

## RACHMANINOFF OWNER OF DADE CO. PROPERTY

### Great Pianist Who Appears In Concert Tonight Is Booster for the Magic City

Sergei Rachmaninoff, one of the great figures of contemporary music, who will be heard tonight at the White Temple in the first Artists' Course concert of this season, is a Miami booster, a landholder in Dade county, and much interested in the development of the Everglades.

Among his admirers in Miami, there is one personal friend whom he knew many years ago in Moscow, A. N. Sahknovsky, president of the Florida Cultivating Company, in which Mr. Rachmaninoff is a stockholder. Mr. Sahknovsky lives on his ranch, "Nina Gardens," with his little daughter, Nina, and a retinue of servants.

#### Born in Russia.

Rachmaninoff was born in Novgorod, Russia, in 1873. At the age of nine he entered the Petrograd Conservatory. His first visit to the United States was in 1909, after which he returned to Russia and was appointed chief conductor of the Imperial Opera in Petrograd.

After the new regime in Russia had stripped him of his property and compelled him to flee from Moscow, Rachmaninoff took refuge in Sweden and Denmark, and returned to the United States in 1918. He is 48 years of age, and with his wife and two daughters, occupies a beautiful home on Riverside drive, New York. The older daughter is in college in Boston.

As a composer, the great pianist holds an eminent place. His symphonic music bears witness to his rich invention and controlled power. His lighter music teems with technical and poetic fancy.

Rachmaninoff's tall spare figure, grave, aquiline face, distinguished and studiously quiet bearing, leave a distinct impression on concert goers.

It was through the efforts of Manager S. Ernest Philpitt, that the great artist was brought to Miami for this concert.

Rachmaninoff was busy in his room at the Royal Palm Hotel this morning, practicing on the Steinway piano which the Steinway Company transfers without cost for him wherever he goes, whether it be for a week or a day.

The program of the concert this evening is as follows:

"Fantasy" (Chopin.)

"Carnaval" (Schumann.)

"Polonaise," "Nocturn" and "Valse" (Chopin.)

"Prelude, C-sharp minor" and "Serenade" (Rachmaninoff.)

"La Jongleuse" (Moszkowski.)

"La Campanella" (Liszt.)