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by

MICHAEL O'HIGGINS

Presented by EDDIE DOWLING

At the piano A. STOBBI-STOHNER

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1947

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Alumnae Association Centennial Concert

Dear Friends of Marymount:

It is a great pleasure to greet you on this occasion—our initial centennial celebration honoring the founding of the Order of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. Our Alumnae Association has entered upon a period of vigorous effort which we hope will reflect our love, loyalty and gratitude to our Alma Mater.

To all our friends who have cooperated with us in this concert, I wish to extend the hearty thanks of the Association and to solicit their continued support in our other endeavors.

His Holiness, Pius XII, in his beneficence has bestowed upon our Association, and our work, the Apostolic Blessing. The Alumnae are humbly grateful for this special benediction of the Patron Protector of the Order.

We offer our sincere thanks to the Honorable Harry S. Truman for his kindly message; to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Honorable Thomas E. Dewey and our distinguished honorary patrons; to our sponsors and advertisers.

The continued devotion to our welfare and the interest in our activities of our dear Very Reverend Mother M. Gerard, Superior General, R.S.H.M., as evinced in her message to us on this occasion, will serve as an incentive to greater effort and devoted loyalty on the part of the Alumnae Association.

To our distinguished artist, Michael O'Higgins, we are deeply indebted. It is his love and devotion to Marymount that has made this evening possible. We are honored that he has so kindly consented to give this concert under our auspices.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Eddie Dowling whose friendly cooperation and assistance have been invaluable.

To the men on our Committee, to our Ushers and Program Girls, and to all who have helped in the smallest measure, thank you.

Sincerely,

MARY RITA BYRNE, *President.*



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Dear Reverend Mother:

It gives me great pleasure to send hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings to you and to all friends of Marymount College as you celebrate the centenary of the institution of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

The educational work which started under such modest auspices a century ago has indeed prospered through the decades. The influence of the many schools and colleges established by your order is reflected in the lives of generations of Christian women.

In the field of education the work is never done. I trust that the forthcoming centenary will inspire all who participate in its commemoration with renewed zeal and enthusiasm for the spread of Christian culture.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY TRUMAN

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The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary are deeply touched by the interest and loyalty of the Marymount College Alumnae Association.

The history of one hundred years of labours of Pere Gailhac and his daughters is written in the lives of those devoted children who have gone forth from the schools and colleges of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

May our Lady continue to bless your efforts for Catholic Action expressed in your support of all that is best in arts and sciences, your work for social welfare, and your constant support of Catholic Education.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

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The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary have reached a landmark of accomplishment in their apostolate for the education of Catholic women.

Founded in Beziers, France, by Pere Jean Antoine Gailhac the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Mary has expanded to ten countries, and carries to its students the message of international good-will so much needed in the world of today.

For the occasion of the Centenary of the Religious, the Alumnae Association of Marymount College is presenting a series of projects to further the educational work of the Congregation.

This evening's concert is the first of this series, and the proceeds will be contributed to the Centennial Building Fund.

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MODERN CONTINENTAL COMPOSERS

In the Silent Night.....	<i>Rachmaninoff</i>
Allerseelen.....	<i>Strauss</i>
To the Children.....	<i>Rachmaninoff</i>
Standchen.....	<i>Strauss</i>

II

MODERN IRISH COMPOSERS

A Broken Song.....	<i>C. V. Stanford</i>
A Soft Day.....	<i>C. V. Stanford</i>
The Stranger.....	<i>J. F. Larchet</i>
Galway Bay.....	<i>J. T. Huggard</i>

III

Deus Meus, ut quid dereliquisti me? (from Les Sept Paroles).....	<i>Tb. Dubois</i>
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INTERMISSION

IV

PATRIOTIC SONGS

Father Murphy of Boolavogue.....	<i>arr. O'Higgins</i>
The Bold Fenian Men.....	<i>Unaccompanied</i>
The West Asleep.....	<i>arr. Johnson</i>
Rosc Catha na Humhan.....	<i>arr. O'Gallcobhair</i>

V

BALLADS

Maire My Girl.....	<i>Aitken</i>
Ballycotton.....	<i>O'Flynn</i>
Love Thee Dearest.....	<i>Moore</i>
The Old Turf Fire.....	<i>arr. Hughes</i>
The Fairytales of Ireland.....	<i>Coates</i>

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