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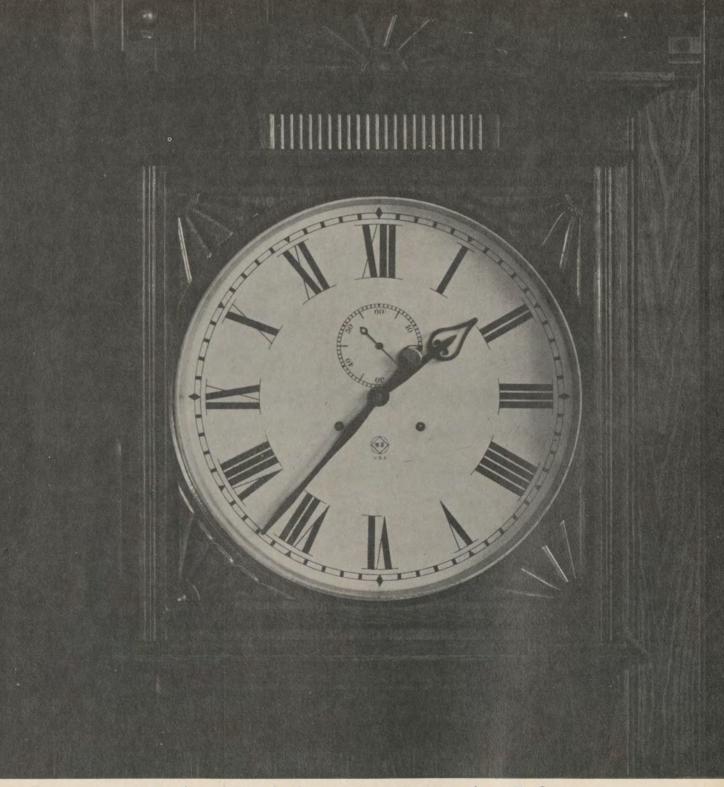
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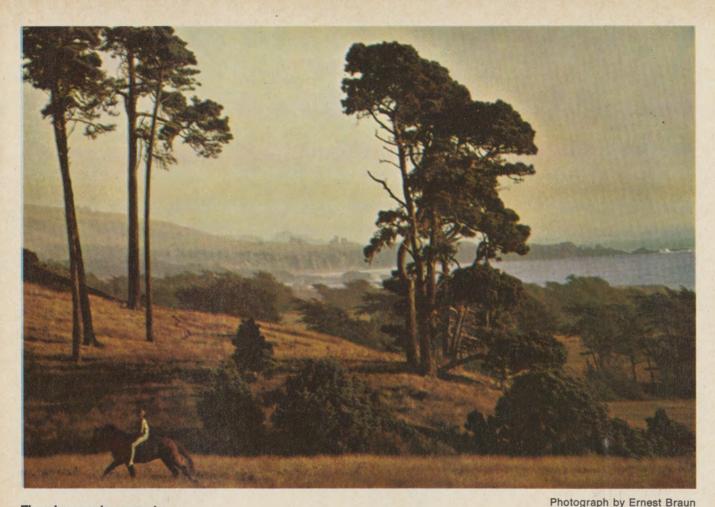
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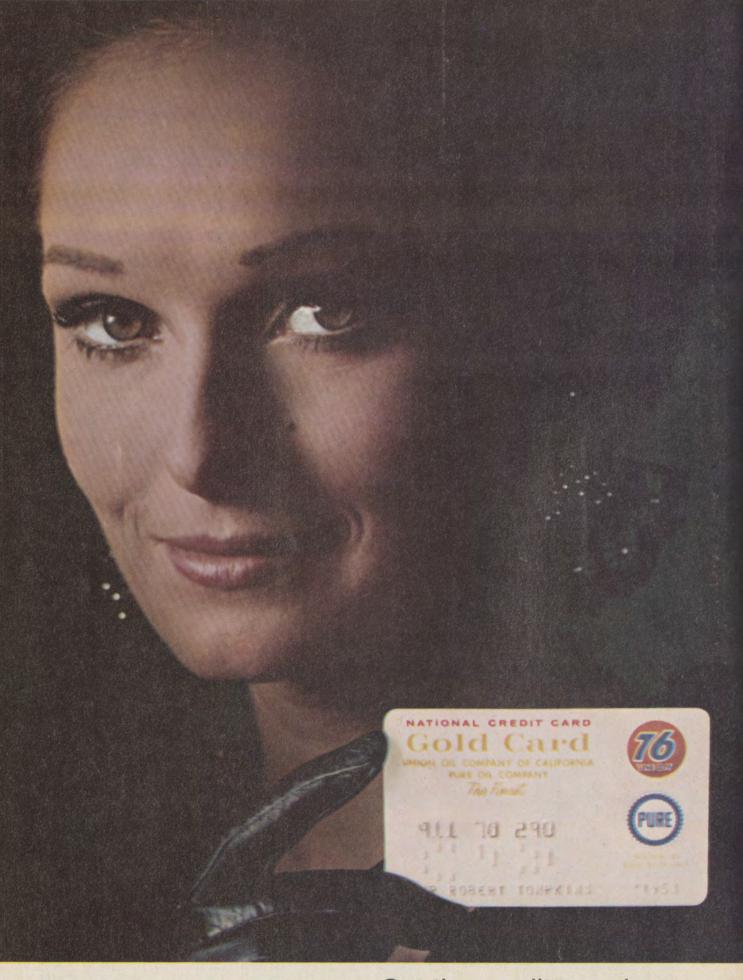
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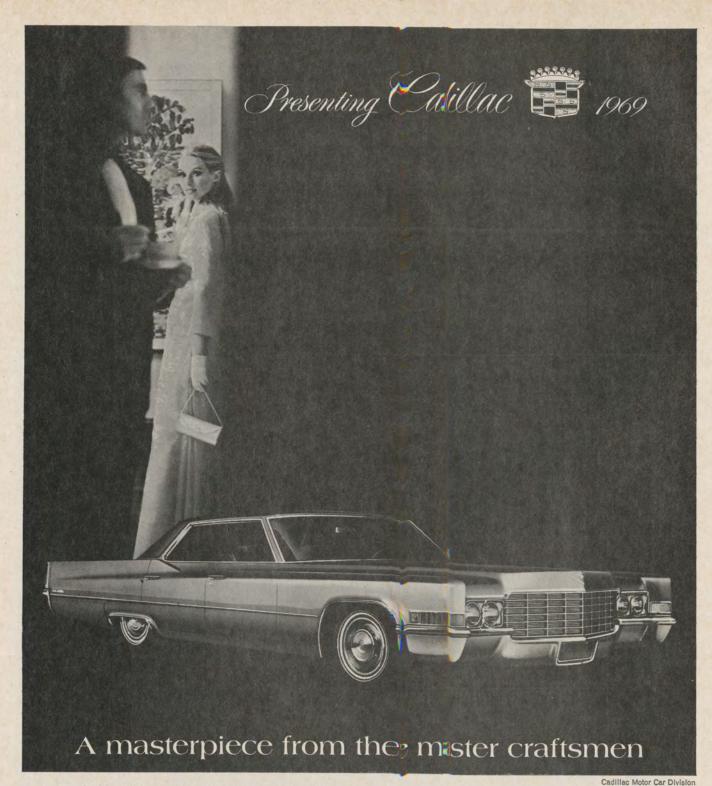
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Alban Berg's Wozzeck may well sum up the twentieth century as effectively as Wagner's Tristan und Isolde did the nineteenth. As Tristan's lush, overripe romanticism described the passionate undergrowth of the comfortable, capitalist, Victorian world, so Wozzeck tells us about the Nazis, Mme. Nhu and Biafra. It tells it the way it is, baby, and Wozzeck could live in Watts, Haight-Ashbury or Bedford-Stuyvesant. But what has all this to do with opera-lyric drama presented for people who dress up engagingly to enjoy beautiful sights and excitingly produced, encouraging music? Not too much, really, unless "beautiful people" are ready for one of the most gripping plays ever set to music. Wozzeck was never meant to sedate, and in fact it falls flat on its face if it does not oppress the spectator with its grim power.

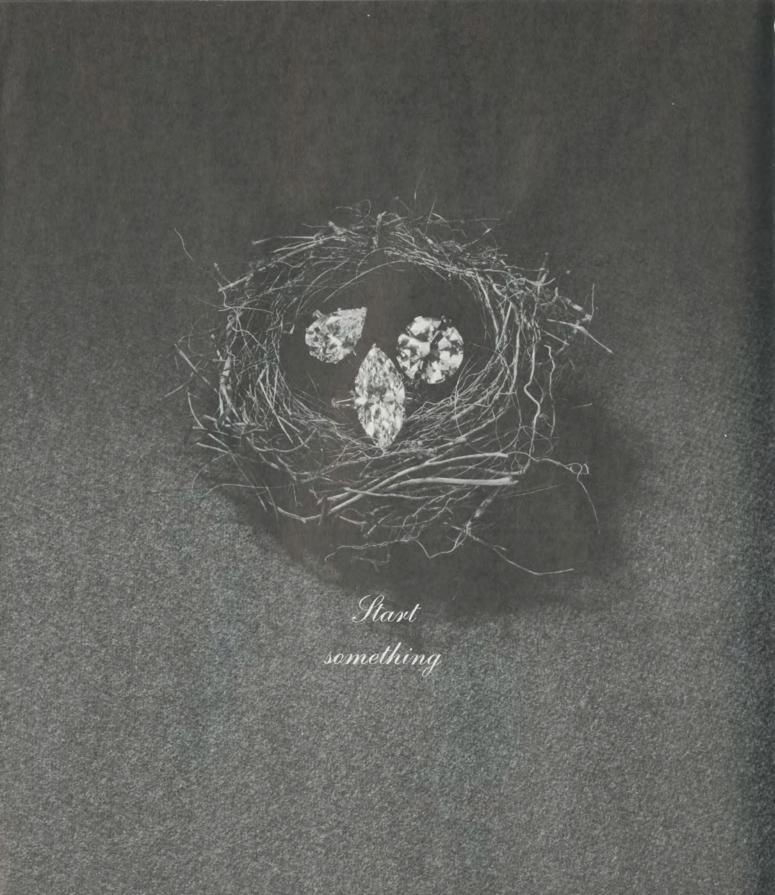
But if the result is oppressive, then what positive does the opera have to offer? An expression in a contemporary idiom of the Western musical tradition of centuries. Look back to Mozart. We go to hear his operas because of his incredible ability to create humans within formal conventions and to express a variety of emotions with great brevity. So also for Verdi who used the forms of Italian melodrama and pushed them to new horizons as he created flesh-andblood characters of passion and vitality. Berg did the same. To express his highly personal message, he used even older forms than Mozart or Verdi—passacaglia, fugue, etc.—and turned these into powerful modern expressions of psychological states of mind and body.

Turning to Berg's own language tradition, does Wozzeck speak to a Wagnerian audience? It should, because Wagnerites love Sturm und Drang or the play of violent emotions. But Berg never allows his story to overcome his formal musical conventions, and, even more important, Berg's characters all seem garishly familiar. Though Berg's connection to Wagner is strong and deep—his use of many Wagnerian forms makes some of his most effective points—he, unlike Wagner, consistently refuses to romanticize his characters or to take them out of ordinary experience.

Wozzeck, then, shows the effect of over three hundred years of operatic history before it; it represents another step on the road to doing what? To making opera musical theater or theatrical music? To look for an answer, let us turn first to the story and then to the music, not to tell the former or painstakingly diagram the latter, but to see what Wozzeck tries to do.

Georg Buchner's play of 1836, Woyzeck, dramatized the plight of a man of Slavonic descent in the Prussian army between the time of the Congress of Vienna (1815) and the revolutionary year of 1848. The fragmentary drama—an incomplete version of which was published in 1879 and became known to Berg about 1914—contained strange, explosive sentences such as: "Folk like us are always unfortunate...in this world and in any other world...If we should arise to heaven, we'd be employed there in helping to make the thunder...All our days are spent in endless toiling... sweating even in sleep."

During World War I when Berg suffered his own time in the Austro-Hungarian army, he boiled the twentyseven scenes of Buchner down to a manageable fifteen and placed them in a formally organized structure. His first act, divided into five scenes, introduces each of the characters who act upon Wozzeck and sketches the soldier in relation to his environment. Act Two, the longest of the three acts, paints Wozzeck's realization of Marie's unfaithfulness. He finds her wearing gold earrings which he did not give her; then his superiors





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- Scene 1: Marie's room Scene 2: The town square Scene 3: Street outside Marie's house
 - Scene 4: A beer garden
 - Scene 5: The barracks

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- Act III: Scene 1: Marie's room

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ACT I, SCENE 1: (Suite)—As Wozzeck, a soldier in a postwar Germany, shaves his captain, the officer taunts him with riddles about time and morality. The simple Wozzeck replies to an attack on his unblessed union with Marie (which has produced a child) by quoting the Lord: "Suffer the children to come to Me." Unprepared for such an answer, the Captain demands an explanation. The soldier stammers that the poor cannot afford virtue; their lot is drudgery. Disturbed, the officer admonishes him not to think too much.

SCENE 2: (*Rhapsody*)—Cutting sticks in an open field, Wozzeck is seized by weird hallucinations. While his friend Andres sings a song about the huntsman's life, Wozzeck imagines that the sinking sun has set the world on fire.

SCENE 3: (Military March)—Through her window Marie, her child in her arms, watches a military band led by the dashing Drum Major. Her neighbor Margret notes her intense interest and thereby incurs Marie's wrath. After Marie has sung a lullaby to her child, Wozzeck arrives and tells her of his fearful visions. She tries to calm him, but he only rushes away. Left alone, Marie runs out in anguish.

Scene 4: (*Passacaglia*)—To help support his family, Wozzeck visits the study of a doctor who uses him as a guinea pig in unorthodox experiments. The short-tempered Doctor exacts from his patient a tangled explanation of his behavior, at the end of which Wozzeck cries out desperately for Marie. Satisfied with Wozzeck's obedience, the Doctor gloats that he will win immortality through his discoveries.

SCENE 5: (Andante affettuoso [quasi Rondo])-Marie admires the Drum Major, who struts before her in the street. Unable to resist his advances, she leads him into the house.

ACT II, SCENE 1: (Symphony: Sonata Movement)—With her little boy in her lap, Marie tries on a pair of earrings given to her by the Drum Major. When the child disturbs her reveries, she frightens him into silence. Wozzeck enters; the guilty woman tries unsuccessfully to hide the earrings. She lies that she has found them, whereupon the man looks mournfully at the sleeping child and laments their fate. Wozzeck gives Marie his wages; after he has left, she berates herself.

SCENE 2: (Fantasy and Fugue)—In a street, the Captain and the Doctor talk morbidly of sickness and death. Wozzeck, rushing past, is stopped by them and mocked by allusions to his wife's infidelity. He runs away in confusion.

SCENE 3: (Largo)—Standing in front of her house, Marie is accused wildly by Wozzeck. When he starts to strike her, she tells him that she would rather have a knife-blade in her breast than his hand upon her. She goes into the house; Wozzeck staggers away whispering, "Better a knife-blade!"

SCENE 4: (Scherzo)—Two drunken apprentices stumble about the dance floor of a beer garden, muttering foolishly. The band begins to play. Marie and the Drum Major, passionately embracing in a lurid waltz, are seen by Wozzeck, who cries out to heaven for justice. Andres sings a folk song with a group of revelers and then joins Wozzeck, whom he tries to calm. One of the apprentices delivers a sermon, "Wherefore then is Man?," lapsing into a stupor when the band starts up again. An Idiot tells Wozzeck that he smells blood; just then Marie and her new lover whirl past. Wozzeck moans that everything seems to be twisting in a red mist.

SCENE 5: (Rondo con introduzione)—Tossing fitfully in his bunk in the barracks, Wozzeck prays for deliverance from temptation. The Drum Major stumbles in drunkenly, loudly boasting of his conquest of Marie; Wozzeck whistles and turns away. Infuriated, the Drum Major beats him up.

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ACT III, SCENE 1: (Invention of a theme)—In her room the guilt-ridden Marie reads aloud from the Bible. Tenderly she takes her child into her arms and comforts him. Resuming her reading, she finds a passage about Mary Magdalene and sobs, "Savior! As Thou hadst mercy on her, have mercy now on me, Lord!"

SCENE 2: (Invention on one note)—Wozzeck leads Marie at dusk along a forest path beside a pond. They sit down to rest, and Wozzeck gently kisses her. As a red moon rises, he exclaims that it is the color of blood. Before Marie can escape, he draws his knife, murders her, and silently rushes off.

SCENE 3: (Invention on a rhythm)—Seated upon a table in a tavern, Wozzeck urges on the dancing apprentices and their sweethearts. Margret begins a lusty refrain that enrages the soldier. Seeing blood on Wozzeck's hands, the apprentices question him but receive incoherent rebuffs.

SCENE 4: (Invention on a chord of six notes)—Back at the pond, the soldier searches desperately for the bloody knife. He finds it and wades into the water, throwing the blade farther and farther into the depth. The Doctor and Captain, passing by, hear him drown; they hurry away in fear.

SCENE 5: (Invention on a quaver figure)—In front of Marie's house, children play "Ringa-ring-a-roses." Marie's child rides his hobbyhorse. Other children run in to tell him that his mother is dead, but he does not understand. When they all rush off to see her body, he continues to play, notices that he is alone, and gallops after his friends.

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make fun of him; next he accuses her of betraying him. The fourth scene, the longest in the opera, lets Wozzeck see Marie with his rival, and the final scene shows his rival brutalizing Wozzeck. The third act sketches quickly the murder of Marie, Wozzeck's suicide and the epilogue.

If this story has meaning today, into what 1968 cubicle do the characters fit? First, we meet the Captain. With his frequent lapses into falsetto and hysteria, Berg portrays him as the immature man, possibly a homosexual but not necessarily. The Captain delights in cruelty. When he flies off the handle at Wozzeck's intelligent answer to his question, he becomes most like the modern bigot. The Wozzecks of the world must "keep in their place."

Marie, Wozzeck's mistress, frankly expresses the modern theater's evaluation of the prostitute. Unlike Violetta in La Traviata, she has no heart of gold. She is fairly sweet to her child, though not entirely. She lusts after the strong Drum Major ("Like a tree," she describes him), succumbs to him easily and feels guilty only when she fears for her life. Her Bible-reading scene—when she likens herself to the Magdalen reflects more Wozzeck's strange behavior to her than her own sorrow. She gains our interest if not sympathy because she is a uniquely real woman.

The Doctor, it must be remembered, was created a hundred years before Nazi scientists started experimenting with humans. Even if he seems a ghastly stereotype, he is more. Like Lulu, he works on people with no thought that they can have feelings. His preoccupation with the job over everything else characterizes him; humanity does not enter into his thinking.

The Drum Major strikes one first as a man on the make, but why then does he brutalize Wozzeck? More than the Captain, he represents the selfish, all-consuming wish of many men to prove their questionable manliness. The Drum Major knows that Marie is Wozzeck's woman, that Wozzeck has nothing else, yet he seduces her because he must prove that he can. Because he knows the kind of dirt that he has done, he has to justify himself by beating up poor Wozzeck. To ask why is to try to explain the savageries in today's news and tomorrow's headlines.

The other characters place Wozzeck in his world and ours: Andres, his fellow soldier, who does not understand Wozzeck's ravings or why he can't just drink and find another girl; Margret, an ordinary campfollower; the apprentices who drunkenly act like students of The Student Prince vintage; and the Idiot who strangely furnishes the words for Wozzeck's acts.

Wozzeck himself fits beautifully into today's antihero format, but he really does more. For Wozzeck, as the average soldier of below-average intelligence, acts appealingly. He earns money to support his child; when confronted with evidence of infidelity, he moves slowly to a conclusion; and after he has the facts that make him a cuckold, he acts in a rudimentary but effective way. With his simplicity and coarseness, Berg's tormented hero presents a typical problem to the 1968 audience with a social conscience. If it can grasp what Wozzeck means by "the poor folk" and their problems, then it



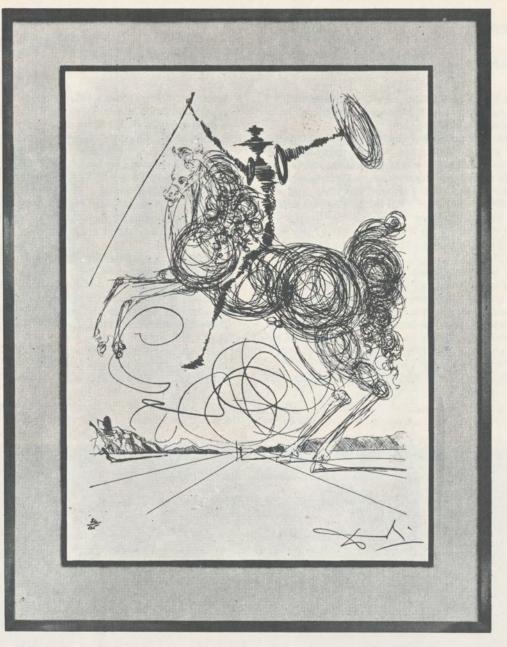


might be able to forestall the knife for Marie and the suicide of the Wozzecks around us. If not, chaos might envelope us all.

These characterizations exist because of Berg's supercharged music. But the music to Wozzeck, when it is discussed, always ends up as an analytical lecture in musical forms, Berg's extensive use of the twelve-tone technique, and the art of rhythmic declamation. Actually the opera is filled with every kind of music. When it is said that the first act is a series of five different musical forms (suite, rhapsody, etc.), the second a symphony in five movements and the third a series of six inventions, the formal description requirements are satisfied.

Berg, however, wanted his opera to affect its hearers without regard to his careful planning. Even he acknowledged that some effects happened by accident: a tiny, increasing drum role between the opening two string chords in Act One marvelously sets the military attitude of the opera, and yet it was written only to bridge the two chords. The cohesion of the work is stressed when the final scenes of the first two acts are compared—Marie yielding to the Drum Major and Wozzeck being beaten up by the Drum Major. Even further, the composer ends all three acts on the same quasi-cadential chord, and uses the note B ominously long before it forms the basis of Marie's death scene.

But to this listener, many non-technical effects point out the mystery and excitement of this opera. In the first musical interlude, the whole palette of Berg comes alive in his first several bars: irridescent, impressionistic, polytonal, intensely personal, these phrases mark this composer as clearly as the sword leitmotif brings to mind Die Walkuere. After the interlude, the orchestra connotes eerie magic and prepares



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one for the blasted heath where Wozzeck and Andres look for sticks. In the first scene with Marie, after her beautiful lullaby, the fear that overwhelms her has no reason. The orchestra, pulsating, screaming, whispering, tells us that she has a foreboding of doom, but neither she nor we can understand it.

Later, in the second act, after the brilliant scene between the Captain and the Doctor, the two release their pent-up frustrations toward each other in their fugue mocking Wozzeck. What other instrument than the English horn could begin such a dastardly scene with such black humor? At the inn, the marvelous waltz (which echoes the one in the third act of Der Rosenkavalier when Ochs woos Mariandel) is followed at the end of the scene with the idiot's disembodied words, accompanied by strange instruments including an accordion. The insidious, wheedling words—"It reeks … reeks of blood"—reach the outer limits of terror.

In the final act, the two crescendos on B followed by the drop-off into the sound of an out-of-tune piano rival any scene in opera for musico-dramatic effect. And then the last interlude and epilogue. Here Berg discarded understatement and wrote his own threnody for his anti-hero. No matter if Wozzeck has not earned our respect or our love, Berg writes here in moving, tortuously beautiful terms of the value to him of every man. The emotion almost overwhelms the listener; is it Wagner or Strauss? Just as we feel particularly comfortable and back in the nineteenth century, a glass of ice water is thrown in our faces. Children are singing, "Ring around the rosy." In a few moments, Marie's child is told that his mother is dead and is asked to come see the corpse with the other children. He is too young to understand and, for a moment, keeps riding his hobby horse: "Hip, hop," he sings. His "hip, hop" becomes a part of the orchestral continuum that goes on into infinity after the final curtain.

After all of this, does Wozzeck sustain its claim of greatness? Every spectator must answer for himself, but irrefutably Berg creates and maintains a mood. He draws characters out of everyday life—real everyday life and not far-fetched verismo-type life—and paints them with all their faults and strengths exposed. Berg wanted to give the ignored, nameless man of his time a voice; oddly enough, the forgotten man of 1922 has become the feared, unknown quantity of 1968. Wozzeck tells of this man without platitudes, and its message deserves an honest hearing.







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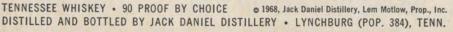


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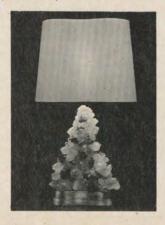


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Dr. Blair has resigned from the faculty at University of Redlands and as organist-choirmaster at First Congregational Church, San Bernardino, in order to make his home in San Francisco. At University of Redlands, Dr. Blair was coordinator of the School of Music, supervised graduate programs, was chairman of the piano department, and taught courses in music theory, music literature and musicology.

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Repertoire | 1968 Season

Saturday evening, October 5, at 8:00 - first performance this season **ERWARTUNG** (Schoenberg) Collier CONDUCTOR: Schuller PRODUCTION: P. Hager DESIGNERS: Aeberli, West followed by **ROYAL PALACE** (Weill) Todd, Marks; Khanzadian, Crofoot, Berberian, Grant, Janzen Solo Dancer: Mehl STAGED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY: A. Johnson CONDUCTOR: Schuller DESIGNERS: Skalicki, West followed by CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Milhaud) "THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA" Todd; Tipton, Monk, Wildermann, Beattie, Drake, Khanzadian, Berberian, Glover, Fried, Grant, Manton, Fleck, Barker, Crofoot, Clark, Janzen, Matthes, TenBrook, Gettys CONDUCTOR: Schuller DESIGNERS: Skalicki, West PRODUCTION: Rott CHOREOGRAPHER: N. Johnson Tuesday evening, October 8, at 8:00 **ERWARTUNG** (Schoenberg) followed by **ROYAL PALACE** (Weill) followed by CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Milhaud) "THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA" Same casts as October 5 Wednesday evening, October 9, at 7:30 DIE WALKUERE (Wagner) Same cast as September 27 Friday evening, October 11, at 8:00 - first performance this season IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Bakocevic, Lilova, Nadler; Ilosfalvy, Braun, Berberian, Glover, Janzen CONDUCTOR: Patane **PRODUCTION:** P. Hager DESIGNERS: Skalicki, West Saturday evening, October 12, at 7:30 - last performance this season **DIE WALKUERE** (Wagner) Same cast as September 27 Sunday afternoon, October 13, at 2:00 - last performance this season ERWARTUNG (Schoenberg) followed by **ROYAL PALACE** (Weill) followed by CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (Milhaud) "THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA" Same casts as October 5 Tuesday evening, October 15, at 8:00 IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Same cast as October 11 Friday evening, October 18, at 8:00 -- first performance this season WOZZECK (Berg) Lear, Anderson; Evans, Lewis, Parly, Beattie, Khanzadian, Fried, Drake, Monk PRODUCTION: P. Hager DESIGNERS: Bauer-Ecsy, Colangelo CONDUCTOR: Ludwig Saturday evening, October 19, at 8:00 MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini) Same cast as October 4 Sunday afternoon, October 20, at 2:00 IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Same cast as October 11 Tuesday evening, October 22, at 8:00 WOZZECK (Berg) Same cast as October 18 Wednesday evening, October 23, at 8:00 IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Same cast as October 11 Friday evening, October 25, at 8:00 - first performance this season LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Rinaldi, Nadler; Pavarotti, Braun, Grant, Khanzadian, Glover, CONDUCTOR: Patane STAGE DIRECTOR: Yannopoulos DESIGNERS: Bauer-Ecsy, Colangelo CHOREOGRAPHER: N. Johnson

Saturday evening, October 26, at 8:00 — last performance this season **WOZZECK** (Berg) Same cast as October 18



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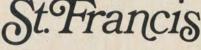
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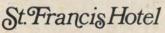
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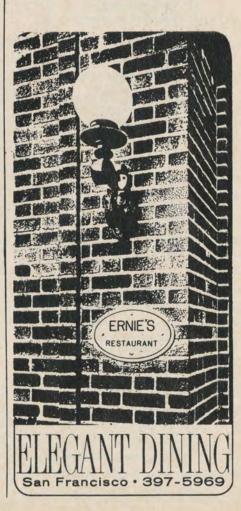
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Friday evening, November 1, at 8:00 — first performance this season SALOME (Strauss) Silja, Cervena, Nadler, Matsumoto; Lewis, Mazura, Di Virgilio, Berberian, Barker, Fried, Glover, Crofoot, Khanzadian, Drake, Grant, Fleck CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: W. Wagner STAGE DIRECTOR: Ebermann DESIGNERS: W. Wagner, Darling

Saturday evening, November 2, at 8:00 — last performance this season IL TROVATORE (Verdi) Same cast as October 11

Sunday afternoon, November 3, at 2:00 LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Tuesday evening, November 5, at 8:00 SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Wednesday evening, November 6, at 8:00 LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Friday evening, November 8, at 8:00 — first performance this season **DON GIOVANNI** (Mozart) Tarres, Zylis-Gara, Pilou; Siepi, Holley, Trama, Mazura, Monk CONDUCTOR: Stein PRODUCTION: P. Hager DESIGNER: Smith

SPECIAL SATURDAY MATINEE Saturday afternoon, November 9, at 2:00 MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini) Same cast as October 4, except for Dorothy Kirsten in the title role

Saturday evening, November 9, at 8:00 — last performance this season LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR (Donizetti) Same cast as October 25

Sunday afternoon, November 10, at 2:00 SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Tuesday evening, November 12, at 8:00 DON GIOVANNI (Mozart) Same cast as November 8

Friday evening, November 15, at 8:00 — first performance this season **TURANDOT** (Puccini) Shuard, Marsh, Matsumoto, Nadler; Spiess, Berberian, Wixell, Manton, Crofoot, Fried, Grant CONDUCTOR: Patane STAGE DIRECTOR: P. Hager DESIGNER: Horner

Saturday evening, November 16, at 8:00 — last performance this season SALOME (Strauss) Same cast as November 1

Sunday afternoon, November 17, at 2:00 DON GIOVANNI (Mozart) Same cast as November 8

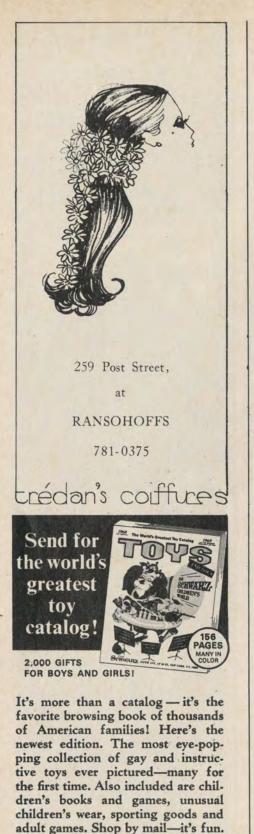
Tuesday evening, November 19, at 8:00 TURANDOT (Puccini) Same cast as November 15

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Friday evening, November 22, at 8:00 — first performance this season FRA DIAVOLO (Auber) Costa, Anderson; Gedda, Beattie, Khanzadian, Manton, Drake, Grant, Janzen CONDUCTOR: Bernardi PRODUCTION: Mansouri DESIGNER: Darling . CHOREOGRAPHER: N. Johnson

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Wednesday evening, November 27, at 8:00 TURANDOT (Puccini) Same cast as November 15

Friday evening, November 29, at 8:00 – last performance this season MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini) Same cast as October 4

Saturday evening, November 30, at 8:00 — last performance this season **TURANDOT** (Puccini) Same cast as November 15

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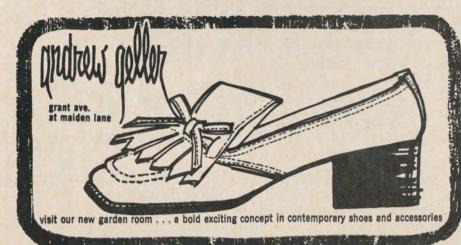
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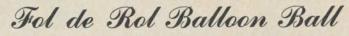
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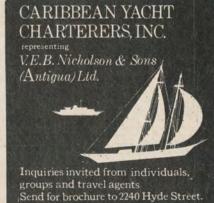
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Lucille Spackman, who heads up Yen Yen of Malaya, the Thai silkwear and gift shop on Pacific, heard that Gyoko (in private life Mrs. Nyle K. Walton) was leaving the Bay Area. Mr. Walton, who has been teaching at the University of California at Berkeley, has accepted a guest instructor post at the University of Georgia. The Waltons will be gone at least a year.

Mrs. Spackman persuaded the artist to allow her to exhibit and sell her most recent work, all original in design, one-of-a-kind.

Gyoko glass naturally reflects the Japanese mood, as the artist was born in Tokyo and attended the University of Meiji Gakuin. Her technique, perfected to suggest cloud-sea effects, was not learned in Japan, however, for she studied English literature in her homeland. Professors at San Francisco State, where she continued her studies after coming to the Bay Area, detected her latent art abilities and suggested she enter art classes at San Jose State. (San Francisco State has since acquired the necessary equipment and now also offers courses in glass and ceramics work.) Her mentor at San Jose State, where Gyoko fulfilled the prophecy of her talents, was Professor Rover Fruitz. She studied with him for two years.

Since becoming publicly recognized, particularly through her association with Ikebana, Gyoko has worked with the facilities put to her use by the Design Department at the University in Berkeley.

One of the delights of Gyoko glass is its quixotic habit of changing hue in different lights. The clue of this chameleon quality is the artist's use of silver of nitrate in her colors. A vase which is blue under artificial light diffuses to a soft grey under sunlight. Even her colors follow abstract patterns, with each piece subtly shifting design under the impact of changing light.

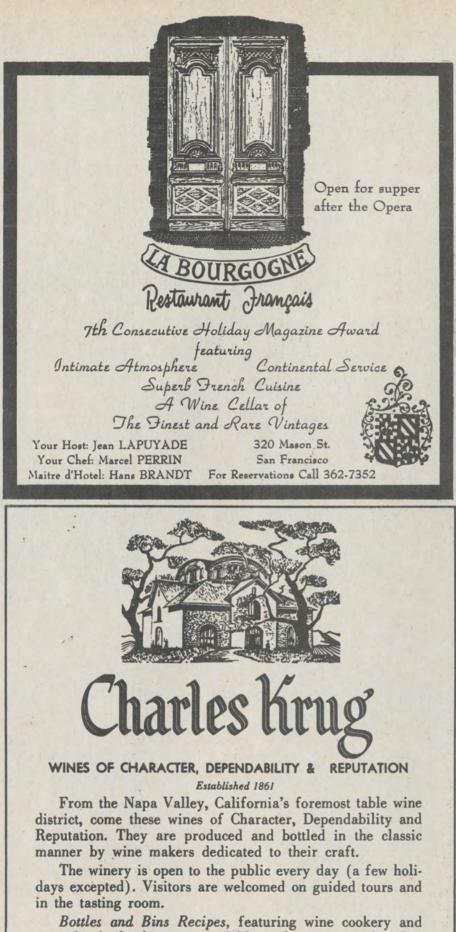
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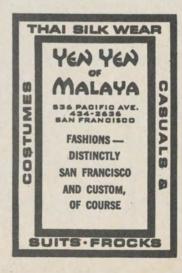
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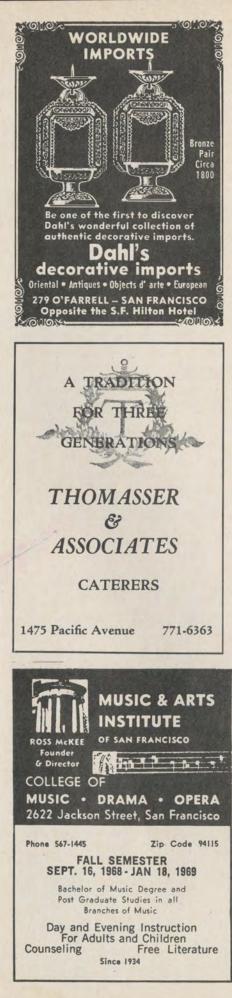
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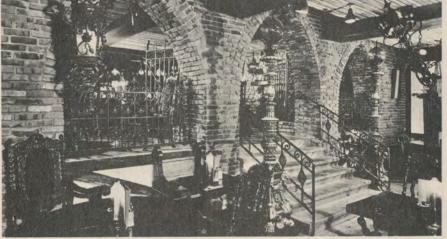
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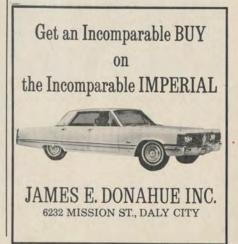
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