ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

TUESDAY 13th JUNE 1978

BANBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Leader: LAWRENCE FARBROTHER

CONDUCTOR ROBERT SECRET

Michael Dussek (piano)

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F. Mendelsson (1809-47)

Fingal's Cave (or The Hebrides Overture, as it is often known) is probably one of Mendelsson's best works. It was written in 1830 during a tour of Scotland and was inspired - like so many of his works - by the surrounding landscape. The first performance was given by the London Philharmonic Society in 1832.

PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2 IN C MIN. (OP. 18)

S. Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

- 1. Moderato
- 2. Adegio Sostenuto
- 3. Allegro Scherzando

Rachmaninov was one of the greatest virtuoso pianists in history. It is hardly surprising that his piano works are his better liked and known ones. The second piano concerto is one of his most popular piano works and was first performed in 1901.

The first movement is in a sonata style whilst the second revolves around a beautiful tune - first heard in the flute and then the clarinet. The finale is also a scherzo movement which moves into a legatto section after the second subject has been heard on the oboe. The work finishes with a maesteso rendering of the second subject.

INTERVAL

The orchestra is most grateful to Messrs. Haydn Heard, Banbury for box office facilities.

5TH SYMPHONY IN E MIN. (OP.64)

P. Tschaikovsky (1840-93)

- 1. Allegro con Anima
- 2. Andante Cantablle con Alcuna Licenza
- 3. Valse Allegro Moderato
- 4. Allegro Vivate

Tschaikovsky's split personality is revealed in the 5th Symphony. The mood changes from short periods of bubbley enthusiasm to plumbing depths of despair. The Symphony is typical of Tschaikovsky as a late romantic composer with complex crossrhythms and brilliant orchestrations.

The introduction leads into a long first movement which is not in any strict style. The slow movement is one long development of a theme first played by a solo horn. There is a short second subject introduced by a clarinet and is very Russian in origin.

The waltz provides a lighter contrast with a hint of the tune of the introduction to the first movement. This is developed in the mastoso finale march of the last movement.

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