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MADELEINE MILHAUD SPEAKS  On May 19, 1991, Madame Madeleine Milhaud was in Cleveland to address the audience at The Cleveland Institute of Music attending Centennial Prelude: Choral Music by Darius Milhaud. A paraphrase of her talk follows:

Darius Milhaud’s love of nature was nurtured by flowers, fragrances, sounds and the landscape surrounding Aix-en-Provence, his childhood home. Until World War II he spent his summers at L’Enclos, his grandparents’ residence on the edge of Aix, where he reveled in the garden, and often took pen and paper outdoors to work on his newest composition. Titles of Milhaud’s compositions such as Printemps, L’Automne, concertinos for the four seasons, pastorales, often express his love of nature. Inspired by the birth and growth of the grand river that bisects France, Milhaud dedicated his Eighth Symphony to the Rhône. His work Quatrain valaisans, dedicated to George Haenni and “La chanson valaisanne”, was stimulated by a picnic with Haenni that the Milhauds enjoyed in Switzerland not far from Rilke’s grave.

When Milhaud traveled to Brazil with Paul Claudel as an envoy of the French Embassy, he was intrigued by the many new and exotic sounds of the Brazilian forest. During his two-year stay there, he collaborated with Claudel (who wrote the scenario) and Audrey Parr (who designed the costumes) to write his first ballet, L’homme et son désir. Although he worked with many other writers over the years, Claudel and a friend from Milhaud’s boyhood, Armand Lune, were his favorite collaborators.

Paul Claudel was always ready and willing to contribute his writing whenever needed. For the centennial of Aristide Briand in 1937, at Milhaud’s request Claudel created the text for Cantate de la paix. Milhaud set it for an amateur children’s choir, which had been organized by l’Abbé Maillot to keep the youngsters off the street. Milhaud wrote Les deux cités for the same group. It was astonishing how well the children sang those works. In July 1937, Milhaud was requested by Charles Vildrac to write a work for performance at the convention of the International League Against Anti-Semitism. Milhaud used Vildrac’s poem Main tendue à tous that encourages the ideals of the brotherhood of man. Unfortunately this text is as relevant today as when it was written. The Cantate de la guerre, dedicated to l’Abbé Maillot, with a text by Claudel, was set by Milhaud in February 1940. The Milhauds were forced to flee France for the U.S. in June of that year when the Nazis overran their nation, and as a result, the premiere performances of this work took place at the University of Oregon, in 1947.

After becoming established at Mills College in Oakland, California, Milhaud’s thoughts turned constantly to his invaded country, which he hoped would soon be liberated. The desire for French liberation inspired him to choose Bolivar as the subject for an opera. Bolivar liberated his compatriots from slavery and all of South America from Spanish domination. In Milhaud’s mind the benevolent human qualities of both leaders and people were of the greatest importance. La tragédie humaine, his work for chorus and orchestra, was written to a text by Agrippa d’Aubigne protesting the 16th-century wars between the Protestants and the Catholics. La mort d’un tyran, a protest against dictatorship, and Château du feu, a work written in memory of the Holocaust, also manifested his preoccupation with the human condition. In 1963, he wrote Murder of a Great Chief of State in memory of John F. Kennedy at the invitation of Gerhard Samuel, conductor of the Oakland Symphony, three days after the President’s assassination. The work was performed by that orchestra one week later.

Milhaud was deeply devoted to his own Jewish faith while at the same time respecting and tolerating the faiths of others. His family came from the Comtat Venaissin in the south of France and had lived there for centuries. When the papacy was seated in Avignon, the Jews of the Comtat enjoyed a much more amicable situation under papal rule than did the Jews in the Kingdom of France.

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Milhaud’s first work inspired by his Jewish tradition was his setting of Psalm 121 for men’s choir, translated by Paul Claudel. In addition to settings of liturgical texts such as Borechu, Kaddish and Shema Yisroël, Milhaud wrote many songs and cantatas which were inspired by the religious music of the Comtat Venaissin.

In 1958 Milhaud accepted a commission to write Three Psalms of David for the Benedictine monastery of Mt. Angel in Oregon, whose choir is famous for their knowledge of Gregorian chant. He had initially refused to write a mass because he was not a Catholic. In these three Psalm settings, Milhaud alternates plainchant with polyphonic choral sections.

Milhaud’s writing of the Sacred Service was undertaken with a great sense of responsibility. He felt the same seriousness when he wrote Pacem in Terris, with its text drawn from the Encyclical of Pope John XXIII. Milhaud found the Pope’s ideas, especially the expression of freedom of thought, protection of the oppressed and abolition of discrimination, very attractive. As Paul Claudel wrote, Milhaud set forth the professed virtues of Christianity as well as those derived from the Old Testament.

CENTENNIAL PRELUDE As a prelude to the two-season celebration of the centennial of Darius Milhaud’s birth, the Darius Milhaud Society, in cooperation with The Cleveland Institute of Music, presented a festival of Cleveland premieres of the composer’s choral music on May 19, 1991. Madame Madeleine Milhaud traveled from Paris to address an appreciative audience. During the course of her speech she presented a poetry reading of texts from Les amours de Ronsard and Main tendue à tous and discussed selections of Milhaud’s choral works.

Participating choral groups included the Cleveland Choral Artists, Paul McGahie, director; the Epworth-Euclid Chancel Choir, Margaret Sihler Anderson, director; the Old Stone Singers, Warren Scharf, director; and the Robert Page Singers, Robert Page, director. The Old Stone Singers opened the program with performance of three a cappella works: Main tendue à tous, Cantate de la guerre and Cantate de la paix. The Main tendue à tous text is by Charles Vildrac, and both cantatas have texts by Paul Claudel. The Robert Page Singers followed with three more a cappella works: Les deux citées, Naissance de Vénus and Quatrains va/aisans, composed by Milhaud to texts by Paul Claudel, Jules Supervielle and Rainer Maria Rilke, respectively.

Following the intermission, the audience heard three brief works in Hebrew with organ accompaniment: the liturgical texts of Borechu, Kaddish and Shema Yisroël. The three works were sung by the Epworth-Euclid Chancel Choir, with organ accompaniment by Betty Meyers. Andrew White, baritone, recipient of the Darius Milhaud Award in 1989 at The Cleveland Institute of Music, sang the solo part in the Kaddish. Steven Green, tenor, performed the solos for Borechu and Shema Yisroël.

The Cleveland Choral Artists closed the program with performances of Trois Psaumes de David for a cappella choir and
MILHAUD’S ACCOMPANIED VOCAL QUARTETS
Editions Salabert has published approximately sixty Milhaud works. Among them are four for vocal quartet accompanied by small instrumental ensemble, described by editor Jeremy Drake in Salabert-Actuel, No. 13, the issue for April, May, June 1990. Mr. Drake, who wrote his Oxford doctoral dissertation on Milhaud’s operas, hopes to present information from time to time about little-known Milhaud works published by Salabert that will alert enterprising performers to options beyond the well-known choices. The four works discussed below date from 1932 to 1937 and require similar instrumental ensembles. They last between ten and twenty minutes and are marked by clarity of line, rhythmic vigor, straightforward melodies and transparent textures. Mr. Drake says:

ADAGES (1932) for vocal quartet, flute, clarinet, bassoon, violin, horn, viola, cello and contrabass: The poetry of André de Richaud used by Milhaud for Adages recalls the didactic humor of Machines agricoles (1919) and Catalogue de fleurs (1920). Once again it is this serious naïveté which shows enthusiasm for the precision of prosaic details: “Moon liquor is made of alcohol and flowers found only in the mountains. One obtains it only through an exceptionally complicated alchemy. It is so unstable that it decomposes at the light of day.” This didactic vein is employed regularly by Milhaud and must be handled as here with humor, albeit with just as much evidence of seriousness as in Hommage à Comenius or Pacem in Terris. Milhaud weaves around each of these sixteen “adages” exquisite miniatures where the simplicity of expressed feelings is reflected in melodies that make one think of nursery rhymes, exploited with a touch of polytonality in the harmony and with a sparkling transparency in the orchestration.

PAN ET LA SYRINX (1934) for soprano, baritone, vocal quartet, flute, oboe/English horn, saxophone, bassoon and piano: In Pan et Syrinx one notices two other constants in Milhaud’s work: Greek mythology and a pastoral or bucolic world. Each of the three movements with voice is preceded by a peaceful nocturne for instruments alone. In the first, the baritone tells cheerfully the ancient story of Pan trying to seduce the dryad, Syrinx. The 18th-century poet, de Piis, stages a buffoonery in verse, playing constantly with the sound “pan” (gallo pan, frap­ pant, pimpant, paon, rampant, serpent ...). One can easily imagine that Milhaud found it greatly amusing to set this text to music.

In “The invention of the scale,” on a text by Claudel, the soprano takes the role of Syrinx who intends to give Pan his just deserts. The style is lighter, more fleeting, more mocking, with some very lyrical passages (including one beautiful phrase, “I am the thought painted on the fabric of a dream”). For the finale, Pan summons everyone to the dance, the chorus finally entering with a vigorous round and the two soloists responding with “Mountains, shake hands!” Milhaud wrote few works more cheerful or more enjoyable.

LES AMOURS DE RONSARD (1934) for vocal quartet, flute, clarinet, bassoon, horn, violin, viola, cello and contrabass: This work is a double homage — to one of the composer's favorite poets of course, but more explicitly still, as is noted in the score: “To the memory of Claude Debussy.” Don’t expect any whole-tone scales or impressionist fireworks; only some seventh chords and parallel fourths in the first movement might make you think of the great master. Actually, Milhaud had already condemned the impressionistic styles of the successors and imitators of Debussy with “the useless complications, the search for exotic sonorities to the detriment of melodic purity and the scattering of orchestral forces.” Milhaud always had profound admiration for Debussy, but knew that his own music had other roots. For [Milhaud] the phrase is clear and clean, the textures are robust and forthright. In Les Amours de Ronsard the melodic and rhythmic curve is long and sinuous in the first and third movements, short and incisive in the second, where one finds characteristic syncopations in the motif of the refrain.

CANTATE DE L’HOMME (1937) for vocal quartet, récitanté, flute, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, percussion and piano: The original title of the work explains the circumstances of its composition: Cantata for the opening of the Museum of Man, which sounds like a title decided by committee. The work had its premiere on the esplanade of the Tropicadero, with Madeleine Milhaud as récitanté. Robert Desnos’ text in the form of a narrative alternating speaker and chorus, deals with the creation of man and his discovery of life, the earth and his surroundings. Milhaud the musician and Milhaud the instrumentalist have become one to create this striking work, greatly extending beyond its original framework. We are far from the humor of Adages or the bucolicism of Pan et Syrinx. There is primeval power in this work, a dramatic breadth underlined at times by the rhythmic recitation of the chorus, a technique the composer invented in Les Choéphores of 1915. Notice the important use of percussion and of the low register of the piano, as well as large distances between the contrapuntal voices, the motorized rhythms, powerful unisons, very angular melodic fragments, contributing to the creation of a strong and irreducible work.

MILHAUD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION The tempo is quickening for plans to feature the music of Darius Milhaud world-wide in recognition of his hundredth birthday, which occurs on September 4, 1992. Numerous concerts and festivals will be presented during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons in the United States, Europe and Asia. See the next Newsletter for details.

Centennial festivities in Cleveland, home of the Darius Milhaud Society, will begin on Sunday, November 24, 1991. Six string quartet ensembles will perform eight of Milhaud’s eighteen quartets and the Octet (Quartets 14 and 15 played together). Dr. Paul Cherry of the University of South Dakota will present a brief overview of the quartets and discuss what to listen for in the Octet. The Darius Milhaud Society will co-host the festival with The Cleveland Institute of Music and the Cavani Quartet. This quartet, in residence at The Institute, will join the Bowling Green University String Quartet, the Daedalus Quartet of the University of Akron, the Canton Symphony Quartet, the Tremont Quartet, and the Artemis Quartet, who will play the Octet with the Cavani Quartet. More details will be available in the next Newsletter. Music lovers are invited to attend these Centennial performances. For information, please call the Darius Milhaud Society at (216) 921-4548, or write to the Society at 15715 Chadbourne Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120.
ABRAVANEL RECEIVES MEDAL  Maurice Abravanel, Director Emeritus of the Utah Symphony, long-time colleague and friend of Darius Milhaud, member of the Honorary Committee and supporter of the Darius Milhaud Society, was awarded a National Medal of the Arts in a ceremony held at the White House in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 9, 1991. Mr. Abravanel was one of twelve recipients of the Medal, awarded for exceptional contributions to the cultural life of the nation.

Mr. Abravanel conducted at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées in Paris on June 7, 1933, the premiere of Milhaud's ballet *Les Songes*, choreographed by Balanchine. He later recorded the work with the Utah Symphony. Mr. Abravanel also made recordings of other important Milhaud works, including *L'homme et son désir*, Symphonic Suite No. 2, and *Pacem in Terris*, the last with the participation of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Mr. Abravanel accepted an honorary doctorate and delivered the commencement address at The Cleveland Institute of Music in May 1982.

DARIUS MILHAUD AWARD  Composer Jonathan McNa1r, student of Donald Erb, was the recipient of the annual Darius Milhaud Award during commencement ceremonies on May 18, 1991, at The Cleveland Institute of Music, where he also received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition. In a letter of thanks sent to the Darius Milhaud Society, Dr. McNa1r said: "I consider it a tremendous honor, which brought added dimension to the sense of accomplishment felt in conferral of the degree ... Receiving the Darius Milhaud Award, having learned about Maestro Milhaud's commitment to creative excellence and his tireless efforts, is an event of great encouragement to me. I hope that my own efforts will enrich our community."

Dr. McNa1r holds a Master of Music degree from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Music from Appalachian State University. He received an individual fellowship from the Ohio Arts Council for 1991-92 and has filled many commissions for musical works. He is president of *EPICYCLE: an ensemble for new music* and participates in grant-writing, repertoire selection and concert production for the group. He is Lecturer in Music at Cuyahoga Community College, adjunct instructor at Ursuline College, and Lecturer in Symphonic Literature at Case Western Reserve University.

CONCERT IN AIX  Michel Camatte, Director of the Darius Milhaud Conservatory in Aix-en-Provence, France, conducted performances of two Milhaud works as part of the Conservatory program presented on December 9, 1990. Heard were *La cueillette des citrons* and *Le boeuf sur le toit*. The first is music for a ballet presented at the 1950 Lemon Festival in Menton, Monaco. *Le boeuf sur le toit* is a ballet with scenario by Jean Cocteau in which Milhaud uses Brazilian dance rhythms. It was first performed in Paris in 1919.

Madame Madeleine Milhaud was in attendance for the program, and she will assist Mr. Camatte and the Minister of Culture in planning the major centennial presentations in 1992 to celebrate Milhaud's hundredth birthday in Aix, where the composer not only spent his boyhood but continued to return during the summers until the beginning of World War II.

CENTENNIAL CATALOGUE PUBLISHED  Gabriel Vialle, music critic of the newspaper "La Marseillaise", contributed an article about Darius Milhaud and a catalogue listing of his works, published in a booklet honoring Milhaud's centennial birthday, as well as those of his colleagues in *Les Six*, Arthur Honegger and Germaine Tailleferre. The Darius Milhaud Society thanks Mr. Vialle and also Mr. Bernard Maarek, who was in charge of the publication, for sending copies to the Darius Milhaud Society. Mr. Maarek is a functionary of the *Agence Régionale pour la Coordination des Activités Musicales* (ARCAM). The organization is located in the building which was the home of Darius Milhaud in Aix-en-Provence.

LEROUX LEAVES BAY AREA  After living in the Bay area for 31 years, Jean-Louis LeRoux and his wife Marta have left San Francisco to take up residence in Uruguay. Mr. LeRoux was conductor for the San Francisco Ballet and is founder of the San Francisco Contemporary Players and the Chamber Symphony of San Francisco. For eleven years he conducted the Performance Group at Mills College during the period of Darius Milhaud's tenure there. He also served for four years as conductor of the Modesto Symphony. He was oboist in the San Francisco Symphony from 1960 to 1980 and for four years in the San Francisco Opera.

In May 1989, Mr. LeRoux came to Cleveland to prepare and conduct Milhaud's opera *Médée* (*Medea*) in its new English translation, produced by the Darius Milhaud Society at The Cleveland Institute of Music. He has agreed to return to San Francisco during the 1992-93 season to participate in the Centennial Celebration of Darius Milhaud.

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The Darius Milhaud Society is not affiliated with any other institution or organization and depends for funding on the gifts of those who care about Milhaud's music. If you have not yet made a contribution to the Society for 1991, please send your tax-deductible gift at your early convenience.

RECORD UPDATE

The Darius Milhaud Society is always very grateful for information about new or reissued recordings. We thank Mesdames Madeleine Milhaud and Francine Bloch Dancenon for their assistance. Numerous new recordings have been made in the past few months. As soon as the Darius Milhaud Society receives precise information, it will be listed in the Newsletter.

La cheminée du Roi René : Athena Ensemble, reissue of CD Chandos 6536. Also includes Divertissement, Pastorale, Suite d'après Corrette and Two Sketches.

La cheminée du Roi René : Prague Wind Quintet, Supraphon SPR 110372

La création du monde, Les sognes, Concertino de printemps, Concerto No. 1 pour piano et orchestre : Darius Milhaud, conductor. Pearl PRL 9459


Scaramouche : in Music for Two Pianos. John Ogdon and Brenda Lucas, pianos. IMP 11

Sonatine for flute and piano: Loie Poulain, flute, Daria Hovora, piano. ADDA CD 581176

The September 1991 issue of the Haverstick and Ballyk catalogue lists on p. 2 the recording of Le bouff sur le toit by the Czech Philharmonic, Vladimir Valek, conductor, as one of the ten top-rated recordings by CD Review in their August 1991 issue. The recording received top rating of 10 for performance and 10 for record quality. The recording is available from H & B on Supraphon SPR 1519, for $13.97. To order, call 1-800-222-6872.
DARIUS MILHAUD PERFORMANCE CALENDAR, 1990-1991

These are the performances made known to the Darius Milhaud Society. If you know of other performances of Milhaud works, please send the information for inclusion in the next Calendar listing.

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

November

29 QUEBEC, Montreal, McGill University.  *Concertino de printemps*: Contemporary Music Ensemble, Blaise Magrie, violin; Bruce Mather, conductor.

May


UNITED STATES

September

4 WASHINGTON, D.C., Radio Station WETA.  *Suite provençale* (recording): Conservatory Society Orchestra, S. Baudo, conductor.

14 CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Coffee Mill Gallery. Unnamed work for clarinet and piano: Rudy Tapiro, clarinet.

October

5 & 6 MASSACHUSETTS.  *L’album de Madame Bovary*: William Bolcom, piano.

25 CALIFORNIA, University of California, Davis. *Concerto for Clarinet*, with piano reduction, and  *Suite* for violin, clarinet and piano: Jerome Rosen, clarinet; Robert Samson Bloch, violin; Diane Phaff, piano.

25 NEW YORK, Symphony Space. Unnamed work: Manhattan Chamber Orchestra.

26, 27, 28 CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley.  *Le train bleu*: Oakland Ballet, Ronn Guidi, Artistic Director, with Abra Rudisill (Perlouse), Jill Taylor (Tennis Champion), Michael Lowe (in the Anton Dolin role) and Don Schwennenens (The Golfer); Oakland Ballet Orchestra, Jean-Louis LeRoux conductor.


November

2, 3 NEW YORK, Marymount Manhattan Theatre.  *Le pauvre matelot* (see above).


December

4 NEW YORK.  *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*: New York Chamber Symphony, Gerard Schwarz, conductor.

9 ARIZONA, Tucson.  *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*.

12 NEW YORK, Queen’s College, Flushing.  *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*.

January

11, 12 PENNSYLVANIA, Lehigh Valley, Muhlenberg College Center for the Arts.  *Symphonie concertante*: The Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Donald Spieth, Music Director.

12 WASHINGTON, D.C., Hirshhorn Museum.  *Machines agricoles*: 20th Century Consort, with William Sharp, baritone, Sara Stern, flute, Loren Kitt, clarinet, Truman Harris, bassoon, Elisabeth Adkins, violin, Roberto Diaz, viola, David Hardy, cello, Robert Oppel, contrabass; Christopher Kendall, conductor.

14 NEW YORK, Alice Tully Hall.  *Cello Concerto*: Richard Hirschi, cello; Jupiter Symphony Orchestra, Jens Nygaard, conductor.

February

1 CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Mills College Concert Hall. Unnamed work for cello and piano: Paul Hale, cello; Belle Bullwinkle, piano.


25 NEW YORK, The Juilliard School, Focus! ’91, Juilliard Theatre.  *Symphonie No. 4*.

March

2 SOUTH DAKOTA, Rapid City.  *Suite française*,  *Concerto No. 1 for Cello and Orchestra*: Black Hills Symphony, with Elizabeth Benusis, cello; Jack Knowles, conductor.

2 OHIO, Dublin.  *Naissance de Vénus*: Kenyon College Chamber Singers, Benjamin Locke, conductor.
March (cont'd)

3 KENTUCKY, Lexington. Naissance de Vénus: see March 2.
4 CALIFORNIA, Fremont. Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra: Fremont-Newark Philharmonic, David Sloss, conductor.
6 GEORGIA, Atlanta. Naissance de Vénus: See March 2.
7 TENNESSEE, Nashville. Naissance de Vénus: See March 2.
8 ILLINOIS, Mt. Vernon. Naissance de Vénus: See March 2.
11 VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, University of Virginia, Old Cabell Hall. Scaramouche: Yvaine Dusit and Content Sablinsky, duo-pianists.
12 NEW YORK, New York Festival of Song, Weiler Hall. Chansons du carnaval de Londres, Chansons de Nègresse, Poèmes juifs: Joan Morris, soprano; William Bolcom, piano; and others.
13 NEW YORK, Alice Tully Hall. Suite from John Gay's "Beggar's Opera" in setting by William Bolcom and Darius Milhaud: NYAL. See also March 24, New York Festival of Song.
14 CALIFORNIA, Grass Valley, St. Joseph's Hall, Music in the Mountains. Quatre visages and Le printemps: Accord Chamber Music Society; Dean Franke, violin; Susan Chan, viola; Jennifer Culp, cello; Marc Shapiro, piano.
15 CALIFORNIA, San Jose, First Unitarian Church. Piano Quartet: Ensemble Accord Piano Quartet.

April

6 FLORIDA, Jacksonville University. Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra.
7 OHIO, Gambier. Naissance de Vénus: See March 2.
8 INDIANA, Lafayette, Purdue University. Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra.
9 PENNSYLVANIA, Edinboro State University. Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra.

May

1 CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Mills College, F. W. Olin Library. Sonata No. 4 in A major from an anonymous manuscript, and Sonata No. 1 for viola and piano: Nathan Rubin, viola; Belle Bullwinkle, piano; also speakers, Associate Professor of Music, Michelle Filion, Music Department Chair; and Assistant Professor David Bernstein.
3 NEW YORK, St. John the Divine Church. Unnamed work, performed by the Omni Ensemble.
4 NEW YORK, St. Peter's Church. Unnamed work, performed by Atlantic Sinfonietta.
5 NEW YORK, Weill Recital Hall. Unnamed work, performed by Sylvan Winds.
6 OHIO, Cleveland Institute of Music, Milhaud Choral Festival. Main tendue à tous, Cantate de la guerre, Cantate de la paix: Old Stone Singers, Warren Scharf, conductor; Les deux cités, Naissance de Vénus, Quatrain valaisans: Robert Page Singers, Robert Page, director; Borech, Mourners' Kaddish, Shema Yisroel: Epworth-Euclid Chancel Choir, Margaret Sihler Anderson, director; Stephen Smith, tenor; Andrew White, baritone; Betty Meyers, organ; Trois psaumes de David, Les amours de Ronsard: Cleveland Choral Artists, Paul McGahie, director; assisted by Mary Kay Ferguson, flute; Jerome Simas, clarinet; Mark de Mio, bassoon; Jay Matthews, horn; Laura Russell, violin; Heather Walker, viola; Anita Dreyfuss, cello; Christine Haff, contrabass, in Les amours de Ronsard. See also talk by Madame Madeleine Milhaud in lead article, Summer / Fall 1991 Newsletter, and separate Calendar listing.
30 NEW YORK, Greenwich House Music School. Unnamed work, performed by Antoine Zemor and David Buechner, pianists.

June

8 CALIFORNIA, Oakland, The Coffee Mill. Unnamed work, performed by the Acacia Ensemble.

July

13 NEW YORK, Chautauqua. Cinéma fantaisie (Le boeuf sur le toit): Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, with Kishiko Suzuki, violin; Maximiliano Valdes, conductor.
21 WASHINGTON, Seattle, Chamber Music in the Country. Suite for violin, clarinet and piano: Heidi Yenney, violin; Kathy Jones, clarinet; Robert Merfield, piano.
22 COLORADO, Aspen. Machines agricoles: William Sharp, baritone; with Stephen Clapp, Heidi Castleman, Alan Harris, Stuart Sankey, David Shostac, Bil Jackson, Ryoheki Nakagawa and Gabriel Chodos.

August

3 CALIFORNIA, Santa Cruz, Cabrillo Festival. La création du monde: danced by Tandy Beal Dance Company, John Adams, conductor.
21 WASHINGTON, Seattle, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival in Seattle. Saudades do Brasil (Típica): Christopher O'Riley, piano.
### TALKS

**November**
- 7: CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Mills College. *The Solo Songs of Darius Milhaud*, Dr. Anne Patterson, guest lecturer.

**April**
- (date unknown): FLORIDA, College Music Society Regional Meeting. *Darius Milhaud and ‘The Problem of Jewish Music’*, Dr. Anne Patterson.

**May**
- 1: CALIFORNIA, Oakland, Mills College. Discussion of the 18th century manuscript, source of melodies for Milhaud’s *Sonate No. 1 for viola and piano*; led by Dr. Michelle Fillion, Music Department Chair and Associate Professor of Music, and Dr. David Bernstein, Assistant Professor of Music.

### INTERNATIONAL

**November**

**December**
- 15: FRANCE, Paris, Conservatory of the XIXme Arrondissement. *Petite Symphonie No. 5* (*Dixtuor à vents*).

**1990**
- PORTUGAL, Porto. *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*.

**1991**

**January**

**February**

**March**
- 11: FRANCE, Paris, Concert Rare. *Quatuor No. 3*, with Florence Katz, voice.
- 26: BELGIUM, Brussels. *Quartet No. 4*: Bartok Quartet.

**April**

**May**
- 18: FRANCE, Senlis. *Sextuor*: Sextuor à cordes, see April 7.
- 27: GELSENKIRCHEN. *Concerto for Percussion and Small Orchestra*. 
The following performances during 1989 - 1990 have been made known to the Darius Milhaud Society since publication of that Darius Milhaud Performance Calendar:

UNITED STATES

1989
October
15 IOWA, Sioux City, Morningside College. *Child Poems*: Dr. Harry Moon, tenor; Arne Sorenson, piano.
17 IOWA, Orange City, Northwestern College. *Scaramouche*: Jennifer and Beth Mitchell, duo pianos.

1990
February
9 HAWAII, University of Hawaii at Manoa. *Catalogue de fleurs*: Annette Johansson, mezzo-soprano; Marion McKay, piano.
11 SOUTH DAKOTA, Vermillion, University of South Dakota. *Concerto for Marimba and Vibraphone*: Suzanne Satterfield, percussion, with University of South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.

April
22 CALIFORNIA, Inverness. *Sonate No. 1 for viola and piano*: Anabel Barahal, viola; Dorothy Johnstone, piano.
28 NEW MEXICO, Albuquerque, University of New Mexico. *Suite for violin, clarinet, piano*: Charlton Lee, violin; Kristin Reda, clarinet; Jennifer Case, piano.

June

July
10 CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara, Music Academy of the West. *Le boeuf sur le toit* (*Cinéma Fantaisie*): Zvi Zeitlin, violin; Russell Miller, piano.
15 NEW YORK, Brooklyn, Bargemusic. *Saudades do Brasil* (*Tjãça*): Christopher O’Riley, piano.

August
29 CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, University of California, Hertz Hall. *Suite for violin, clarinet, piano*: Michelle Dulak, violin; David Schneider, clarinet; Mayo Tsuzuki, piano.

EUROPE

1990
July
29 MONTE CARLO, Palais Princier. *Concerto No. 1 for cello and orchestra*: Mstislav Rostropovich, cello; Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra, Alain Lombard, conductor.

August
INDEX OF WORKS PERFORMED (NA = North America; INT = International)

L'album de Madame Bovary Op. 128b (1933): NA October 5, 6, 1990
Cinéma Fantaisie: with piano, July 10, 1990; with orchestra, July 13, 1991
Concerto for Marimba and Vibraphone Op. 278 (1947): NA February 11, 1990; INT (dates unknown) England, Finland, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Japan
Naissance de Vénus Op. 292 (1949): NA March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, April 12, May 19, 1991
Petite symphonie No. 3 (Dixtuor) Op. 75 (1922): INT December 15, 1990
Quatuor à cordes No. 4 Op. 46 (1918): INT March 26, 1991
Sonatina for flute and piano Op. 76 (1922): NA August 8, 1990
Vocalise Op 105 (1928): NA November 7, 1090


Talks: California: November 7, 1990; May 1, 1991;
Florida: April 10 and unknown April date, 1991;
Ohio: May 19, 1991

INDEX OF PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA: November 29, 1990; May 1991
ARIZONA: December 9, 1990
CALIFORNIA: April 22, August 25, 26, 29, September 14, October 25, 26, 27, 28, 1990; February 1, March 3, 17, 30, 31, May 1, 2, June 8, 29, August 3, 1991
COLORADO: July 22, 1991
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: September 4, November 7, 1990; January 12, 1991
FLORIDA: April 6, 1991
GEORGIA: March 5, 1991
HAWAII: February 9, 1990
ILLINOIS: March 7, 1991
INDIANA: March 8, April 14, 1991
IOWA: October 15, 17, 1989
MASSACHUSETTS: October 4, 5, 1990; April 22, 1991
NEW MEXICO: April 28, 1990
NORTH CAROLINA: March 4, 1991
NEW YORK: October 25, 26, 27, November 2, 3, December 4, 12, 1990; January 14, February 25, March 24, 25, May 5, 14, 16, 30, July 13, 1991
OHIO: March 2, 3, April 12, May 19, 1991
PENNSYLVANIA: January 11, 12, February 8, 9, April 21, 1991
SOUTH DAKOTA: February 11, 1990 and March 2, 1991
TENNESSEE: March 6, 1991
VIRGINIA: March 24, 1991
WASHINGTON: July 21, August 21, 1991

INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRIA: May 1991
BELGIUM: March 26, 1991
CZECHOSLOVAKIA: January 1991
FINLAND: date unknown, 1990
FRANCE: November, December 9, 15, 1990; January 11, 14, 17, February 13, March 11, 24, April 7, May 18, 1991
GERMANY: December 22, unknown dates (2), 1990; May 6, 27, 1991
GREAT BRITAIN: August 18 and unknown date, 1990
ISRAEL: June 5, 7, 8, 9, 1991
JAPAN: unknown dates (2) 1990; January 1991
MONTE CARLO: July 29, 1990
NETHERLANDS: January 5, 1991
NORWAY: May 22, 1991
AWARD RECIPIENTS ACTIVE  We have received the following information from earlier recipients of the Darius Milhaud Award:

DAVID WOLFSON, 1986, composer, is based in New York. He is a founding member of the EM/R dance Company, for which he serves as Music Director and Resident Composer. He wrote four works for electronic keyboard and percussion for the September 1990 concert of the Company. Also in 1990, the Bassoon Quartet of the Cleveland Orchestra premiered his The Muffin Manifesto, a set of variations on "Do you know the Muffin Man?", and the Holy Cross High School Percussion Ensemble presented Pandora's Box. Heat Lightning for solo percussion was premiered in May 1991 at the Manhattan School of Music. Equity Actors under the aegis of Maximillion Productions neared the 600th performance in January of Mr. Wolfson's children's musical review Story Salad IV. Story Salad V was being readied for February performance.

MARLA BERG, 1988, soprano, returned to Cleveland to sing in the Cleveland Opera production of Carousel in May 1991. In June she sang the role of Eurydice in Lyric Opera Cleveland's production of Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld. In 1990 Ms. Berg made her debut with Glimmerglass Opera as Miss Wordsworth in Albert Herring by Benjamin Britten. She did concert work with the Colorado Children's Choral in Vail, and in December sang the Messiah with the Queens College Choral Society.

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