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The Rachmaninoff Concert

THE first event of the concert season at Derby is the visit of Rachmaninoff, the great composer, conductor and pianist, who is coming to the Drill Hall, on Thursday of next week, under the auspices of the Municipal Chamber Concerts Committee. This is stealing a march on the B.B.C., who have not yet been able to persuade him to face the microphone.

His programme will include Bach's superb Organ Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, arranged by Liszt. This work represents Bach at the summit of his achievement.

Then Rachmaninoff is to play that marvellously beautiful Sonata—Op. 109 in E major by Beethoven. He will then play four of his own studies (Etudes Tableaux)—studies marked by noble and refined distinction, requiring a finished pianist to do them justice, and reflecting his own great pianistic powers.

Then follows a Chopin Group—a Polonaise, Mazurka, a Nocturne, and the early Rondo, Op. 16. After that come numbers by Wagner and Liszt.

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