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THEME AND VARIATIONS OP. 73, IN C SHARP MINOR . Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

SONATA OP. 81A, IN E FLAT (LES ADIEUX) . Ludwig van Beethoven Adagio; Allegro (1770-1827) Andante espressivo

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LECTURE RECITAL

THE SEVEN-BRANCHED CANDELABRA By DARIUS MILHAUD

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ABSTRACT

The Seven-Branched Candelabra, Opus 315, by Darius Milhaud, was written in 1951 and premiered at a music festival at Ein Gev, Israel in 1952. This piano composition consists of seven short pieces whose titles correspond to the seven major festivals of the Jewish year: New Year, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, Maccabeans, Feast of Queen Esther, and Feast of Weeks.

The Jewish festivals are a practical expression of the Jewish commitment, and there is no doubt that Milhaud's Jewish heritage did affect his life, his artistic growth, and his aesthetics.

His music can be quite French when it is gay and light, and his fondness for folk-like melodies and clear-cut rhythms becomes quite apparent. However, when the harmonies become harsh and the rhythm oddly accented the mood becomes more fierce and "truculent." This serious side Copland described as a sign of Milhaud's Jewish spirit and heritage.

The seven pieces are depicted in varying degrees of difficulty. Dynamic markings and metronome markings are the only performance directions given; therefore, the performer needs a general knowledge of the festivals to interpret the music sensibly. There is no reference of the music contained in these pieces to the music heard in the synagogue service. Rather, Milhaud depicts the festivals abstractly, which is partly a result of the aesthetics of the Neo-Classic composers.

Milhaud's forms are small, sharp, and clear, the melodies distinctly phrased, the harmonies dissonant, and the rhythmic element is always strong. Milhaud wrote music for the musician, and these pieces are very suitable for study as well as for

performance. Even though he was serious about his Jewish faith, one must not forget that he considered himself primarily a French composer and secondarily a Jewish composer.