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Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Pittsburgh Symphony weaves musical spell

by Karen Schrimsher

Battalion Staff
The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, which performed in the Auditorium Wednesday night, brought with it a conductor who was as fascinating as the music he conducted.

Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas moved his arms with grace of a ballet dancer while using lucid tones from a flute. Other times, he held the baton like a knife, briskly stabbing at the violin section to command quicker, stronger strokes. The selections the orchestra performed were Mikhail Glinka's "Overture to 'Ruslan and Lyudmila,'" Bela Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra," and Johannes Brahms' "Second Symphony in D major."

Glinka's "Overture," written in 1820, is from a Russian opera about a duke's daughter who is abducted by two monsters during a party. The duke promises

ferent from the other pieces the orchestra played, both in its modern tone and its length; it is longer than many of the classical and romantic symphonies, and features a group of solo performances which seem to compete with the full orchestra.

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that the man who brings her back alive can marry her. It is a short, romantic piece, full of contrast in mood and tempo.

Hungarian composer Bartok wrote "Concerto for Orchestra" in 1943. It is considered the greatest work of what is often called his "American period." The "Concerto" was quite dif-

The symphony finished its performance with the hour-long "Second Symphony in D major." Written in 1876, the symphony has been called a manifestation of Brahms' deep-seated aesthetic beliefs.

The older members of the audience seemed to appreciate Brahms' soothing melody. A few of the musical phrases of "Brahms' Lullaby" were familiar, much to the delight of the children in the audience.

Public invited to view skies at observatory

by Pamela J. Franklin

Battalion Reporter
During the Texas A&M Teaching Observatory open house which begins today, visitors can view the heavens.

Weather permitting, the observatory will be open to the public from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. today through Saturday. The observatory is located on University land near the fireman's training school.

The open house is being held

because many people don't realize that the observatory exists even though it has been open since September, said Dr. John P. Lestrade, assistant professor of physics.

Until now the observatory has been used by students in astronomy classes, Lestrade said, but soon the public will be able to use the observatory free.

After the open house, the observatory will be open on a regular basis, he said. The re-

sponse to the open house will determine how often the observatory will be open to the public.

Students in astronomy classes learn to use telescopes and observe the universe, Lestrade said. A 14-inch telescope is in the 16-foot dome of the observatory and 16 8-inch telescopes are on the external observational path.

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