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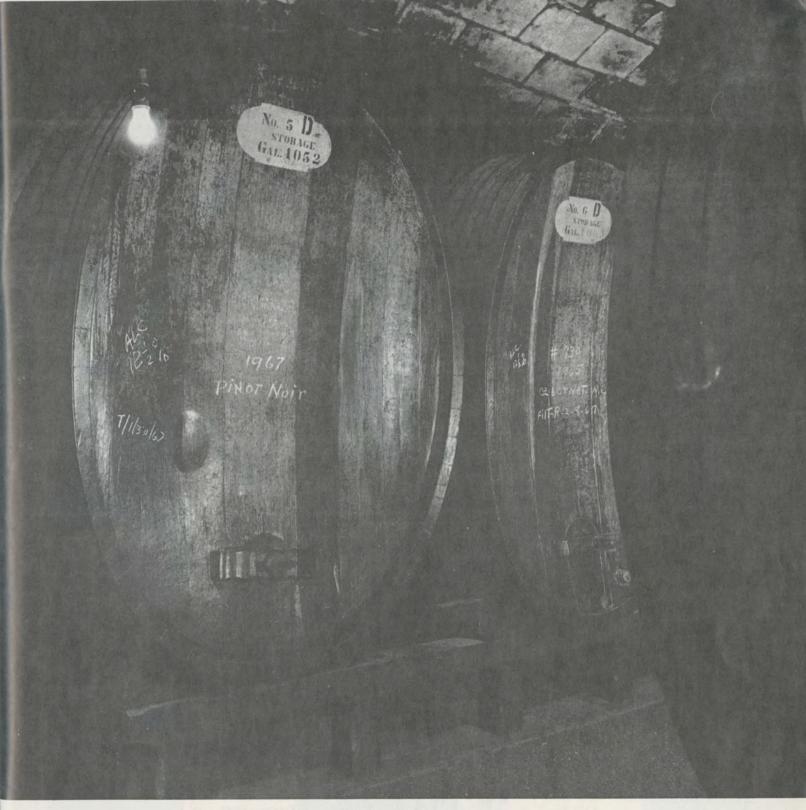
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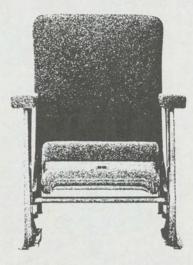
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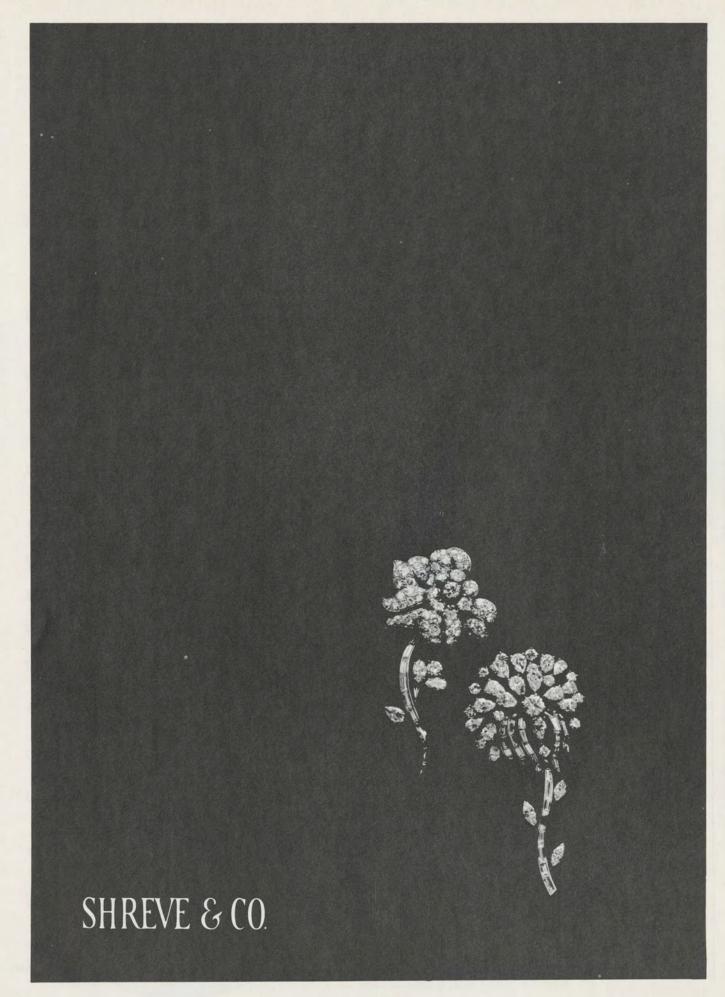
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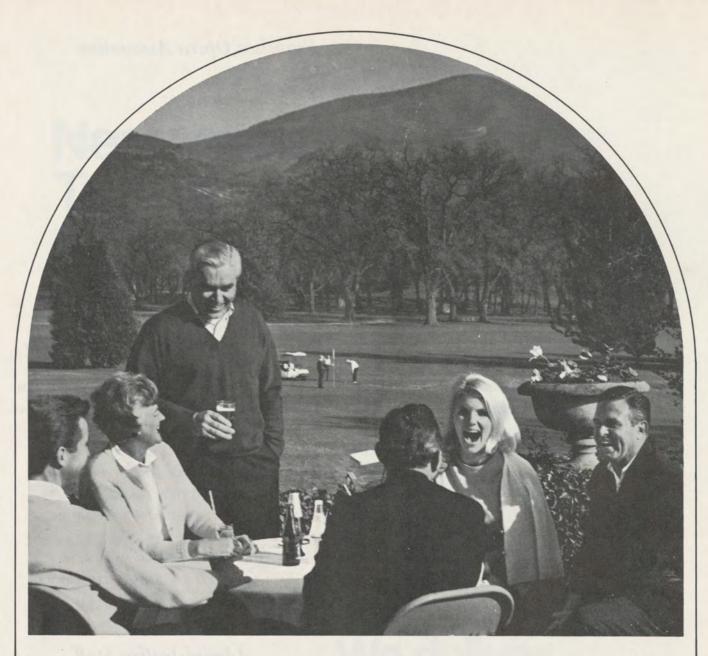
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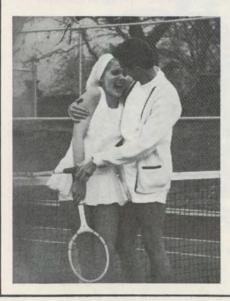
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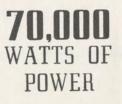
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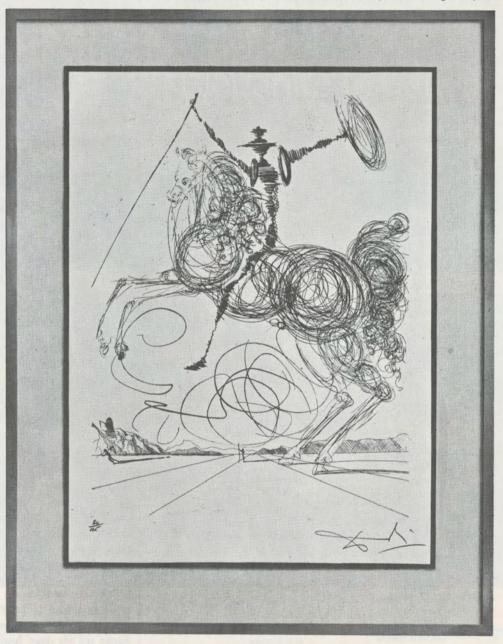
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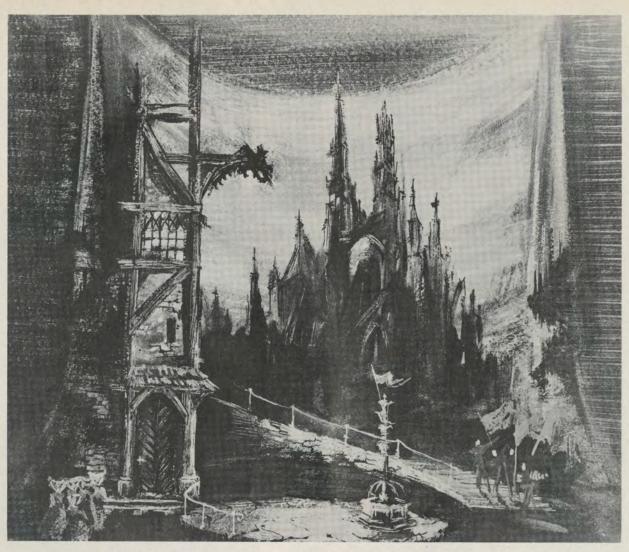


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The Perennial "Faust"

by Anthony Boucher

Few operas still in the repertory have suffered such a falling-off in critical opinion as Gounod's Faust. As early as 1867, when the opera was only 8 years old, it could already be described as "an almost universal success," and a team of ordinarily tough French critics (Félix Clément and Pierre Larrousse) could assert that it was "a highly suitable dramatic form" for the Goethe theme. By 1883 Gounod's name could be inscribed on the walls of the new Metropolitan Opera House as one of the masters of opera, in such company as Gluck, Mozart, Verdi and Wagner. And by 1941 Wallace Brockway and Her-

And by 1941 Wallace Brockway and Herbert Weinstock could write (in their history, *The Opera*), as the highpoint of a twopage onslaught, "the familiar numbers in *Faust*... have the crushing sweetness of salon music ... With *Faust* as a precedent, fortune awaits the *pasticheur* with the temerity to string together the *Caprice viennois*, the *Simple aveu*, the *Liebestraum*, No. 3, and other favorites of dining-room ensembles, provide them with a libretto, and call the result an opera."

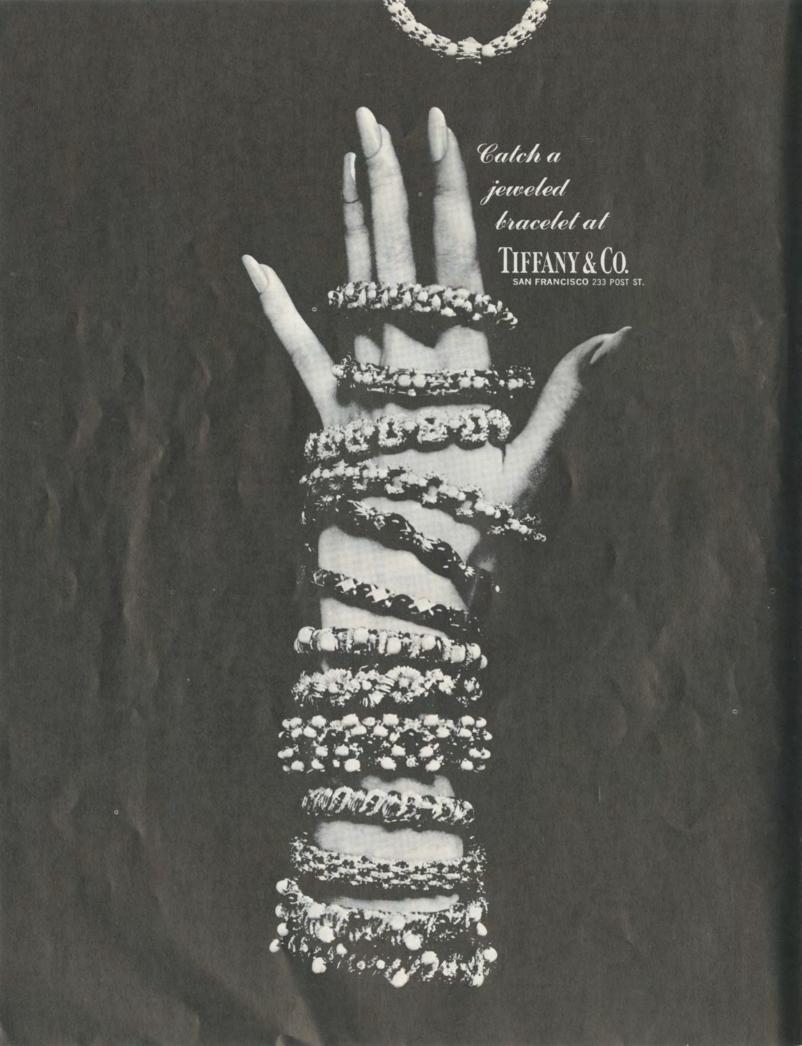
Meanwhile the undisturbed public keeps on attending performances of Faust, good and bad, all over the world — if not quite in such numbers as in London in 1863, which Harold Rosenthal has called "the Faust season," when two major companies devoted most of their schedules to the opera; or in New York in 1897, when W. J. Henderson christened the Metropolitan "the Faustspielhaus." For the truth lies somewhere between the extremes (as usual) of modish opinion.

To be sure, the presence of Gounod's name in a list of The Masters is faintly embarrassing, (Charles-Francois Tufts?!) And *Faust* does have its weaknesses (the exquisitely comic Second Empire concept of a witches' sabbat, the bathetic religiosity of the choral finale). But it is largely a lively, adroit and above all serviceable opera, rising to genuine heights of delicate erotic charm in the garden scene and of dramatic power in the church scene.

It is not Goethean, and wisely does not try to be. It is absurdly impossible to encompass the whole of Goethe's vast sprawling profundity in one musical evening, as Boïto proved in his magnificent failure, *Mefistofele*. No, librettists Jules Barbier and Michel Carré have reduced and simplified Part I of Goethe's *Faust* to make it primarily the story of the destruction of a simple girl by forces she cannot understand — and it hardly matters that these forces are heaven-shaking in their implications.

In this reduction, two of Goethe's major characters suffer. "A moi la jeunesse!" Faust cries; "Give me youth!" He does not however become jeune, but simply jeune premier, a handsome stick of a leading man. And Mephistopheles, der Geist der stets verneint (the spirit of negation), becomes Méphistophélès, a prankster, a stage magician, a Demon King from English pantomine (and, it must be admitted, a highly entertaining one).

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FAUST

(in French)

opera in four acts by	CHARLES GOUNOD
text by	JULES BARBIER AND MICHEL CARRE
after the play by	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
conductor:	JEAN PERISSON
production:	LOUIS ERLO
designers:	WOLFRAM SKALICKI, DAVIS L. WEST

FaustALFREDO KRAUS
MephistophelesNICOLAI GHIAUROV
WagnerALLAN JAMES MONK
ValentinINGVAR WIXELL
SiebelSylvia Anderson
MargueriteARLENE SAUNDERS
Martha SchwertleinSONA CERVENA

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Students, soldiers, townspeople

Walpurgis Night Ballet

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- Soloists: Allyson Segeler, William Johnson 2: Cleopatra
- Soloists: Sandra Balestracci, Jon Engstrom
- 3: Diana, the Huntress Soloists: Barbara Begany, David Coll
- 4: Coda: Persephone in the Underworld Soloist: Illana de Heurtaumont

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chorus director:	VINCENZO GIANNINI
choreographer:	THOMAS ANDREW
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time and place: The middle ages in Germany

Prologue: Faust's study

- Act I: Outside the town
- Act II: Marguerite's garden
- Act III: Scene 1: Inside the church Scene 2: A street
- Act IV: Scene 1: Mephistopheles' realm Scene 2: In the prison

MAJOR INTERMISSION AFTER ACT II

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ACT 1: Villagers and soldiers are engaged in the village Kermesse festivities. Valentine, about to leave for war, entrusts his sister Marguerite to the care of Siebel who loves her. Faust and Mephistopheles mingle with the townspeople. The latter, scorning the proferred wine, slashes a vine and as wine spurts forth he bids the onlookers join him in a toast to Marguerite. Infuriated, Valentine draws his sword, but Mephisto shatters it. Soon the dancing begins and to the delight of Faust, Marguerite appears. He approaches her and although secretly charmed by his manner, she rebuffs him.

ACT II: Siebel enters Marguerite's garden and gathers a bouquet of flowers for her as a token of his love. After he leaves, Faust and Mephistopheles enter and, seeing Siebel's simple gift, leave an elegant casket of jewels for Marguerite. Returning from the village, Marguerite reflects on the handsome and gallant stranger who spoke to her. Discovering the jewels, she is filled with delight and excitement. Her companion, Martha, joins her but is soon drawn away by Mephistopheles into an amusing flirtation. Faust approaches Marguerite and declares his love. Troubled by a premonition of disaster, she begs Faust to leave her, and saying farewell goes into the house. From her window she sings of her love for Faust who, hearing her song, returns.

ACT III: Marguerite, who has been seduced and abandoned by Faust, is scorned by the townspeople with only the devoted Siebel remaining faithful. Praying in church, she hears only Mephistopheles who tells her that the devils in hell are clamoring for her soul. As the choir chants the awful day of judgement, she prays as Mephisto proclaims her doom.

SCENE 2: Returning from war, Valentine discovers Faust and Mephistopheles outside Marguerite's house. Enraged, he draws his sword to avenge his sister and challenges them, but is killed himself. With his dying breath he curses Marguerite.

ACT IV: SCENE 1: Mephistopheles has invited Faust to his realm on the night of the Sabbath. He shows him all the temptations of the flesh in an attempt to make Faust forget Marguerite, but is unsuccessful. Faust sees a vision of Marguerite condemned to the scaffold. Filled with remorse he flees the orgy to rejoin Marguerite and save her.

SCENE 2: Marguerite, in her madness, has killed the child she has borne Faust and is in prison awaiting execution. Faust and Mephistopheles come to help her escape but she rejects them and in so doing gains salvation. Faust, meanwhile, commanded by Mephistopheles to fulfill his part of the bargain, is sent to his doom. It's about time somebody challenged the French to a champagne duel.



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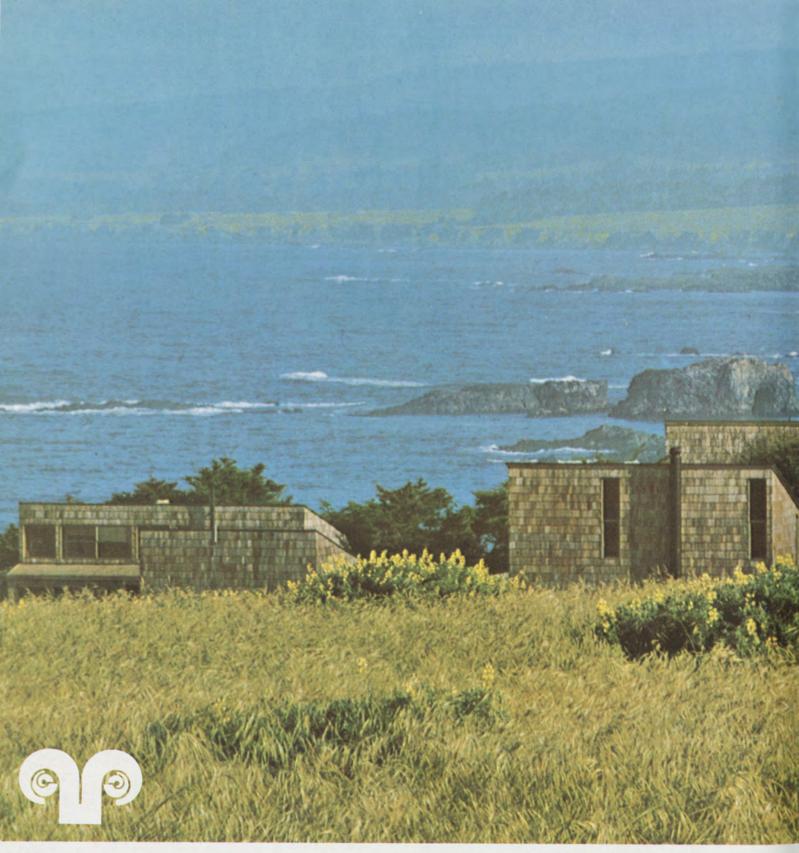
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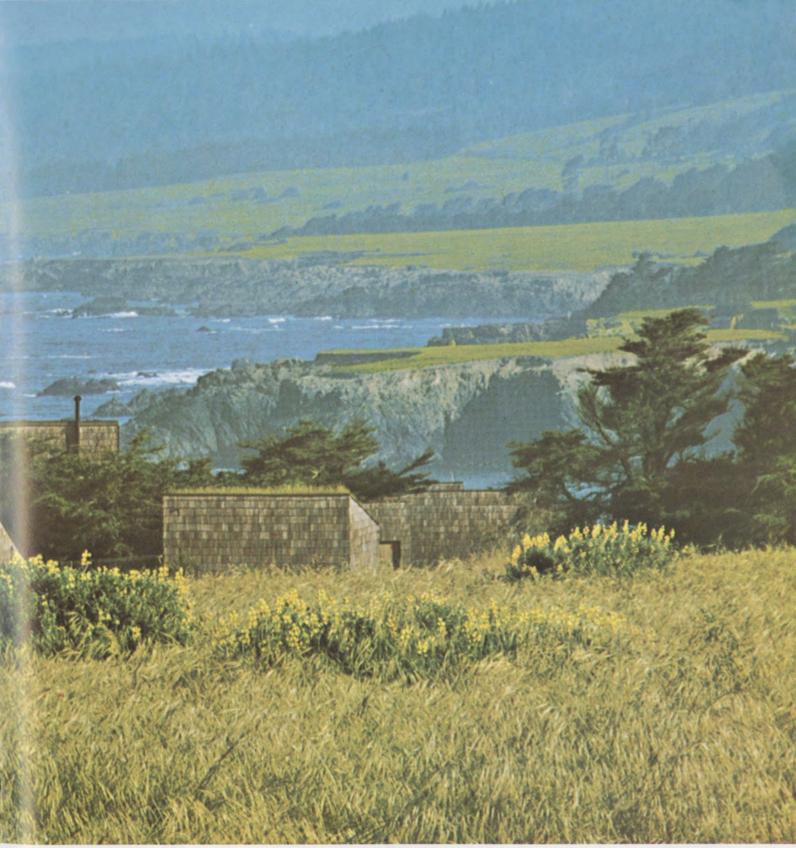


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But Marguerite, in the great tradition of tenderly fragile heroines of French opera, is a living and breathing human being, and at all moments touching, from the shy dignity of her first entrance to her gently understated madness and despair — most touching perhaps in the garden love duet, which achieves a surprising psychological (and even physiological) insight into a virgin's first encounter with physical love. (Can the Victorians, who so dearly loved this opera, ever have realized quite how sexy this scene is?)

The Germans have the right idea. They call this opera Margarethe, so that, in the homeland of Goethe, there may be no confusion as to Gounod's objectives. (In the 1863 London season mentioned above, it was known as Faust e Margherita.) Keep this in mind; think of the opera as Marguerite, forget all about deep Goethean significances, and let its faintly dated but still sweet charm captivate you.

Faust was Gounod's fourth opera, his first success, and the only one of his many works to persist in the permanent repertory—though Roméo et Juliette (1867), revived this fall by the Metropolitan, is marginal, and Le Médecin malgré lui (1858) and Philémon et Baucis (1860), both in lighter vein, might merit re-investigation. Faust was first presented at the Théâtre Lyrique du Boulevard du Temple in Paris on March 19, 1859, with Marie-Caroline-Felix Miolan-Carvalho as an excellent Marguerite and an otherwise undistinguished cast. Parisians, as always, felt that an opera without a ballet was no opera at all, and the Wal-



A costume for Valentin, as visualized by the designer.

purgis Night sequence was added for the 1869 revival at the Académie Impériale de la Musique, with Nilsson, Colin and Faure. (The number and even the order of scenes in *Faust* depends on the producer. A brief scene containing further arias for Marguerite and Siebel is normally dropped. In my youth, the church scene was apt to disappear. A Metropolitan "complete" performance, in German in 1886, ran to 7 acts, with intermissions, and was reckoned the longest operatic performance up to that date.)

Since 1869, the history of Faust is largely a history of the world's greatest voices and singing actors. As I said, the opera is serviceable; and it is especially serviceable as a vehicle for stars. A provincial or semiprofessional Faust may furnish some pleasure (indeed, the best-acted garden scene I ever saw was in a semi-pro version by Peggy Overshiner and Caesar Curzi); but the opera comes most notably to life when it displays an extraordinary singing or acting personality. To attempt to list all of the resounding Great Names who have made Faust an important part of their repertory would fill this entire program; but a few notes on the past may provide a pleasingly nostalgic background to the present. (An asterisk marks artists who have sung the role with the San Francisco Opera.)

There are at least two different traditions of interpreting each of the three major roles. Faust may be a vehicle for aristocratic elegance, for purity of style, diction and vocalism. The Polish tenor Jean de Reszke was the apparently inapproachable master of this interpretation; but he has had

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Nicolai Ghiaurov

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reasonable rivals over the years in the Belgian Fernand Ansseau, the French Georges Thill, and the Canadian Raoul Jobin*. Recordings indicate that Charles Dalmores must have been astonishing in his adjustment of a big pure voice to the subtleties of dramatic nuance.

It is also possible to make of Faust a vehicle for sheer tenor display, which is quite satisfactory if the tone is as beautiful as that of Dino Borgioli* or Jussi Bjoerling*. John McCormack was especially celebrated for his high C which the Italian translator cruelly placed on the u vowel of *fanciulla* (in "Salve, dimora," née "Salut, demeure"). Other tenors fudged and adjusted the translation to find an easier vowel; but McCormack (and Alessandro Bonci) took the u full voice. Mario, the greatest tenor of the Bellini-Donizetti era, adopted Faust as one of his favorite roles and sang it well into his sixties — probably with variations.

Somewhere in between lies one of this century's greatest Fausts, Enrico Caruso. Those who wrongly think of Caruso as a lusty bellower, an early del Monaco, a more successful Lanza, are advised to consult the series of highlights from *Faust* which Victor recorded in 1910, with the remarkable cast of Caruso, Farrar, Journet, Scotti/Amato and Mme. Lejeune-Gilibert. In these excerpts Caruso achieves a distinguished balance of opulence and elegance.

There have been experiments, principally by producer Vladimir Rosing in the 1920s, in using two Fausts — one for the old man and one for the rejuvenated one. This is a fairly pointless gimmick; but I would like to hear an acting tenor who could achieve the same effect purely by vocal coloration, as Aureliano Pertile did so beautifully in Mefistofele.

The great French bass tradition of Méphistophélès (back in the days when France used to have great basses) is refined, acute, polished, witty. The eminent interpreter of this Gallic diablerie was Pol Plancon, described by an English critic as "elegant and impeccable," an impression strongly confirmed by his 60-year-old recordings. Classic performers in this vein include Francisque Delmas, Vanni Marcoux and Léon Rothier*. You can best sample this at present almost lost style by finding the first electrical complete Faust, which stars the aging but still magnificent Marcel Journet*.

Most non-French basses have adopted a broader, cruder, but not necessarily less effective approach. Fyodor Shalyapin, or Chaliapine if you insist on spelling Russian in French, was something of a lout (what a Rasputin he would have made!), yet a magnetically compelling artist. Eugene Goossens, who had the misfortune of conducting him at Covent Garden, describes him as "as usual very shaky in the matter of both words and music"; yet his presence always electrified an opera house. Michael Bohnen's devil was also coarsely effective, in an earthy Teutonic way. Ezio Pinza*, long dominated the role in San Francisco (8 of the first 10 seasons it was given here!); but it was not one of his major achievements; he was lively, flashy, superficial, and (as usual) far from home in any language other than Italian.

There is a surprising tradition of major

baritone interpreters of Méphisto. Indeed, the first resoundingly great demon (in the Paris 1869 revival) was the French baritone Jean-Baptiste Faure (not Fauré), noted for such virtuoso roles as Nelusko in L'Africaine and remembered today as composer of such pious songs as "The Palms" and "The Crucifix." Titta Ruffo was a biting fiend; and the Russian George Baklanov made an interesting effort toward a more Goethean interpretation, especially in the church scene, which he played as an anonymous and amorphous evil spirit (as it is in Goethe). Victor Maurel, creator of Falstaff and Iago, brought his unique gifts as a singing actor to both Méphisto and Valentin.

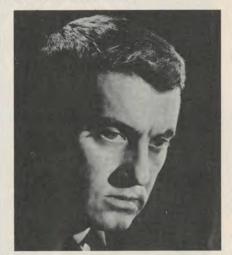
From the beginning, Marguerite has appealed to two different kinds of prima donna. For some it is a splendid vehicle for pure vocalism. Legendary Marguerites include Adelina Patti, who used to send her maid to rehearsals, and Nellie Melba, who persevered in the role far into her sixties. These are performances to be judged largely on the quality of the trills in the jewel song. The classic Marguerite of this school was the "pure and refined vocalist," the icy Emma Eames.

A more human interpretation of the girl in love begins early with Christine Nilsson, star of the 1869 revival and of the opening of the Metropolitan in 1883, when Henry Krehbiel wrote, "All that Mme. Nilsson sings, as all that she does, is so imbued with a current of sympathy that there is no resisting her." Geraldine Farrar, who chose the role for her world debut in Berlin, was an exquisite example of the human Marguerite, as were Ninon Vallin* and the most underrated of the great singing actresses, Queena Mario*. Farrar's great rival, Mary Garden, sang the role infrequently, but was praised for her "significant phrasing and nuance."

The role of Valentin is often assigned to a debutant or a secondary baritone, but it has had its share of important interpreters, starting with Charles (not yet Sir Charles) Santley in London in "the Faust season," when Gounod composed the aria "Avant de quitter ces lieux" to fatten the role for him. Mattia Battistini, "la gloria d'Italia," kept the role in his repertory throughout his career. It was Lawrence Tibbett's first major role at the Metropolitan. I shall not forget the unexpected excitement of Giuseppe Valdengo's almost unheralded U.S. debut at a San Francisco Opera matinee. Other star Valentins include Leonard Warren*, Robert Weede*, and the impressive Russian Pavel Lititsian, who sang the role here with the Cosmopolitan Opera.

There has even been at least one great Siebel: Sofia Scalchi, the foremost coloratura contralto of the era just preceeding Schumann-Heink, who achieved the unprecedented (and unechoed) feat of being forced to encore the flower song. How she looked in tights is not recorded; but the legs of Josephine Jacoby in later Metropolitan productions, like those of Mary Costa in *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, tended to steal the show.

I have deliberately not mentioned contemporary performers. You may make your own lists. For whenever you see and hear *Faust*, it is almost certain that at least one of the performers will make of it a true starring vehicle for great singing, great acting or (if God is very good) both. NICOLAI GHIAUROV



Ghiaurov was born in 1929 in the little Bulgarian town of Velingrad and at an early age began the study of the violin, piano, and clarinet. He commenced real vocal studies at the academy of music in Sofia at the age of twenty and then was sent on a scholarship to study at the Moscow conservatory, from which he graduated in 1955 with highest honors.

That same year he won the grand prix in an international vocal competition in Paris and made his opera debut as Don Basilio in "The Barber of Seville" in Sofia. In 1958 Ghiaurov began his international career. He was the Mephistopheles in a Bolshoi Opera "Faust" in Moscow, sang a highly-acclaimed recital in Vienna, and was engaged by La Scala to make his first appearances there the following year in a new production of "Boris Godunov". Since then he has sung regularly in Milan in "Nabucco", Rossini's "Mose", "Mefistofele", "Les Huguenots", "Medea", and "Khovantchina" as well as the standard repertoire.

Ghiaurov is now considered one of the leading artists in the operatic world and has been heard in London, Salzburg, Vienna, and Paris. In the United States he has won acclaim in New York (with both the Metropolitan and the New York philharmonic) Chicago, and Philadelphia. In private life the bass is married to a compatriot and the father of ten-year-old Vladimir and two-year-old Elena.

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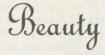
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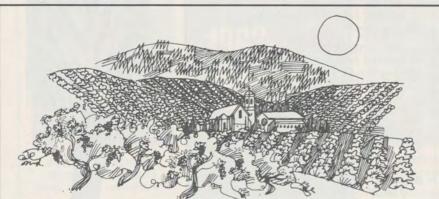
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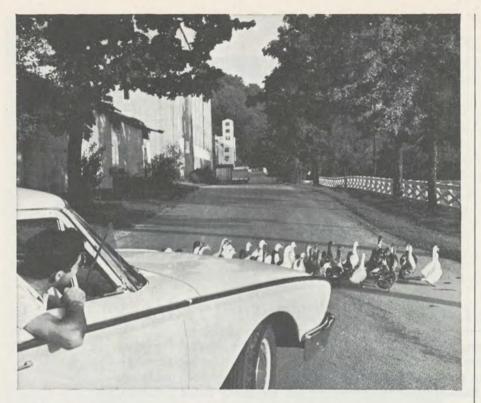
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Tuesday evening, September 19, at 8:00 -- opening night

LA GIOCONDA (Ponchielli)

Gencer, Bumbry, Forrester; Cioni, Ludgin, Berberian, Grant, Clements, Monk, Beauchamp CONDUCTOR: Patane STAGE DIRECTOR: Mansouri DESIGNER: Dunkel CHOREOGRAPHER: Andrew

Wednesday evening, September 20, at 8:00 - first performance this season

THE MAGIC FLUTE (Mozart) Marsh, Scovotti, Marks, Kirkpatrick, Petersen, Davis; Burrows, Evans, O'Leary, Berberian, Glover, Clements, Monk, MacWherter, Grant, Bales, Aird, Yamamoto PRODUCTION: Hager DESIGNERS: Businger, West

CONDUCTOR: Stein

Friday evening, September 22, at 8:00 LA GIOCONDA (Ponchielli) Same cast as September 19

Saturday evening, September 23, at 8:00 THE MAGIC FLUTE (Mozart) Same cast as September 20

Tuesday evening, September 26, at 8:00 THE MAGIC FLUTE (Mozart) Same cast as September 20

Wednesday evening, September 27, at 8:00 LA GIOCONDA (Ponchielli) Same cast as September 19

Friday evening, September 29, at 8:00 THE MAGIC FLUTE (Mozart) Same cast as September 20

Saturday evening, September 30, at 8:00 - first performance this season

LOUISE (Charpentier) Saunders, Cervena, Kova, Stevenson, Petersen, Kirkpatrick, Davis, Marks, Tede, Gunn; Alexander, Rossi-Lemeni, Burrows, Berberian, Grant, Manton, Glover, Clements, MacWherter, Monk, Beauchamp CONDUCTOR: Perisson STAGE DIRECTOR: Erlo CHOREOGRAPHER: Andrew

Sunday afternoon, October 1, at 2:00 LA GIOCONDA (Ponchielli) Same cast as September 19

Tuesday evening, October 3, at 8:00 LOUISE (Charpentier) Same cast as September 30

Wednesday evening, October 4, at 8:00 - first performance this season

DER ROSENKAVALIER (Strauss) Crespin, Anderson, Grist, Kova, Kirkpatrick, Marks, Davis, Petersen, Stevenson; Greindl, Modenos, Ilosfalvy, Fried, Manton, Davia, Glover, Clements, MacWherter, Serbo, TenBrook, Beauchamp, Harvey, Monk CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: Hager DESIGNER: Bauer-Ecsy, Colangelo

Friday evening, October 6, at 8:00 - first performance this season

MACBETH (Verdi)

Bumbry, Kirkpatrick; Ludgin, O'Leary, Barioni, Clements CONDUCTOR: Patane STAGE DIRECTOR: Erlo DESIGNER: Kerz CHOREOGRAPHER: Andrew

Saturday evening, October 7, at 8:00

DER ROSENKAVALIER (Strauss) Same cast as October 4

Sunday afternoon, October 8. at 2:00 THE MAGIC FLUTE (Mozart) Same cast as September 20

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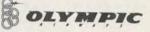
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Friday evening, October 13, at 8:00 LOUISE (Charpentier) Same cast as September 30

Saturday evening, October 14, at 8:00 — first performance this season MANON LESCAUT (Puccini) Kirsten, Kova; Ilosfalvy, Bryn-Jones, Davia, Burrows, Clements,

Manton, Grant, Monk, Harvey conductor: Grossman Stage Director: Mansouri

Sunday afternoon, October 15, at 2:00 DER ROSENKAVALIER (Strauss) Same cast as October 4

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Wednesday evening, October 18, at 7:45 — first performance this season **TRISTAN UND ISOLDE** (Wagner) Dalis, Dunn; Thomas, Ludgin, Greindl, MacWherter, Burrows, Glover, Grant CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: Hager DESIGNER: Bauer-Ecsy, West

Friday evening, October 20, at 8:00 MANON LESCAUT (Puccini) Same cast as October 14

Saturday evening, October 21, at 8:00 - first performance this season

L'ELISIR D'AMORE (Donizetti) Grist, Kova; Kraus, Wixell, Bruscantini conductor: Patane production: Mansouri choreographer: Andrew

DESIGNER: Darling

Tuesday evening, October 24, at 8:00

MANON LESCAUT (Puccini) Same cast as October 14

Wednesday evening, October 25, at 8:00 L'ELISIR D'AMORE (Donizetti) Same cast as October 21

Friday evening, October 27, at 7:45 **TRISTAN UND ISOLDE** (Wagner) Same cast as October 18

Saturday evening, October 28, at 8:00 **THE VISITATION** (Schuller) Weathers, Scovotti, Cervena, Kirkpatrick; Estes, Ulfung, Crofoot, Ludgin, Wixell, Bryn-Jones, Holmes, Modenos, O'Leary, Monk, Wentt, Berberian, Grant, Beauchamp, MacWherter, Klebe CONDUCTOR: Schuller PRODUCTION: Hager DESIGNER: Bauer-Ecsy, West

Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 2:00 L'ELISIR D'AMORE (Donizetti) Same cast as October 21

Tuesday evening, October 31, at 7:45 **TRISTAN UND ISOLDE** (Wagner) Same cast as October 18

Wednesday evening, November 1, at 8:00 — first performance this season FAUST (Gounod) Saunders, Anderson, Cervena; Kraus, Ghiaurov, Wixell, Monk-CONDUCTOR: Perisson PRODUCTION: Erlo DESIGNER: Skalicki, West CHOREOGRAPHER: Andrew

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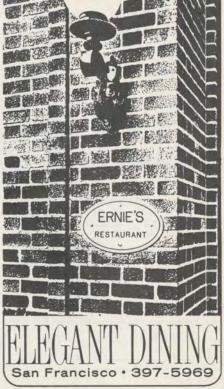
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Friday evening, November 10, at 8:00 FAUST (Gounod) Same cast as November 1

Saturday evening, November 11, at 8:00 - first performance this season

LA BOHEME (Puccini) Freni, Scovotti; Pavarotti, Wixell, Bryn-Jones, Estes, Davia, Crofoot, Clements, Anderson, Harvey, Martinez CONDUCTOR: Bernardi STAGE DIRECTOR: Farruggio DESIGNER: Jenkins

Sunday afternoon, November 12, at 2:00 FAUST (Gounod) Same cast as November 1

Tuesday evening, November 14, at 8:30 — first performance this season UN BALLO IN MASCHERA (Verdi) Price, Grist, Dunn; Ulfung, MacNeil, Berberian, Davia, Monk, Clements, Beauchamp CONDUCTOR: Bernardi STAGE DIRECTOR: Mansouri DESIGNER: Burlingame *CHOREOGRAPHER: Andrew

Wednesday evening, November 15, at 8:00 LA BOHEME (Puccini) Same cast as November 11

Friday evening, November 17, at 8:30 — first performance this season DAS RHEINGOLD (Wagner) Saunders, Dalis, Dunn, Marks, Kova, Anderson; Ward, Thomas, Modenos, Glover, MacWherter, Bryn-Jones, O'Leary, Greindl CONDUCTOR: Ludwig PRODUCTION: Hager DESIGNER: Skalicki/West

Saturday evening, November 18, at 8:00 UN BALLO IN MASCHERA (Verdi) Same cast as November 14

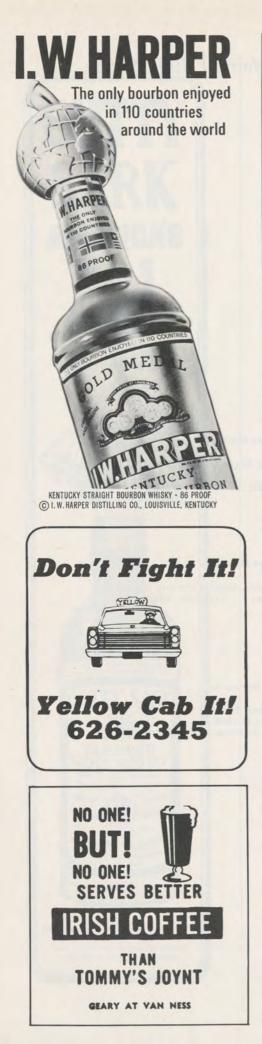
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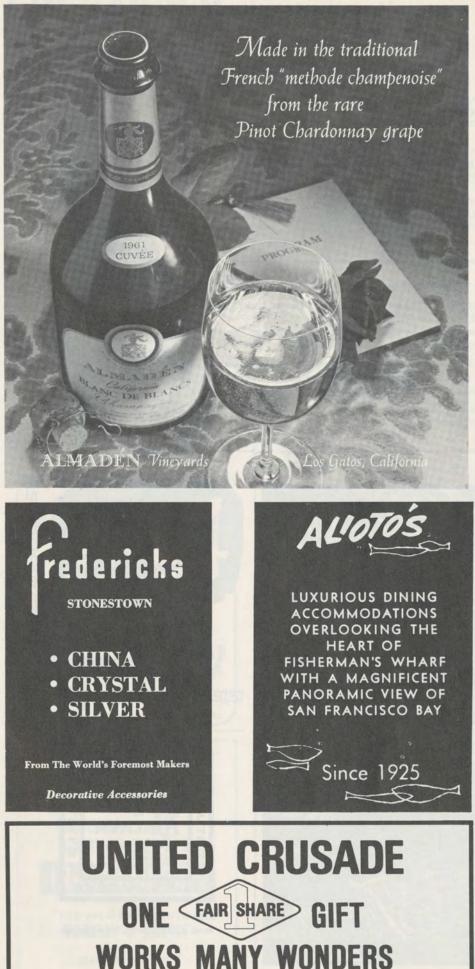


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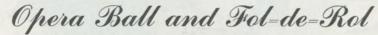
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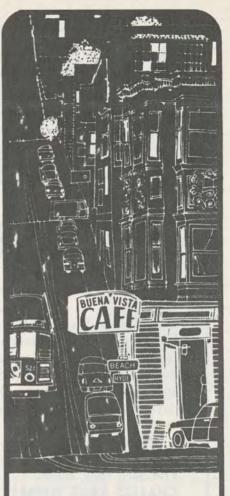
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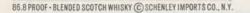
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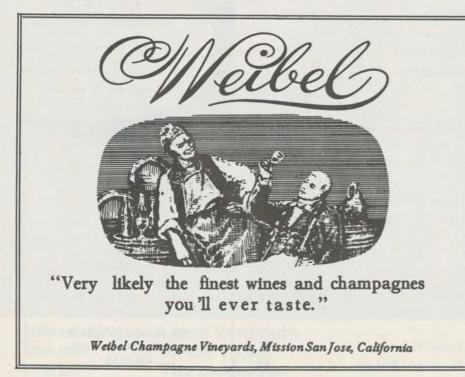
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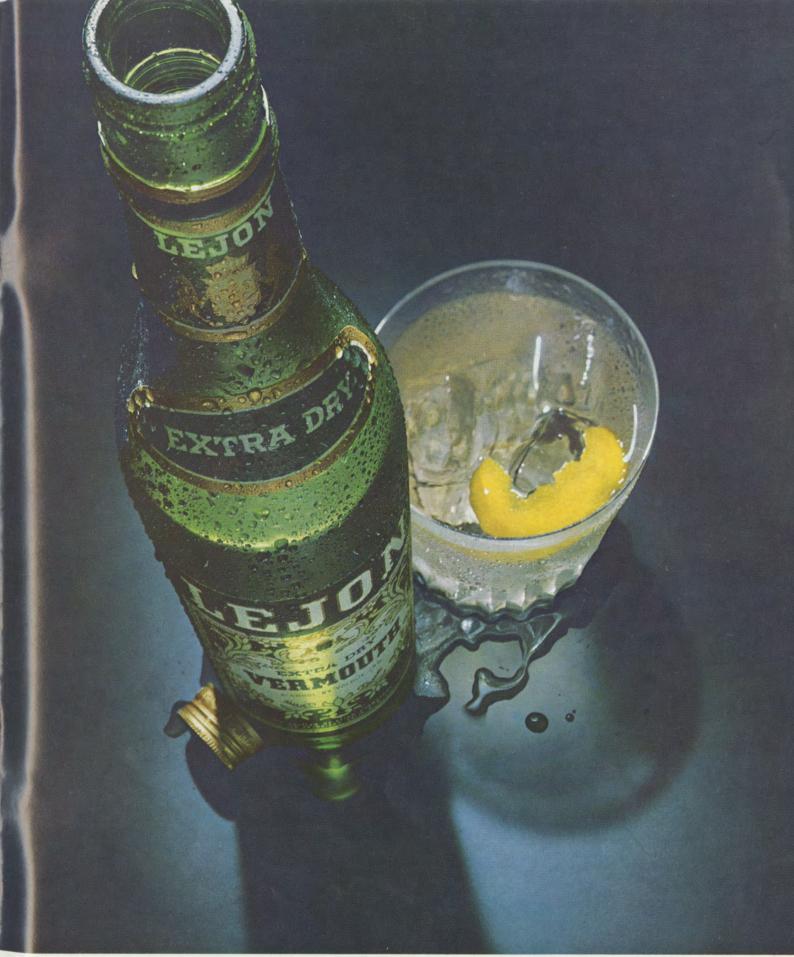
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