'Big Three' At Ravinia

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Guest conductor Pierre Monteux brought the current Ravinia symphony season to a close yesterday afternoon. Paradoxically enough, the final work played was the "Pathetique" Symphony by Tschaikowsky, a lugubrious choice when Ravinia has every reason for feeling jubilant.

A series of minor miracles of reconstruction made the summer series possible after the disastrous pre-season fire; not only possible but highly successful, according to Guaranty Committee Chairman Howell W. Murray.

The attendance record for a single concert, nearly 10,000, was set Saturday night. Total season attendance of 86,-250 is about on a par with other seasons.

The "Big Three," Rubinstein-Heifetz-Piatigorsky, at Ravinia this week should exceed all previous records.

But Ravinia is still $100,-000 short of the goal of $175,-000 needed for the completion of the rebuilding program. Ravinia needs your contributions, large or small. Send them to the Ravinia Festival Office, Room 1522, 231 South LaSalle street.

Arthur Rubinstein was yesterday's soloist in the Schumann "Concerto for Piano, a Minor, Opus 54" with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Monteux. Both Rubinstein and Monteux gave a relaxed, restrained and very warm-weather performance of the Schumann.