The Department of Music University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire presents

University Symphony Band

Donald S. George, Conductor

With Stephen Rosolack, Organist



Sunday, November 20, 1988 4 p.m. Gantner Concert Hall

Program

Overture to CANDIDE

Leonard Bernstein arr. Walter Beeler

Candide, the comic operetta based on Voltaire's work, had an unfortunately short musical life on Broadway in 1956. However, its lively overture had its premiere by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of the composer in 1957, and this overture has become a favorite in the concert repertoire of both orchestras and bands.

DUBLIN SKETCHES

Jim Curnow

Dublin Sketches was commissioned by the Stevens Point Area Public Schools, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. It was written for the Stevens Point Senior High School Band, Russel Mikkelson, Director, and dedicated to the district music staff. The premiere performance was October 25, 1985, at the State Music Conference, Mills Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison, with the composer conducting.

'Sketches' simply refers to variations and does not imply any musical pictures of Dublin as such, although the last variation does have the feel of an Irish jig.

MARCH OF THE BELGIAN PARATROOPERS

Pierre Leemans

While he was serving his year of military duty at the end of World War I, Leemans' regimental commander asked him to compose a march; it was begun but never finished. Near the end of World War II Leemans was having dinner with a group of paratroopers and was again asked to compose a march. As the group commander, Major Timmerman, drove him home that night, the march theme came to mind, and he wrote out all of the parts after reaching home. Friends told him later that they had heard the march at a circus in France, a wedding party in India, and a military music pageant in the United States! The arrangement heard most often in the U.S. was made by Charles Wiley.

TREPERBANDA

Donato Fornuto

Allegro

II. Moderately slow with freedom

III. Vivace

Premiere Performance

A variety of band timbres and textures are explored in this work while always remaining very close to a strong melodic commitment.

The first movement roughly follows sonata-allegro form. A short introduction leading to a tutti climax contains the germ of the principal theme that is presented by the woodwinds in octaves. This theme is immediately developed and treated contrapuntally before dissolving to a slower tempo, where a second theme, more lyrical in nature, is first stated in the piccolo and bassoon, and then by the clarinet section. The principal theme serves as the material for the closing section that features augmentation in the lower brass and melodic inversion in the upper woodwinds.

A solo saxophone offers the first theme of the second movement, followed by an imitative section scored in a lighter chamber style. The clarinet section states a second theme, followed by passages that combine both themes in double counterpoint. The movement ends very much the way it began with solo chamber writing that includes a canon between the alto saxophone and solo clarinet.

A lively motive alternating 3/4 and 7/8 meters opens the third movement that is cast in rondo form. After a short transition, saxophones and lower brasses present a jazz-flavored processional theme. Trumpets and finally saxophones and vibraphone repeat this melody before the rondo theme returns in the high woodwinds and xylophone. The climax of this movement occurs with the brass section playing the theme, accompanied by countermelodies in the euphonium and high woodwinds. The movement closes with a return of the rondo theme in the woodwinds which is followed by a brief coda.

Donato D. Fornuto, Professor of Music at William Paterson College since 1967, has previously taught at Teachers College-Columbia University. He also taught in the public schools of Midland Park, New Jersey, where for 9 hears he and Donald George, conductor for the Symphony Band, were colleagues.

Intermission

SEMPER FIDELIS - March

John Philip Sousa

Semper Fidelis is considered by many musicians to be Sousa's most musical and inspired march. Dedicated to the U.S. Marine Corps, and subsequently adopted as its official march, he once described his feelings concerning its creation: "I wrote Semper Pidelis one night while in tears, after my comrades of the Marine Corps had sung their famous hymn at Quantico." Part of the trio was taken from his first book Trumpet and Drum published two years earlier in 1886. In his book, The Works of John Philip Sousa, Paul Bierley describes how this march was premiered during a parade for President Harrison, members of Congress, and an immense number of invited quests. As Sousa's Band came into view and reached the reviewing stand on Pennsylvania Avenue, the trumpet section (with ten extra members!) pealed out the theme in the trio. "Nothing like it had ever been heard there before.... It was a proud moment for us all."
Sousa died of a heart attack in Reading, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 1932. On March 10, the Marine Band played Semper Fidelis in dirge time during his funeral procession. Today's performance celebrates the 100th anniversary of Semper Fidelis, composed by Sousa in 1888.

FIRE WORKS

Gregory Youtz

Fire Works was commissioned by the Wisconsin Chapter of the College Band Directors National Association. Twelve Wisconsin colleges and universities took part in the commissioning project, with each school owning its own score and set of parts. This work is the first of what is hoped will become an annual project. Fire Works is an outstanding example of contemporary band scoring, making maximum use of the tonal colors available in the modern concert band. As the title would suggest, the music displays a very energetic and exubertant excitement. The outbursts of rhythm and harmony are like the wild bursts of color, light and noise of a fireworks display.

Composer Gregory Youtz is a member of the music faculty of Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma, Washington.

COLONIAL SONG

Percy Aldridge Grainger

Grainger's belief in the art of transcription is illustrated by the fact that so many of his pieces exist in versions for two or more performance media. The original setting of Colonial Song was for two voices (soprano and tenor), harp, and symphony orchestra; both the original and the composer's band arrangement were intended as "yule gifts" for his mother. In a letter to Frederick Fennell, Grainger stated that Colonial Song was an attempt to write a melody as typical of the Australian countryside as Stephen Foster's exquisite songs are typical of rural America.

SYMPHONY NO. 3 in C Major

Camille Saint-Saens

IV. Finale

Camille Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3 in C Major, generally referred to as the "Organ Symphony" was his last major effort in the symphonic form. The work, bearing a dedication to Franz Liszt, was composed for the London Philharmonic Orchestra and had its initial performance in the British Capitol under the direction of Saint-Saens on May 19, 1886. The Symphony was, indeed, modern for its day and was orchestrated with the sure hand of an expert. The organ, which gives the symphony its name, is frequently and effectively employed. This transcription of the Finale for concert band is by Earl Slocum.

STEPHEN ROSOLACK, Organist

Stephen Rosolack is conductor of the Oratorio Society and the Women's Concert Chorale at UW-EC where he also lectures in undergraduate and graduate music literature and conducting. He has earned the BS, BA, and MM at Wisconsin Universities and is completing the DMA at the University of Illinois. Mr. Rosolack also is organist and Kantorei director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

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DONALD S. GEORGE, Conductor

PICCOLO Katie Averill

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Christina Herman
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Holly June
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Kristi Kruse
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Pam Peterson
*Tanya Rice
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BASS CLARINET
*Kenneth Kiesow

CONTRA CLARINET Karrie Hargot

ALTO SAXOPHONE
David Freier
Andrew Marrier
*Laurie Nason

TENOR SAXOPHONE
William Rucci

BARITONE SAXOPHONE
James Belden

CORNET
*Pierre Allard
Michael Fuller
Barry Kamrath
Jennifer Koehn
Dennis Luginbill
Richard Morgan

ASSISTING MUSICIANS Barbara Young, pinao Paula Smith, harp Anne Flemming
Donna Kregel
Michael Monk
*Susan Page
Michelle Tibbets

TROMBONE
Richard Ballweg
*Cheryl DeMars
Jeff Kasparek
Glen Rehberg
Jeff Rosendahl
David Schepp

*Alan Herold Paul Kile Danny Smith

TUBA
Morten Boe
Paul Budde
*Robert Holec
Phillip Richardson

Michael Fenton Todd Hammes *John Kelley Larry Lelli Julie Ropers Darin Wadle Mary Wirkus

WIND/PERCUSSION FACULTY
Leonard Garrison, flute
Ivar Lunde, Jr., oboe
Kristine Fletcher, bassoon
Donald George, clarinet
Richard Fletcher, saxophone/clarinet
Robert Baca, trumpet
Kendall Betts, horn
Rodney Hudson, trombone
Jerry Young, euphonium, tuba
Ronald Keezer, percussion

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