

SATURDAY, OCT. 12, 1946

Paulee Sings  
At MusicaleProgram Is Ambitious  
And Well Balanced

By HENRY BUTLER

The Indianapolis Matinee Musicale opened its current season yesterday afternoon at Ayres' auditorium with Moga Paulee, Metropolitan mezzo-soprano, as soloist.

Accompanied by her husband, Dean Cort, at the piano, Miss Paulee sang an ambitious program of six groups, including Chausson's "Poeme de l'Amour et de la Mer."

Of the early portion of the recital, I may say that there is such a thing as too much "interpretation." Miss Paulee (not unjustly dubbed by publicity releases as the "pin-up girl of the Met," and yesterday wearing a long-sleeved, high-necked, metallic-colored creation) has a way of clasping her hands and swaying back and forth as if to force tone and emotion. It's a trick vocalists overwork. Either there is tone, or there isn't; and the emotion, to be effective, must be conceived in terms of the entire song.

Hard to Judge

Probably the best example of Miss Paulee's interpretation was Tchaikovsky's "None But the Lonely Heart," sung as an encore. Tastes differ, but I think that song suffers from being sung too slowly and with too much dirge-like feeling.

It's a little hard to judge voice in that auditorium, which swallows sound the way a broadcasting studio does. My impression is that Miss Paulee's voice sounds a lot better when she sings spontaneously than when she attempts to control each nuance. Some of her vigorous, sort of reckless notes showed fine vocal resources; while the more studied tones were apt to be uneven or afflicted with vibrato.

Note on Local Choruses

The well balanced program included Haydn, Gluck, Rossini (the "Una voce poco fa" had strident moments), Brahms and Schubert in English (by her manager's request and with her apology) Massenet and a variety of modern items.

A good crowd of the Matinee Musicale members were present. They sang as spirited and accurate a version of the national anthem as I've recently heard. And if they're not already enrolled in one or another of the local choruses, a lot of them should be.

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