

## NEW FRIENDS OFFER SCHOENBERG'S MUSIC

The New Friends of Music are introducing their audiences to the music of Arnold Schoenberg in easy stages. The first Town Hall concert had none, the second contained the semi-popular "Verklaerte Nacht" and yesterday five songs of that composer's Op. 6, composed in 1905, were heard. Next week there will be a breathing spell of Mozart and Brahms.

The songs were sung by Louise Bernhardt, a beautiful woman with a sumptuous contralto voice, and accompanied by Dika Newlin, musical child-prodigy, author and teacher. Their performances left little to be desired. Miss Bernhardt encompassed the widely-spaced melodies with suppleness of tone which almost made them sound easy.

Miss Newlin played with complete understanding of the complexities, lending what support she could, and making the most of the interesting juxtaposition of dissonance with triadic harmonies.

The Albeneri Trio, which perhaps should change its name since Giorgio Ciompi replaced Alexander Schneider as violinist (the other members are Benar Heifetz, 'cello, and Erich Itor Kahn, piano), played Mozart's Trio in B flat, K 502 and Brahms' Trio in C major, Op. 87.

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