

THE POONA MUSIC SOCIETY

PRESENTS

Young Hungarian Violinist



GYORGY PAUK

assisted by SHANTI SELDON at the piano

Programme:

Sonata in F major, Op.24. "Spring" (Beethoven); Chaconne (Bach); Poeme (Chausson); Unaccompanied Sonata; Ballade (Ysaye); Fantasy on the theme "Le Coq d'Or" (Rimsky-Korsakov).

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL (Gulati) HALL

Sunday 11th April 1965 - 7 p.m.

Admission: Rs. 7, 5, 3.50, 2, 1 P.M.S. Members: 5, 3.50, 2, 1

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"Youthful temperament and technical abilities combine with devotion and restraint to expose convincingly the spiritual and unearthly qualities of the music" - Munich.

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"Mr. Pauk was able to produce a constant flow of sonority without any sense of undue effort." - **The Times, London.**

"has the musical temperament as well as the technique of virtuoso". **Daily Telegraph, London.**

"A stylish, warm-toned and extremely musical account"

"Played poetically and energetically with a beautiful bright tone", **Rotterdam, Holland.**

"even music that just glitters without being gold, can become fascinating if it is played so glimmeringly light and dreamingly beautiful as the young Hungarian Maestro of the Violin did" - **Gothenburg - Scandinavia.**

"This was a performance that bubbled over with music" - **Cape Town.**

"He brings along with him here the advantages of his nation in a fine articulate and pleasing tone, a uniform technique and bowing and a certain intimacy of form" - **Hamburg.**



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SHANTI SELDON, well-known Bombay pianist, began studying the piano at an early age, and having won an Associated Board Scholarship, proceeded to England, where she studied at the Royal College of Music, London, under Kendall Taylor, Kathleen Long and the late Dr. R. O. Morris. As part of her course of the Royal School's Graduate Diploma in teaching, she also taught in the London County Council schools and played at a number of students' concerts.

On her return to India, Shanti Seldon appeared as soloist with the Bombay Symphony Orchestra and has performed in numerous chamber music concerts earning considerable reputation for herself as one of the prominent chamber music artists.

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PROGRAMME

SONATA NO. 5 IN F MAJOR OP. 24 "THE SPRING"

Beethoven

Allegro — Adagio Molto Expressive

Scherzo Allegro Molto — Rondo Allegro Ma Non Troppo

The popular title of this sonata is quite appropriate so long as we keep the Beethoven character in mind and avoid an association with the 'Spring Song' of Mendelssohn. This sonata is nearer the Pastrol Symphony of Beethoven, it is in the same key. Beethoven feeling towards the Spring or any other season, has all the animation of open air, flying clouds and wind. The sense of open air, cloud play, even small rumbles of thunder is very noticeable in the first movement; the second movement is a real musing in the country, (Nature lays her magically quietening hands on the poet-musician). The third movement is a Will'o the wisp, a Beethoven quirk of humour, the violin playing obstinately out of step against the piano. The fourth movement is a Rondo, it sums up the impressions of the preceding movements, a restrained rejoicing in the wide panorama.

CHA CONNE FOR SOLO VIOLIN

J. S. Bach

The Leipzig master has given utmost freedom of expression to his genius in CHACONNE, the last movement of Sonata No. 4 (Partita No. 2 in D minor) which has established as a supreme test "tour de force" in unaccompanied violin literature for two centuries. One might affirm that the melodic and harmonic beauties of Bach and the brilliant technique of Paganini have united to enrich the violin with a composition with one of the most astonishing sets of variations on a ground bass, which is the essence of the Chaconne, a composition of miraculous beauty, ever composed.

INTERVAL

POEME

Chausson

Ernest Chausson (1855-1899) the most gifted and attractive of French composers began his studies in 1880 at the Paris Conservatory under Massenet and later under Cesar Frank who greatly influenced him, arousing in him the ideal of writing pure music. His death after a cycle accident at the age of 44 was a great loss to French music. Being a rich man, not dependant of his earnings on music he composed his music at leisure. Amongst his other best known works are his songs and his B flat Symphony a work on a larger scale.

The blend of spiritual poetry and the touch of religious contemplation of Cesar Frank which continually guided and inspired Chausson are evident in **POEME** composed in 1896 and dedicated to Eugene Ysaye who first performed this work in 1897. This composition, his most popular work is one of his finest achievements and is almost without parallel. In this work Chausson has painted his emotions most broadly, vividly and passionately. Martin Cooper writes, "there is a richness of invention and an uninhibited emotional sensuousness in his exploitation of the technical and expressive power of the violin, which may offend our modern canons of taste on occasion but cannot be discounted."

This work is also scored by the composer for solo violin with orchestra under Op.25.

UNACCOMPANIED SONATA BALLADE

Ysaye

Eugene Ysaye (1858-1931) was one of the remarkable Belgian violinists. As a composer, besides an opera he has composed quite a number of works for violin of which the best are his six unaccompanied sonatas for violin.

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