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"Not often do we live such moments of absolute surrender or experience such complete delight as Nini Theilade evokes."—Hamburgischer Correspondent.



NINI THEILADE, young Danish dancer who has been Max Reinhardt's premiere danseuse in his last

four big European productions, is making her first American tour during the season of 1933-1934.

Mlle. Theilade, who is now only eighteen, first attracted international attention in 1931, when she appeared as leading dancer in Professor Reinhardt's production of "Hoffmann's Erzahlungen" at the Grosses Schauspielhaus in Berlin. She had been launched on her career the preceding year by no less a person than Anna Pavlowa, not long before the great dancer's tragic death. It is said that when Pavlowa first saw Nini Theilade perform at an informal gathering in Paris, she was greatly moved and said:

"I am the present. This child is the future. People talk of me now. Later they will talk of her."

It was Pavlowa who arranged for the young dancer's debut at the Hague-an appearance that was followed by a tour of Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Scandinavia, - and the subsequent appearances under Max Reinhardt. On the heels of "Hoffmann's Erzahlungen" came another invitation from Reinhardt for her to be his leading dancer in "Die Schöne Helena" and later in "Jedermann" and "Der Studentenprinz." In addition Mlle. Theilade gave a large number of solo dance recitals. Emile Vuillermoz, writing of her first Paris recital said in "Excelsior":

"It is evident that in her we have found one destined to become a great luminous star of the dance. Undoubtedly we shall regard her tomorrow as one of our most revered and cherished artists."

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# SLENDER GIRL PROVES "GODDESS OF DANCE"

Nini Theilade Elastic as Bough Swayed by Wind

#### By AUGUSTUS BRIDLE

Nini Theilade, Danish by her father, Hindoo by her mother, came from Reinhardt's theatre in Germany to dance last night at Eaton's Auditorium. After one of her numbers five men lit matches in the dark to see what divine thing she would do next. Which has never happened in Toronto before.

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moues. spiritual vitality. Even calls were dances.

This girl seems as unconscious of body as a bird; yet, as few dancers do, she makes the body so beautiful without the artifice of draperies. In her Debussy scene, "Diana," she was instantly dramatic, creating the whole illusion of the huntress tortured by the beauty of the deer she has killed. Compared to Lifar's clumsy creation of a similar Debussy scene, "Afternoon of a Faun"—what a difference!

a difference.

Her moods of a very
were indescribably coy. "Angel at
the Tomb" to Bach's aria on the G
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# TORONTO DAILY STAR,



DANISH-HINDOO DANCER

Theilade, 18-year-old daughter a Hindoo mother and a Danish mallst, who is in Toronto for appearance to-night, says she s just about everything but of a Hindoo journalist, v an appearance likes just abou soft-boiled eggs.

# DANCER SHOWS HAT FOR SOFT-BOIL

Nini Theilade Is Daughter of Hindoo Mother and Danish Journalist

Most dancers, in spite of the Most dancers, in spite of the stagey glamor surrounding them, are just like ordinary people. They come from Podunk or Algoma and find a good teacher and work hard for years and get a few breaks. Finally they get, to the top of their profession and are known as artists and can be interviewed. them, are just e. They come oma and find a work hard for breaks. Finally

and are known as artists and can be interviewed.

That's why Nini Theilade (pronounced Te-la-da) is surprisingly different. Nini, 18-year-old Danish wonder, who is here to dance to-night and who was interviewed by The Star to-day, has done none of these

Star to-day, has done none of these things.

The brief career of this pretty little girl with honest gray eyes, who uses no makeup and talks with easy assurance, but with the simplicity of one of Miss Alcott's "Little Women," sounds almost like a modern fairly tale. no makeup and talks with easy assurance, but with the simplicity of one of Miss Alcott's "Little Women," sounds almost like a modern fairy tale. There is stagey glamor written all over her story, but it's hard to believe, when you talk to her, that she's anything but a very likeable and charming collegiate student.

The fact is she has been loudly acclaimed all over Europe and has been, for two years, premiere danseuse for the famous Max Reindanseuse famous Max Rein

the famous Max Rein-

danseuse for hardt. Her mother hardt.

Her mother is a Hindoo woman, a granddaughter of the sultan of Dgocgacarta. Her father is a Danish journalist. She herself was born in Java, where she learned first to speak the Dutch language and resided her state to be sheared. nere she the Dutch la her early so dition t

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n to her great love for iss Theilade loves to to read, to play tennis, ever she can find time) In addition t dancing, Miss travel, loves to travel, loves to swim (whenever she io drive a motor

whenever drive a motor car. drive a motor car. could think of only one thing ted: soft-boiled eggs. ("Mmm. so angry when anyone brings he could hated: s I get t so an

# GLOBE, TORONTO, SAT

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# DANISH DANCER PLEASES.

Nini Theilade Makes Toronto Debut at Eaton Auditorium.

gifted young Danish dancer The Nini Theilade, drew a large audience to Eaton Auditorium last night for her audience Toronto recital. and made a favorable impression. She was so often recalled and encored that she finally had to omit number in order to cab train for Winnipeg, v one to catch the where booked for a recital next Monday. Her new circle of friends in Toronto will wish her a pleasant trip and a suc-

wish her a pleasant urp and a suc-cessful Western tour.

Miss Theilade is the incarnation of youthful grace and charm, and pos-sesses a fine technical equipment up sesses a line technical equipment up to a certain point. She belongs frankly to the older school of classi-cal ballet seen at its best in Pavlowa, though she is "modern" enough to include in her program several brief acted scenes or pantomimes involving few or no actual dance-steps; but there is no trace of Wigneyalian. acted scenes or pantomimes involving few or no actual dance-steps; but there is no trace of Wigmanism anywhere, with the with the possible exception of veryman" number under Reinhardt's influence. Toe-dancing figures in her work, and she shows es unmistakable reminiscences largely times Loie Fuller, Isadora Duncan and course, the Russian Ballet, "The te Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player," the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, the Player, "to a Chopin Mazurka, "to a Chopin Ma Flute was a deliciously sedate parlor sion of Nijinsky's pagan "Faun," decorously femiwas a decorous "Diana" gorgeous shadow

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most effectiveness impressionism gave most effe to her flowerlike charm, thou gay Scandinavian folk-dance S was also delightful Miss Theilade is still in her and does not yet know enough of life or of art to be a great dancer. Her emotional and imaginative range is limited, she lacks authority, she seemingly has no personal convictions or comments to convey, or is unable to convey them, and her technical equipment is not sufficiently extraordinary to raise her much above the rank of to raise her much a promising pupil. When one compares her naive little attempt at carl-cature, in "Ballet," with the masterly satire of Angna Enters, for example, one realizes how far she still has to go

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attaining true greatness as an She is unquestionably talented before attaining artist. and charming, and undoubtedly give pleasure in her recitals; but she would would have been wise to wait a few years for greater maturity and individuality of greater maturity feeling and expr expression before undertaking a world-tour .-

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VIVIAN FINE at the Piano

Friday, January the 5th, 1934

1. DANISH PORCELAIN (La Plus Que Lente) Debussy A little statue in the grey blue colors of the famous Royal Copenhagen porcelain that come to life to the beautiful music of Debussy.

2. MINIATURE SUITE

Felix Felton

Three things here symbolize worldly vanity,—a crown, a mirror and the train of a dress. The mirror shows the dancer how beautiful she is, the crown gives her a feeling of power, and the train inspires her with elegance and majesty. But, however proud she may feel of these attributes, they do not make her happy. She is tired, and the crown weighs heavily on her head so as to prevent her from sleeping. When she wants to dance, her steps are impeded by the long train of the dress. Finally she throws these things from her so that she can be happy and gay. Conscious, however, that she will one day long for them again, she carefully carries these symbols always with her.

Diana, after looking in vain for something to shoot, is lying idle in the grass playing with her bow. Suddenly a faint rustling attracts her attention. She rises and sees a beautiful deer, so beautiful that it hurts her to shoot him. Her hunting instinct, however, is too strong and so she kills him, feeling at the same time a terrible remorse for having shot so lovely a creature.

4. PIZZICATO ARABESOUE

A cance in the classic style, showing the different moods of a very young girl.

#### INTERMISSION 5 MINUTES

5. ANGEL AT THE TOMB

This dance was especially created for Theilade and was danced by her in Max Reinhardt's production of "Everyman" during the Salzburg Festival of 1932. The Angel is seen conducting Everyman to his grave and praying for his Eternal Peace.

7. LOTUS (En Bateau)

The lotus flower which blooms but once in the light of the moon and dies at sunrise.

A caricature portraying an inexperienced ballet dancer, who suffers considerably while dancing, but who nevertheless occasionally remembers she must smile through her pain in order that her public shall believe her a good ballerina.

PIANO SOLOS-

Three Preludes (B flat major, F minor, F major) Chopin

Waldesrauschen

#### VIVIAN FINE

9. "FROM SCANDINAVIA"

Popular Melodies

A young peasant girl dresses herself in her best clothes to meet her lover, and while waiting for him, imagines already all the fun they are going to have,

# INTERMISSION 5 MINUTES

10. IMPRESSION FROM TAHITI (Hawaiian Sunset)

A young half caste girl is coming home from the river, where she has been bathing and gathering flowers. From a European house she hears music that makes her want to dance, but she can only express herself in the slow, unformed rhythmic movements of the natives, among whom she has been brought up.

11. THE SYLPH Rubinstein By the light of a full moon, a sylph dances slowly and dreamily in the forest.

12. SERENADE (Tango) Albeniz Under the window of his beloved, poor Pierrot sits hour after hour singing and playing and serenading. All in vain! He dances, hoping thereby to persuade his love to open her window, but she remains invisible. After an outburst of deep sorrow, he again seats himself beneath her window. His hopes are dashed, but not too seriously. Fatience is surely rewarded.

13. PRESTO (Andante and Rondo Capriccioso). Mendelssohn A dance that begins with a slow andante movement and gradually, as the music indicates, develops into a rapid and exciting tempo.

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# JANISH SPRITE DANCES INTO TORONTO HEARTS

Theilade Debut Here Like Refreshing Capricious Breeze.

#### PAVLOWA TRADITION

Like a silken sail skimming over the imagination Nini Theilade danced into Toronto acquaintance last night, the first appearance here of this Danish sprite who is premiere danseuse of the Max Reinhardt Theatre. She is eighteen, yet has a surety of art to be expected of a dancer who has not taken the spotlight before she is ready for it. She refreshed the audi-ence like a capricious breeze, and the spontaneity of applause fitted into a volatile evening. There was a very good house.

good house.

Theilade, it was plainly to be seen, came from the ballet tradition of Paylows, who launched her on her career, with all the respect for polished technique of a classically trained dancer. Her program knew remark-able variety, however; featured pan-tomime which excelled in its lighter aspects; and included some use of pos-

ture that had a modern savor.

In "Plzzicato Arabesque," she used the classic ballet style with the daintiest mime to create the moods of a very young girl, each white arabesque patterning alternately sparkle, tem-per, vanity or innocent galety. "The Sylph," dancing by the light of the moon, was in similar ballet light-ness, and "Lotus" portrayed the pretty sadness of the flower which blooms

sadness of the flower which blooms but once and dies at sunrise. Some of her best work was in danc-ing the young Diana, and in im-personating the boy playing an im-aginary flute, the whole being, in aginary flute, the whole being, in each case, sensitive to Nature's sounds each case, sensitive to Nature's sounds and sights. Of sterner interest was her "Angel at the Tomb," as danced by her in Reinhardt's "Everyman" during the Salzburg Festival of 1932. She used her hands most expressively in this, and achieved a Goethio, pletistic note in her posture.

Best of her debonair numbers

Best of her debonair numbers touched with humor was "From Scandinavia," the bouncing happiness of a rustic girl in her peasant colors and abundant petticoats, as she looks forward to meeting her lover.

The audience would have enjoyed encores at the end, but Theilade had to catch a train.

Vivian Fine was accompanist,

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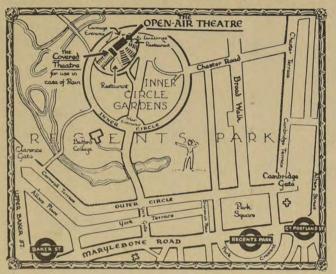
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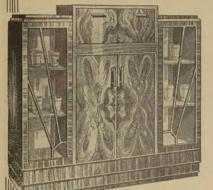
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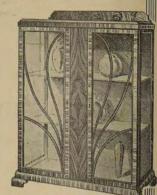
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# "A LITTLE SERENADE"

(Eine Kleine Nachtmusik)

Choreography by MICHAEL MARTIN-HARVEY

Music by MOZART

CAST.

#### STORY

The Bridegroom is celebrating his wedding in his garden. The guests and bridesmaids dance, then the Bridegroom arrives with the Bride on his arm, followed by his friends. She flirts with all of them and afterwards in a caprice tells them all to go, saying she wishes to be alone, but she is really waiting for her lover, a fascinating young student, who plays the flute. He arrives and enchants her with his music. While they are embracing, the bridesmaids appear and warn the lovers that the bridegroom is coming. He arrives but is so enchanted by the flute that he forgives his wife and asks the student to play a minuet. Finally, all the guests join in a frolic and the whole party, headed by the student, dance away.

Costumes by Charles Fox

Musical Interlude-" 2 Movements from 4th Symphony" ... ... ... ... ... ... Boyce

# "CAPRIOL"

#### Choreography by MICHAEL MARTIN-HARVEY Music by PETER WARLOCK

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Michelotto, a l	Page				 				NINI THEILADE
Donna Sancia,	their	Old	Aunt		 				MICHAEL MARTIN-HARVEY
Bianca				***	 			***	MARJORIE STEWART
Constanzia					 				LETTY LITTLEWOOD
Isabella					 				FREDA BAMFORD
									/ FIONA CUNINGHAME
									IRENE GWYNN
D 11									ANNA MARITA
Revellers	***	***	***	***	 ***		***		MAURICE BROOKE
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Three young girls, Constanzia, Isabella and Bianca, live with their aunt, Donna Sancia, in Florence. Michelotto, a young page, smuggles a note to ask the sisters to a Fete. Donna Sancia discovers the young man but is reassured by being told that Michelotto has for months loved her in secret. He kisses and fondles her, but in reality laughs at her. Charmed by his kisses, she calls her nieces, who propose a game of blind man's buff, at the end of which Donna Sancia is so giddy and jostled that she has to be soothed and sent to bed. Michelotto in the meantime has four horses waiting and, their aunt being safely out of the way, they ride to the Fete. Donna Sancia hears the hooves of the horses and knows herself deceived. She tries to stop the runaways, but is caught by a band of revellers who drag her away with them, jeering and laughing at her.

STORY

Costumes by Charles Fox, Long Acre, W.C.

No. 3

# "NEOPOLITANA"

Choreography by LETTY LITTLEWOOD Music by MENDELSSOHN ("Symphony in A")

ROBERT HELPMANN

#### CAST:

Lisetta											FREDA	BAMFOR	RD
Sandro, th	e Smuggl	ler			***	***				***	PETER	DEARIN	IG
Filippo											CLAUDE	NEWMA	IN
Sabella											. ANN	MARIT	ГА
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Peasants, 1	Fisherwon	nen, etc.	•••	FLOF FREN PAT	RENCE ICH, LEES,	DRY BILLI JOAN	DEN, E HO MIL	OLGA LLOW NER-N	VAY, MOOR	ARDES, MARIE	DORIS C JOY FRAN JOSE, BIL LIS OLSEN	ICIS, JOA Lie Lee	AN ES,

#### STORY

A grove near Naples. Peasants and fisher girls drowsily await the return of the fishing fleet. Vesuvius wears an ominous "cap." Sandro, the smuggler, comes home with a tale to tell of the sea. Lisetta has seen the dancers at Naples, and she would be a dancer too. Only so can she win the heart of Luigi. Sandro sees her practising, so does Luigi, who follows him with no friendly eye. Filippo and Sabella and their dancing troupe arrive from Naples. Lisetta joins them with such effect that even Luigi is proud to be her partner. As the challes the height sandra arrives. He challes the life is the sandra arrives. is at its height Sandro arrives. He challenges Luigi, whose knife is as ready as his own. Sandro is mortally wounded and Lisetta elopes with Luigi and his troupe.

Costumes by Charles Fox

INTERVAL

No. 4

# "DURING THE BALL"

Choreography by NINI THEILADE Music by RICHARD STRAUSS

				CA	AST:						
The Little Lady			***	***	***	***		***	NINI THEILADE		
The Charming Man	***							***	ROBERT HELPMANN		
mi mi									FREDA BAMFORD		
The Flirts				***		***	***	***	ANNA MARITA		
The Other Man						111			BERNARD DE GAUTIER		
Ladies of the Ball		JEAN BI				YNN, I	PAT LI	EES,	THORA MARSHALL, AASE		
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Costumes designed by Michael Martin-Harvey											

"However much I try to fascinate him," she thought, "he simply will not look at me. Why, all the evening he has been dancing with those two pretty girls and has left me out in the cold." But she need not have worried. Before the night had turned into day he was dancing with her, saying those romantic and wonderful things to her that makes a girl's heart thrill to hear, and all because he was jealous of the attention bestowed upon her by the rest of the men in the ballroom who saw how utterly fascinating she was.

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF

No. 5

Choreography by MARJORIE STEWART Music by ERNST HERMANN MEYER

CAST:

FREDA BAMFORD ANNA MARITA

ROBERT HELPMANN CLAUDE NEWMAN

Costumes designed by Marjorie Stewart
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No. 6

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Choreography by NINI THEILADE Music by CÆSAR FRANKE Lighting by PETER DEARING

Venus ... ... ... ... ... Muses, Attendants, etc. ...

MARJORIE STEWART

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Venus, the Goddess of Beauty, is jealous of the lovely Psyche, a nymph in her train. She orders Eros, her son, who is the God of Love, to punish Psyche; but Eros having seen Psyche, falls in love with her. He visits her each night, but tells her that he must remain unknown and unseen.

Psyche's two sisters remind her that she may love a terrible monster, and in a fit of jealousy give her a lamp. Psyche lights her lamp when her unknown visitor is asleep and is amazed to discover the beautiful Eros. In her surprise, she lets fall a drop of oil on his shoulder. Eros starts up and flies away, leaving Psyche alone and desolate. Venus is angry, orders Psyche to fetch a casket containing Immortal Beauty from Hades. In this she is aided by Eros and Zepheros, and reunited to Eros she is welcomed by the Nine Muses and the Gods in Heaven;

SHORT INTERVAL-During which Miss NORA COLTON will sing two songs

No. 7

# **PARTY 1860**

Choreography: TRADITIONAL Music: TRADITIONAL

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" Engla	and "										Н	ESTER M	MARGETSON	1
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Gentle	men Gu	iests			AURICE VID Mc						GAUTIER	TEDDY	HASKELL,	

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