

Fishing The Air

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The program will be presented in the grand ball room of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, before the annual convention of the Music Supervisors' National Conference. The members of the National High School Orchestra, who come from 200 cities and represent practically every State in the union, have been chosen through a series of competitions.

For this program the orchestra will play four movements of Dvorak's "Symphony From the New World." This was based on theme which attracted the attention of the Bohemian composer on a visit to America, and thus is especially appropriate for a concert by an orchestra representing all parts of the United States.

The sextette from "Floradora" and "Tell Me Pretty Maiden" will be refreshed in the memories of the radio audience tonight at 10:30, when the Royal Ambassadors present a program over KFI and associated stations of the NBC Pacific Coast network. The newer musical stage successes have not been neglected, and selections from "Rose Marie," "Sunny," "Hit the Deck," "The Five O'Clock Girl" and "Rio Rita" will be broadcast.

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