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BENNINGTON ANNIVERSARY PREMIERES NEW WORKS

Three Composers to Conduct

Bennington College is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, and as part of the festivities (which coincide with our commencement exercises and to which some 1,000 friends of Bennington have been invited) there will be a concert consisting of three unusual new large-scale works especially written for the occasion by Henry Brant, Louis Calabro, and Lionel Nowak, members of the Bennington Music Faculty. The concert will begin outdoors with Mr. Brant's "Dialogue in the Jungle" which uses a new text by Patricia Brant. The music is scored for 2 solo voices projected from loud speakers, and the audience is enclosed in a ring of wind and percussion instruments, the ensemble including 4 sirens, 4 boat whistles, 12 automobile horns, a shotgun and a keyless piano played with hammers, in addition to 2 timpanists, 2 xylophonists, chimes, glockenspiels, and Swiss hand bells.

For Mr. Calabro's new "Symphony for Strings" which he will conduct, the audience will move into the concert hall. A 45 piece orchestra of Bennington faculty and students and guests will perform the piece. The guests will include such people as Max Pollikoff, Walter Trampler, Robert Gladstone, Julius Levine, Sterling Hunkins, and others who are coming from all over the New England and New York area specifically to play in this work. The concert will conclude with Lionel Nowak's "Concertante" for solo tenor, solo mezzo soprano, women's chorus and brass ensemble, using as text the Fugal Chorus from W. H. Auden's The Time Being, A Christmas Oratorio.

Finally, on Saturday morning at 10, as part of the commencement ceremony, a choral and brass work by Betsy Jolas, an alumna of Bennington, will be performed. All of these will be premiere performances.

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We are sending 2 pictures under separate cover- 1 of Mr. Paul Boepple rehearsing part of the chorus, and 1 of Mr. Calabro conducting the local part of the string orchestra. There will be more pictures taken next week.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Thomas Wilcox  
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