

GALLI-CURCI OPENS METROPOLITAN SEASON

Brilliant Performance of "Lucia," With Strong Cast, at Academy THE CAST

The Metropolitan Opera Company of New York opened the Philadelphia season last evening at the Academy of Music before an enormous house. It offered as a highlight particular star, Mme. Galli-Curci in one of the greatest of all coloratura roles, the title part of Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," with Giovanni Martinelli and Giuseppe Danise in the other leading parts.

The interest in a Donizetti opera generally centers around one part, that of the prima donna, and "Lucia" is no exception in this general rule, at least up to the closing act. Mme. Galli-Curci scored a tremendous triumph in the work, receiving many recalls after the first act, "Regenera" and "Scenditi" and "Quando canta in festa," but especially after the famous "Mad Scene," which was very effectively done, dramatically as well as musically.

She was in excellent form with regard to her voice and had the usual perfect command of technique and tone. Dramatically, the career of the Donizetti, which she had done so well in the past, she was in excellent form with regard to her voice and had the usual perfect command of technique and tone.

Mr. Martinelli had a very good voice in this role, but did not do as well in the later part of the opera. He sang the aria "Viva, viva" with a beautiful quality and excellent intonation, but his voice was somewhat weak in the later part of the opera.

SAN CARLO COMPANY PRESENTS "RIGOLETTO"

Excellent Performance of the Popular Verdi Opera Given The San Carlo company at the Metropolitan Opera house last evening gave a performance of the popular Verdi opera "Rigoletto" with a cast that was in every way efficient and in some of the most brilliant of them. There was a number of new faces in the cast, but the company was in every way efficient and in some of the most brilliant of them.

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By Lee Page FRANK FERREN'S BIRTHDAY A Play

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She possesses youth, fine appearance and a striking, unaffected manner which impresses the audience from the start. Following her singing of "Ciao Nonno," which was so beautifully sung, she was given an ovation such as has been rarely accorded a singer in this city, and she well deserved it.

Agostini has sung here before, but never more acceptably than in the role of the Duke. He was personally pleasing as Rigoletto, his physical proportions assisting materially to the role of the Duke, which he sang with a firm voice, well modulated at all times. Especially pleasing to vocal effect was his singing of the duet with Lucia in the third act in the palace and in the "Watch and Pray" duet in the second act.

None of the soloists sang of any note in its track. The singers seemed easily to reach all the necessities of the score, and Ernesto Rossi had his large orchestra in unison with the singers and gave an admirable rendering of the opera. There will be no repetition of the opera, but this evening's performance, with Marie Rimoldi in the title role.

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