

performance

But it was the lack of

any sizable audience which was the saddest thing. Compared with packed houses at the Princess Theatre there

of summer music performances should be that they offer quality

musical entertainment That is what 'La Belle Helene' offered, and what the "proms" have lacked

Back in Canberra, this week will see the first full

chess

Australia.

Victoria State Opera can feel proud. It was one of the musical performances provided for visiting music critics from other capital cities attending a National Critics' Circle meeting in Melbourne last weekend. Anyone who thinks that music critics are soured cynics who cannot enjoy a performance should have been sitting in the row behind us on Friday night. As one Sydney ernic said, "This is too good to be only heard here it should be heard in Sydney and other cities'. True enough — and a remark which underlines the growing strength of the regional opera companies in Australia and a-realisation, even by Sydney critics, that quality in opera does not reside solely with the Australian Opera. Playing to packed houses in the Princess Theatre, it also received ave reviews from all the

with the feeling for movement and visual effect for which she has become noted, it is a constant delight to the eye. Add to this that Suzanne Steele sings Helene and Robert Gard is Paris, and this visual delight is cartied over to the ear. carried over to the ear. There are things in this production that even Offenbach would be surprised to see — including Suzanne Steele

in the "altogether" — but that was an added attraction of which one feels he would have approved heartily. Conductor Richard Divall proved dearthy Chroniatery, the same conductor Richard Divall could not be said for the ept the tuneful music Melbourne Symphony bing with a lit and swing. Orchestra's concert in the ad with excellent singing Town Hall on Saturday om the remainder of the might. The last of the ist and the chorus this is "prom" concerts, and presentation of which conducted by John kept the tuneful music going with a lift and swing, and with excellent singing from the remainder of the ast and the chorus this is

AN UNPRECEDENTED OFFER\* FROM SANYO

Lustreless Unfortunately, the same

concert by the Canberra String Quartet. On Friday night, in the Auditorium of the School of Music, it was the excellent soloist in a performance of Ravel's Piano Concerto in G' which showed that the soloist knew a lot more about Ravel than the will play a very interesting program of quartets by Haydn, Hindemith and Ravel. Admission will be free to this recital, which will be the first of the conductor or orchestra did, and the main work was Scriabin's 'The Divine Poem' given a lustreless school's faculty concerts for 1977.

Woden Churches Centre, with a program which will include madrigals by Morley, Wilbye and Tomkins, the 'Zigeuner-hieder' of Brahms, and Schubert's delightful 'Shepherd on the Rock' In Also on Friday evening and in the School of Music A ud it o rium, but commencing at 5.30pm, the young Canberra cellist this latter piece soprano Margaret Sim will be the guest soloist, with Terry Stirzaker (clarinet) and Howard Penny will play a recital program including Princess Theatre there were barely 400 people on the "prom" floor of the Town Hall, and less than 100 in the balcony. Apparently the ABC's "Prom Concerts' have been even more disastrous in Melbourne this year than they have been in Sydney. Surely the first essential of summer music Angela Finnegan (piano).

Doeberl Cup

By W. L. HOFFMANN

the 'Sonata in E minor' by Brahms. the 'Three Studies' by Don Banks, and the Dvorak 'Cello Concerto in B minor' — a

challenging program for a 16-year-old artist.

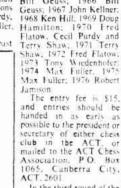
Canberra's newest vocal chamber group. Gruppetto, will give a

Gruppetto, will give a concert next Sunday

afternoon at 3pm in the Woden Churches Centre, with a program which will

THE Doeberl Cup Tournament, which will be played again in Canberra this Easter, 15 one of the top ranking events Thus is attested by the

quality of the players who have won the event in the past Among them are no fewer than six Australian national chess champions Hamilton. Flatow, Fuller, Hamilton. Flatow, Fuller, Here is a list of past 1973 Tony Wiedenhofer, 1973 Max Fuller, 1975 Max Fuller, 1976 Robert



In the third round of the Woden Chess Club event, Kempen beat Barber, Farrell beat Jaksic, Mever Farrell deal Jaksic, Meyer beat Ackermann, Egan drew with Gmizic, Mackay beat Kraitsowns, Herzog beat Hetherington and Laros beat Marks. Leon Kempen and Roger Farrell are the leaders in this event with three this event with three points cach In the fourth round o the Canberra Chess Club the Canberra Chess Club championship tourney. I arrell drew with Chavieb, Barber beat Mackie, Hurst beat Douglas, Kempen beat Reye, Butler beat Lamberts, Shumack beat Wood, Clark beat Durba and Ryan beat Inzpatrick, Chavieb is leading with 4/2 points, closely followed by Farrel, Barber and Hurst

Farrell, Barber and Hurst Farrell, Barber and Hurst with four each Here is a lively game from the last round, featuring the typical attack and counter-attack

on opposite wings that characterises games where the players castle or





TODAY'S TELEVISION

10.00 Behind the News 10.20 Social Studies (8&W) 10.56 Cricket: Centenary Test, 1977: Australia v England, Fourth day's

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England. Fourth day's play 6.00 Secrets of the Deep: Under the Mediterraneon. 6.30 Bellbird 6.55 Canberra News 7.25 Canberra News 7.25 Weather 7.30 This Day Toniaht 8.00 Rod Stewart Special: Rod the Mod has come of Age.

9.20 The Cuckoo Walts

9.55

11.15 Close

Melville Hall

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9.45 News and Weather

10.25 Perspective: Solvador Dali.

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12.50 News and Weather
1.00 Darps Of Our Lives (A)
1.50 The Mike Walsh Show
3.10 Cartonns
3.30 The Daris Day Show
3.53 Green Acres (G)
4.20 The Brady Bunch
4.58 Bewitched (Repeat) (G)
5.12 Celebrity Game
5.39 BHP Report
5.42 Happy Days (G)
6.10 Regional Roundup
6.13 Local News
6.30 National News and Weather
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7.00 Switch (A)
8.27 Roving Eye
8.30 Family (A)
9.30 Movie: Voman of the Year Stars Renee Taylor, and Joseph Bologna (A)
11.05 Father Brown (A)
12.05 Epilogue
12.10 Close

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10.15 You Say The Word

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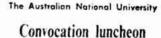
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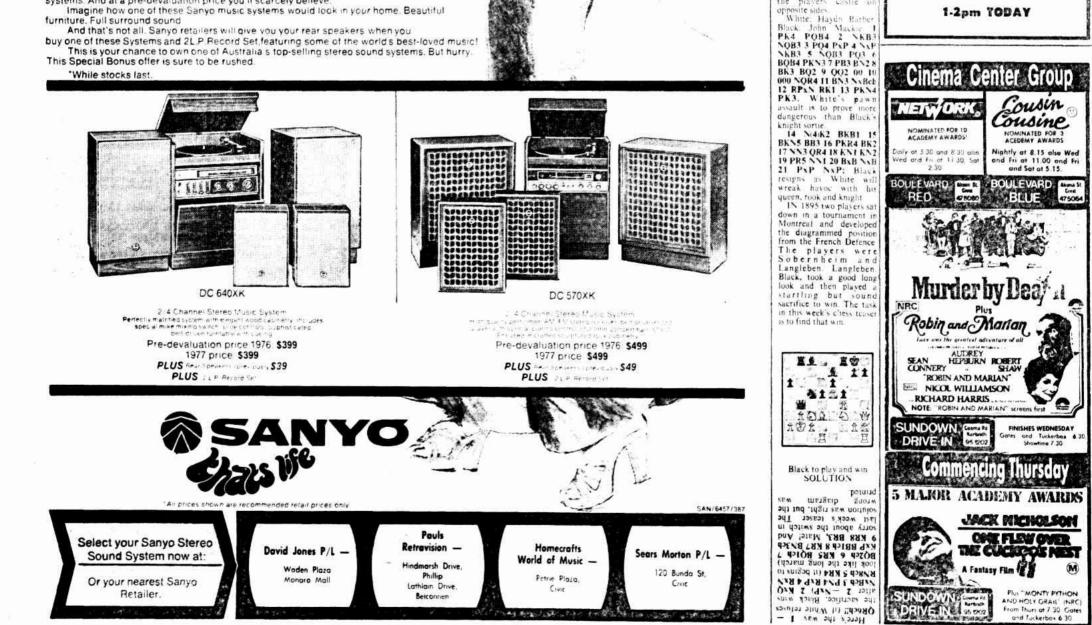


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