

**VICTORIAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Conductor and Soloist:

**WALTER SUSSKIND**

**STAR THEATRE, SHEPPARTON**

WEDNESDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, at 8 p.m.

**CAPITAL THEATRE, BENDIGO**

THURSDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, at 8 p.m.

*This series of Concerts is arranged by the  
Australian Broadcasting Commission in conjunc-  
tion with the Government of Victoria.*

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## BENDIGO CONCERT SERIES DISCONTINUED

The Australian Broadcasting Commission announces with regret that it has been found necessary to restrict the number of concerts presented in Bendigo each year owing to lack of sufficient support of these activities.

Since 1947 the A.B.C. has presented a series of four concerts each year in Bendigo. During these years artists who have appeared in the series include Ginette Neveu, Gyorgy Sandor, Erna Berger, the Robert Masters Quartet, Sydney MacEwan, Elena Nikolaidi, Michael Rabin, William Kapell, Leon Goossens, Max Rostal, Sylvia Fisher, and many others of world standing. In addition, the Victorian Symphony Orchestra has given performances each year under such eminent conductors as Alceo Galliera, Juan Jose Castro and Walter Susskind, while last year the series included a visit by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra under Sir Eugene Goossens.

While the A.B.C. is anxious to continue its policy of bringing artists of world standing to provincial centres, including Bendigo, the quite considerable costs incurred can only be justified if the concerts are well attended. For the support necessary the Commission relies upon its subscribers, of whom the number, in Bendigo, has been disappointingly low in recent years.

Early this year it was decided that, unless the number of subscribers increased substantially, the continuance of a subscription series in Bendigo could not be justified.

The highest number of subscribers to a series in Bendigo was attained in 1951, when 350 season tickets were purchased. In all other years, including 1955, the number has fallen below the required minimum, and it has been decided not to proceed with plans for the 1956 season, although it is the Commission's intention to continue to send the Victorian Symphony Orchestra to Bendigo once each year while this particular activity enjoys a suitable degree of support from music lovers in this centre.

Finally, the Commission wishes to take this opportunity of thanking those people who have continued to support its concert activities in recent years. In particular, it wishes to record its appreciation of the valuable advice offered by and the assistance received from the President, Mrs. M. Hall, the Secretary, Mr. L. W. Allen, and all members of the A.B.C. Bendigo Subscribers' Committee.

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10th November, 1955.

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