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A nation-wide broadcast on the works of Swiss-American composer Ernest Bloch will be broadcast on public broadcasting network May 19, beginning at 9 p.m. on Channel 9. The 90-minute program will feature performance of the late composer's works by the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lorin Maazel, and the Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jacob Arshalomov.

According to Lucienne Bloch Dimitroff, daughter of the composer and a visiting faculty member at The Evergreen State College, the program was produced by the National Educational Television Network of New York City and the Oregon Public Broadcasting System, and funded by grants from Exxon, Unitel (European television), and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mrs. Dimitroff said a section of the program is biographical and will include information gleaned from interviews with her and her two siblings at Agate Beach, Oregon recently, following unveiling of a memorial plaque to the composer by the governor of Oregon. The composer spent the last two decades of his life in the coastal Oregon community.

The program is one of a special Bicentennial series on "Music in America". It will be rebroadcast May 22 at 3 p.m. on Channel 9.