

The Sunday Spotlight

1951 Brings Fine Recordings

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Some mighty fine records have been produced thus far in 1951. Today, let's look back over the list. Some of these releases have been mentioned here before; most of them have not.

Anyways, here are some of the outstanding ones: Bartok: "Violin Sonata No. 1." Isaac Stern and Alexander Zakin (Columbia). Almost perfect balance between violin and piano, both in playing and in engineering.

Verdi: "Dramatic Scenes from Verdi Operas," Eleanor Steber with Metropolitan Opera orchestra under Fausto Cleva (Columbia). Fine display of Miss Steber's dramatic ability, as well as her singing. Remarkably good recording.

Berber: "Knoxville: Summer of 1915." Eleanor Steber and Dumbarton Oaks Chamber orchestra, and "Four Excursions," Rudolf Kiskunsky (Columbia). Music reminds one of Menotti's, but still highly original. Good performances and engineering.

Martinu: "Sinfonia Giocosa," Germaine Leroux and Czech Philharmonic orchestra (Mercury). A fine example of pre-Soviet Czech lightness.

Schumann and Brahms: "Schumann-Brahms Recital," Gyorgy Sandor (Columbia). Sandor's warm, fluid playing is reproduced with great quality.

Handel-Fekete: "Jephtha" suite, Salzburg Mozart orchestra under Fekete (Mercury). This is fine

transcription of some of Handel's seldom-heard music, although the performance is stiff at times.

Beethoven: "Violin Concerto," Zino Francescatti and Philadelphia orchestra under Eugene Ormandy (Columbia). Clean violin playing, full-toned orchestra.

Schubert: "Unfinished" symphony and "Rosamunde" incidental music, Bamberg Symphony under Robert Heger (Mercury). Relaxed and rather slow, but both enjoyable.

Dvorak: "Quintet in E Flat," Budapest quartet and Milton Katims (Columbia). High grade performance and engineering.

Brahms: "Piano Quintet in F Minor," Clifford Curzon and Budapest quartet (Columbia). Disciplined playing, on the cool side.

Since last Sunday's report, more information on fall radio schedules has arrived. Here, then, are additions to the list of dates of reinstatements and changes:

Monday Aug. 27—"Suspense" returns—CBS-WBBM. Monday Through Friday.

Aug. 27—Lowell Thomas and Club 15 return—CBS-WBBM.

Aug. 27—Edward R. Murrow returns—CBS-WKOW.

Aug. 27—Robert Q.'s Wax works on new schedule—CBS-WKOW.

Sept. 24—Jack Berch moves to ABC.

Tuesday Aug. 28—Life With Luigi returns—CBS.

Saturday Sept. 8—NBC Symphony on new schedule—NBC-WIBA.

Uncle Ray's Corner

What's Truth About Borgias?

It is a common thing for men to want to build up a name, and to be remembered by other persons. This desire has led to a great deal of good work.

There are, however, persons who have made bad names for themselves. They are remembered for their evil deeds.

Among those who have built up names of the wrong kind are certain members of the Borgia family. This family became strong in Italy during the lifetime of Christopher Columbus.

We are apt to think of the Borgias as Italians, but there was much Spanish blood in the family. Ancestors of the Borgias, including those who supplied the name of Borgia, moved to Italy and made their homes here.

Some of the Borgias became churchmen. Several rose in power until they were named bishops or cardinals, and two of them held the office of pope.

It is of a Borgia named Cesare that I wish to speak today. At the age of 23, he decided to leave

the service of the church, saying that he was not well fitted for the office which he held. The request was granted, and he became a layman.

After resigning from the church, Cesare Borgia became a nobleman with the title of Duke of Valentia. Many persons spoke of him in later years as "Valentino." He was very wealthy, and was placed in command of hundreds of French soldiers.

The Duke of Valentia soon married Charlotte D'Albret, sister of the King of Navarre. She entered the marriage with a dowry, but it was of smaller size than her husband had been led to expect.

A few months later, Cesare Borgia joined King Louis XII of France in a military campaign in northern Italy. The city of Milan fell to the French, and Cesare entered it in company with the French king.

In this period, we are told, Cesare traveled with a dozen carts, all of which had "rich trappings

of velvet and gold brocade." Going on with the Italian campaign, Cesare captured several strongholds. One of these was in command of a noblewoman, Caterina Sforza. She had lost her husband, but now she showed strength in the way she handled her troops.

One account of her says that she was "wise, brave, tall, well-knit, with a lovely face, talking little." After losing to the enemy, she was captured and was sent as a prisoner to the French king.

Running through the story of Cesare and other Borgias are accounts of poisoning. Certain persons drank wine, and died shortly afterward. Charges were made that the Borgias committed the crimes.

At this distance, it is hard to say to what extent the charges were true. In some cases the grounds for the statements seem to be very flimsy. Cesare Borgia, for example, was accused of poisoning his cousin, Cardinal Juan Borgia. The truth seems to be that the cardinal died from a fever which had attacked him before Cesare visited him.

Sunday's Crossword Puzzle

Grid for Sunday's Crossword Puzzle with numbers 1-167.

- 1 A grenu
5 Mails
10 Growing out
15 Card golf score (pl.)
19 An East Indian tree
20 A language
21 Where Moore defeated Visigoths
22 Epic poem by Homer
24 Part of stove (pl.)
25 Greek letter
26 Suitable
28 Male
29 Medieval weapon
30 Pummels
31 Exclamation of triumph
32 G-quip of three (pl.)
34 Pronoun
35 Bird (pl.)
36 A worm
38 Insects
40 Title of respect
42 Goddess of the moon
46 God of war
47 Crinks with tongue
49 Opportuna
54 To negotiate
55 To rotate
56 Tree
58 Female horse (pl.)
59 A kiln
60 Part of plant

Religion

9:15 a. m. — Bethel Lutheran (WIBA): "An Adequate Gospel," the Rev. F. I. Schmidt; solo, "Be Thou With Me," Mrs. William Musil.

10 a. m. — First Congregational (WIBA): "The Call of God in Vocation," the Rev. Alfred W. Swan.

10:30 a. m. — Madison Catholic Hour (WKOW): "Through Justice and Charity, Cooperation," the Rev. Andrew Breines.

11 a. m. — Christ Presbyterian (WKOW): "An Unceasing Pentecost," Dr. Roy W. Zimmer.

First-University Methodist (WISC): the Rev. Ernest Saunders of Garrett Biblical Institute. . . Bashford Methodist (WFOV): delayed broadcast of 9 a. m. service.

1 p. m. — Catholic Hour (WIBA): "Christianity in Military Life," Maj. Gen. John M. Devine.



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Discussion

9:30 a. m. — Reviewing Stand (WGN): "What Can We Do About Polio?," Dr. Douglas Buchanan, Dr. Edward Comper, Mrs. F. L. Karlstein.

9:35 a. m. — Invitation to Learning (WBBM): "Phedre," Eva Le. Gaillienne, Clifton Fadiman.

10 a. m. — Small World (WMAQ): Dr. George Stoddard, president, University of Illinois, on work of UNESCO.

1:15 p. m. — Know Your FBI (WBBM): "Theft of Government Property."

5 p. m. — Sen. Estes Kefauver (WISC): Tennessee Democrat substitutes for Drew Pearson.

5 p. m. — Later Than You Think (WFOV): Ralph Peterson reviews "12 1/2 Plymouth St."

9:30 p. m. — American Forum (WIBA): "Should West Point Be Abolished?," Sen. Lester Hunt (R-Wy.); Sen. William Benton (D-Ill.); Lowell Limpus, columnist; Brig. Gen. Charles E. Solzman.

WHA and WHA-FM

- 9:00 Devotional Music
9:30 Cathedral Echoes
9:35 News
10:00 "Women"
10:35 Music
10:55 News and Weather
11:00 Newsworks of Music
11:55 News
12:00 Sunday Musicale
1:30 Let Us Forget
1:40 Bible Album
1:50 Bible Album
2:00 Bible Album
2:30 World Theater
2:35 Sunday Music Hour
3:00 London Forum
3:30 Concert Arts
3:35 News in Review
3:00 Dinner Musicale
7:00 Dinner Musicale
7:10 Opera Favorites
7:30 Sunday Night Concert
7:35 News
9:00 PM Concert
10:30 News (to 11)

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Classified Highlights of Today's Radio Schedule

SUNDAY

Table with columns for WIBA, WISC, WKOW, WIBU and rows for various radio programs and times.

Starred programs are also carried on corresponding FM stations... F M channels: WBA-FM 101.5 M, WWC-FM (WIBU) 94.9 M, WISC-FM 98.1 M.

For Children

10:45 a. m. — Carnival of Books (WIBA): Rabbits, Frogs and Toads; Homing Pigeons, and the Great Whales.

Quiz

6 p. m. — Quiz Kids (WIBA): Joe Kelly returns.

Miscellaneous

8 p. m. — Bob Hope (WISC): substituting for Walter Winchell.

WFOV-FM

- 8:00 Wake Up to Music
8:05 Weekly Man
8:09 Top in Pop
8:30 Songs of Our Times
8:45 The Combo
8:50 Bishopford Methodist Church
12:00 News: Ralph Martore
12:15 Memory Times
12:30 Lunchtime Music
12:35 Sacred Heart Program
2:00 Navy Band
2:15 Sacred Heart Program
2:30 Madison Mt. Parade
2:35 Proudly We Sail
2:40 The Record
4:30 We'll Radio Program
4:45 Ken Griffin
4:50 Later than You Think
5:30 Hour of St. Francis
5:55 News: Phil Reed
6:15 Package of New Records
6:30 Most Solid Records
7:00 Vespers
7:30 Kestrel's Concert
8:00 Public Service Time
8:15 Here's to Veterans
8:30 American Sacred Harmony
9:00 Jan Garber
9:30 Sammy Kaye
9:55 News
10:00 Dance Band Parade (to 12)
10:30 Saturday Allen
11:00 Wayne King
11:30 Frank Petty Trio
12:00 Sign off

Music

9 a.m.—Devotional Music (WHA): "Missa Papae Marcelli," Palestrina.

9:30 a.m.—Cathedral Echoes (WHA): Gertrude Stillman plays "Modal Suite," Peeters.

10:15 a.m.—Symphony Scrapbook (WMAQ): Theodore Slavov, violinist, guest.

11 a. m.—Invitational to Music (WBBM): 1951 Holland Music Festival.

12:45 p.m.—Joey Tantillo (WIBA): "Accordion Ländler," "Bob's Schottische," "Mexicali Rose," "My Truly, Truly Fair."

1 p. m.—Music With the Girls (WMAQ): Gershwin medley.

4:30 p. m.—Summer in St. Louis (WBBM): "Desert Song," "I Got Plenty o' Nuthin'," "Me and Marie."

5:30 p.m.—Wayne King (WIBA): "Across the Wide Missouri," "Artist's Life," "In the Still of the Night," "Dardanelia."

6 p. m.—Guy Lombardo (WKOW): and Dorothy Collins.

7 p. m.—Mario Lanza (WKOW): and Gisèle MacKenzie; "O Sole Mio," "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," "If You Are But a Dream," "Time on My Hands," "Opera Concert (WGN): music from 'Sicilian Vespers,'" "Othello," "Manon Lescault."

7:30 p. m.—NBC Symphony (WIBA): Claudio Arrau, pianist; Arthur Bennett Lipkin, conductor; "Finlandia," Chopin's "Prelude No. 24" and "Minute Waltz," "The Cog d'or" selections, Grieg's "Variations on a Nursery Rhyme," portions "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2," three movements of Liszt's "Concerto No. 1," Cailliet's "Dixie Fantasy," Sunday Night Concert (WHA-FM); Haydn's "Lord Nelson" mass... Contended Home (WBBM); Jo Stafford, Gordon MacRae.

7:45 p.m.—Dr. Gino (WENTR): with Dr. Frank Black.

8:15 p. m. — Here's to Veterans (WFOV): Ralph Flanagan.

8:30 p. m. — Music by Roth (WIBA): "Jalousie," "The Continental," "Indian Summer," "Red River Valley," "Charmaine," "Rain," "Symphonette (WBBM): ballet music from "Faust" and "Romeo and Juliet."

10:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Concert (WISC): High School Vocalettes of Champaign, Ill.

10:45 p. m.—Guest Star (WISC): Les Brown.

Documentary

11:30 a.m.—Ghost Story (WISC): "The Cape Horn Pilot," based on story by Jacland Marmur.

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Baseball

12 m.—Cubs at New York (WIND).

12:25 p. m.—Cubs at New York (WISC)... Yankees at Chicago (WJJD).

Monday of next week is the reason for folks knocking off for Labor Day weekend. Sunday, how all the plutocrats manage to join with us picture-craze in chasing this bit of whimsy.

'Course, we can't guarantee any such interesting subject material for your weekend as we have sketched here. Like the half of the beach umbrella. Or was it the gal you were gazing at?

Did you know this is the only full-fledged holiday deal in '51? Sure. Memorial Day and 4th of July both fell on Wednesdays, and a lot of folks were short-changed on fun. But this one coming up is bona fide, so make the most of it. . . .

And (careful, now, here comes the "commercial") speaking of making the most of it—you'll not only have more fun over the holiday, itself, but you'll receive all those happy times for many years to come—if (yep, you've guessed it) you take a Camera!

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