

**ARTIST SERIES
TO OPEN OCT. 9**

Mario Cappelli, Premier Italian Tenor To Appear In Chapel At Wesleyan.

Mario Cappelli, one of the premier Italian tenors will open the Wesleyan master artist series in the conservatory chapel on Tuesday night, October 9.

The tenor, famous for his Italian folksongs and negro spirituals, has been called the second Caruso. His versatility of talent enables him to please lovers of both classic and popular music.

Cappelli was born in the United States of Italian parents and is thoroughly American in spirit, a devotee of sports as well as a truly great artist. He possesses the priceless heritage of musical genius, vocal power, and personal charm, derived from a lineage of ancestors of social and artistic rank. Musical critics who have heard him sing negro spirituals have acclaimed him to be the most distinguished interpreter of these songs.

The musician's talents were manifest in early childhood. At the age of three he was taken to Italy, and at eight, he began singing operatic selections. Two years later, he was awarded the prize at the musical academy of Caserta for his delightful rendition of Italian folk songs. Today he is an interpreter of Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Verdi, Bizet, and Puccini.

Cappelli has a sympathetic understanding of negro spirituals second to no other singer. It is his yearly custom to spend several weeks in the south revelling in the plantation songs and dark hymns where he can sense the sentiment of the song, understand the soul of music and sympathize with the emotions of the people who sing them. That an artist of Latin descent should so perfectly interpret negro spirituals is a wonder to the critics.

The guiding star in the career of Signor Cappelli has been none other than the great Caruso. When a boy of fourteen Cappelli determined that he would hear the voice of his ideal. He rode a freight train and rode for 360 miles in order to reach his destination. This was his first experience in New York, where he has since thrilled many audience. He waited in line for eleven hours at the Metropolitan opera house where the great tenor was appearing. Later in life Cappelli met Caruso, and his life as a star dates from that point. The greatest stimulus to the work of the young artist was when Caruso's own prediction when he said, "This young man will some day fill my place. Of all the voices I have heard aspiring to be Caruso, this is the one."

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