

COMPOSER IS IN HOUSTON FOR CONCERT

Music Must Reveal Emotion
of the Heart, Rachmani-
noff Says; Modern Music
Is Described as Lacking.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, tall, dignified, and with no outward sign of the deep emotional force that he puts into his music, is at the Rice Hotel working in seclusion for his concert tonight at 8:15 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The composer leads a tranquil life as far as his heavy concert program allows him. In speaking of his chosen art he said:

"Music can not be just color and rhythm. It must reveal the emotions of the heart."

"To me modern music represents only retrogression," he said. "I do not believe anything worthwhile can grow out of it, because it is lacking in one great essential—the heart. The poet, Heine, once said that what life takes away, music restores, but he would not be moved to say this if he could hear the music of today. For the most part it gives nothing."

Should Bring Relief.

"Music should bring relief. It should rehabilitate people's minds and souls. Modern music does not do this. If we are to have great music, we must return to the fundamentals which made the music of the past great."

As to those who play the piano, Mr. Rachmaninoff thinks that there never has been as many good pianists as today. Asked about audiences the artist said:

Audience Never Errs.

"Taken individually, the people in an audience may all be poor critics of music, but as a complete body, the audience never errs. It is never wrong in its reaction to a performance." This remark is especially interesting from Mr. Rachmaninoff, who has reached the pinnacle of success, for he says that he always thinks only of his own taste in making up his concert programs, and not of that of his audience. In other words, Mr. Rachmaninoff gives his best on every program and has been rewarded with public acclaim the world over.

He comes to Houston under the management of Edna W. Saunders, who reports reservations from all the surrounding towns about Houston. Christmas shoppers are pausing long enough to make up a big audience at tonight's concert.