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April 27th Concert Program

Overture to Romeo and Juliet ~ Tchaikovsky

Meditation on Orpheus ~ Hovhaness

Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra ~ Rota
Joshua Hauser, trombone

Symphony No. 5 in C minor ~ Beethoven

²⁵Concert begins at 3:00.
For ticket information, call 372-6088.

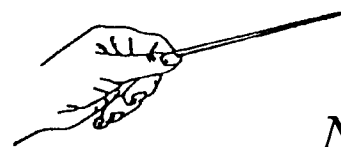
Concert Preview

with
Dr. Catherine Godes

April 27th at 2:00 p.m.
(immediately preceding concert)

Room 223
Bryan Fine Arts Building

Free



The Conductor's Notes

What a year.....

As we get ready for the final concert of the 2002-03 season I find myself reflecting on the year of music making at the Bryan Symphony Orchestra and all I can say is "What a year!!" From the first note of Aisling way back in October to the final note of the Brahms Requiem this past month the orchestra has been firmly committed to producing superb concerts and to my feeling, incredible results.

In my varied musical background I cannot remember a more intense and overwhelming experience than sharing the stage with so many incredible musicians and bringing the Brahms Requiem to life as did. There are so many people who contributed to that event, but two people must be highlighted for their efforts - Ms. Joy Rachor and Dr. Susan Smith. Joy through her work at the Cookeville Mastersingers has been bringing musical events to life for quite a while in this community, and it is easy for many to overlook the incredible work she does with that choir. Susan has been doing Trojan work building the choral program here at Tech, and it was her idea for us to do the Brahms - an idea I will be eternally grateful for. It is that sort of willingness to cooperate and form the strong interaction between community and university that makes the Bryan Symphony such a relevant part of the fabric of the community.

In our final concert of the year I have once again taken the approach of combining the old with the new. We will begin with the "Meditation on Orpheus" by Alan Hovhaness, an American composer who died only a couple of years ago after a long career composing some

The Conductor's Notes *continued*

incredible music. His Armenian background and his intense interest in the ethnic sounds of that region as well as the music of the far east and even native Americans is both highly engaging and incredibly powerful. The Meditation we will perform is incredibly evocative of the chaos etc facing Orpheus brought to life in Dante's Inferno. At its premiere in Dallas in 1956 it was such a hit that the audience forced the conductor to encore it!

We follow that with the Trombone Concerto of Nino Rota – the Italian composer better known for his movie scores than his instrumental music. You may know his work through the sounds of "The Godfather" movies! The trombone concerto is a wonderful, short work that combines great technical virtuosity with intense lyricism. And then.....we end the first half of the concert with Romeo & Juliet Overture of Tchaikovsky!! Need I say more?

Rounding out the program and our final work for the year is Beethoven's incredibly exciting and earth-shattering Symphony No. 5 in C minor. This work, with its distinctive "Fate knocking at the door" theme is something that is very personal to me. I see it somewhat as a musical journey from the terrors and turmoil of this world through some moments of beauty, to the doom and gloom of indecision over what to do next but ending in triumph. Its almost as if Beethoven were saying "Look, I don't know what this world has to offer me – a composer who is going deaf. I may have already had my last chance at greatness, I worry about what will happen me. But in the end of the day, I am going to do what I always do and just rejoice in sounds of music!"

-Brendan Townsend

Prelude and Coffee: Conversations with the Conductor

WCTE-TV Channel 10

Tuesday, April 22nd 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24th 9:00 p.m.

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SYMPHONY SOCIAL

At the home of
Mike and Carolyn Medley
555 Lowland Road

Friday, April 25th

7:00 - 9:00

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

Reservations requested by
Wednesday, April 23rd
Call 372-6088.

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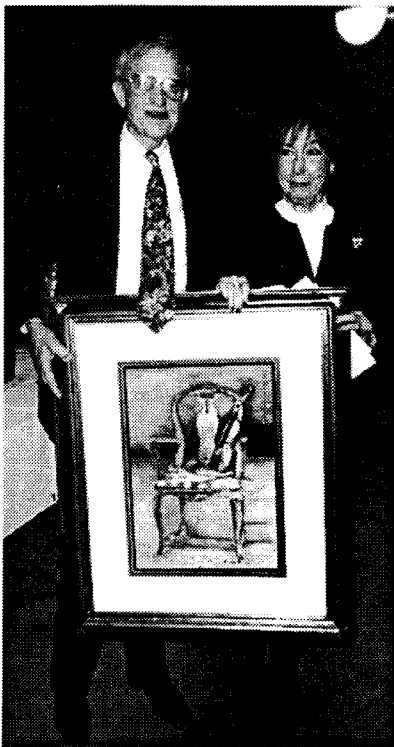
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GREETINGS FROM THE BSO VOLUNTEER COUNCIL!

What a successful event we had in March at the Town Centre! We exceeded our goals with the auction, and the event! Our success was especially due to the support of the donors of our auction, our Patrons, and to YOU, the Social attendees! We were so honored to have quite a few guests and some inactive members returning. Please keep coming back - we need your support, and we know you would certainly enjoy all our events! Please note the pictures in this newsletter of the Social - everyone had a great time!

We have two underwriters who support us all year with our Socials and we'd like to express our deepest appreciation to Budweiser of Cookeville, and to Brentwood Wine and Spirits in Nashville. We're especially grateful to Budweiser for the setup of our March 28th Social!



Our committee has worked hard this year, and I commend them for their outstanding service: Nina Lunn, Myrna Estes, Kitty Niebuhr, Donna Quillen, Laurie Sewell, Evelyn Breyer, and board members Jan Tate, Sandy Landry and Gail Luna from the BSO Office. We're hoping to expand our committee next year. Won't you consider being a member? My number is 528-5253. We will start planning our 2003-2004 Socials in the summer. We have already had some BSO members volunteer their homes for these Socials, but we're always looking for more to complete our calendar!

Our last Social will be at the home of Carolyn and Mike Medley, 555 Lowland Road on Friday, April 25, 2003. Our caterer will be Peggy Holleman of "Proof of the Pudding". As always, please try to have your reservations in to the BSO Office by Wednesday, April 23, 2003. We look forward to seeing you there!

Great things are in store for our BSO members and friends for 2003-2004!! Have a fun and safe summer! God bless our country.

Brenda Smith, Chairman
BSO Volunteer Council



Preview Luncheon

Cookeville

Mauricio's

232 N. Peachtree

12:00

Friday, April 25th

10.00 per person

Reservations necessary

by Monday, April 21

Call 372-6088



Preview Luncheon

Crossville

Shoney's

3428 North Main

11:30

Wednesday, April 23rd

For information call

931-372-6088



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