

# World of Music



Theme from Third Movement "Symphony No. 1," by Shostakovich

(A suggestion for using and preserving the daily music themes: Many teachers of music appreciation advise their pupils to clip the themes, paste them on 3x5 filing cards, place the composer's name at the top and file them in alphabetical order by composers.)

Sergei Rachmaninoff demonstrated in Constitution Hall last night that his superb artistry on the piano is still at its height. The large and appreciative audience in recalling him a number of times at the close of the program was not satisfied until he had played his well-known composition, the "Prelude in C Sharp Minor."

Opening his program with a group of delightful abstract numbers by Beethoven and Scarlatti, he began to use the full resources of the piano in the finale movement of the Chopin "Sonata in B Minor." The second part of the program included more of the programmatic type of music.

The height of dramatic power was revealed in the more modern "Etude Caprice" (Dohnanyi), which brought the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm resulting in their insistent demand for encores.

The program as a whole was well chosen to bring out the various shades of tonal color and technique of which he is the greatest master before the public today. Time has dealt well with Rachmaninoff; there is not the slightest trace of any slowing in execution nor any loss of the deft touch of his fingers.

performance of the season next Monday night went on sale Monday of this week. There were lines at the Metropolitan box office all day. All available seats were disposed of (\$10 top), as fast as they could be handed out. Standing room will go on sale Monday.

With 11 new singers making their debut next week and the curiosity aroused by the installation of the American Ballet under George Balanchine, interest has been quickened at the opening of the season.

Mrs. Nina Grieg, widow of the great composer, Edward Grieg, died December 9 at Copenhagen. Her illustrious husband died 28 years ago.

A joint recital of the Lisa Gardiner Dancers and the Washington Composers Club will be given tonight at Roosevelt High School Auditorium at 7:45 o'clock.

## The Weather

### Forecast Until 8 p. m. Tomorrow

District of Columbia—Fair and colder, lowest temperature about 26 degrees tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow at night; diminishing northwest winds, becoming variable.

Maryland—Fair and colder tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow at night.

Virginia—Fair, colder in east and not so cold in extreme southwest portion tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow in west and central portions.

### Temperatures