The Department of Music University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

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UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY BAND

Donald S. George, Conductor



Sunday, April 7, 1991 4:00 p.m.

Gantner Concert Hall

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key-John Stafford Sm arr. John Philip Sou

A COPLAND PORTRAIT

adapted by Clare Grundm

Celebrating the Life of AARON COPLAND, 1900-1990

Clare Grundman's A COPLAND PORTRAIT, a collage of passages from wo

of Aaron Copland, was created in 1985 to honor the eminent Brookly born composer's 85th birthday. This adaptation will enable concerband performers and their audiences to enjoy a varied sampling from the most popular music of one of America's most esteemed composers A COPLAND PORTRAIT begins with a statement of Fanfare for the Commo Man, a work for brass and percussion composed in 1942 to honor the role of the common man during World War II. Copland later used an altered version of this music as the introduction to the finale of his Third Symphony. Elements of both versions are found in the Grundman setting. A passage from "Saturday Night Waltz" from the ballet Rodeo follows Originally titled "The Courting at Burnt Ranch," Rodeo was created in collaboration with choreographer Agnes De Mille, commissioned by the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo for its 1942-43 season. El Salon Mexico, subtitled "Popular Type Dance Hall in Mexico City is represented by two passages. Based on Mexican folk tunes, this work was written after Copland's first visit to Mexico in 1932. Next come several passages from one of Copland's most celebrated works, Appalachian Spring, a ballet composed for Martha Graham and commissioned by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation. Appalachian Spring was premiered by Miss Graham in 1944 and received the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for music, as well as the Music Critics Circle Award for the 1944-45 season. Grundman's A COPLAND PORTRAIT concludes with music from two additional dance episodes from Rodeo: "Buckaroo Holiday" and "Hoe-Down." (Boosey & Hawkes

SYMPHONY No. 20, "Three Journeys to a Holy Mountain"

Alan Hovhaness

III. Andante maestoso

The third movement of SYMPHONY No. 20 is in the form of a chorale a fugue. At the climax of the fugue, the chorale theme returns alternating with canonic episodes. Little is known about the programmatic or spiritual significance - if any - of the three journeys, except that the holy mountain is probably Mt. Ararat, whe Noah's Ark came to rest after the great flood. Perhaps the music is intended to communicate a message to the individual listener.

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DANISH FOLK-MUSIC SUITE

Percy Aldridge Grainger trans. Joseph Kreine

This work, along with the collection of numerous folk-tunes, was th major result of Grainger's trip to Denmark in 1922 and 1927. It reveals yet another aspect of Grainger's great talent for folk-music setting.

- THE POWER OF LOVE
 A poignant, bittersweet melody set with great rhapsodic intensity, featuring a soprano saxophone solo.
- II. LORD PETER'S STABLE-BOY An energetic dance-song cast in 7-bar phrases, which Grainger has set with his customary harmonic and contrapuntal ingenuity, and which builds to an exciting and vigorous climax.
- II. "THE NIGHTINGALE" AND "THE TWO SISTERS" An especially lovely setting of two different songs which Grainger has put together to form a work that is gentle and passionate by turns.
- IV. JUTISH MEDLEY
 This is one of Grainger's most elaborate and ambitious settings, using four contrasting songs from Jutland as its basis. The first (Choosing The Bride) is in moderate marchtempo; the second (The Dragoon's Farewell) a lush, flowing melody; the third (The Shoemaker from Jerusalem) slow and rhapsodic; and the fourth (Husband and Wife) lively and brilliant.

 (Joseph Kreines)

INTERNISSION

AS REDOUBLE

Camille Saint-Saens

This "quick-step" concert march is reminiscent of Offenbach and erhaps is related to the nineteenth century galop. Originally ritten for four-hand piano it was transcribed for band by Arthur Frackenpohl who is recognized as an American composer of merit. The music, as indicated by the title, moves at a fast and steady pace. here are three principal themes separated by interludes and then estated, the first being reiterated with a change of instrumentation and the second and third combined, leading to a coda.

(Band Music Notes)

verture to THE IMPRESARIO

W.A. Mozart arr. Clifford Barnes

ozart entered "The Impresario" into his catalogue of works on ebruary 3rd, 1786 as a "comedy with music for Schönbrunn, consisting of an overture, two arias, a vocal trio and vaudeville". The overture with its formal elements of the sonata is the most successful part of this satire on the state of opera.

(Uwe Kraemer)

TOCCATA MARZIALE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

nglish composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is most noted for his compositions for orchestra, the theater, and chamber groups, but his works for band, like the Folk Song Suite and TOCCATA MARZIALE (both sublished in 1924), demonstrate his unrivalled skill in scoring for his medium. Together with the two Holst suites for band, this music orms a set which has become a traditional cornerstone of concert band literature. Composed for the Commemoration of the British Empire Exhibition of 1924, the TOCCATA MARZIALE is a first-rate work any measurement. Skillfully woven together into a unified whole,

even though complex in rhythmic and harmonic content, the piece exploits the fundamental properties of the band's sonority, its virtuosity color, and places emphasis upon fine gradations between long and short, forte and piano. Of real contrast with the Folk Sor Suite, TOCCATA MARZIALE has an immense non-contrived vigor perhaps unmatched in all band literature. (Acton Ostling)

Three American Band Marches from the 19th Century

1. SANTA ANA'S RETREAT FROM BUENA VISTA (1848)

Stephen Foster arr. Robert Leist

SANTA ANA'S RETREAT FROM BUENA VISTA is the only march that
America's beloved Stephen Foster ever wrote. Published in
1848 ("as played by all the military bands"), it has been
neglected for over 100 years. As a curiosity, and as a piece
with considerable historical association, it surely merits
revival.

(R.F. Goldman)

2. THE NEW YORK LIGHT GUARDS QUICKSTEP (1839)

Francis H. Brown arr. Roger Smith

THE NEW YORK LIGHT GUARDS QUICKSTEP dates from 1839 and is a thoroughly representative piece of its kind. The quickstep of this era was often something between a march and a galop or polka in style. In any case, these pieces were used for dancing; military bands, it will be recalled, furnished "music for social occasions" as well as for parades.

(R.F. Goldman)

3. WASHINGTON GRAYS (1872)

Claudio S. Grafulla ed. Frederick Fennell

Claudio S. Grafulla (1810-80), during a very busy life, was bandmaster of the 7th Regiment of New York, which Sousa later honored with the march, The Gallant Seventh. Grafulla (pronounced GRAH-foo-lah) might be described as the "Robert Russell Bennett" of his day, writing music on order, and with remarkable technical and musical skill, arranging other composers' music. It was he who provided, during the Civil War, the set of very stylish books known as The Port Royal Band of the Third New Hampshire Regiment. This was an outstanding and highly creative achievement.

Although at least eight other of his marches are known to exist his place in band history has always rested on this single masterpiece, WASHINGTON GRAYS.

So then does WASHINGTON GRAYS affirm Grafulla as a creator, a passionate composer. This march is an incessant flow of musical ideas deftly presented in the harmonically compatible keys of B-flat minor and D-flat major (a relative major/minor relationship). In three-part form, there is no introduction, no break strain, not even a stinger. (Frederick Fennell)

UWEC SYMPHONY BAND PERSONNEL

Amy Cohen

FLUIE
Susan Berg
*Danielle Boor
Sara Denk
Melissa Hannah
Dana Linse
*Christina Ludwig
Anne Mommsen

*Kristi Lehmann Holly Madlung

Lorrie Osborn

BASSOON Nancy Haas *Susan Strait Brenda Thompson

E FLAT CLARINET
Holly June

B FLAT CLARINET
Kristine Agen
Diana Benedict
*Karen Eitland
Sarah Fisher
Barbara Gilbertson
Jennifer Haines
Tammy Heilman
Susan Herbst
*Christina Hermann
Holly June
Jennifer Keding
Kim Omachinski
Daniel Rodman
Laurie White

*denotes principal

*Brenda Drath Terri Felton

CONTRA CLARINET

ALTO SAXOPHONE
Kristin Buchholz
Dawn Legge
*Michael Walk
Nicole Whitehead

TENOR SAXOPHONE
William Jordan
Janice Luck

BARITONE SAXOPHONE Kieth Schwabe

CORNET
Todd Bartlett
Eli Grajkowski
Jon Germain
*Daniel Julson
Jeremy Miloszewicz
James Simmons
Anastasia Traicoff

PIANO
Julie Ropers
Brooks Whitmore

HORN
Rhonda Aalderks
Anne Flemming
Chad Hess
Laurie Lorenz
Annette Morrison
*Susan Page

TROMBONE
Richard Ballweg
Peter Guenther
Kevin Loughney
Eric Olson
Jay Price
*Glenn Rehberg

EUPHONIUM Alan Herold *Paul Kile Danny Smith

TUBA Blair Berger *Morton Bøe Paul Budde Rick Hudson

PERCUSSION
Mark Hanson
*David Kies
Brad Pribbenow
*Julie Ropers
Sean Veenendaal
Thomas Ziegelbauer

WIND/PERCUSSION FACULTY
Timothy Lane, flute
Ivar Lunde, oboe
Kristine Fletcher, bassoon
Donald George, clarinet
Richard Fletcher, saxophone/clarinet
Robert Baca, trumpet
Thomas Gilkey, horn
Rodney Hudson, trombone
Jerry YUoung, euphonium, tuba
Ronald Keezer, percussion

COMING EVENTS

4/7	Student Recital: Dennis Luginbill, Composition, 8 pm, Ganto
4/8	Phi Mu Alpha Recital: 8 pm, Gantner Hall
4/13	Guest Recital: Luis Maldonada, Euphonium, 4:30 pm, Phillips
4/14	Faculty Brass Quintet Concert: 2 pm, Christ Church Cathedra
4/14	Concert Choir Concert, 4 pm, Gantner Hall
4/14	Student Recital: James D. Vogt, Composition, 8 pm, Gantner
4/15	Student Recital: Troy Birdsong, Double Bass, 5 pm, Phillips
4/15	Jazz Ensemble II Concert, 8 pm, Gantner Hall
4/17	Concert Band Concert, 8 pm, Gantner Hall
4/18	Sigma Alpha Iota Recital: 5 pm, Gantner Hall
4/18	Jnt. Student Recital: Tina Hermann, clarinet & Kristi Lehmann, oboe, 8 pm, Phillips
4/19	Faculty Recital: Timothy Lane, flute & Lynn Aspnes, guest harpist, 8 pm, Gantner Hall
4/21	Symphony Orchestra Concert, 4 pm, Gantner Hall
4/21	Student Recital: Lisa Barry, mezzo-soprano, 8 pm, Gantner

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