

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Department of Music Presents The



# UNIVERSITY BAND SPRING CONCERT

CONDUCTOR: PHILLIP RICHARDSON



Monday, April 30<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 PM Gantner Hall





## ALLEGRO AND INTERMEZZO

CLAUDE T. SMITH

Allegro And Intermezzo is a concert overture of contrasting styles, the first section is fast and percussive, followed by a middle section that is slow and song like. The third section is a return to the fast tempo, combining elements of the previous sections. This is followed by a short coda which restates the opening theme, then quickly moves to the final cadence.

This piece was commissioned by and dedicated to the Blue Springs High School Band, Blue Springs, MO, Douglas Watts Conductor.

NORMANDY CLARE GRUNDMAN

The province of Normandy is situated in the northwest of France, bordering on the English Channel. It is known to have been inhabited as early as the Stone Age. In 56 B.C., the Roman army under Julius Ceasar invaded the region. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Normandy was settled by the Franks in the 5th century, A.D. The name of the province is derived from the Norsemen who established themselves in the region during the 7th and 8th centuries. After William the Conquerer invaded England in 1066, the succeeding Dukes of Normandy became Kings of England. In this century Normandy is assocated with the D-Day invasion in June, 1944.

Clare Grundman's Normandy is based on the Old French Song "Ma Normandie", which celebrates the beauty of the countryside and the love the people of Normandy have for their homeland. Coupled with this theme is the proud military heritage which has played such an important role in the history of France.

# THE SINFONIANS

CLIFTON WILLIAMS

The Sinfonians was commissioned by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America. "Hail Sinfonia! Come, brothers, hail!" Thus begins the principal song of the fraternity with the words by Charles Lutton set to music of Arthur Sullivan. It is after an extended fanfare introduction in the march that the theme underlying these opening words is stated by the horns. The song is then completed, embellished, and added to in the distinctive style of the composer. (Band Notes)

# PRELUDE SICILIANO and RONDO

MALCOLM ARNOLD/JOHN PAYNTER

Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo was originally written for the brass bands for which England is well known. It was titled Little Suite for Brass. John Paynter's arrangement expands it to include woodwinds and additional percussion, but faithfully retains the breezy effervescence of the original composition.

All three movements are written in short, clear five part song forms. The ABACA design will be instantly apparent to the listener while giving the imaginative melodies of Malcolm Arnold a natural, almost folk-like setting. The Prelude begins bombastically in fanfare style, but reaches a middle climax, and winds down to a quiet return of the opening measures that fade to silence. The liltingly expressive <u>Siciliano</u> is both slower and more expressive, affording solo instruments and smaller choirs of sound to be heard. It, too, end quietly. The rollicking five-part <u>Rondo</u> provides a romping finale in which the technical brilliance of the modern wind is set forth in boastful brilliance.

REFLECTIONS

ROGER NIXON

The composer states that "this music is reflective in both mood and shape, and its general character resembles that of a chorale prelude. It is monothematic, a germinal phrase played by the solo flute at the outset functioning as a basis for further melodic movement and motival development. The work is dedicated to the San Francisco State University Symphonic Band, Edwin C. Kurth, Director.

(Band Notes)

YAGI-BUSHI (for Band)

ALL. MACHIRO IMAI

Yagi-Bushi is a traditional Japanese folk song from the Gumma Prefecture. Min'yo (folk song) are songs of unknown origin handed down by oral tradition in rural communities. Many of these songs reflected the daily lives of poeple working together in the fields, at sea, etc. They are also songs connected with rituals and festivals.

Min' yo are generally characterized by repeated refrains, echoed exclamations and simple rhythms.

Yaga-Bushi is being introduced to the United States, and the premiere performance was by the North Shore Concert Band, Dr. John Paynter, Director, and Dr. Frederick Fennell as conductor of the work.

(Notes by Junko Dosaka)

CANTILENA

NANCY H. SEWARD

<u>Cantilena</u> was written during an unexpected three day holiday brought on by an intense blizzard, states the composer. She was striving for something with important and meaningful lines for all instruments, especially second and third parts. She says, "the melodies don't happen if the seconds and thirds are asleep!"

HIS HONOR

HENRY FILLMORE/FREDERICK FENNELL

Some of Fillmore's marches, overtures, and novelty pieces were composed especially for his own band of professional musicians, organized in 1927 in Cincinnati. His Honor, composed in 1933 and published the following year, was one such favorite of both his band members and audiences alike. The title refers to Mayor Russell Wilson, a man who impressed Fillmore with his sense of humor as well as his executive ability. With its unexpected melodic and rhythmic changes and its various performance possibilities, His Honor is still one of Fillmore's most popular marches.

(March Music Notes)

## UWEC UNIVERSITY BAND

FLUTE
Sandra Blomlie
Kim Carroll
Gretchen Gulbrandsen
\*Kristen Kellenberger
Jennifer Larson
Kristen Rood
Susan Wackett

OBOE Kerry Reno

BASSOON Shelley Wolff

B FLAT CLARINET
Sonja Fauske
Kimberly Fondrick
Kimberly Green
Stephanie Hilbelink
Michael Keaton
Jennifer Klug
Diane Mans
\*Lori Tuckey
Teresa Voss

\* Principal

BASS CLARINET Brenda Drath \*Maria Wieser

ALTO SAXOPHONE
Adam Ingwell
Tom Jatnieks
Julie Jensen
Yoko Kawaguchi
\*Kelli Kwiatkowski
Shari Miller

TENOR SAXOPHONE Michelle Suo

BARITONE SAXOPHONE
Chad McDonald
\*Brian Soper

TRUMPETS/CORNETS
Aaron Beckman
Tony Cavagnetto
Chet Cooper
Brenda Francis
Danel Hatch
\*Debbie Slavik

\*Stephen Fisher Leslye Kenny Michael Monk

Donna Olsen

TROMBONE
\*Amy Andersen
Lee Cannon
Angela Hindal
Laura Lerch
Mike Sprague

EUPHONIUM \*Caryn Becker Stephanie Bird Michael Etheridge

TUBA C.M. Bromeist Brian Flannery \*Ben Rodman

STRING BASS Steve Pelikan

PERCUSSION
Junko Dosaka
Pete Guenther
Hiroko Kondo
\*Tammy Schmeiser
Danny Smith
Chad Zaemisch

WIND/PERCUSSION FACULTY
Frederick Lau, flute
Ivar Lunde, Jr., oboe
Kristine Fletcher, bassoon
Donald George, clarinet
Richard Fletcher, saxophone/clarinet
Robert Baca, trumpet
Thomas Gilkey, french horn
Rodney Hudson, trombone
Jerry Young, tuba
Ronald Keezer, percussion

This concert serves as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Music Degree.

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