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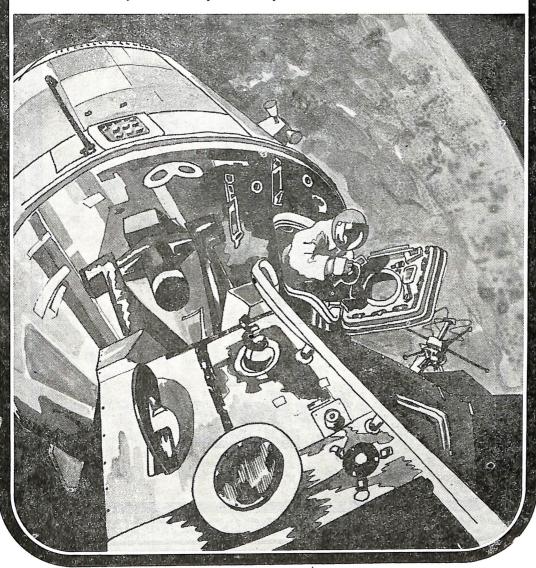
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### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

by the

# MANOEL THEATRE ORCHESTRA

Leader: George Spiteri

Soloist: VAL VALENTE (at the Vibraphone)

Conductor: JOSEPH SAMMUT

at the MANOEL THEATRE

on Wednesday 21st June 1978

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### OVERTURE DER FREISCHUTZ

WEBER

It was while visiting Mannheim that the idea of Der Freischutz came to Weber's mind. His friend, the pcet Kind, was with him when they were inspired by an old book by Apel, titled "Ghost Stories". One of these stories dealt with a woodland myth which ranks high in German folklore. With "Der Freischutz" Weber laid the foundation of German romantic opera and without doubt, he may be called the "father of the German romantic opera".

### SUITE NO. 1 THE GORDIAN KNOT UNTIED SUITE NO. 2

**PURCELL** 

These suites were composed in 1691, exactly four years before Purcell's death. Originally, they were the incidental music for a play. Purcell contributed a lot to the theatre and his repertoire includes innumerable works in this respect. The Gordon Knot Untied shows Purcell as the supreme master of English Music.

#### RHAPSODY FOR VIBRAPHONE AND ORCHESTRA

C. PACE

Some Rhapsodies are based on old national dance-tunes or folk-songs, others on original material. This Rhapsody is based on original themes, and opens slowly and softly with a few prefatory bars for the orchestra, after which the solo instruments introduces elaborate passages in quasi-free style. A second theme (allegro) is introduced and from this point onwards the dialogue between soloist and orchestra is considerably developed, new tunes introduced freely and the tempi are frequently retarded or accelerated in rhapsodical fashion.

A long cadenza introduces the final section of the piece which opens with a strenuous "Vivo" full orchestra, and the music then gradually works up to a brilliant finale (written in 1940).

#### Interval

#### SYMPHONY NO. 39 IN E FLAT MAJOR K. 543

MOZART

Adagio, Allegro — Andante con moto — Minuetto Allegretto — Finale Allegro. In the summer of 1788, exactly within six weeks, Mozart composed his last and finest three symphonies, namely, the E flat (K. 543) the Jupiter (K. 550) and the C major (K. 551).

These three symphonies share a pecular factor — the unusual use of the woodwind instruments. In fact, the symphony in E flat is scored for flute, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, drums and strings; the absence of the oboes being the most notable. One can really admire the use of the minuetto without changing the spirit of the work itself.



VAL VALENTE, born of a family of musicians and brought up in his father's trakes, violin virtuoso, the late Prof. G. Valente.

Val plays no less than nine differnt instruments, has had quite a long association with the theatre scene, as a trombonist in opera seasons for Madame Cantoni's impresa, in the operetta seasons of the late Elvio Calderoni, and a'so as a conductor of the first pantomime at the Manoel presented by the Ariel Players, in 1968 "Cinderella". He performed as a soloist works by C. Pace in 1971 with the Manoel Orchestra.

After a long and extensive tour on luxury liners that took him and his quartette around various parts of the world, Val joined the Kursaal Co. ltd; as a musical director since 1973.

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