

Civic Symphony Of Torrance Wins Praise

By VERA MILLS
If a "thing of beauty is a joy forever," the Twelfth Night Masque will long be in the hearts of the 1,600 or more who attended the program on Jan. 6 and 8.

It was given by the Civic Symphony of Torrance, and planned and directed by Elise Aehle, the conductor.

This orchestra has grown, over the past few years, into the stature of a flexible, well-toned and proficient unit.

Under the inspired direction of Maestro Aehle, they gave a deeply understanding reading of Mozart, Mascagni, Vaughan Williams, and — most exciting of all — a brilliant interpretation of Brahms' finale of the First Symphony.

Yet, they were also able to give a gay, modern reading of Leroy Anderson's popular numbers.

There were sights as well as sounds to delight those who were there.

Two charming little pages with peacock plumes in their hats trumpeted the opening fanfare on heralds' trumpets. They were bedecked in velvet and gold banners, and tended the curtains throughout the show.

An attractive narrator, Catherine Leslie, made every thing more interesting with the things she was ostentatiously reading to her two darling children.

The first living masterpiece was "All Things Bright and Beautiful" — the Lord God Made Them All. It was a scene of the boy Christ, surrounded by children, small animals, birds and butterflies framed by two angels bearing flowers and fruit.

This was a very lovely and beautifully done by Troop 119, of the Hermosa Beach Girl Scouts.

The Boy Scouts were representative in jewel-toned satins, sparkling with "jewels." They were carolers against a background of medieval houses. A brilliant production enthusiastically done.

The Catholic daughters, Court of Our Lady of Victory contributed a graceful and surpassingly beautiful "Virgin Adoring the Child." This had a background which was a true work of art.

Another picture with a very effective background was "The Adoration of the Angels" done by the "Crusaders" of St. Lawrence Martyrs Parish. The scene was an iridescent cloud of exquisitely costumed angels adoring at the manger with Mary and a single shepherd. The coloring in this was breath-takingly lovely.

Another gem of coloring was the "Holy Family" done by the Dianes of Redondo Beach.

Four members of the Symphony posed well as an amusing 1890 quartet. The well-loved Hallelujah Chorus sung by the choir of the Hollywood Riviera Methodist Church, directed by Elizabeth Holbert gave an admirable introduction to the wonderful Nativity Scene produced by St. Cross Church groups.

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Anna Grancell Chapter of Sisters-Sinai Hospital and Clinic will hold installation of officers at a noon luncheon Wednesday at the Pen and Quill.

Installing officer will be Mrs. Lea Mornell, director of state auxiliaries and affiliates.

Luncheon co-chairmen are Mrs. Charles Davis and Mrs. Nan Sattan.

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