

Concert band classics, marches, and Broadway show tunes.







Summer Session

## BAND

DIRECTED BY DONALD S. GEORGE

Wednesday, July 25 ♦ 8 p.m. Gantner Concert Hall, Fine Arts Ctr. NATIONAL EMBLEM - March

E.E. Bagley

MATIONAL EMBLEM by Edwin Eugene Bagley was published in 1906. This marvelous march never fails to lift my spirit to the loftiest heights of inner joy, outer physical exhilaration, and ultimate personal fulfillment. On some occasions I have felt that knowing it, loving it - being able to listen to it any time being played by the band in my head - was my whole reason to be alive. It is as perfect as a march can be, causing many the false assumption that it was written by Sousa. It fairly erupts in E-flat as it begins with an introduction that really goes someplace; and when it gets there, "The Star Spangled Banner" is waiting for its most famous setting: Bagley's use of the first twelve notes of it in duple, rather than triple time. This brilliant idea is given to the baritones and trombones, the instruments Bagley played in bands throughout New England. It is a march for marching; sit-down performances of it should continue to march, for that is its heritage - music for the feet, not for the head--and it is unmistakably music for the spirit!

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE - Overture

Gioacchino Rossini arr. W.J. Duthoit

This overture was originally written not for "The Barber of Seville," but for the earlier opera of Rossini's, "Aurelian in Palmyra" (1813), and did not make its way to the position it now occupies until three years later. None of its themes may be found in the opera, yet its light and bubbling gaiety, and the music's general resemblance to the ideal of Figaro are wholly expressive of what transpires in "The Barber of Seville" both musically and dramatically. It is the most enduring, most popular, and perhaps, the master work of Gioacchino Rossini. (John Paynter)

THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE

Lockhart-Seitz arr. Harry L. Alford

When A.A. Harding was director of the University of Illinois Bands, he commissioned Harry Alford to score some of his first big football band extravaganzas, including The World is Waiting for the Sunrise. He was thus an important pioneer in this still-flourishing area of school band development during the three decades preceding World War II. This "march paraphrase" was later arranged by Alford as a concert march. (Robert Hoe, Jr.)

SPIRITUAL? from SYMPHONY 5%

Don Gillis trans. Glenn Cliffe Bainum

Many of Gillis' titles are in a whimsical vein, for example the fraction in this symphony's title (composed between his fifth and sixth symphonies), and its subtitle, "A Symphony for Fun." The four movements are named Perpetual Emotion, Spiritual?, Scherzofrenia, and Conclusion. The Spritual? features tone color and expressive performance. (Band Music Notes)

FANTASIES ON A THEME BY HAYDN

Norman Dello Joio

This work for band is based on a theme from a composition for piano by Joseph Haydn. The subtly conceived theme, I concluded, offered an opportunity to fantasize in the musical language. The three movements are a constantly varied examination of Haydn's basic idea. The bubbling humor of the first and third fantasies flank a second which is intensely lyric. In the final sense, it is my homage to a composer who will always remain contemporary.

(Norman Dello Joio)

## INTERMISSION

VALDRES - Norwegian March

Johannes Hanssen arr. Glenn Cliffe Bainum

Hanssen began writing this march in 1901; it was not completed until 1904. Following its première, during an open air band concert in Olso, the composer (who was playing trumpet in the band) heard only two people applaud-his two best friends! Later he sold the march to a publisher for twenty-five kroner (about five dollars). From this inauspicious beginning Valdres March has become known in almost every country where there are brass or wind bands. Although it was his first composition, Hanssen admitted near the end of his life that he had never written anything better. The title has both geographic and musical connotations. Valdres is a beautiful region between Oslo and Bergen, Norway. The first three measures contain the old signature fanfare for the Valdres Battalion, an ancient melody formerly played on the lur (or lure)-in this instance a straight wooden "trumpet" which was long enough to play the same partials playable on a modern bugle. Other melodies derive from a Hardanger fiddle tune and a pentatonic folk tune, above a typical Norwegian drone bass.

(Band Music Notes)

HANDEL IN THE STRAND

Percy Grainger arr. Richard Franko Goldman

This composition was originally titled "Clog Dance." A close friend of Grainger's, William Gair Rathbone (to whom the piece is dedicated) suggested the present title because the music seemed to reflect both Handel and English musical comedy-the Strand in London is a street which is the home of English musical comedy. According to Grainger his composition sounded "as if old Handel were rushing down the Strand to the strains of modern English popular music."

(Thomas Giles)

Selections from THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Andrew Lloyd Webber arr. Warren Barker

Think of Me
Angel of Music The Phantom of the Opera The

All I Ask of You The Point of No Return The Music of the Night

## IRISH SUITE

Leroy Anderson

- 1. The Girl I Left Behind Me
- 2. The Irish Washerwoman
- 3. The Minstrel Boy
- The Rakes of Mallow

Leroy Anderson was associated with Arthur Fiedler as one of the leading arrangers for the Boston "Pops" Orchestra. He also frequently served as the orchestra's guest conductor. In his spare time he tried his hand at composing, and in 1947 he was commissioned by the Erin Society of Boston to write an Irish Suite for its annual night at the Boston "Pops". The work consists of six beloved Irish airs, only four of which are published.

(Band Music Notes)

## SUMMER BAND PERSONNEL 1990

PICCOLO Sara Steig

FLUTE
Susan Berg
Danielle Boor
\*Lori Cruciani
Lisa Faulhaber
Jackie Goplin
Janay Wittek
Jayne Woodburn

OBOE Tammy Lea Riste

BASSOON Lisa Peterson Susan Strait

Bb CLARINET

Karen Eitland
Terri Felton
Sarah Fisher
John Kai
James Kloth
Stacy Loomis
Frederick Larson
John Meznarich
Paul Meznarich
Kristie Scherber
\*Cathy Seipel
Laurie White
Lori Wolf

BASS CLARINET Brenda Drath

CONTRA CLARINET Paula McElroy

ALTO SAXOPHONE
Kristin Bucholz
\*Dawn Legge
\*Laurie Nason
Doug Schimke

\*Denotes principal

TENOR SAXOPHONE Brent Harings Bill Rucci

BARITONE SAXOPHONE Mary Szymanski-Larson

IRUMPET
Michael J. Fuller
Michael Larson
Jim Seipel
Shawn Smith
\*Keith Thompson
Diane Woodford

HORN Dave Bach Laurie Lorenz Sarah Marx Michael Monk \*Susan Page Stephanie Plahmer

TROMBONE
\*Richard Ballweg
Glenn Rehberg
Jeff Rosendahl

EUPHONIUM
Caryn Becker
Joan Draxler
Michael Etheridge
Alan Herold
\*Paul Kile

TUBA
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Michael Rivers
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