

RACHMANINOFF TONIGHT

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Tonight will be a great opportunity for all who love music of the highest type to drink to the delight of their souls.

Rachmaninoff, the great Russian pianist, will play a program such as Topekans have not heard in a decade—if ever. He is without any doubt the greatest pianist of the present day. He is a great musician. In his private car at the Rock Island depot he rests today. He has a chef, steward and porter as well as a business manager with him, also a man who cares for his pianos. In his face are traces of yesteryear of deep tragedy, of clouds and of thought. Rachmaninoff under the late Russian imperial regime was conductor of the Royal Opera. His orchestra consisted of one hundred and ten members. His chorus of two hundred and Russian ballet of one hundred and fifty members. When his government was overthrown he had to leave. He was the owner of a three thousand-acre estate, had two hundred peasants working for him. So highly did they respect him that he was asked to leave before violence might befall him and he went to Copenhagen from where he came to America. Rachmaninoff bought his home in Riverside Drive, New York, and now tours this country as concert pianist. He is a composer as well, and of good music, in fact he is ranked today as one of the most serious composers of the present time.

I write this interview in an effort to convey to all who may read it the fact that an opportunity knocks at their door—those who love the best should come by all means. Please give all students of piano a chance to hear Rachmaninoff tonight. It will be one of the greatest inspirations of all times in their lives.