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The Anton Webern canon is complete: you may buy his Complete Music as one album of four phonograph records, eight sides.* The 92 individual compositions include Webern's 31 opus numbers, from the Passacaglia for orchestra, opus 1, to the Second Cantata, opus 31, for bass, soprano, chorus, and an orchestra of solo instruments; his orchestration of the Bach Ricercar from the Musical Offering; and a Piano Quintet, early and without opus number.

Of these pieces only the Piano Quintet involves the apparatus needful to the convictions of musical orthodoxy. Even here the careful listener will find within the apparatus a distinctive shadowy outline, as free of the medium in which it is immersed as a goldfish in a pond. This is the art of Webern. Unlike other artists who have to invent forms, styles, purposes, the methodology of a newer criticism, Webern had only to teach his goldfish how to breathe out of its medium. The accomplishment is rather miraculous than formal; to come simply to the art of Webern one should avoid confusing the miracle with any more or less credible implementation by which miracles can be made to seem to happen. Do not confuse Webern with Schoenberg. Above all, do not confuse him, as casual critics do, with the morbid and relatively clumsy Alban Berg. Here is no slow transformation, gradually clearing away Wagner and Brahms to discover the same, the flow of parts is sustained without interruption, causing no trouble to the ear but instead a heightened awareness of continuity, and with never a thought that one combination is more or less, better or worse, more tasteful or ostentatious than the next. The orchestration is a masterpiece of instrumental originality in a context of unfailing taste. When you have heard this, put on next the Six Orchestral Pieces, and you will be within Webern's miniature universe.

To comprehend the miracle of Webern, to have the whole of it in miraculous completeness, you need only put on the first record and play through to the first work on the last side. Though breaks of years intervene between one work or group of works and the next, there is no break in continuity, no change in style so radical that it cannot be accommodated as if it were the change between two movements. The 31 opus numbers of Webersn's progress can be heard as if they were a single work. Then, after the Second Cantata, the Bach Ricercar will enter like the fitting conclusion to a triumph, linking the miniature universe of Webern to the cosmos of our musical tradition. Now, allowing a pause for reflection, play the final work of the last side, the Piano Quintet, and hear in it the original Webern goldfish shadowily swimming in that brackish medium which substitutes for our musical tradition.

If you are more cautious or need to be persuaded, or if you wish to lead friends gently who you fear may be less perceptive, play the Ricercar first. Direct attention to following as carefully as possible the continuous interchange of registration among instruments. Observe how, although the combining of instruments is for scarcely a measure the same, the flow of parts is sustained without interruption, causing no trouble to the ear but instead a heightened awareness of continuity, and with never a thought that one combination is more or less, better or worse, more tasteful or ostentatious than the next. The orchestration is a masterpiece of instrumental originality in a context of unfailing taste. When you have heard this, put on next the Six Orchestral Pieces, and you will be within Webern's miniature universe.

Do not, let me implore you, start just anywhere; above all, do not start in the middle, where Webern's originality will sound to the uncustomed ear like the haphazard originality of new music. You may lose him and not be aware what you have lost.

The skill of art is to create an illusion more real than anything you can imagine. Newton said the same about science and created, out of no more data than anybody else had known before him, the modern scientific world. Musicians have imagined, in place of the data Newton said the same about science and created, out of no more data than anybody else had known before him, the modern scientific world. Musicians have imagined, in place of the data

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composers amply give them, that music is made by following a set of rules. You cannot move in musical circles, where these rules are common currency, unless you are able, as I am, to be so indifferent to them that you go about your musical business as if these rules never had existed. If you are so high-minded, you will be able to hear music for what it is, unencumbered by the fashionable garments which seem always so right and indispensable at the moment and like ridiculous clouts forty years after they have been the fashion.

Webern completed a thorough musical education by writing a doctoral dissertation on the fifteenth century polyphony of Heinrich Isaac. He followed the traditional course of higher German professional musicianship by becoming an operatic kappelmeister. In this country he might have been a professor. Thus he was nearly lost to his art. The goldfish he had somehow generated in the brackish orthodoxy of his Piano Quintet was there all right, but he may not have known it was there and in any case did not know how to get it out and transform it into a hummingbird, until in 1907 he became a friend of Arnold Schoenberg. Schoenberg, who had no academic training in music, a lack that I am told he sometimes regretted, as Schubert regretted his lack of counterpoint, showed rather than taught him what was needed; he remained Schoenberg’s most ardent admirer to the end of his life.

From that time he went his own way, as Schoenberg went his; but to Webern it came more naturally to dispense with orthodoxy altogether, instead of, like Schoenberg, trying to transform it. Schoenberg tentatively discovered atonality, as an adjunct to rather more conventional composition; Webern plunged into it, conceiving an art of musical prose lyric in note-by-note linear design which lasted him the rest of his life.

We think of a great composer as having been in some way successful. Webern was indeed successful, as a conductor of Haydn, Schubert, and Strauss waltzes, to which he added opera and choirs. Later he directed music for the Vienna radio. He was a finicky conductor, who sometimes got results that caused wise musicians to listen to him with attention. They listened to his conducting and piano playing* but seldom to his compositions, which were scarcely ever performed. It is a fact that several of his compositions for voice and chamber group never had been played until Robert Craft recorded them for the Complete Music.

From the beginning Webern thought of music as continuous variation. Schoenberg was later to say that the principle of continuous variation is more fundamental to music than the tone-row. (It is not yet in the academic curriculum. The principle is indeed nearly unformulated, even by Schoenberg. Good variation writing defies methodology). Webern refined this principle so closely that it became an art of the variation of each tone, the individual timbre being as significant as pitch. So that each tone might impinge separately on the hearer as a distinct moment of design (rather than in the design), Webern brought in silence as the texture against which the individual moments of controlled vocal and instrumental timbre should be heard. The search for this control was his first period; the revelation of it may be called his second. From the second period on he never left in any composition a superfluous note or one that altered the function of another without having also its own function. All of his compositions are therefore very short. He wrote more music in less space than any other composer. His disposition to do so without encouragement, recognition, or any hint of future acceptance is a rare type of heroism; his unfaltering consistency is of the saints.

Webern was the first to follow Schoenberg in using the tone-row. His more difficult compositions in this medium, mainly for solo voice and a few instruments, toughly dissonant and intricately rhythmed, make a third period, ending with the String Trio, opus 20. After that a peculiar thing happened. Webern resumed the vestments of theory he had written about in his doctoral dissertation on fifteenth century polyphony. He began composing in canonic counterpoint, borrowing the most learned polyphonic rhetoric. He was again following Schoenberg but still more in his own way. In this style he wrote the masterpieces of his last period, a Symphony and Variations for an orchestra of solo instruments, a String Quartet, Piano Variations, and three Cantatas on mystical religious texts, as indeed nearly all his texts are mystical or religious. The simplicity of these last works consumes, as it subsumes, all technical complexity.

"Ansermet writes of Webern: "At the piano he would cause the mathematical marvels to disappear and instead one would be aware only of the purest relations of sound."
Silence and the simplicity which takes nothing for granted, which requires no climax in design but at the inevitable moment to stop, are so much a part of Webern's music that it seems fitting he should have been accepted only among a small group of his compers. He has no gesture to the audience, no rhetoric. The listener should come to him as simply, not out of a great knowledge of row procedures, which may be necessary to perform him, but with an innocence like his own that does not hesitate to identify the sounds of cowbells and of churchbells as what they are, signs of normal country living and of distance and of reverence, to recognize his storm as a storm, not a storm in the orchestra, his hints of landscape and mountain as the real presence of a visionary experience. Signs rather than symbols, as the shapes in Chinese landscape are signs. In the same way one must accept his mystical texts as a real presence of religion, not the terrified, groping exaltations of a Mahler but the thing itself. So heard his music will come home to you as he would have had you hear it—not through musical sophistication. His music is not secular, and will perish, as it is now too elaborately received, by secular explanations.

While the listener should listen in such undemanding intentness as to be himself, the musician who would play this music must be a master of his instrument. Every note is a decision, and exposed. I am proud to boast that the Complete Webern was recorded at the instigation and under the direction of Robert Craft, entirely by musicians resident in Los Angeles. Such an achievement requires a tradition. That tradition was built here among our musicians by many years' work in encouraging the performance of chamber music, including the most demanding twentieth century chamber music. The tradition was directed not to the audience but to the musician. Robert Craft, coming to Los Angeles, took charge of this tradition at its height and drove it as much farther as a dedicated conductor of equal skill can lead such musicians. He has embodied it in performances unduplicated elsewhere and in recordings. He found also, what is less common, singers who could match the best skills of the instrumentalists. Webern's solo songs and the solo parts of the chamber music and cantatas are for soprano voice, with one exception, the bass solo of the last cantata. Marni Nixon sang all the solo songs and the soprano solos of the cantatas; Grace-Lynne Martin sang the chamber music solos. I doubt that two singers could have done better or be better matched. The piano parts throughout, including the solo Variations, were played by Leonard Stein. If occasionally I have seemed to boast about our Los Angeles musicians, I refer you to these records.

It is no secret that Igor Stravinsky encouraged Craft and participated in a number of the recording sessions. This collaboration of world-famous composer and young amanuensis has become a significant fact of present-day musical history. I can think of no better evidence of Mr. Stravinsky's personal acuity—let us say, his benevolent common sense—than is furnished by his recognition and encouragement of Robert Craft. He has thrust upon musical society a young conductor of the highest talent, unembellished by the misanthropy of common patronage, unblemished by the common pedantry. When Craft travels with him and prepares the orchestra, it is a boon to the elder man and an education for the younger. In Europe Craft is already in demand as a conductor, to direct programs of his choice.

The relationship began in New York with a performance, arranged by Craft and directed by Stravinsky, of the composer's revised Symphonies of Wind Instruments. Coming afterwards to Los Angeles at Stravinsky's invitation, Craft prepared for Evenings on the Roof four programs of late Schoenberg (by the present reckoning, which calls late any work written by Schoenberg after 1912, a time-lag that includes almost the entire career of Stravinsky). Each of Stravinsky's recent compositions reflects the influence of a major performance prepared by Craft in Los Angeles for Evenings on the Roof or Monday Evening Concerts. At these concerts Stravinsky, often with Aldous Huxley beside him, sits in the front row.

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the Suite, Stravinsky's Septet. Craft performed Webern; Stravinsky composed the Three Shakespeare Songs, dedicating them to Evenings on the Roof. Craft performed Montevedi's Vespers; Stravinsky, happily borrowing the antiphonies of solo voices against chorus, playing instruments against voice with a delight as fresh as Monte­
vedi's, and inventing from Montevedi's example a new, purely embellished recitative, composed his Canticum Sacrum in honor of St. Mark's in Venice.

Now there are some who believe that admission of these facts threatens the genius of Stravinsky. If so, I would admit them. But tell me first when in the history of music such a succession of creative transformations has occurred: is not this one aspect of Stravinsky's genius? If such an inspired example of creative robbery ("One does not imitate; one steals," Stravinsky said to me, apropos of Webern) does not constitute the most impressive display of esthetic authority since Schoenberg stole from Brahms, and Brahms from Beethoven and Couperin, and Beethoven from the Bachs, and Bach from Cou­perin—proving Couperin to be the origin of all modern music—why then I put no faith in Machiavelli's Prince." Stravinsky decisively closed the argument by stating publicly several occasions that he intends henceforward to compose in the serial (row) technique, retaining tonality, and using contrapuntal and canonic forms. Now his disciples are all busily cultivating rows and speak of row composers with respect.

In a dialogue with Robert Craft, published by The Atlantic Monthly, June 1957, Stravinsky was asked to explain what he believes to be the future of harmony. He replied: "Harmony, a doctrine dealing with chords and chord relations, has had a brilliant but short history. . . . Today harmonic novelty is at an end. As a medium of musical construction, harmony offers no further resources in which to inquire and from which to seek profit . . . " (Tell that to Leonard Bernstein). "Rhythm, rhythmic polyphony, melodic or inter­valic construction are the elements of musical building to be ex­plorod today." And later: "The serial technique I use impels me to greater discipline." And of dissonance: "Any serial music intended to be heard vertically is more difficult to hear . . . "

These statements are not casual or careless. The brief dialogue is the third of Stravinsky's major appraisals of his art; the others are the Autobiography and the Poetics. It is the most compact and, despite its brevity, the most decisive.

Stravinsky's attitude has been at all times the opposite of Weber­n's. He is inclusive and prolific, as Webern was not. He com­poses for the large public audience, as Webern did not. Stravinsky recommends listening with eyes as well as ears; he enjoys the presence of the instrumentalists as he enjoys the physical moments of the ballet. For Webern's music the presence of the instrumentalists is a distraction. In Stravinsky's ballet music the instruments join tones and dance; they are comedians, melodramatists. Webern's music is private as the lyric. Even in the "Webernized" Shakespeare Songs, Stravinsky directs the poetry to the audience; the clarinet bells from undersea and the birdsong are rhetorical, devices rather than signs. Each of Webern's tiny pieces leads directly to the next; a work by Stravinsky contains and completes a unique frame of reference. Webern was a meditator; Stravinsky is a mental athlete.

One might say in the same context that Schoenberg was a dramatic philosopher, humanistic as Plato and as deadly serious. Stravinsky is a master at home in the world; Webern withdrew from the world into a serene mysticism. Stravinsky makes this last difference explicit: "Of the music of this century I am still most attracted by two periods of Webern: the later instrumental works and the songs he wrote after the first twelve opus numbers and before the Trio . . . . I do not say that the last cantatas are a decline—quite the contrary—but their sentiment is alien to me and I prefer the instrumental works."

If one had any doubt of Stravinsky's independence, of his abso­lute maturity in an art that compels all references to speak his language, the concert given in Los Angeles June 17 to honor his
date or locality does far the treatment at the present." Two levels: one, as Carl Nielsen's Fifth Symphony plagiarizes Ravel or the fugue of Stravinsky's Concerto for Two Pianos imitates Beethoven's Hammerklavier or his opera parody XVIII century genres; the other such transformation as in these recent works.

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But if demographic expansion and that of the needs which it carries with it may be considered as the most determining forces of the political and social changes which we are now witnessing, they still only bring about these changes through the equally irresistible growth of human genius, expressed through inventions and discoveries in sciences and technical skills.

Would the tremendous demographic expansion which marks our times have been possible, for example, had medical skill and hygiene not stepped in to arrest infantile mortality and increase the average life-span all over the world. It is also through science, through the organization of the exchange of goods, through the expanding media of communication and information, through better techniques, methods of organization and productivity, that mankind can hope to find a positive answer to its gigantic, growing needs. And how vast is the potential for progress in every field and in every direction. We have reached a point where we cannot any longer decide whether to place our era under the sign of the discovery of atomic energy, or under that of electronics and automation, which soon will be entering more and more fields.

True, a gap still exists between resources and needs. Too many people are still under-nourished. But we do know that this gap can be bridged. Natural sources do exist and human genius has already given sufficient proof, in science and in technical skills, of its ability to multiply still further the resources indispensable for the future.

The world has entered upon a phase which cries out for and demands the cooperation of all men in every field of endeavor. Not because cooperation is, of itself, a great and noble concept, but because it provides the only access to such technical equipment as will ensure balanced production for all peoples and the higher standards of living to which they rightfully aspire.

Science, moreover, is increasingly revealing itself as the birthright of all mankind, a birthright to which neither nations nor groups nor indeed scientists themselves can for long claim exclusive rights and privileges.

By the very nature of the goals it sets in terms of productivity and the fantastic resources it requires, modern technology accentuates with each day that passes the collective character of modern life. Our era is fast leaving behind the day of the small craftsman and is producing in its stead a "technicist and herd civilization."

It would be futile to attempt to oppose such a trend the imperatives of which are all too obvious. And it would be unjust to condemn it in advance and to consider the hive-and-herd character of our times from a solely critical point of view. The gradual rise in standards of living, the decrease of individual physical efforts, the fading of age-old fears bred by hunger and disease (a relief not yet afforded to all peoples unfortunately) all are, on the whole, definite factors of human progress and new openings for individual and collective development.

This evolution (I believe it essential that all its characteristics be fully grasped) poses multiple problems which affect man and the humanizing element of man directly.

Neither the equipment of industry nor the development and modernization of technical methods to meet the need of our expanding human race can be achieved by the old methods applied up until now. At any rate they cannot be applied in a short enough space of time to count. A stage of planning and of cooperation at all levels and in every branch of human activity is hence essential. Certain phases of this cooperation have already been carried out by many international organizations during the past years. But this undeniable and urgent need for close cooperation requires in turn more favorable moral and intellectual exchanges between men and between nations. These must get to know each other better before they can hope to achieve better understanding.

The increasingly collective character of this "technicist and herd civilization" which is spreading to all peoples irrespective of historical or religious background further implies an increased solidarity between men and increased solidarity between the communities which they form.

The close relationship between this feeling of individual responsibility and one of dignity is well established. The vigor of this empirical Humanism will in no way be diminished nor will it clash with the most traditional forms of culture. On the contrary, it will add a new dimension by directly linking these cultural forms to our daily life.

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PROJECT FOR THE MONUMENT OF BUDDHA

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BY ISAMU NOGUCHI, SCULPTOR, AND KATZUMI KOMURO, YOZO SHIBATA & JIRO KODERA.
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“There was an inquiry from Unesco as to whether I would be interested in helping to develop a park at the birthplace of the Buddha in Nepal. Following this I visited there en route to Japan. Later, in Japan, some young architects asked if I would join them in a competition for a commemorative monument to the 2500 anniversary of Buddhism to be built in New Delhi. In entering this I did so with the memory of Lumbini and the wonderful souvenirs of Nepal in my mind. Failure to have our design chosen only leaves me more convinced that it should be destined, as my original conception indicated, to mark his holy birth rather than that of a religion.”—ISAMU NOGUCHI

ARCHITECTS
VARIATIONS ON A BASIC HOUSE

BY PAUL RUDOLPH, ARCHITECT

In approaching the problem of development houses the architect has concentrating his efforts on the use of modular construction, varying the number and size of the rooms by manipulating the space between the carport and the house. An attempt has also been made to vary the house in appearance, and the facilities are provided by the manipulation of architectural space rather than by arbitrary changes of material, roof pitches, or the usual devices. The result is a highly simplified structure suitable to multiple production, with consideration for all cost factors involved. The objective is to accomplish a pleasant and above average family environment with a reasonable choice of arrangements within a consistent idea.
The proposed new building is placed on the west side of the upper green. The main approach is from the frontage of the site and the parking lot, which is tentatively shown to accommodate 75 cars, is placed to the west of the building, with access to service through the parking lot. The building's main floor is level with the upper portion of the green and due to the natural slope of the ground a partial lower floor is provided on the north end.

Main Floor: Entry into the building is through a centrally placed canopy into an entrance lobby with a counter and coat rack. To the right of the entrance is the Secretary's room accommodating files, desk, etc., and a Committee Room to seat 15 or 16 members. To the left of the main entrance are the toilets with ladies-powder-room and toilets opening near the main entrance. The main hall is 36 ft. x 60 ft. and has along its west side the kitchen and bar, the bar being recessed from the main hall so that it can be separated and closed off with shutters.

On the north end of the hall is an elliptically shaped stage for a small orchestra.

Both the north and east of the hall are glazed with aluminum sliding glass doors leading out to covered terraces on these two sides which would afford protection from the sun. A stair leads down from the northern terrace to the ground which will afford connection to the future third green to the north of the building. This terrace extends on the level portion across to the edge of the green.

Near the main entrance lobby a stair leads down to the lower floor. The three-sided enclosure around that stair, only 2'6" high, would form a desirable break in the large hall to some extent separating the area of the bar and forming a small lounge area to the east side of the hall.

Lower Floor: This portion is constructed by means of excavation and a retaining wall cutting across the site from east to west. It accommodates a locker room with a small shower and a games room which is glazed along its northern facade with standard sliding glass doors.

On the west side of the building the service entry is on this lower level with a truck entrance, staff lockers and a large store room, all of which connects up to kitchen and bar by means of a covered external stair.

Construction: The construction contemplated for the building is light buff colored face brick for the outside walls, aluminum windows and sliding glass doors; the lower and main floor to be of concrete covered with composition tiles for the main assembly hall and the roof to be constructed of open web steel trusses, steel decking covered with insulation and a bituminous asbestos felt roofing finished with white marble chips.
SMALL CLUB BY HARRY SEIDLER, ARCHITECT

LOWER FLOOR

MAIN FLOOR

SCALE

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1. COURT
2. LIVING ROOM
3. CHILD'S BEDROOM
4. BATH
5. CACTUS GARDEN
6. ENTRY
7. DINING ROOM
8. STUDY
9. SLEEPING DECK
10. CHILD'S PLAY ROOM OR GUEST BEDROOM
11. COURT
12. LAUNDRY
13. KITCHEN
14. BATH
15. MASTER BEDROOM
16. DECK
17. PARKING
18. CAR PORT
19. EARTH SCULPTURE
20. EARTH SCULPTURE
21. BRIDGE
22. STORAGE
23. BAR
24. FIRE PIT
25. POOL
26. DRESSING ROOMS
27. DRIVEWAY
CASE STUDY HOUSE NO. 19

One of a continuing series sponsored by the magazine, ARTS & ARCHITECTURE. This house will be constructed in Atherton, California and will be opened to the public on its completion.

BY DON KNORR
OF KNORR-ELLIOT ASSOCIATES

INTERIOR PLANNING: ANNE KNORR
ENGINEER: JOHN BROWN
CONTRACTOR: WHelan CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

The mat, or the man-made area of the project has been extended to define more clearly the architectural elements and to emphasize the continuation of the mat itself. Grass has been introduced around the adobe wing, which will act as a soft carpet off the living area. Paving to the west of the house will provide a suitable surface for the extension of the living, dining activities. Earth sculpture will be gentle mounds under ground cover and will be distinguishable through the translucent glass fence. The larger earth sculpture will provide a hollow for lounging on the outdoor living side. Planting to the north of the pool will act as a wind break. The landscaping in general will be a continuation of volumes, planes, and surprises.

The asphalt drive slopes up gradually from the street, and the curved hedge opens to a view of forms and a sense of the mat continuing beyond and containing other forms. There will be a glimpse of earth sculpture through the translucent glass fence. A 2" x 3" cedar walk, elevated 6", gives a delicate staccato rhythm against the larger rhythm of the fence frames. There is a step up to the walk, and movement along the walk gives a sense of receding and projecting earth sculpture. The space becomes more compressed and roofed by the trees. One steps off the boardwalk to the entry; here, the space becomes compressed between two walls and the overhanging roof, with a view of the cactus garden beyond. A small opening in the redwood wall gives a glimpse of the stair with space being exploded vertically, 8' in width and 16' 6" to the ceiling, and also the first view of the sculptural fireplace in the living room where the space is contained by the high ceiling and extends to the composition in rock and gravel in court No. 1 to the east and the transitory planting to the west. A "study" will afford a different perspective and a different space experience. The sleeping deck is roofed by a large tree, the deck off bathroom No. 2 offers another perspective of the earth sculpture and the outdoor living area which is separated from the house by a sunken garden and is reached by a gently curved wood bridge. Court No. 1 is also oriented for view to the child's bedroom. The architectural elements will range in color from gray to white, with bright colors being used as accents: adobe walls: white; gray glass; redwood walls: gray; steel frame: painted white; courts 1 and 2 and garden No. 1: off-white aggregate; the entire planted area is light gray gravel; plaster and walls: white; travertine floors: gray; interior wood partitions will be painted, the color is yet undetermined.
A CENTURY OF MODERN DESIGN BY EDGAR KAUFMANN

In 1925 modern design was given the accolade of an international exposition in Paris, where sharp-shooting commercial stylishists attempted to ride the band wagon, not without success. But in general designers recalled the first great ideal of the modern tradition, principle, not effects, and continued on their way. The next challenge was more serious, since it was both intelligent and friendly. Outside the Machine Style centers certain European countries had been exploring other avenues of modern design, based on the Arts and Crafts movement. England and Scotland had produced a brilliant second generation of Arts and Crafts designers, beginning with Voysey and Mackintosh, men and women who were sympathetic to the earliest indications of Art Nouveau and helped its continental diffusion. In Austria and Belgium first, then in Scandinavia and Finland, this British influence was assimilated as part of the local modern design tradition. The Northern countries, where isolated farms practised many crafts as a matter of livelihood, responded with particular skills and vernacular accents to this stimulus. From 1930 on these countries attempted to amalgamate into their picturesque varieties of modern design some of the rationale of the internationally famous Machine Style while objecting to its cold, shiny steel and glass, emphatic blacks and chromiums, and unrelieved primary colors. The Northern countries at this time enjoyed another advantage: they had escaped participation in the first World War. Sweden was first to move ahead in developing this blend of modern designs. Finland followed soon thereafter with an architect-designer of top rank, Alvar Aalto, assisted by his wife Aino, and followed by many gifted personalities.

While Europe was proliferating modern design with such amplitude, the United States was faced with the greatest of its financial crashes (1929) and the ensuing economic depression. Sullivan had died and Wright rusticated in poverty. Commercial interests had looked enviously at the enormous publicity enjoyed by the 1925 Paris fair, and just before the crash a banal décor moderne had been imported along with some light-hearted frills from Vienna. Americans were experimenting with modern design in these reputedly chic environments while ignoring native genius.

At this confused economic and cultural moment a new factor appeared on the American scene—the industrial designers. At first hardly more than stylists for industry (that is, hired to give stylish allure to a product), these pioneers soon grasped the potentiality of their work, they aimed at better integration with engineering and with sales departments, and at professional ethics and responsibilities (including education of young designers). Economically realistic as perhaps only a generation arising in a depression could be, market-conscious on a scale and at a level incomprehensible to most Europeans whose biggest sales were traditionally to underdeveloped colonies, the American industrial designer of the 1930s faced facts first and paid little attention to the traditions, experiences and ideals the modern movement had accumulated since the middle of the previous century. It was then not so easy to become aware of this historic background: several years were to pass before the European scholars Pevsner and Giedion would put these events into coherent perspectives. Meanwhile there were encomiums by two influential American critics of modern art, architecture and design, Lewis Mumford and Sheldon Cheney. The Museum of Modern Art began its presentations of the Machine Style with some effect on commerce if little on industry.

American industry was busy evolving an independent, highly successful variety of modern design known as Streamlining. Its name and emblems both were taken from engineering studies of shapes efficient for fast motion through liquids (air acts as a liquid to objects speeding in it). Rounded, tapering forms, smooth transitions, horizontal lines resembling visible traces of fast movement through a medium, all were adapted to lend the reference of speed to any product including the most static and unlikely. However clumsily applied, this constituted a real insight into the enthusiasm of the general public, and the symbols were no more farfetched than the roses of the rococo or the Athenian acanthus. Industrial designers thus had gone straight to the core of development in modern industry—to speed and its source, energy, and had found an effective stimulus to public response.

In terms of the four original ideals of modern design, Streamlining marked a significant split: it served a wide public and it more than welcomed, it dramatized technological advance; but it did nothing to express structure and its effects were unprincipled. Soon, serving a big public, technological up-to-dateness became so important they seemed to represent the whole of modern design. Today they still define the program for some hard-headed, hard-selling industrial designers, proud to be "in step with business," and chary of the arts.

The direct design expression of a certain aspect at least of structure was becoming ever more difficult: the expression of energy in action. Elementary mechanisms of the Middle Ages or of the Orient were in themselves expressive structures; so were the earliest engines and power sources of the Industrial Revolution. But as engines were refined, as power became transmitted over long distances, and finally as mechanical power gave way to radiant energies, structure other than framing and covering became increasingly inexpressible in product design (still less graphically) without some recourse to symbolism. Thus it is not surprising that Streamlining found a good measure of success throughout the West along with the practise of industrial design.

Professional standards of design were established early in North Europe through agencies like the German Werkbund (founded 1907), composed of government officials, business men and designers. As a result, the relationship of effects to underlying principles of use and construction is often more clearly expressed in the work of European industrial designers than in that of the Americans. Yet the advantages required by continual introduction of new materials and improved efficiency of power sources called for a re-examination of basic design, even in Europe; thus the historians of design arose just as they were needed in the later 1930s. The need was more pressing since the whole distributive process was accelerated by advertising.
art and packaging, the great graphic techniques design has used to implement the ever-growing demands of expanding populations.

In America recovered from its depression, stronger and richer than before, these agencies of distributive acceleration began to assume giant stature and exerted commensurate effect on consumers and producers alike. At the same time Frank Lloyd Wright, who had found a new generation of clients, began to pour out his later masterworks, reminding the world that the roots of modern design, reaching down to fundamentals, could nourish results that put easy sensationalism to shame. Wright found a (purely symbolic) structural expression of energy as no man had known how to do since the Middle Ages. Designers have found nothing in Wright's architecture directly applicable to products or graphic work, but his achievement cleared the air and indicated a direction. At last in one form or another, modern sign has established itself in all the useful arts. How suitable its multiple forms were, how compatible with each other and with their environments, were questions. Answers had to wait; World War II was breaking.

When the glare over Hiroshima subsided, men could look at their new world. Energy was no longer just increasing, it became the focus of world attention, of both hope and fear. World leadership had changed: the United Nations, the United States and Russia stood where once had been the European nations. Asia and Africa began to take their independent places. Design has changed its habitations; rather than in England, France or Germany progressive designers were to be found mostly in the United States, Italy, Finland and Denmark. Design also changed its character. In place of the impersonal slickness that marked both the Machine Style and Streamlining there was a strong shift to warmth, to individual expression, to variety in forms, colors and textures. Earlier it had seemed necessary for design to dramatize the Industrial Revolution; now it seemed more urgent to express man's control of his new tools, "the machine at the service of man," as Wright had foreseen fifty years earlier. Yet, "the machine" no longer can serve as the symbol now that radiant energy is taking over. Speed, the alternative symbol, has become as inexpressible as light, its fastest measure. Sculptural masses that once looked powerful (as if they housed engines) are often dropped in favor of linear networks apparently charged with energy; thin-edged, spatially-warped shells replace heavy slabs; focal points rather than frames or moldings mark visual entities. The flow of space has become the imagery of design; space curves around the thin shells, it slips along the slender rods and lines, it gathers at the focal points—it can be calm, turbulent, swift, or modulated between these extremes. The channeling of space, the inflection of its flow, is the new symbol of energy. Older bits of design persist, but here lies the direction of development. Transparency, linearity, "negative" spaces, emotive textures, all contribute to this one end. Even the motor car, touchstone of popular response as always, has modeled and curved its shell, inflected its chromium lines, and cracked its masses by color changes. Modern design has initiated another phase in tune with the world we live in.

Another phase? It seems modern design may be too changeable to be a true entity. Does any continuity link the Machine Style to the Art Nouveau, Streamlining to Swedish Modern? Is there a modern tradition? The warped shells, active lines and concentrating foci now in design were familiar devices of the Art Nouveau (which may account for a present interest in that period). Anonymous, geometric shapes and highly finished surfaces were common to both the Machine Styles and Streamlining. The unity of modern design is not to be found in such recurrent symptoms, but in its guiding ideals.

Through all these manifestations from 1896 to 1956 there runs the current of enthusiasm man feels for the energy he began to master with the Industrial Revolution. The shortcomings along the way of modern design are undeniable: Streamliners tended to ham things up, Machine Stylists bet on what proved to be a fading symbol, the Art Nouveau stuck too closely to the emotional gamut of symbolist poets, and perhaps our own day is weakened by excessive diversity and personalism in design. Yet an inescapable vitality absorbs these faults; modern design has never stopped growing and working. Today, a way of life, a way of seeing man and his place in the world, calls for expression and finds it in flowing space, the visible symbol of energy controlled by man.

SUMMARY

About a hundred years ago four basic ideals of modern design were formulated: principles should govern effects; structure should be directly expressed; technological advances should be welcomed; a wide public should be served. Around the turn of the century these formulations were first successfully embodied in modern design. From then on product design and graphic design have had vigorous, adventurous careers closely influenced by architecture, where structure, mainly a question of framework and covering, was hardly touched by the drastic permutations of energy sources. Frank Lloyd Wright not only maintained the original ideal of structure clearly expressed, but blaze a path for its future growth. It is no longer hard to see, under the excitement of speed and the impact of the machine, a fundamental aspect of our universe, energy. And by revealing the control of spatial flow as the natural expression of man's control of energy, Wright pointed the way all the useful arts are going—they have rediscovered in the spatial expression of energy a principle capable of governing effects, and they have found a symbol for the most subtle and invisible aspect of the structural organization of a product or a page. These two restated ideals create a balanced program with the two that once threatened to overwhelm them—technological advance and service to the general public. Thus modern design is able to continue to grow in the direction it originally chose; it is a living tradition, rich in experience and in well-founded expectations. It is one of the great modern arts.
A LAKESIDE HOUSE BY WENDELL H. LOVETT, ARCHITECT

This new living pavilion stands on a point of land projecting into Lake Washington's East Channel. It was planned as an addition to an existing house which was spatially inadequate and in need of repair. The old living room became the new master bedroom, the kitchen and dining areas were redesigned to provide a breakfast bar, a more workable kitchen and a dining space oriented to the view. The remainder of the old structure was left unchanged except for the application of new roofing, siding, and paint.

The new living wing stands between the existing house and the water with its closed side near the north property line and its glazed wall facing south and east toward an expanse of lawn and the lake beyond. A divider cabinet containing radio, record player, bar, and television defines two spaces within the living wing. The smaller space with attached seating and book shelves is used for reading, lounging, viewing TV; and the larger more formal space related to the granite wall and fireplace is for general living activities.

The granite wall and the roof are the dominant architectural elements. The wall serves visually and structurally as the room's static tie with the ground. In contrast, the long wing-like roof leads the eye outward to the view, emphasizing the distant horizontals of water and hills. A series of turned maple posts carry the beams and warm vertical grained fir ceiling seven feet above the floor at the lowest point. The fir paneling of the ceiling is repeated in the walls of the reading-TV area. The floor is a white cement terrazzo containing marble chips of black, brown, and pearl-white. The dominant color in furniture and fabrics is blue in light and dark shades. The colorful painting is by Spencer Moseley. All furniture except for Eames plywood chairs was designed by the architect.
This small house, now being built outside the city of Bombay, is on a gently sloping, thickly wooded two-acre site. It was necessary to fulfill the following requirements for the clients, a middle-aged couple:

1. a small budget
2. a house which would be temperate to live in without an air conditioning system
3. a structure that could be easily handled by any local contractor.

An investigation of the current building situation in India presented the designer with the following facts: no wood can be used structurally; and no steel could be obtained for small scale painvate dwellings; cement and concrete, though available, were difficult to obtain and very expensive; the only readily available materials are brick, mortar, glass and stone. The following solution was adopted: the exterior walls are 1-foot thick reinforced tamped earth, built-up in forms, painted with waterproof paints. The sun screen wall is built of bricks; the roofing is reinforced brick and mortar and waffle beam integral slab sprayed asbestos insulation, built-up roof with white sand topping. The stairs are an open riser system of reinforced concrete slabs cantilevered from the walls, and the exterior baluster, mortar stabilized earth on wire mesh, painted.
SCULPTURAL TRELLIS WALLS

ERWIN HAUER

Frequently during the past years architects have attempted to give their walls or ceilings a sculptural quality. The bronze screens of Bertoia in the Manufacturer’s Trust Bank, New York, the tetrahedral ceiling of Louis Kahn in the Yale University Art Gallery, Le Corbusier’s walls at Ronchamp and Chandigarh all show a clear trend away from the functionalistic glass skins or concrete ceilings used for many buildings during the past three decades.

More recently there has emerged a tendency to condense the window, wall and structural support into one translucent sculptural unit. Influenced by constructivist tradition, Yamasaki, E. Stone and several Latin-American architects have created punctured trellises. The linear and to a great extent two-dimensional quality of their screens retain the integrity of the plane.

In the work of Erwin Hauer a dynamic and organic approach to the sculptural treatment of wall surfaces has been revealed.

The disciplined coordination of the intertwining units produce an effect of dynamic balance through their repetition of undulating forms. Although the patterns are unvaried, a shift in the angle of vision makes them assume constantly changing and often surprising forms. The observer, charmed by those variations on a theme, soon finds himself challenged to discover the elusive geometry underlying the interlaced flow of Hauer’s construction.

The changing angles of the multiple surfaces reflect and diffuse a vibrating light which dematerializes the wall and makes it weightless. According to the light conditions during the course of the day the appearance of the screen may vary from a strong sculptural expression created by complex light values to a silhouetted graphic form in which the figure-ground relationship becomes reversible. These constant transformations produce a dynamic ornament while the prominently spatial qualities of the single units prevent an additive effect. This purely visual versatility allows the architect to integrate the trellises into almost any modern structure.

Hauer’s patented designs have also many practical advantages. The prefabricated blocks of almost any material, cast in re-usable molds can be joined easily and allow a great flexibility in size. Executed in reinforced concrete some of the structural units support up to 80 tons per four square feet. In that case a maximum strength is reached through a minimum of material since the form follows the lines of static forces. As constructed examples in Vienna show, the light diffusion in a wall or ceiling is more effective than through a conventional, translucent surface. The exterior planes of the interior parts of the elements reflect light towards the interior surface of the exterior components of the block, which in its turn diffuses this natural light back into the room. At night a similar effect can be obtained through hidden light sources. In one of the examples inserted glass disks provide an insulating dead air space.

Much more important, however, than those practical assets is the fact that Hauer’s trellises are a solution toward the integration of modern sculptural forms into architecture. Their active and challenging shapes enliven the buildings in which they exist. They stand for the desire of the artists as well as the architects to unite all the arts into an architectural program from which they have been excluded for so long. As such they open new avenues. —FRANCOIS BUCHER
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2 ENCHANTED EVENING By Estelle and Erwine Laverne. Fabric is forti san.

3 INCANDESCENCE By William Klein for Erwine Laverne, Inc. Pure Silk Gauze 48" wide.

4 RIBBONS: From the Herman Miller Fabric Collection by Alexander Girard. Here overprinting creates an effect of vertical stripes. A cascade of ribbons reminiscent of folk dance costumes, ribbons floating and hanging from hats, from May poles, from overhead decorations. Available on various base fabrics: 100% linen, 100% cotton poplin, 100% cotton batiste, pure silk organdy.

5 SHADES, designed by Emily Belding, for Knoll Textiles, Inc., is 100% ramie, a fiber new to the American market. This unique vegetable fiber which dates back to Biblical times, has quadruple the strength of hemp, can be laundered indefinitely and is impervious to fungi and sun. It is the ideal casement for long window walls. The design is a striking arrangement of broad and narrow black and white vertical stripes. SHADES is 50" wide.

6 BAHIA: Textured upholstery fabric — One of a new group of transportation cloths styled by Anton Maix for the home furnishing industry. Heavily textured rayon and cotton, yarn-dyed in thirteen colors, BAHIA has an acrylic resinous backing to keep it dynamically stable and permit it to adhere to upholstery.

7 DIABOLO: Bemberg and mercerized cotton jacquard, one of a collection of nine upholstery and drapery fabrics in Anton Maix’s Color Harmony group, DIABOLO is woven in four colors against a unique black warp, and reverses to a negative of the pattern.

8 FEATHERS: From the Herman Miller Fabric Collection by Alexander Girard. The general effect of this design is that of a cloak of feathers. While the pattern does not realistically imitate, it conveys some of the special richness and texture unique to plumage. Available on various base fabrics: 100% cotton batiste, pure silk gauze, 100% cotton poplin.

9 REGATTA By Estelle and Erwine Laverne. Fabric is forti san 48" wide.

10 RUGBY STRIPES, designed by Florence Knoll and Astrid Sampe, for Knoll Textiles, Inc., is a fresh bold vertical stripe with no pattern repeat; a two tone blend alternates with a white band and a solid and broken black line. The fabric is a strong weave of 50% linen and cotton. Colors are: gray and black on white, beige and black on white, yellow and black on white, orange and black on white, azure and black on white. 52" wide.

11 PRISMA designed by Sven Markelius, for Knoll Textiles, Inc., has recently been given the 1956 FIRST AWARD for printed design by the American Institute of Decorators. The design has clarity and depth with color applied on color in repetitive rectangular and triangular forms, resulting in a rhythmic overall pattern. PRISMA is a Swedish import, handprinted on linen. Colors: beige, gray, yellow, red, blue. 50" wide. Repeat 9".

12 CROSSES by Alexander Girard for the Herman Miller Fabric Collection is an ingenious continuous and non-directional pattern. Reminiscent of peasant tablecloths or costumes, also of plaid and checks. Being a more “open” pattern, it lets light through, giving an effect of grillwork. Available on various base fabrics: 100% linen, pure silk gauze, bleached white, 100% cotton batiste, 100% cotton poplin.
COMMERCIAL BUILDING

BY BURDETT KEELAND, JR.

ASSOCIATES

CLYDE JACKSON: ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT
A. T. KNIES: STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

A Savings and Loan building designed for a rapidly expanding residential and commercial area. The generous site permits the setting of this building in its own garden. From the parking area the visitor will move to a large wanded gravel entrance pad, and from here will cross over a planting bed of ivy into the lobby. The formal structure will be further enhanced by several large trees on the site.

Designed for a possible second story, the structure consists of exposed 8 x 8 WF steel columns at 10-foot centers, with an 18" steel channel for the fascia. Bar joists with a 1 1/2" steel deck insulated with 1 1/11 of Fiberglas make up the roof. Exterior walls are 8" structural tile with white stucco panels. All exposed steel will be painted gray. A low curb filled with gray aggregate will receive the columns and form a ground border. The steel beams are to frame into the vault structure with the heating and air conditioning housed above.

An easy flow of space through the building is achieved with the sliding frosted glass doors. Glazed with clear transoms, the doors divide the lobby from conference and work area. There will be a drive-in window in the work room.

Interior finishes will consist of black marble panels, white plaster, acoustical plaster ceiling and gray terrazzo floors. Banking desks and conference room will be paneled with black walnut. The entrance doors and vault will be dramatized by a panel of softly lighted luminous ceiling of expanded aluminum.
This small house for Florida is on a waterfront lot with its best view to the west, down a bank rather than across the narrow waterway. The house itself opens to this direction with a nearly blank wall to the north. A thin honeycomb panel roof is supported by flush steel T sections at the flat part and by plywood girders at the gable. The clerestory windows provide high ventilation and low contrast lighting, and, most important, maintain spatial entity of the living-dining-kitchen complex against too much movement from the porch.
The following is from the specifications developed by the designer for the new Case Study House No. 18 and represents a partial selection of products on the basis of quality, and general usefulness. They have been selected as being best suited to the purpose of this project and are, therefore, within the meaning of the Case Study House Program, "Merit Specified."

U. S. STEEL
The filled ground problem was solved most economically with the use of steel piling. Twenty-two 10"WF-42" steel piling totaling almost 600 feet, power-driven to depths from 9 feet to 53 feet and to a minimum bearing value of 35 tons for each pile, carry the structural loads of the house.

HARBOR PLYWOOD CORPORATION
All wall panels for the house are pre-fabricated and are faced with "Harborite," a Douglas Fir marine plywood with resin-impregnated overlays. These overlays provide a smooth, hard, grainless surface that eliminates grain-raise and checking, and takes point well.

STEELBILT, INC.
Eleven "Steelbilt" steel-framed sliding glass door units are specified to integrate the interior with the gardens and the enclosed courtyard. These units were selected for their precision design and fabrication, their adaptability to pre-fab methods, their fine architectural line. With square tubing, the architect was able to develop one connection detail for all exterior wall conditions, fixed glass, sliding glass door units, sash, and wall panels all connect to the tubing in a like manner.

THE MOSAIC TILE CO.
Permanence and quality were requisites in the tilework. Flooring throughout is quarry tile. Tile walls and countertops are ceramic mosaics. These natural clay tiles were specified for their wide selection of warm, natural, fade-proof colors, their precision design and fabrication, their adaptability to the pre-fab system used in the structure.

WESTINGHOUSE
All built-in kitchen appliances are by Westinghouse. The Westinghouse line, planned expressly for Contemporary kitchens, was selected as having the greatest number of desired features to afford complete versatility and maximum cooking convenience.

BACKGROUND MUSIC SYSTEM
The high fidelity and background music system has been designed for extremely wide range sound reproduction. The Gilbert J. Gilbert Co. is installing integrated Altec-lansing components for AM-FM radio, phonograph, and tape recorder reproduction. The equipment will be "built-in" to achieve a system appearance. An enclosure of special design to enhance the response of the Altec two-way speaker system is to be job-constructed. Background music speakers shall be located in strategic parts of the residence with individual volume controls and remote control of the power to the equipment.

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From the new perspectives and trends already taking shape and clearly emerging today, a new lesson is coming to the fore: the importance now assumed by all those values connected with the inner being which make man really human. For the true sources of knowl­edge and human creativeness are born within the individual, even if the means of translating them into action and of giving them body later develop in a collective group. The source of all advancement, of all spiritual development is inner inspiration. Moreover these high concepts must be lived.

Thus on a broad canvas and with generous strokes of the brush, may be portrayed some of the outlines not, indeed, of a New Human­ism, but of an evergrowing concern with the defense and safe-guard­ing of the most authentically human qualities of each one of us.

There is a duty to set forth, to the greatest extent possible, the most striking characteristics of our era, so that millions of people might have an inkling of the many educational and cultural paths which can reinforce the individual and human aspect within a civiliza­tion dominated both by the technological and group-conscious.

The man of tomorrow can look forward to much from a civilization of this kind provided he demands and achieves the primacy of the human element.—Maurice Lambliolite, UNESCO.

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seventy-fifth birthday would have dispelled it. The concert, presented by the Los Angeles Music Festival in collaboration with Mon­téverdi, consisted of a Dedication and five parts. The Dedication is declaimed by tenor and baritone: “To the City of Venice, in praise of its Patron Saint, the Blessed Mark, Apostle.” The text throughout is in Latin, the language of the Church. The first part, for chorus, proclaims the instruction of Jesus to His church: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” The second part, a solo tenor recitative on words from the Song of Songs, “Awake, O north wind. . . . Let my beloved come into his garden,” celebrates in magnificently ornate embellishment the promises of the church. The style, with its slow beats for voice, is from Monteverdi, reconceived in an angular emphasis that is of the twentieth century. Here is again the clenched concern of Stravinsky’s Mass, directed to all who seek assurance through the religious community. The third and central part speaks of Charity, Hope, and Faith, each choral section proudly and homogeneous rather than contrasting instruments. Though the orchestra is heterogeneous, it is presented in “litanies between different groups.” In the Canticum Sacrum Stravinsky has adopted to this earlier prac­tice the antiphonal Venetian style of the Gabrielli and Monteverdi, the historic music-masters of St. Marks.

The secret of Stravinsky’s sonorities lies in his unique characteriza­tion of the wind instruments. During the intermission of one of the final New York Philharmonic-Symphony broadcasts of last season, the first bassoonist of the orchestra, asked to say which is his fa­vored melody for his instrument, named the Berceuse solo of Stra­vinsky’s Fire Bird. Asked then what is in his opinion the most diffi­cult bassoon passage of the orchestral repertoire, he named the opening of the Sacre du Printemps. Hearing him play these two bassoon solos apart from their orchestral setting one realized how early Stravinsky had surpassed the convention in his mastery of the winds.

Then came the Canticum Sacrum, consisting of a Dedication and five parts. The Dedication is declaimed by tenor and baritone: “To the City of Venice, in praise of its Patron Saint, the Blessed Mark, Apostle.” The text throughout is in Latin, the language of the Church. The first part, for chorus, proclaims the instruction of Jesus to His church: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” The second part, a solo tenor recitative on words from the Song of Songs, “Awake, O north wind. . . . Let my beloved come into his garden,” celebrates in magnificently ornate embellishment the promises of the church. The style, with its slow beats for voice, is from Monteverdi, reconceived in an angular emphasis that is of the twentieth century. Here is again the clenched concern of Stravinsky’s Mass, directed to all who seek assurance through the religious community. The third and central part speaks of Charity, Hope, and Faith, each choral section proudly and elaborately ornamented, a web of tight canonic counterpoints colored with orchestral flash and resonance, massive as carved cul­lums, decorated with rattle-like figures expressively still as Byzan­tine mosaic. The fourth part, a solo recitative for baritone, answers with subtle emotion the disturbed question of one who would be­lieve: “Jesus said unto him, If thou cast believe, all things are pos­sible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child

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of instruments. Schoenberg's mandolin tenderly bubbles springlike through one movement but only after she has put on a mask and while it directs the intended movements of the dance.

French. The dances are in effect orchestral metamorphoses; the pretended to be a harpsichord playing a melody of wide Schoenbergian intervals. Cellos bray; tucket flourishes on virginal shakes, using row techniques, the music is neither classical nor puntal, Dr. Christopher Hogwood points out, "in a dance contest, in game or dance. The work juxtaposes without interruption a long series of brief dances in classic French styles, divided by brief interludes; brilliantly contrary-puntal, using row techniques, the music is neither classical nor French. The dances are in effect orchestral metamorphoses; the music itself dances visibly in groups, gestures, mimes; and reflects while it directs the intended movements of the dance."

"Instruments are nothing in themselves; the literature they play is tossed off by all instruments; the piano clumps in the part usually assigned to the bassoon in dissonant tonal rows; the solo violin takes her turn of partners and like a fine lady at a village wedding steps to the centre of the circle with three gawky, handsome trombones. To the slow, metallic beat of a simulated drumming, the instruments throw off harmonic and rhythmic decency, until, just as the shock of this sophisticated Saturnalia has begun to register in the bewildered mind, we are off in fine garments to an aristocratic fling of counterpoint. And as in Così fan tutti all the marriage pairings turn out wrong before they come out right, so in Agon every instrument has been irreverently coupled before it is harmoniously joined. The finale, like that of Mozart's comedy, begins coming over the horizon long before it arrives.

The entire program was prepared in four rehearsals. I write this, not to endorse such practice but in tribute to Robert Craft and the Los Angeles musicians who are able to accomplish such feats. I saw them put together Agon at one sitting, starting at 3 and ending with the minute hand upright at 5, pause for a break and return for the one-time-through that was in effect the dress rehearsal. It takes a tradition to bring off such feats.

I sat in the front row, the chorus towering above me, yet I heard every section, winds, percussion, strings, soloists, chorus, with equal clarity and distinctness. For this I could thank also the unusual disposition of forces on the stage: the winds and brasses in a body at the back to the conductor's right, cellos and basses in front of them, the percussion and tympani at the left back, violins and violas to the conductor's left, and the chorus at the extreme left, right up to the front of the stage. This double diagonal or triangle of sections allowed the music to be presented, as it were, scene after scene and body through body with the utmost fluency and no disturbing reshuffling.

After intermission Aldous Huxley delivered an oration on the composer as a "lifelong learner"; I heard the music's first 2000 years, from about 2000 B.C.; Cantus Sacrum; Canonic Variations, the exemplary masterpiece which old Bach submitted for membership in a Leipzig musical society; and a joyous rendering of the Symphony of Psalms. An altogether happy evening.

We stood cheering, while Stravinsky, weary from a recent injury but game as ever, left the stage with his customary three bounds; returned to pirouette before us in the selfless innocence of complete happiness, leaving us smiling with tears in our eyes and enough judgment to know that we had shared in a historic evening, that we should leave it so and not again call him back.

Stravinsky, the ever-youthful, has not reached the end of his invention or his learning. More than ever these days he is the student, the innovator, the discoverer of old music to be remade new. At 75 he has before him, God willing, equal masterpieces.

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Van Nuys, Calif.

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