

Long live the classics!

Catelli All Stars schedule 'Classical Jewels VI'

THE SPIRITS of the world's musical masters will be summoned to Queen's Hall, Port of Spain, on November 5, 1987, to witness Catelli Trinidad All Stars Steel Orchestra in concert. That's when they present "Classical Jewels VI," dedicated to Trinidad and Tobago's 25th year of independence.

Among guest artists scheduled to perform are Bernadette Scott and the Love Movement Choir.

Immortal compositions by Wagner, Strauss, Tchaikovsky and Gershwin are among the great classical renditions which will be performed on steel.

One of the pieces which Catelli All Stars will play is "Under the Double Eagle," by Wagner. Acclaimed as one of the greatest figures in the history of opera, Wagner's love of music was, primarily, as a means of dramatic expression.

Born in Germany on May 13, 1813, Wagner's gift for composing musical dramas was astounding. In 1859, he composed "Tristan," a masterpiece in tragedy. And in 1867, he completed its counterpart, the comic performance, "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg."

It is the resounding power of Wagner's music that has kept it alive today.

Catelli All Stars, together with the Love Movement Choir, will also perform one of the masterpieces composed by Johann Strauss, "Tales

from Vienna Woods."

This Viennese composer was born in 1828, and is renowned for his many beautiful waltzes. He is said to have captured in music the true spirit and charm of the Viennese soul.

Outstanding Talent

Strauss also possessed a unique and outstanding talent for composing and conducting. All of his work shows an interesting use of harmonies and a fascinating style of orchestration.

Among his almost 500 waltzes, "The Beautiful Blue Danube" achieved the greatest popularity world-wide.

The great Russian composer, Tchaikovsky, will also be honoured by Catelli All Stars, when they do their rendition of his "Valse of the Flowers."

Born in May, 1840, Tchaikovsky manifested musical abilities from as early as five years old. But it was not

until after graduating from law school that music began to dominate his life.

Tchaikovsky is famous for his ballets, "Swan Lake and "Sleeping Beauty," and also for his overtures: "Romeo and Juliet and "Nutcracker Suite."

George Gershwin's music has been described as "true American music." His most famous composition, "Rhapsody in Blue," will be played by Catelli.

Gershwin's musical talent was largely self-developed, and abounded in striking originality, verve, rhythm and wit.

From November 5 to 8, Catelli All Stars Steel Orchestra will pay homage to the classics in their own unique and unbeatable way.

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THIS PORTRAIT of Catelli All Stars, with Jerry Jemmott conducting, was taken last year, on the night they emerged runners-up in the Steelband Music Festival, at Jean Pierre Complex, in west Port of Spain.