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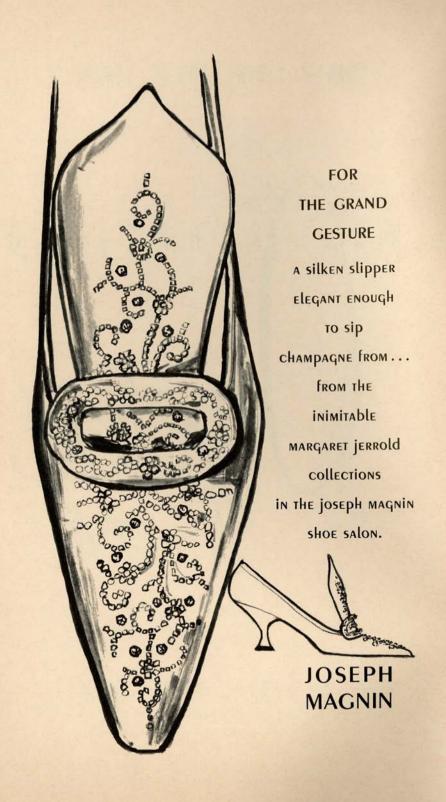
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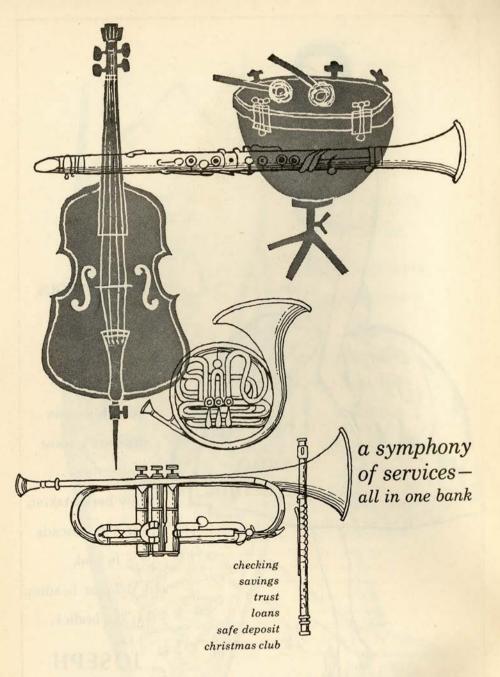


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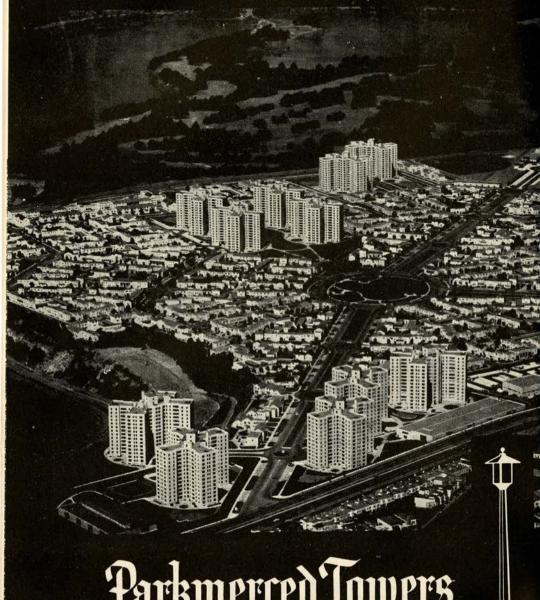


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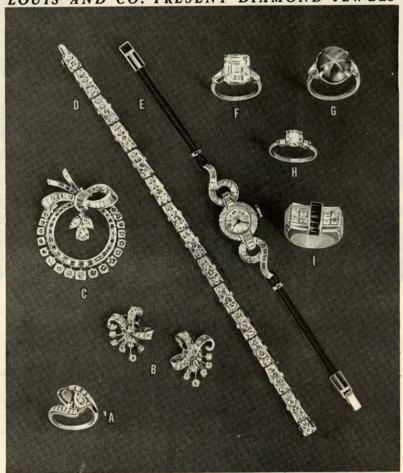
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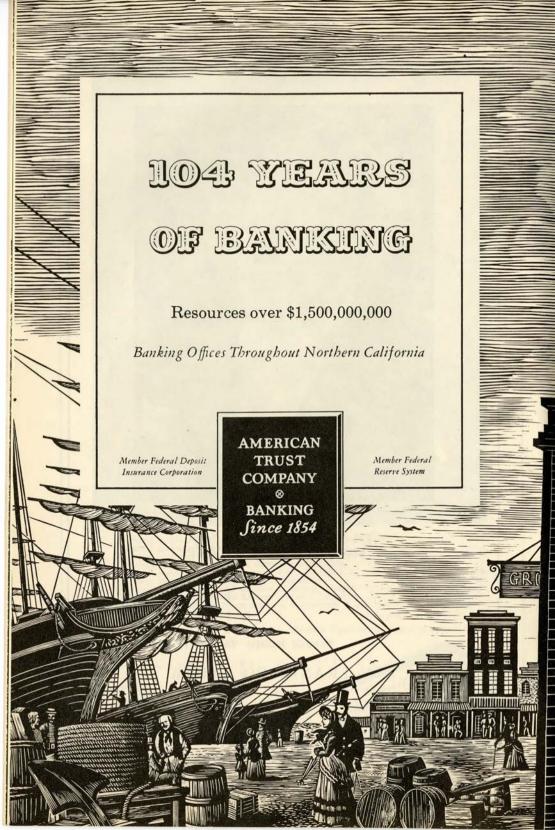




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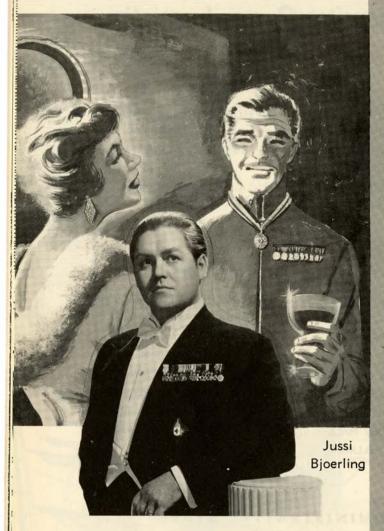
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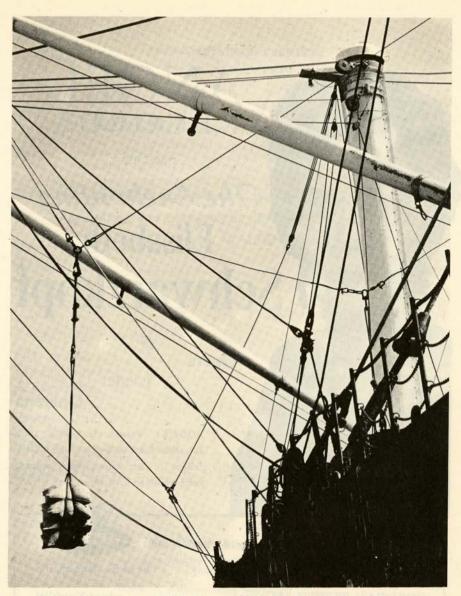
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#### CARL ORFF - CARMINA BURANA

#### The work and its effect

The first performance of Carl Orff's scenic cantata "Carmina Burana" in June 1937 at the Frankfurt opera house brought out a composer who is today one of the most important representatives of contemporary opera in Germany. He was born in 1895 at Munich and was trained there and came into early contact with the operatic world as young rehearser for opera singers and as a conductor in opera. But being even more interested and gifted in the teaching of music, he was engaged at the Munich ballet school of Dorothea Günther as musical director.

Orff published his first compositions at the early age of fifteen. This was followed by numerous works which, although they had already been performed with success, he mercilessly withdrew, in order to appear as a fully developed artistic personality with his "Carmina Burana" in 1937, and to move up all of a sudden into the first rank of modern German composers. The two fairy-tale plays to his own texts "The Moon" (1941) and "Die Kluge" (1942), the scenic ballet play "Catulli Carmina" (1943) and the Bavarian story "Agnes Bernauer" (1946) were the further steps over which Orff struggled with the possibilities of an intellectual and stylistic renaissance of the opera which was then moving away from the "musical drama" of Wagner's and Strauss' school. The international reputation of the composer was further enhanced by the first performance of his setting of Sophocles' "Antigone" in Hölderlin's translation on the occasion of the Salzburg festival of 1949, the popularity of which increased with every performance. Before that Orff's new version of Monteverdi's (1567-1643) "Orpheus." "Lament of Ariadne" and "Dance of the Prudes" had been presented on many German opera stages. These are adaptations in which the creative ideas of the early days of the opera have proved congenial to Orff's own ideas of music and operatic setting. His theatrical imagination has been similarly caught by the forcefulness and fulness of Shakespeare. His musical and dramatic setting of "A Midsummernight's dream" brought out for the first time the comedy's characteristic fantastic, elemental forces of nature in Orff's premiere at Darmstadt (1952). One of the most recent works of the composer is a scenic triptych. the "Trionfi," a combination, linked by a common thread of ideas, of the "Carmina Burana," "Catulli Carmina" and the newly composed "Trionfi di Afrodite," based on Greek poems by Sappho and Latin verses by Catullus; this work was first performed in spring 1953 at La Scala at Milan.

Since 1950 Orff directs the advanced class in composition at the State College for Music at Munich. He was presented with an honorary doctor's degree in 1955 by the philosophical faculty of the University of Tübingen. This year he has become an honorary member of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome, and has also received the order "pour le merite" for Science and the Arts.

"Carmina Burana," "Songs from Benediktbeuern" is the current name for a collection of around two hundred songs from the Middle Ages. The manuscript had been lying for centuries in the ancient monastery of Benediktbeuern in the Bavarian Alps, until it was discovered by the chief librarian of Munich Christoph Freiherr von Aretin in the year 1803 in the course of the disestablishment of Bavarian monasteries, and published by Johann Andreas Schmeller for the first time in extenso in 1847. It was Schmeller who gave the collection its felicitous title of "Carmina Burana."

What the unknown amateur and collector had compiled in his Codex at the end of the 13th century from various sources and models is a bright mixture of songs and poems, unequal in kind, form, language and content as well as poetic value. Next to artistically wrought structures, formal virtuoso pieces in the taste of those days, there are simple untutored rimes; next to learned metres which are written in scholarly clichés, phrases and motives and em-

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Villagers, actors

Solo Dancers: Act I, Polka: Christine Robinson, Bruce McLoed Virginia Lowrance, Tony Weber

Act II, Furiante: Marie Jiminez, Jim Penrod Rosemary Petrillo, Bruce McLoed

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TIME AND PLACE: Mid-nineteenth century; a village in Bohemia

Act I: A public square in the village

Act II: Interior of an inn

Act III: Another square in the village

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Acr II—Inside the Inn Jenik and the village youths are drinking together. As Jenik expounds on the joys of love, Kezal declares that money is the only thing worth having. A moment later Wenzel is encountered by Marie. He does not know her but she has guessed his identity and warns him against marrying Marie. In the meantime, Kezal attempts to bribe Jenik. At first Jenik is impatient with his talk but when Kezal finally bargains in terms of cash, he agrees to give up Marie on one condition: no one else is to marry her but the son of Mischa. When the contract is read aloud to the villagers, they are shocked that Jenik has sold his promised bride.

Act III—A traveling troupe of circus performers are putting on a show in the public square. Among them is the tightrope dancer, Esmeralda, with whom Wenzel is enchanted. He dons a bear costume and goes through several tricks at the instigation of the troupe's manager who chose Wenzel at random since his regular man is intoxicated. Wenzel's parents enter and persuade the unwilling youth to accompany them to Marie's house. There Kezal shows Marie the contract Jenik has signed for money. Marie is now convinced that Jenik has given her up and as he strides gaily in she refuses to hear his explanation. Kezal appears with the marriage contract. As parents and witnesses are called, Jenik is recognized by his father and the astonished Kezal sees before him another son of Mischa. Marie throws herself into the arms of Jenik and the happy couple receive their parents' blessings.



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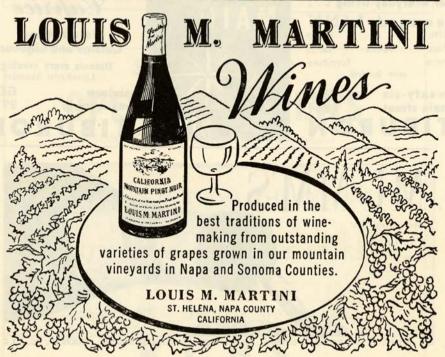
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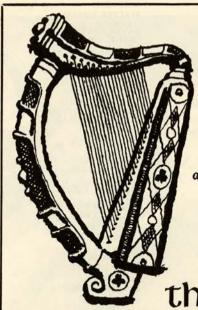
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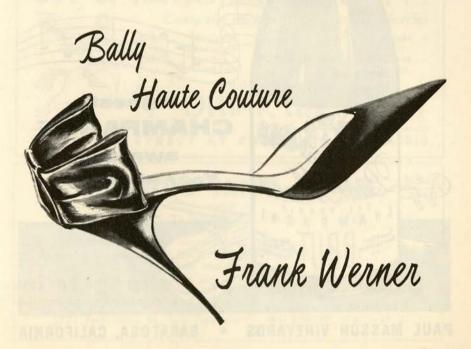
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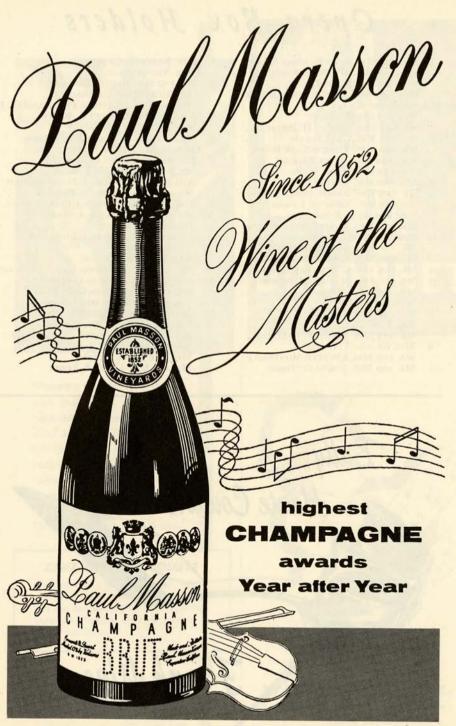
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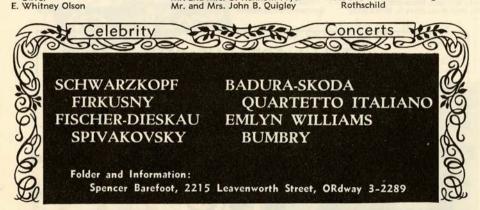
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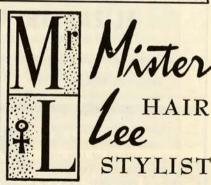
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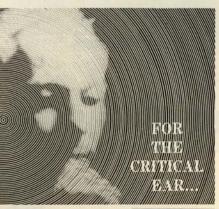
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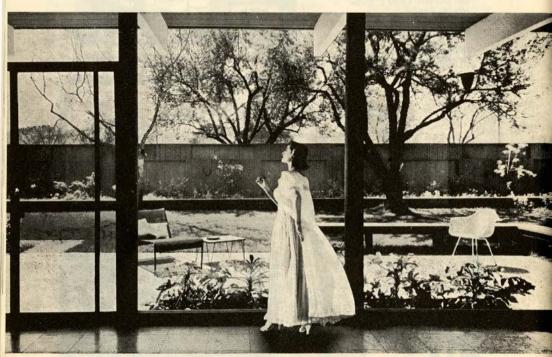
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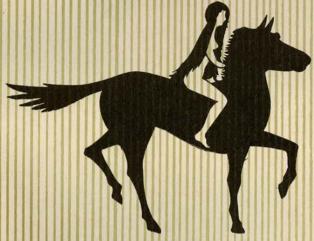
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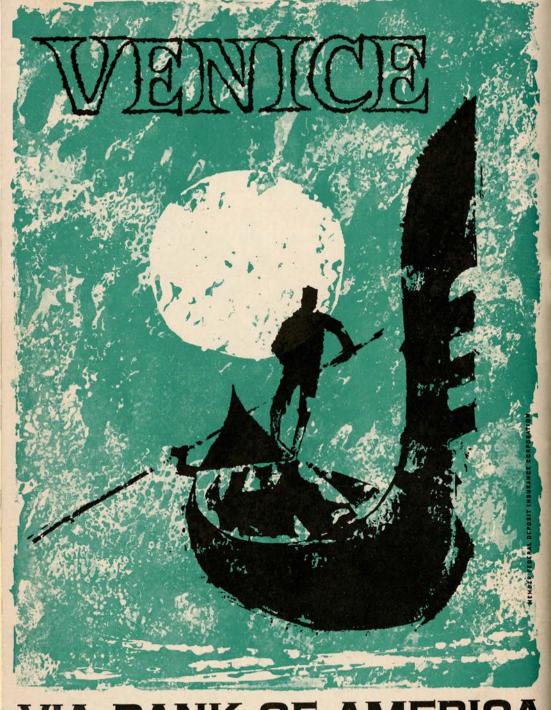
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