Prima Donna from Barcelona

VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES, one of the great singers of our time, arrives in Auckland on September 24, following an Australian tour which has brought her enthusiastic acclaim. She will give five concerts in New Zealand for the NZBS.

"Seldom, if indeed ever, has there been a response in the Sydney Town Hall to equal that accorded soprano Victoria de los Angeles after her recent recitals here," wrote Max Keogh in Tempo. "An audience, on its feet almost

to a man, shouting its approval, infected the hall with a rare air of excitement. No small part of the reason for this unique response was the glowing warmth of her personality. . The outstanding and most victor thought victor.



Victoria de los Angeles

persistent thought with which one is left after a los Angeles recital is the maturity of musical understanding; a quality of the utmost rarity, found elsewhere only in the work of Seefried, and Schwarzkopf."

Her home town is Barcelona—a city she is very proud of—but today she is in ceaseless demand as an international singer. For six consecutive seasons she was a star artist at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. She has a wide operatic range, though she has stated in an interview in London that she prefers concerts to opera, for in concerts, as she explains, "I am more myself. She is reported to have studied all her music by herself without employing the aid of a coach. Her accompanist throughout New Zealand will be the pianist Maurice Till.

Details of the programmes she will give here are as follows: AUCKLAND, Thursday, September 27, 8.15 p.m., solo concert: first half, Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Handel, Schubert, Schumann and Brahms; second half (YCs, 9.15 p.m.), Respighi, Ravel, Nin, Guridi, Falla, Turina, WELLINGTON, Saturday, September 29 (YCs, 8.0 p.m.), with National Orchestra: Mozart, Motet Exultate Jubilate; and Canto a Sevilla, by Turina. WELLINGTON, Tuesday, October 2, at 8.15, solo concert (same programme as September 27, but first half broadcast by YCs). WELLINGTON, Saturday, October 6, at 8.15 p.m., first half, Gluck, Lully, Campra, Schubert and Brahms; second half (YC link), Pizzetti, Stravinsky, Ravel, Halffter, Vives and Nin. AUCKLAND, solo concert, Tuesday, October 9, 8.15 p.m. (same programme as Wellington, October 6, but first half broadcast by YCs).

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