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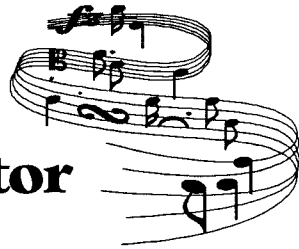
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Notes from the Conductor



On the evening of January 22nd, 11 students from TTU's Department of Music & Art performed as participants in the Joan Derryberry Memorial concerto competition. The tension and visceral excitement in Wattenbarger auditorium was electric! We had a distinguished independent jury: Mr. Ari Pelto-staff conductor at New York City Opera, Mr. Paul Gamble-Music Director of the Nashville Chamber Orchestra, and Mr. Serge Fournier-Music Director of the Oak Ridge Symphony. All were very impressed with the level of playing from the music students at Tech.

The winner of this year's Derryberry competition is Tony Babecka. Tony is the first saxophone winner in the competition's history. He will perform "Ballade for alto saxophone and orchestra" by the French composer Henri Tomasi. Tony is a senior at Tech and studies with Prof. Phil Barham, who performed with the BSO in November. The Tomasi "Ballade" is a wonderful new work to me, and I'm enjoying learning it and looking forward to performing it. Tony was able to join me for the taping of "Prelude and Coffee: Conversations with the Conductor" on WCTE. Make a point of watching the program to get a chance to hear from this impressive young man.

In addition to Tony Babecka, Dr. Walter Derryberry was kind enough to join us on the program as well. It was a great chance for me to talk with Walter and to learn more about Joan Derryberry, her talent, and her vision.

Congratulations to all these Derryberry contestants and their teachers:

Lisa Kelemen, clarinet (Prof. Anne Thurmond)

Lisa Burden, horn (Prof. Theodore La Bar)

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Tony Babecka, Winner of the 2004 Joan Derryberry Award, will perform Henri Tomasi's "Ballade for alto saxophone and orchestra" on February 29, 2004.

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John Grodrian, trombone (Prof. Josh Hauser)
John Visel, tuba (Prof. Winston Morris)
Amanda Young, english horn (Prof. William Woodworth)
Corey Willis, euphonium (Prof. Winston Morris)
Katie Holland, bassoon (Prof. James Lotz)
Holly Wight, flute (Prof. Roger Martin)
Helen Watson, trumpet (Prof. Charles Decker)
Don Lordo, percussion (Prof. Joseph Rasmussen)

In programming this concert, where we hear from a student soloist, I thought it would be interesting for the audience to hear the work of a teacher and student. Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a famous teacher of orchestration in Russia and his most famous student was Igor Stravinsky. Stravinsky's big break came from an opportunity created by another of Rimsky-Korsakov's students. It seems that when Anatol Liadov (a former student of Rimsky-Korsakov) was not able to complete a commission received from Serge Diaghilev and the Ballet Russes, Stravinsky was happy to step into his place.

When you have a concerto competition, there is an unknown factor in the program. After adding the Derryberry competition piece (Tomasi's "Ballade") I realized we were still a little short of music. I chose to open the program with Paul Dukas' masterful "Sorcerer's Apprentice." Many of you will be familiar with this fanciful tale as choreographed in the Walt Disney film "Fantasia." Not only is this yet another story of a student and his teacher, but Paul Dukas was Henri Tomasi's teacher in Paris!

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

We hope all of you will be able to attend the February 29th concert. However, if you will not be using your ticket that day, please give it to a friend. If you can't give your ticket to a friend, just let us know so that we can offer it to someone. All you need to do is call the BSO office at 372-6088 and let us know your seat is available. Thanks!



SYMPHONY SOCIAL


At the home of
Dr. and Mrs. Terry Jones
615 N. Ferguson Avenue

Friday, February 27, 2004

7:00pm - 8:30pm

\$15 for Association members;
\$30 for non-members

Reservations requested by
Wednesday, February 25, 2004
Call 372-6088



February 29th Concert Program

Paul Dukas	The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov	Capriccio Espagnol
Henri Tomasi	Ballade for alto saxophone and orchestra
Tony Babecka, alto saxophone	
Igor Stravinsky	Firebird Suite

Concert begins at 3:00
at the Bryan Fine Arts Building.
For ticket information, call 372-6088.

A Letter from The President of the BSOA Board of Directors

Happy 2004 from the Board of Directors! The board has been extremely busy this season moving forward on many projects to help advance our mission to increase the presence of the orchestra in the community and to expand educational offerings for children. Several new committees have been formed this year and we have worked hard to utilize the sizeable and varied talent of our wonderful board members. Our grant writing committee, CD Rom committee, and sponsorship committee (just to name a few) have all done great things from which we will glean the benefits of from years to come.

We are proud and excited to announce an 80% sponsorship level of our concert season this year. This level of sponsorship is outstanding and representative of the community support and an overall acknowledgment of the contribution that the orchestra makes to our region. Our goal is 100% sponsorship and we feel confident that this season this goal will become a reality. The remaining concert sponsorship opportunity is truly the gem of the season and the anticipation is already building for the 5/2/04 semi-staged production of the opera *La Boheme*. Sponsorship of this production will include all the regular benefits of sponsoring a concert but with a few additional incentives because of the unique nature of this concert. Contact the symphony office (372-6088) for more information regarding sponsoring *La Boheme*.

Also this year, the Orchestra Statistical Report was prepared and filed with the American Symphony Orchestra League. Filing this report entitles us to obtain access to information that will enable us to make smart decisions based on data from similar orchestras for our future direction and management. Kudos go to board member Dr. Mary Pashley for co-ordinating and doing most of the work on this project. By filling out this long report the BSO is in a select group of only 23% of orchestras nationwide in our budget category.

The **Symphony Gala and Auction** is returning with a splash this spring after a five year hiatus. Mark your calendars for the evening of April 24, 2004 to dress up (black tie optional) and come to the Town Centre, which will be transformed to follow the theme of "Starry, Starry, Night". Highlights of the evening will include a gourmet dinner and dancing to the fabulous **Pat Patrick Band**. Many of you will remember this band from the Gala in 1999 where the dance floor never cooled down! The Pat Patrick Band is one of the hottest and most exciting party bands/society orchestras in the country. Start practicing your dance moves now because the band features multi-platinum, award winning studio musicians and vocalists and a song list that will please any crowd. For more information on the band visit their web-site at www.patpatrickmusic.com

A **Gala "Pre-Party for the Stars"** will be held at the home of Walter Derryberry for all underwriters, table

sponsors, and contributors. Dozens of volunteers (Barbara Briggs, Kathie Chapman, Mary Short, Donna Quillen, Julie Lane and board member Brenda Smith, just to name a few) have been working for months to help make this evening a night to remember. Invitations will be mailed out in March so be sure to reserve a table for you and your friends. Kathie Chapman (931) 432 - 6112 is handling all reservations and contributions for the event. For additional information please contact Sandy Landry (931) 520-0931. Thanks to all of you for all of the ways that you continue to support The Bryan Symphony Orchestra!

Happy New Year BSO Friends & Patrons From the Volunteer Council

We hope your holidays were wonderful! We're beginning another exciting year for the BSO. Our next social is Friday, February 27, 2004 at the lovely home of Ruth and Terry Jones. This is our last social before the April, 2004 Gala. Several of our patrons have expressed an interest in hosting socials, and we want you to know you're still on our list as prospective hosts. Thank you Ruth and Terry for hosting our February social!

Our committee is beginning to work closely with Sandy Landry, Julie Lane and Donna Quillen on the Gala auction. We have our work cut out for us!! We met the second week of January and had a wonderful meeting. We certainly appreciate the additional support of two of our board members, Jim Hicks and Phillip Earles. BSO President Sandy Landry has been working hard getting all her committee chairs together, and finalizing Gala plans. **SAVE THE DATE NOW!** Saturday, April 24th is the date of the Gala, and you're going to have a wonderful time bidding, eating & dancing!

Nina Lunn and Myrna Estes are the co-chairs for the February 27th social. You'll be receiving your social invitations soon. **PLEASE** bring a guest! We have so many people in the Upper Cumberland area who need to know about the BSO. Use this opportunity to check with your workplace, church, etc. to find out who these people are!

We appreciate your patronage, and your enthusiasm. We could never do what we do without our volunteers, social hostesses, and all the people behind the scenes!

Brenda Smith
BSO Volunteer Council Chairperson



PRELUDE & COFFEE:
Conversations with the Conductor

Thursday, February 19th 9:00pm
Sunday, February 22nd 1:30 pm

WCTE-TV Channel 10



PREVIEW LUNCHEONS

Crossville & Fairfield Glade

The Palace Theater Meeting Room
72 S. Main St., downtown Crossville
Catering provided by The Mad Platter
11am

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

For reservations, please call
Kathy Powell at (931)707-5361

or

Jane Horswill at (931)484-3054
no later than

Sunday, February 22, 2004

Cookeville

First Tennessee Bank
345 S. Jefferson Avenue
4th Floor Dining Room
12 noon

Friday, November 27, 2004

For reservations, please call
the BSO office at 372-6088 no later than
Wednesday, February 25, 2004



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