

Famous Pianist In City

Serge Rachmaninoff Rests Previous to Concert Here by Playing Piano.



SERGE RACHMANINOFF

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Sojourning in Dayton for three days is Serge Rachmaninoff, famous Russian pianist, while taking advantage of the brief lapse in his busy concert tour. His visit here will be terminated with a piano concert in Memorial hall, Tuesday evening, being the third number of the Artist Series.

This great Russian pianist is a solemn, kindly man, with a slow but complete smile. His greeting, and goodbyes, were quietly friendly. There is a piano in his suite at the Biltmore, where he practices a bit, two to three hours a day. In speaking of this he indicated that he was more or less at leisure, for his regular routine calls for four hours or so daily. (There, young pianistic aspirants, is a working model for you if you would be crowned with success!)

Rachmaninoff, and by the way, each syllable is given equal accent, for this interviewer asked him to pronounce many of the names attached to prominent artists in the concert field today, and they are all the same, told us that five months a year are spent at his home in a charming spot in Switzerland. He loves it, but his family, and they are six, do not, for it rains some part of each day, but one could easily imagine this man undisturbed by any such element, for he is happy with a piano, and with his papers and book, of which there seemed to be a-plenty around the room, all in Russian, of course.

In speaking of the part radio

is playing today, he feels that he is responsible for a decrease, generally in the numbers of music pupils, and for the very great downfall of the gramophone record sales. However, on the other hand, radio presents to rural districts, and to the communities which are suffering the loss of regular concert series, a grand chance to have wonderful music. He thinks the broadcast of orchestral concerts, by Toscanini, a most wonderful thing.

The Prelude, for which concert audiences everywhere are insistent in their demand, is promised for an encore, along with others of popular selection.

Patricia O'Brien and J. Herman Thuman announce that the concert will start promptly at 8:30, and that no one will be admitted during the performance of any number.

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