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# University of Richmond SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

# in Concert

David L. Graves, Conductor

Assisted by Brenda Fauber

James L. Camp Memorial Theatre Thursday, April 21, 1977 8:15 P.M.

#### **PROGRAM**

Flourish for Wind Band

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

#### Brenda Fauber, Conductor

Vaughan Williams' English Folk Song Suite and Toccata Marziale have long been standard works in the concert band repertoire. The recent publication of Flourish for Wind Band, composed as an overture to the pageant Music and the People, in 1939, provides a new and useful addition to that body of literature.

Ouvertüre für Harmoniemusik, op. 24

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Adapted for contemporary band by Felix Greissle

One of the earliest original works for wind band still available for performance, this overture was composed by Mendelssohn in the summer of 1824. Although not worthy of consideration as one of the composer's most significant works, it does show clear evidence of his precocity at the age of fifteen. The original scoring of the work is indicative of a typical wind band instrumentation of the time: piccolo; flute; 2 clarinets in F and 2 in C; 2 oboes; 2 basset-horns; 2 bassoons; contra-bassoon; bass horn; 2 horns in C and 2 in F; 2 trumpets; alto, tenor and bass trombones; side drum; bass drum; triangle and cymbals.

Lincolnshire Posy

Percy Grainger (1882-1961)

- I. "Lisbon" (Sailor's Song)
- II. "Horkstow Grange" (The Miser and his Man a local tragedy)
- III. "Rufford Park Poachers" (Poaching Song)
- IV. "The brisk young Sailor" (returned to wed his True Love)
- V. "Lord Melbourne" (War Song)
- VI. "The Lost Lady found" (Dance Song)

Of Grainger's several works for wind band the *Lincolnshire Posy* must be considered one of the truly significant contributions to band literature. An ardent student and collector of British folksongs, Grainger says of the work, "This bunch of 'musical wildflowers' . . . is based on folksongs collected in Lincolnshire, England (one noted by Miss Lucy E. Broadwood; the other five noted by me, mainly in the years 1905-1906, and with the help of the phonograph), and the work is dedicated to the old folksingers who sang so sweetly to me. Indeed, each number is intended to be a kind of musical portrait of the singer who sang its underlying molody—a musical portrait of the singer's personality no less than of his habits of song—his regular or irregular wonts of rhythm, his preference for gaunt or ornately arabesqued delivery, his contrasts of legato and staccato, his tendency towards breadth or delicacy of tone."

#### INTERMISSION

Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral from Lohengrin

Richard Wagner (1813-1883) Transcribed by Lucien Caillet

Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral prefaces her betrothal to Lohengrin, mystic Knight of the Holy Grail, come to deliver the people of Antwerp from the Hungarian invaders. In the operatic presentation a large double chorus (representing the people of Antwerp) adds its song of praise to that of the orchestra. As is typical of Wagner's operatic style, the voices are woven into the total musical texture and perform their role as "members of the orchestra." It is in the context of Wagner's concept of total musical texture that a band transcription of this excerpt may be viewed as a viable representation of the musical content. A translation of the text is provided:

May her way be blessed, she who suffered humbly and long! May God be with her always and may he shield her path! She who is angelic comes, glowing with innocent ardour! Hail to thee, most virtuous maid! Hail Elsa of Brabant!

Variations on a Korean Folk Song

John Barnes Chance (1932-1972)

## Brenda Fauber, Conductor

Prior to his untimely death in 1972, John Barnes Chance was one of the most successful young composers for band in America. His *Variations on a Korean Folk Song* consists of a pentatonic theme stated by the clarinets and a set of five contrasting variations. The percussion ensemble, including vibraphone and temple blocks, receives special emphasis in its own melodic assignment.

Variations on "America"

Charles Ives (1874-1954)

Transcribed by Rhoads/Schuman

Originally composed for organ, *Variations on "America"* makes use of typical lvesian techniques to create an unusually blunt satire of this familiar patriotic tune.

Broadway Curtain Time

John Krance (1935- )

In Broadway Curtain Time Krance exhibits his creative and ingenious mastery of the concert band medium. Imaginative manipulation of the myriad combinations of texture and color available from the instrumental ensemble is the most notable feature of an exciting medley which includes six great "standards": Hello, Dolly!, Put on a Happy Face, If He Walked Into My Life, Mame, Once Upon a Time, and Hey, Look Me Over.

## WIND ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL SPRING 1977

Piccolo Cindy Allen

Flute

\*DeLena Browder Karen Rossell Cindy Allen Beverly Long Carol Sutton

Oboe

\*Bunny Phipps Nan Hotchkiss

Clarinet

\*Barry Allman
Tom Panko
Brian Lee
Dianna Turman
Marguerite Brion
Allen Cumbia
John Long
Suzanne Vogt
Randy Utley
Robin Stone
Joyce Baker
Cindy Leigh

Bass Clarinet Sherrie Kopka

\*Teresa Watt

Bassoon
David Meisler

Alto Saxophone
David D'Arville
\*Peggy Davidson
Mary Beth Rodes

Tenor Saxophone
Dave White
Kim Boys

French Horn Ellen Rogers David Nufrio Paula Peterson

Trumpet
Bruce Swartz
Wylie McVay
Reed Noble
Robert Harrison
Mike O'Donnell
Bruce Miller
Doug Watt
Susie Sturgill

Trombone
\*Mike Cobb
Damian Muller
\*Ted Lane
Bob Vecchiolla

Euphonium
Pat Phillips
Jack Price

Tuba Tom Briner

Percussion
David Flake
Brenda Fauber
Ruth Littlejohn
Rick Olmstead