lives in Rome goes to every circus three or four times. He should have a ball tonight. The super-colossal, gigantic and, well pretty big all



LET'S GET SOME EPIC PRESENTS — Actress Silvana Mangano, wife of "Bible" producer Dino de Laurentiis, looks over the Christmas array in a Rome store with her three children, Veronica, Federico and Raffaella. They're looking (of course) for something spectacular

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Here and there

The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures in New York named three Italian pictures among the best foreign language films of the year. "The Organizer" was placed second behind France's "World Without Sun" while "Seduced and Abandoned" came in fourth followed by "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" (a double success for **Marcello Mastroianni**). "Becket" was named the best picture of the year, **Desmond**

Davis was chosen as best director "for 'Girl With The Green Eyes.'" **Anthony Quinn** was honored as best actor ("Zorba The Greek") and **Kim Stanley** was selected as best actress ("Seance On A Wet Afternoon"). Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" opened at La Scala in Milan Monday night in German to warm applause. The fuss over "La Traviata" was the main topic of conversation in the intervals but the performance was so good that the chatter about the plot or the quality of singing or the merit of the conductor was minimal.

Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders started while Wilhelmine Schröder-Devrient sang the first act. The second act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The third act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The fourth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The fifth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The sixth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The seventh act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The eighth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The ninth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The tenth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The eleventh act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The twelfth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The thirteenth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. The fourteenth act was sung by Birgit Nilsson and Wolfgang Wenders. 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People and places...

The city of Milan is holding its third international competition for a symphonic composition. The contest is open to musicians from all countries and the winner gets a three million lire prize and a performance of his work at La Scala. Complete information can be obtained from the Award Secretariat.

o Ente Autonomo Teatro alla Scala, 2 Via Filodrammatici in Milano. Entries must arrive before Sept. 30, 1963. The success of the United Nations' Refugee Relief Star Festival is raising funds for the refugees of the world has prompted the release of a second longplaying disc, "International Piano Festival." The new record includes works by Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Schubert and Liszt as well as the compositions of the following composers: Alexander Brailowsky, Robert Casadesu, Byron Janis and Wilhelm Kempff. The Col. Alfred P. Lam is now the chairman of SETAF at Caserma Passalacqua. He succeeded Chaplain (Col.) Edwin L. Kirtley who returned to the U.S. for attending World War I and in the Korean War. He has been in the Chaplain Corps since 1942. He is a native of Oriskany, N.Y., and a graduate of Hamilton College and the Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Flossie, reside in Verona. The annual conference of the American and British students in Ravenna will be held next year from March 28 to April 1. Both Italian and foreign students are welcome to attend the lectures but applications must be received before Feb. 28. For complete information write the Secretariat of the "Cultura, sull'Arte Ravennate e Bizantina, Cas Travasara 28 Via S. Vitale, Ravenna.

Wagner, the composer's great-grandson, directed and designed the costumes and sets. Abby Lane and her new husband, Harry Belafonte, are the stars. She has to make some TV appearances and some recordings there. "Marriage Italian Style" has been a hit in public this week, opening in the grand gala style of Joe Levine's trademark. Highest grossing picture went to Marcello Mastroianni and Vittorio De Sica won plenty of kudos as "The Feltrinelli Bookshop in Rome." Best work by Mino Macari in "The Movie Works by Mino Macari." movie genre by Gina Lollobrigida has been chosen as one of the "wizards of the camera" by the "Giornale del Cinema" in Milan. Gina recently blossomed out as an amateur photographer and her photos were among the winners in a nationwide photo contest. Gina specializes in portraits.

Via Venetopics

There was some worry that the Italian adaptation of "Oh! What A Lovely War" might run into trouble from Italian audiences who are not used to the kind of self-satirical humor that the American likes. But the satirical musical about World War I seems to have weathered the storm, despite the uproar last summer over "Ciao" which also attacked the "unpopular" songs about the war. The difficulty of being satirical without being political in Italy is demonstrated by the man who ran the stage at the festival during the premiere. "This is a Communist show," he shouted, "I know because I'm a Communist!"

Mickey Hargitay arrived back in Rome yesterday with Bob Hope. They had the day with Bob Hope and the night with Mickey Hargitay. He will now have to stay on in Rome for awhile instead of returning to the U.S. for a pressing TV series. Hope is due to start work in January on Nicky Attitude.

The Sea" with Dick Randall as co-producer). Mickey will play two roles - the "terror" and the hero . . . a new puppet theater club called the "Puppet Theatre of Rome" on Christmas Day.

Mario Ricci is operating the modern Marionettes while artist Gastone Novelli is doing the sets. First performances will be Dec. 25, 26 and 27 at 8:30, 9 and 9:30 p.m.

The theatre is located at 15 Vico delle Orsoline off Via Vittoria . . . Il Segno Galle showing new engravings by Fontana.

Gio Pomodoro and Turcato . . . Teatro dell'Opera gets its first big Christmas production on December 28 night with a brand-new "Tosca" starring French soprano Regine Crespin, Franco Tagliavini and Tullio Gobbi. The staging is by film director Mauro Bolognini, making one of his last appearances as a director John Huston off for a three-day Christmas vacation.

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OFF TO U. S. — Actress Matilda Calnan, who's been living in Rome for the past two years and appearing in numerous Italian and American films, is off to the States to do several roles in Hollywood. Matilda, who was born and raised in Florence, considers herself half-Italian, but says she's looking forward to continuing her acting career in the U. S. — "at least for the present"



OKAY, OKAY! FORGET THE HAY. BUT CAN I LEAST LEAVE THE REINDEER A BUCKET O' WATER?