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Pretty Opera Star, Lucine Amara Wins Audience With First Number

The full meaning of "dramatic soprano" was demonstrated last night when Lucine Amara, 26-year-old Metropolitan opera star presented a delightfully-varied concert in the Civic Centre auditorium.

The concert, first of a series of four marked the opening of The Alaska Music Trail, for 1953-54 sponsored here by The Civic Centre concert auxiliary.

Gowned in iridescent acetate-nylon the dark-haired beauty won her audience from her first number. Handel's "Where're You Walk."

By the time she had sung Arne's impish arrangement of "Where the Bee Sucks" Miss Amara had given several examples of the full-throated power of her voice, her ability to reach any note effortlessly and some idea of the depth of range of which she is capable.

In the first four selections in English Miss Amara's voice, perfect diction and enunciation showed the ease with which she controlled the different inflections needed with such a varied program.

Whether it was the sprite-like Ariel, the lover's query in Handel's "Art Thou Troubled?" or the old English air "Nymphs and Shepherds" by Purcell, Miss Amara changed perfectly to suit the role.

Hampered by a severe cold which only made itself apparent once when she lost control and cracked in "Die Lotosblume" by Schumann, the young artist put her heart and soul into every selection. Restrained where quiet exhortations were called for, her voice flowed out over the auditorium in waves of glorious sound.

Following Strauss' "Standchen" and the amusing French descriptive piece "Villanelle des Petite Canards" Miss Amara seemed to mould herself into the mood of the impassioned "Chere Nuit" by Bachelet, painting with her voice and actions a perfect picture of a girl's tender plea for love.

With the aria from Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" she gave a rendition of Nedda's song envying the freedom of birds in a manner which told why her original audition with Rudolph Bing, manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company heralded great things to come. Here without doubt was the dark-eyed Italian heroine of the tragic opera longing for something which wasn't hers to have, in a scene leading up to a terrific climax.

The same dramatic ability and full-voiced intensity was apparent in Miss Amara's presentation of the heart-broken Laura's "Forza del Destino" by Verdi.

She sang in English completed her program during which she gave new life to the old "Belgian" song "Heigh, Come to the Fair." She won particularly enthusiastic applause with her concluding selection "Let My Heart Be Your Heart" in which she could be heard clear as a bell.

Complimenting Miss Amara, with excellent timing and no undue emphasis was the popular young San Francisco pianist Don Tones.

On behalf of the City of Prince Rupert Mayor Harold Whalen welcomed Miss Amara and presented her with a bouquet from the Alaska Music Trails organization here.

As an encore she sang "I Heard a Forest Praying" which she said she felt was most apt for the "beautiful little city of Prince Rupert."

Chapter Honors Mrs. S. Kilback
 Mrs. S. A. Kilback, who is leaving Prince Rupert shortly to take up residence on Vancouver Island, was the guest of honor at a farewell party at the home of Mrs. J. A. Tenz by the members of Queen Mary Chapter, ODE.

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