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April 22, 1987 Camp Theater 8:15 PM

ORCHESTRA

FRED COHEN, Conductor

Trauermusik (Music of Mourning)

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

II. With quiet motion

III. Animated

I. Slow

IV. Chorale: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Sharon Heth ('87), soloist

Symphony No. 104, "The London Symphony" I. Adagio--Allegro II. Andante III. Minuet (Allegro--Trio) IV. Finale (Allegro con spirito)

intermission

Piano Concerto No. 3 I. Allegretto

II. Adagio religioso

III. Allegro vivace

Richard Becker, soloist

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Béla Bartók

(1881-1945)

Ushers are members of the University Lake Society

Next: Beverly Letcher, senior piano recital April 23, 8:15 PM NCRH

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

Violin I Wendy Huband, Concertmistress Charles Bosher Peggy Cheatham Sarah Towner

Violin II Marcia Wenner Karen R. Williamson Valli Anne Trusler Jill Foster-Woodburn

Viola J. Bryan Starke Tom Berry Judy Hobbs Cohen

Cello Sharon Heth Laura Geer David Romaine

Contrabass Leslie Rose Robert Wendell Flute Carolyn Booker Teresa Comunale Julie A. Ferrigno Nancy Peters

Clarinet Brad Longenecker Kristi Hibschman

Bassoon William Sniffin Fred Geissler

French Horn William Spears Beth Miksovic

Trumpet Daniel Parsons Michael Davison

Trombone Courtney Reed Paul English

Timpani Mark Roberts

Percussion Beryl Sandler

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notes by the composer

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