

THE MAN BEHIND THE PRELUDE.



Sergei Rachmaninoff, Russian composer and one of the greatest living pianists, as he appeared shortly after his arrival in Kansas City today. A royalist who still considers himself a subject of the Romanoffs, he was

IN MUSIC, NOT POLITICS

BUT RACHMANINOFF HAS FOREBODINGS ON SOVIET RECOGNITION.

Great Pianist and Composer, Here for Concert Tonight, Is Elated That Kansas City Has Philharmonic Orchestra.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, celebrated pianist and composer of the Russian royal regime, arrived in Kansas City today full of forebodings concerning recognition of the Soviet.

"I hope it will be a happy association of peoples," he said. "In Russia we have a saying which runs, 'Know your associates, for by them the world will know you.' I hope America knows the new friend she has recognized."

The virtuoso's deepest concern is for Russian refugees in the United States. He fears that efforts from Leningrad to obtain their deportation may be the sequel to resumed diplomatic relations. In France, he says efforts were made by the Soviet to effect the suppression of royalist organizations in the country.

A SUBJECT OF ROMANOFFS.

Rachmaninoff, although he has made his home in Switzerland, has embraced no new citizenship. He still considers himself a subject of the Romanoffs.

"However, I do not wish to pose as an expert on politics or international relations," he said, with a slow smile. "I am a musician, not an ambassador."

The slow smile that comes and goes across his strongly lined face is as characteristic of him as his tall, slightly stooped stature, and his close-cropped hair. The smile remained while he spoke of music.

"That is excellent, that is excellent," he repeated when he heard that a philharmonic orchestra had been formed in Kansas City.

When he was informed the first concert had been well attended he was even more pleased.

"You have made an important step," he said, "a very important step. You have laid the foundation for a musical education in your city. If your people responded that well they are ripe for it."

He lighted a cigarette and looked thoughtfully at the gray landscape.

ART IN THINGS AROUND US.

"Art," he said, "is in the things around you. It is when you yourselves desire to interpret, those things into music or any other form of beauty that you are becoming sensitive and mature. You can bring performers here, people with reputations, and they can show you what they can do. But they cannot bring you appreciation. Your philharmonic apparently is doing that. Support it and encourage it. It will continue to open new pleasures to your community. I never have played before a public that supported its own symphony or its own philharmonic without noticing the increased capacities for enjoyment that those people have."

Rachmaninoff believes Russia found spiritual satisfaction in the music of his day. He doubts if the modern Russian composers are giving the people that.

"I mentioned," he said, "that art is in the things inside you, too. Russians are mystics. It is a part of their breed. They are mystics just as Scots are logicians."

ONE CANNOT DICATE TASTE.

"The new government in Russia has tried to lay its hands upon taste. I do not believe a true Russian can find himself in a composition that interprets a steel foundry as he did in a composition that helped him find his soul."

Rachmaninoff admits he has not heard as many of the compositions of the new Russia as he would like to. There are difficulties in obtaining copies. It has been impossible for him to get a copy of one of his own works, "Evening Mass." He has been able to rewrite the music from memory, but the original Russian words have escaped him. He believes the religious nature of the piece may have led to its suppression.

Tickets for the Rachmaninoff concert tonight may be obtained at Convention hall. The concert will begin at 8:20 o'clock. The ticket sale has been good so far, but there are still many choice seats available, Mr. Pritschy said.

DR. ZUDIE PURDOM DIES

A SECOND PARALYTIC STROKE BRINGS END TO PHYSICIAN.

For Twenty-Five Years She Had Practiced Osteopathy Here and Was Daughter and Sister of Women Doctors.

Dr. Zudie Purdom, for twenty-five years a prominent osteopath here, died at 8:15 o'clock today in her apartment at the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln boulevard and Harrison street.



DR. ZUDIE PURDOM.

She comes from a family of widely known women doctors, her mother, the late Dr. Theodosia Purdom, practicing here many years, and a sister, Dr. Hezlie Purdom, practicing several years in Paris and Rome until her return here about a year ago.

Dr. Zudie Purdom suffered a paralytic stroke about six weeks ago when she and her sister were returning here from California, where they had been on a vacation tour.

STRICKEN IN YUMA, ARIZ.

She was stricken in Yuma, Ariz., and remained ten days in a hospital in Phoenix before she was able to return here. She spent another ten days at Wesley hospital here before she was able to return to her apartment. She had a second paralytic stroke a week ago Saturday and had been in an unconscious state ever since.

She was the daughter of Col. Hezekiah Purdom, and was born in Macon, Mo. She was graduated from the American School of Osteopathy at

J. Greenlee, all of the home, and a sister, Mrs. Park Richardson, St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday at the Field chapel at Lees Summit. Burial will be at Bellvue, Mo.

MANHEIM—Mrs. Ernestine Manheim, 94 years old, a resident of Kansas City twenty-eight years, died late last night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Sachs, at the Wendenere apartment hotel, Armour boulevard and Cherry street. Mrs. Manheim was born in Germany. Upon her arrival in the United States, she moved to Atlanta. She came here from Atlanta. Mrs. Manheim leaves three other daughters, Mrs. Hay M. Levy, 5012 Woodland avenue, Mrs. Sarah M. Levy, Erie, Pa., and Mrs. James Lashburn, Washington, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

NELSON—Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, 70 years old, died yesterday at her home, 4157 Rossmore road. She leaves her husband, Harry C. Nelson, and a son, Harry C. Nelson, Jr., both of the home, five daughters, Mrs. Joseph Kirshman, 1801 West Forty-third street, Mrs. Ruth McFarlan, 2331 East Forty-eighth street, Mrs. Howard Wells, 4809 Rossmore parkway, and Miss Josephine Nelson and Miss Esther Nelson, both of the home, two brothers, Thomas Coffey, 5401 Forest avenue, and Michael Coffey, 5521 Michigan avenue, three sisters, Miss Bethia Coffey and Miss Josephine Coffey, both of the home, and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday at the home and at 9 o'clock at Our Lady of Good Council church, Schaefer avenue and Washington street. The pallbearers will be John Carroll, Roy Saunders, T. D. Samuel, Jr., J. S. Setters, J. L. Chandley and Dr. George Berry.

VEDROS—Mrs. Stella Vedros, 57 years old, died today at Bell Memorial hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. She leaves her husband, Nick Vedros, 8 daughter and four sons, all of the home, 605 Shawnee avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, her mother, a sister and three other brothers in Greece. Funeral services will be at 1:30 o'clock Thursday at the Daniel Brothers chapel and at 2 o'clock at St. Dionysius church in Kansas City, Kansas.

WAGGONER—Mrs. Rosa Mary Waggoner, 63 years old, of Houston, Tex., died last night at St. Margaret's hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. She had been visiting a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Donahoy, 3232 Delavan avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, the last five months. She leaves two other daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Wendling, Barker, Tex., and Mrs. Avery Grooms, Akron, Col.; three sons, George L. Waggoner, also of Barker, Tex., Orville Waggoner and Slick E. Waggoner, both of Houston.

WESTERMANN—Charles A. Westermann, 36 years old, died late yesterday at his home, 1013 Olive avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Wiertel and Miss Rose G. Westermann, both of 1043 Barnett avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, and Mrs. Anna De Brier, Hutchinson, Kan., and five brothers, Louis Westermann, 5502 Harrison street; John Westermann, 1828 North Thirty-second street; Joseph Westermann of the home, and Leo H. Westermann, 87 South B. Street street, Kansas City, Kansas, and A. O. Westermann, Benton, Mo. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Butler & Son chapel and at 9 o'clock at St. Anthony's Catholic church in Kansas City, Kansas.

Death of Mrs. Adelle F. Blodgett. Word has been received here of the death yesterday in Tulsa of Mrs. Adelle