

Ceccato conducts Ravel, Debussy

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How many ways are there to divide four by two? Most would be inclined to assume that there is just one way to do it. Four divided by two equals two, and that's it.

This is true enough, except that there is more than one way to split four items into two sets of two. In fact, there are three ways to do so, if the order is to be disregarded.

While this is not meant to be a lecture on the theory of permutations and combinations, the situation presented itself in last week's program of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The program featured four works — two by Debussy and two by Ravel. This is one way of splitting the program, which was the original way listed.

Then came the realization that two of these compositions are Spanish-oriented — "Iberia," from the set "Images pour Orchestra" by Debussy, and "Rapsodie Espagnole" by Ravel. This gave rise to a second way to split the program which was the way actually chosen.

The "non-Spanish" second portion consisted of the "Prelude à l'après-midi d'un Faune" by Debussy and "La Valse" by Ravel.

Guest conductor was Aldo Ceccato, who served as the music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from 1973 to 1977.

review

IT IS no secret that Ceccato was a controversial figure during his tenure here as music director, and many musicians have mixed feelings about him.

Without attempting to take sides in this controversy, this latest performance of his had several rewarding moments. One of the exceptions was in the opening "Iberia."

While the individual musicians certainly knew their parts and played their notes dutifully and with rhythmic coordination, there seemed to be an absence of view of the total score. There was a general feeling of aimlessness with the individual parts failing to blend into the whole.

But things improved considerably in the performance of the other pieces. Ravel's "Rapsodie Espagnole" brought forth the Spanish character of the work. It could be said that it was occasionally too controlled, but there was a good unity of sound and a much higher sense of integration than evidenced in the "Iberia."

In the second portion of the program, Debussy's short "Prelude à l'après-midi" sounded stylistically authentic. In particular, principal flutist Ervin Monroe should be commended for his excellent performance.

THE CLOSING work, Ravel's "La Valse," has been performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on numerous occasions, the latest one being in 1981.

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