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Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome

Toni-Marie Montgomery
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Overture to *Music for the Royal Fireworks*
(1749/1959)

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL
(1685–1759)

edited by Anthony Baines and Charles Mackerras

First Suite in E-flat for Military Band, Op. 28, No. 1 (1909)
Chaconne
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March

GUSTAV HOLST
(1874–1934)

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Children's March (1919)

PERCY A. GRAINGER
(1882–1961)

edited by Mark Rogers

Four Scottish Dances, Op. 59 (1957/1978)
Pesante
Vivace
Allegretto
Con brio

MALCOLM ARNOLD
(1921–2006)

arranged by John P. Paynter

Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter des Johanniter-Ordens (1909)

RICHARD STRAUSS
(1864–1949)

Dedicated to our student and faculty colleagues who have passed.

PAUSE

Serenade No. 12 in C Minor, K. 388 (1782) **WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART**
I. *Allegro* (1756–1791)

Sleep (2002) **ERIC WHITACRE**
(b. 1970)

Tocata and Fugue in D Minor,
BWV 565 (1705/1998) **JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**
(1685–1750)
arranged by Donald Hunsberger

Symphony No. 2 (1985) **DAVID MASLANKA**
III. *Allegro molto* (1943–2017)

PAUSE

Serenade in E-flat Major, Op. 7 (1884) **RICHARD STRAUSS**
(1864–1949)

Symphony No. 10 in E Minor, Op. 93 (1953/2015) **DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH**
II. *Allegro* (1906–1975)
arranged by Tim Higgins

O Magnum Mysterium (1994/2003) **MORTEN LAURIDSEN**
(b. 1943)
arranged by H. Robert Reynolds

Symphony in B-flat (1951) **PAUL HINDEMITH**
I. *Moderately fast, with vigor* (1895–1963)

Ode to the End of the War, Op. 105 (1945) **SERGEI PROKOFIEV**
(1891–1953)

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NU SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

For more than a century, Northwestern University student musicians have cultivated a tradition of excellence. The first student band at Northwestern began in 1911, and the formal band program began in 1926 under the leadership of Glenn Cliffe Bainum. His record of accomplishment was continued by John P. Paynter who, from 1953, brought even greater distinction to Northwestern bands. Under Mallory Thompson's leadership since 1996, Northwestern bands and the graduate conducting program continue to flourish in their position of national and international prominence. The Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) represents the finest woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians within the Bienen School of Music. Known as a standard-bearer for exceptional artistry, SWE performs a diverse repertoire of demanding new music and traditional literature.

The ensemble began in the 1954-1955 school year as a single-player-per-part collective initially called the "University Chamber Band." This ensemble was adjunct to the large, hundred-member or more Symphonic Band. It existed only on an ad hoc basis for performances at special occasions and as an additional opportunity for talented School of Music students to explore more chamber music repertoire. During the late 1950s, this ensemble initiative experienced a number of name changes, at various points being referred to as the "University Band Ensemble" and the "Concert Band Ensemble." Despite the ambiguous nomenclature, the ensemble developed regularity in performance schedule: meeting to rehearse over school holiday breaks or late at night to prepare for composer-specific festivals and an annual spring tour.

By 1959, the ensemble's objectives were explicitly documented: "first, to perform literature of the highest aesthetic value, with an emphasis on those major original works for band; second: to attain perfection in balanced playing ability through rigid requirements for individual musicianship and advanced playing technique, and finally, to elevate the band to the plateau of respect accorded to the symphony orchestra for its standard instrumentation, established literature, and quality of performance."

In the following year, the group was re-titled the "Concert Wind Ensemble." This wind ensemble underwent substantial change in the 1960s, instigated by various events that promoted the ensemble's national identity. In 1960, the group performed at the CBDNA national convention, the first of many subsequent performances that would solidify the ensemble, under John P. Paynter's direction, as an artistic paragon. The largest logistical change occurred in 1967 when Mr. Paynter was away on sabbatical to Germany, immersing himself in the European musical model. During this time, assistant director Fred Miller, likely spurred by applied saxophone professor and Eastman graduate Fred Hemke's conception of the single-player-per-part Eastman Wind Ensemble precedent, formally split the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble into two distinct courses. This happily

coincided with a rich expansion in the number of wind students attending Northwestern, no doubt influenced by the multitude of outstanding Chicago Symphony Orchestra musicians that began teaching at Northwestern around this time. Philosophically revitalized by the sabbatical, Mr. Paynter's programming model substantially changed the following year toward more contemporary music with a chamber predilection. Officially adopting the name of "Symphonic Wind Ensemble" in 1969, SWE established a reputation of innovation and high performance standards, honoring the rich orchestral tradition at Northwestern.

In the four years that followed the standardization of its name, SWE as a performance entity began to take root and exhibit characteristics that remain to this day. After 1970, SWE began to meet in the fall and have regular concert cycles throughout the academic year. This was an important departure, as previously the fall calendar was relegated to marching band rehearsal and performance only. SWE's rapid ascent to musical fame was particularly noticeable in 1973 with the CBDNA Conference, which was received extraordinarily well, followed by an appearance at the 4th Annual National Wind Ensemble conference just three months later.

The following decades saw several other notable performances at virtually every applicable conference (College Band Directors National Association, Music Educators National Conference, the American Bandmasters Association, and the National Wind Ensemble Conference), numerous tours, and several unique special events. These included the dedication of Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, a 1978 celebration of Messiaen's 70th birthday, the 1984 Czech Music Festival, and regular holiday and "Kaleidoscope" concerts. SWE's first CD, the 1977 *Winds of Change* was produced by the Rockefeller Foundation and was, at the time, considered the authoritative recorded source of American wind ensemble music, more so than even Eastman's highly influential Mercury albums. While Mr. Paynter solely commissioned relatively few works, he actively premiered new extant works, particularly after his revelatory trip to Europe left him interested in more modern repertoire. Among the composers whose works he premiered are Samuel Adler, Timothy Broege, Nigel Butterly, Serge De Gastayne, James Hopkins, M. William Karlins, William Latham, David Noon, Michael Pendowski, Marilyn Shrude, Jared Spears, Alan Stout, and most notably, David Maslanka, with his wind masterwork *A Child's Garden of Dreams*.

Under the direction of Northwestern alumna Mallory Thompson since 1996, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble is a champion of new music, having participated in dozens of recent commissioning consortia and offering numerous world premieres. SWE has been acclaimed by composers such as John Adams, Michael Colgrass, John Corigliano, Karel Husa, Morten Lauridsen, David Maslanka, Carter Pann, Joel Puckett, Joseph Schwantner, and Augusta Read Thomas. December of 2017 marked the release of SWE's fifth album under the Summit label with Dr. Thompson, entitled *Reflections*. SWE has appeared at three CBDNA conferences and the influence of these landmark performances continue to reverberate to this day.

2019 marks Dr. Thompson's 23rd year on faculty at Northwestern and to date, more than 1,000 individuals have performed in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble under her leadership. SWE alumni have gone on to perform in virtually every major American orchestra and elite military band, teach in public schools and institutions of higher learning, as well as hold prominent positions in other fields while continuing to perform in other ways. This evening's repertoire is selected from masterworks for winds, pieces from released albums, and other significant works that have become a part of SWE's identity. This evening's concert is a historic celebration and culmination of the decades of hard work and fellowship; a momentous occasion commemorating the timeless legacy and tremendous musical impact of the Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

SUPPORT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF SWE MUSICIANS

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, we invite you to make a contribution to the **SWE Alumni Legacy Fund** which will provide funds for special projects for the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Our hope is to raise \$100,000 in order to permanently endow the fund, which will provide money annually in support of SWE special projects in perpetuity.

To make a donation to the **SWE Alumni Legacy Fund**, please visit music.northwestern.edu/donate and designate your gift to "SWE Alumni Legacy Fund." You may also contact Sarah Generes, Director of Development, at sarah.generes@northwestern.edu or 847-467-3849 to discuss giving options including monthly or multi-year pledges. We are grateful for the support we have already received from SWE alumni, and we appreciate your support as well.

PROGRAM NOTES

Overture to *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Handel

Music for the Royal Fireworks was composed for a grand fireworks display that occurred during a peace celebration following the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. This treaty marked the end of the War of the Austrian Succession, and King George II tasked the celebrated composer George Frideric Handel with writing music for the occasion. Not frequently performed due to the size of the ensemble and its instrumentation, the autograph score lists an original instrumentation of 9 trumpets, 9 horns, 24 oboes, 12 bassoons, and 3 timpani. It was King George II who insisted that Handel write the work for percussion, brass, and winds only. He was partial to these “military” wind instruments, which were believed to carry sound outdoors much more efficiently than strings. With the size of the ensemble and the high-profile premiere, *Music for the Royal Fireworks* was, without a doubt, one of the most famous compositions of wind music to date. The 12,000 people who flocked to the celebration and performance in Green Park in April 1749 resulted in a traffic jam that closed London Bridge for several hours. The music itself, taking the form of a Baroque dance suite in six movements, was well received. Tonight’s performance features the regal Overture.

One of the foremost composers of the Baroque era, Handel was born in Halle-Saxony, Germany, where he first began his musical studies on organ, harpsichord, oboe, and violin. Handel focused on organ and harpsichord and studied with Friedrich Zachow, a local church organist, before entering the University of Halle in 1702. Throughout his life, Handel traveled frequently between Germany, England, and Italy; however, he considered England to be his adopted homeland. Handel occupied several *kappelmeister* posts throughout his career, but his true love was theater, and he composed dozens of operas before turning 50 years old. Handel is best known today for his oratorios and keyboard concerti, and his most frequently performed compositions include *Water Music*, *Messiah*, and *Samson*.

Music for the Royal Fireworks was on a “University Chamber Band” program in April 1956 under the direction of John P. Paynter.

First Suite in E-flat for Military Band, Op. 28, No. 1

Holst

The First Suite in E-flat for Military Band is considered one of the first serious and original works for band. The majority of music played by British military bands in the early 20th century consisted of popular music and orchestral transcriptions. No serious music had yet been composed specifically for the band medium. Though the First Suite was composed in 1909, it was not performed until 1920. Gustav Holst scored the work for 19 instruments, with 16 additional parts that could be added without sacrificing the integrity of the work. The work opens with a chaconne, a Baroque form that sets a series of variations over a theme in triple meter. Beginning in the low brass, the melody is played a total 16 times with rhythmic, dynamic, timbral, and inverted variations. The final two

movements are structured around the opening melodic motive of the chaconne theme. The Intermezzo shares the first three notes of the chaconne’s theme. The vibrant tempo displays Holst’s mastery in writing for woodwind instruments. The March is linked to the previous movements by an introduction featuring an inversion of the same three-note motive. The initial theme’s crisp style and brass band orchestration is contrasted by a second legato theme. After a harmonic development of the first theme, the staccato and flowing themes are later joined contrapuntally to bring the piece to a conclusion. The three movements will be performed without pause.

Starting in the early 20th century, there was intense interest in folk song. Holst’s interest in folk music had begun as early as 1905 due to his friendship with contemporary composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Vaughan Williams, and additionally Australian composer Percy Grainger, were enthusiastic collectors of folk music, traversing the English countryside collecting and transcribing folk songs. Though not as passionate on the subject as his friend, Holst incorporated a number of folk melodies in his own compositions and made several arrangements of folk songs collected by others. In addition, it was at this point in Holst’s career that he became fascinated by Hindu mysticism and spirituality, concepts that would later shape the course of his compositional output. Although he is probably best known for his orchestral suite *The Planets*, Holst composed a large number of works across a range of genres, including several seminal and canonic works for the wind ensemble, such as his Second Suite in F (written in 1911 and performed in 1922) and *Hammersmith* (1930).

Children’s March

Grainger

Born in Australia in 1882, Percy Grainger remains one of the most prolific writers of music for the wind band genre. Grainger began his musical career as a pianist and became internationally known for his interpretation of Edvard Grieg’s music. During his years in England, Grainger developed a passion for the collection of folk songs, much like his contemporaries, Vaughan Williams and Holst. Grainger collected more than 500 English folk songs throughout his life. Many of these songs were gathered by recording local singers onto wax cylinders as he hiked through the countryside. He inventively set many of the folk songs for a variety of instruments and ensembles. *Lincolnshire Posy* (1937), Grainger’s six-movement collection of “musical wildflowers,” stands as one of the cornerstones of the wind band repertory. At the outbreak of World War I, Grainger immigrated to America. He joined the United States Army, serving as a bandsman and playing multiple instruments. This position afforded him the opportunity to write and arrange music for the wind band, where many of his beloved pieces were conceived. Grainger, like Holst, wrote works that are scored for military band, such as *Colonial Song* (1921), *Molly on the Shore* (1921), and *Children’s March* (1919).

Subtitled “Over the Hills and Far Away,” many assume *Children’s March* to be a folk song setting. In fact, the work is one of the few entirely original compositions by Grainger. Although the folk-like melody is presented in a generally straightforward manner, musical hallmarks of Grainger permeate the piece, from the nearly constant use of the low reeds and saxophones to frequent and cheekily-dissonant interjections and outbursts. The full integration of melodic percussion and piano as members of the band represents another notable innovation. Grainger’s dedication of the work is “for my playmate beyond the hills,” believed to be Danish musician Karen Holten. Though Grainger corresponded with Holten for years, they were unable to marry because of his mother’s possessive jealousy. Grainger premiered a two-piano version of *Children’s March* at a Red Cross charity concert in New York and the wind band version received its premiere on June 6, 1919, performed by the Goldman Band under the direction of the composer.

Four Scottish Dances, Op. 59

Arnold

British composer Malcolm Arnold began private composition lessons as a child and won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music at age 16. There he studied trumpet with Ernest Hall and composition with Gordon Jacob, winning trumpet positions with the London Philharmonic and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Arnold received a Mendelssohn Scholarship in 1948 from the Royal Academy of Music, which enabled him to study music in Italy and to focus solely on composition. Over his career, Arnold wrote nine symphonies, more than 20 concerti, and more than 120 film scores, including *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, which he composed in only 10 days and which earned an Academy Award for Best Music (Scoring). Failing health forced Arnold to retire from composition in the mid-1980s, after which he received numerous awards, and a knighthood in 1993. Concerts and festivals around the world marked his 80th birthday in 2001, including a performance of his entire cycle of symphonies by the BBC Philharmonic.

About *Four Scottish Dances*, Arnold provides the following note:

They are all based on original melodies but one, the melody of which was composed by Robert Burns. The first dance is in the style of a slow strathspey, a slow Scottish dance in 4/4 meter with many dotted notes, frequently in the inverted arrangement of the “Scotch snap.” The name was derived from the strath valley of Spey. The second, a lively reel, begins in the key of E-flat and rises a semitone each time it is played until the bassoon plays it, at a greatly reduced speed in the key of G. The final statement of the dance is at the original speed in the home key of E-flat. The third dance is in the style of a Hebridean song and attempts to give an impression of the sea and mountain scenery on a calm summer’s day in the Hebrides. The last dance is a lively fling, which makes a great deal of use of the open-string pitches of the violin (saxophones in the band edition).

Originally written for orchestra, *Four Scottish Dances* was composed for the BBC Light Music Festival. Longtime Northwestern University Director of Bands and founder of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble John P. Paynter subsequently arranged the work for wind band. Paynter was an advocate of Arnold’s music and transcribed and arranged five of Arnold’s orchestral works, including Little Suite for Brass; *Four Scottish Dances*; Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo; *Tam O’Shanter* Overture; and Sarabande and Polka. While Arnold approved of Paynter’s transcriptions for band, particularly *Four Scottish Dances*, he often railed against bands playing his music and once threatened to forbid these performances. About his wind band arrangements of Arnold’s music, Paynter stated, “I feel no absence of the strings in the band versions. Arnold didn’t give the strings a primary role in the orchestral versions; they were always treated as background. Perhaps with his experience as a trumpet player, he was more comfortable writing for winds.”

John P. Paynter and SWE recorded *Four Scottish Dances* on the CD *Paynter Conducts Arnold*.

Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter des Johanniter-Ordens

Strauss

Born in Munich to a very musical family, Richard Strauss was exposed to virtuosic performers from a young age. His father, Franz Strauss, was an accomplished horn player, and many of Strauss’s later works reflect a pronounced affection for this instrument. Thrust into the conducting profession by directing one of his own early works, the Suite Op. 4, without rehearsal, Strauss’s prowess on the podium became as famous as his compositional skill. Strauss remained true to his 19th century roots well into the 20th century and is recognized as one of the last great Romantic composers. Widely known for his orchestral tone poems and dramatic operatic output, Strauss also contributed several works for winds such as the Serenade Op. 7, Sonatina No. 1 *The Invalid’s Workshop*, and Sonatina No. 2 *The Happy Workshop*.

Strauss was already a well-known conductor and composer when he wrote *Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter des Johanniter-Ordens* (*Solemn Entrance of the Knights of the Order of Saint John*), in 1909. One of only a handful of his works written exclusively for winds, Strauss’s powerful, majestic *Feierlicher Einzug* is scored for 15 trumpets, 4 horns, 4 trombones, 2 tubas, and timpani. It was composed for the investiture ceremonies of the Order of St. John, a Western Christian military order that was founded in Jerusalem in 1023 to care for poor, sick, or injured pilgrims journeying to the Holy Land.

Serenade No. 12 in C Minor, K. 388

Mozart

A famed child prodigy and brilliant intuitive composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is revered as one of history’s greatest composers of opera and symphony. While less well-known, Mozart’s serenades and divertimenti for winds show all the hallmarks of the composer’s genius, and lie at the heart of wind band tradition. *Harmoniemusik*, music for small wind bands, enjoyed a great popularity

in Europe during the last quarter of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th century. Many of the aristocratic families of Central Europe employed their own ensembles, owned their own collections of instruments, and housed their own libraries of *Harmonie* repertory.

Three of Mozart's compositions for the medium are considered among the finest in the genre: his serenades in E-flat major and C minor, and his so-called "Gran Partita" in B-flat major. Of the three, the Serenade in C minor is the one most somber in tone and character. It is distinguished by the dark, dramatic choice of key and by its four-movement structure, typical of symphonic form, but unusual for a wind serenade. Tonight's performance will feature the opening *Allegro* movement. The powerful *Allegro* is dominated by the expressive interval of a falling diminished seventh, which reappears throughout the piece. Mozart's esteem for this serenade was firmly demonstrated when he arranged a version for string quintet in 1788.

Sleep

Whitacre

One of the most performed composers of his generation, Eric Whitacre earned degrees from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the Juilliard School, where he studied with John Corigliano. After initial success as a choral composer, Whitacre and his music have been embraced by the band world; *Ghost Train*, his first work for wind symphony, was a finalist for the ABA/Ostwald Award, leading to 10 additional pieces for winds. His "virtual choir" video of *Lux Aurumque* became a cultural sensation, receiving more than a million views on YouTube within two months of its March 2010 release; a virtual recording of *Sleep* followed in April 2011.

Sleep was originally commissioned as a choral setting of the Robert Frost poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." The Austin ProChorus premiered the work in October 2000, and a subsequent national conference performance generated great interest. However, Whitacre had failed to secure rights to the text. When the Frost estate and publisher forbade him to use the poem until it became public domain in 2038, Whitacre turned to his friend Charles Anthony Silvestri for a new text to match the existing music:

The evening hangs beneath the moon,
A silver thread on darkened dune.
With closing eyes and resting head
I know that sleep is coming soon.

Upon my pillow, safe in bed,
A thousand pictures fill my head.
I cannot sleep, my mind's a-flight;
And yet my limbs seem made of lead.

If there are noises in the night,
A frightening shadow, flickering light,
Then I surrender unto sleep,
Where clouds of dream give second sight.

What dreams may come, both dark and deep,
Of flying wings and soaring leap
As I surrender unto sleep,
As I surrender unto sleep.

The wind version of *Sleep* was commissioned by the Big East Conference Band Directors Association and is dedicated to William Berz, former director of bands at Rutgers University. Whitacre completed the transcription in July 2002. With regard to the wind ensemble setting of *Sleep*, Whitacre states that "the chorale-like nature and warm harmonies seemed to call out for the simple and plaintive sounds of winds, and I thought it might make a gorgeous addition to the wind symphony repertoire."

Dr. Thompson and SWE recorded *Sleep* on the CD *rising*.

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

Bach

The many great organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach have been transcribed for countless instrumental ensembles in the two and a half centuries since his death. The legendary conductor Leopold Stokowski brought this practice to perhaps its zenith with his many powerful adaptations of Bach's keyboard work for full symphony orchestra. The most famous of these is his transcription of Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, which was featured in the classic 1940 Disney film *Fantasia* and has since become ubiquitous in both the classical repertoire and in many different streams of popular culture worldwide.

Many people will be familiar with this work's three dramatic opening flourishes followed by the low, growling pedal note underneath a huge, fortissimo rolling chord. The Tocatta is rhapsodic, like an improvisation, a feature which is relatively unusual for an organ work of its time. It has been suggested that Bach's celebrated piece was not originally written for the organ, nor even in D minor. It might have been written for violin or harpsichord, and some scholars believe it to be too crude a piece to have been written by Bach at all. The earliest score, a copy made by Bach's student Johann Ringk (1717-1778), contains many uncharacteristic dynamics and markings. Unfortunately, no original manuscript survives.

According to arranger Donald Hunsberger:

The Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor contains virtuosic writing combined with a recitative style. Within the Tocatta itself there resides a freedom of tempo and technical display that is in great contrast to the formation of the various fugal statements and answers. The third part of the Tocatta serves as

a coda-like statement containing a recitative and various changes of texture and tempo, finally arriving at a *molto adagio* that closes the section to create a grand A-B-A form for the work.

The Fugue draws its theme from the downward motion of the opening Toccata melodic line. It proceeds through numerous developments until finally arriving back at the free toccata-fantasia style.

In scoring the work for winds, Hunsberger chose an instrumentation that uses the ensemble's complete range, from the vibrant bass color of the contrabassoon and contrabass clarinet to the shimmer of the piccolo and piccolo trumpet. This brilliant orchestration fully exploits the technical potential of the wind ensemble while effectively imitating the timbre and registration of the organ.

SWE performed Toccata and Fugue in D minor at the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) National Convention in 2001 and recorded the work on the CD *Winds of Nagual*.

Finale from Symphony No. 2

Maslanka

A native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, David Maslanka attended the Oberlin College-Conservatory, where he earned a bachelor's degree in music education. He spent a year at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria and earned graduate degrees in composition from Michigan State University, where he studied with H. Owen Reed. Maslanka served on the faculties of the State University of New York at Geneseo, Sarah Lawrence College, New York University, and the City University of New York in Kingsborough. From 1990 until the end of his life he lived in Missoula, Montana, composing full-time. Having composed for a variety of genres including choral, chamber, and orchestral groups, Maslanka's music for winds has become especially well known. Among his more than 40 works for wind ensemble are symphonies, concerti, a Mass, and many concert pieces.

Maslanka writes of Symphony No. 2:

Symphony No. 2 was commissioned by the Big Ten Band Directors Association in 1983. I was asked to write a major work for full band. The Symphony was given its premiere at the 1987 CBDNA Convention in Evanston, Illinois. The performing group was the combined Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble of Northwestern University under the direction of John P. Paynter.

The "Finale" of the Symphony is in sonata form. There are three broad theme areas occupying more than a third of the movement, a development based primarily on themes one and three, a recapitulation (minus the third theme area), and a brief coda. The underlying impulse of this movement is an exuberant, insistent outpouring of energy, demanding a high level of playing precision and physical endurance for the performers.

In 2016 Maslanka said of Symphony No. 2:

Nearly thirty years have passed since the premiere of Symphony No. 2. In that time I have come to recognize that issues of transformation are at the heart of my work, initially my personal issues of loss, grief, and rage, then knowing that my own change is the start for some element of outward movement, for change in the world.

This evening's performance honors the world premiere by utilizing the same large number of performers.

The late Dr. Maslanka and the Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble developed a close relationship both through Mr. Paynter and Dr. Thompson. A *Child's Garden of Dreams* was commissioned by and dedicated to Marietta and John P. Paynter and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Dr. Thompson and SWE recorded the work on her first CD *Heroes, Dreams, & Icons*, dedicated to Paynter. In 2011, Dr. Thompson and SWE recorded Maslanka's Symphony No. 4 on the CD *rising*.

Serenade in E-flat Major, Op. 7

Strauss

Richard Strauss had just turned 17 when he composed his Serenade for 13 wind instruments in 1881. In the true style of a prodigy, he had already published a string quartet, a piano sonata, shorter piano pieces, and an orchestral march; his catalogue of unpublished compositions included a full-length symphony. As the teenage son of the Munich court orchestra's principal horn player Franz Strauss, the young Richard lived in a world saturated with music. His father's musical tastes were fairly conservative. According to Richard, "His musical trinity was Mozart (above all), Haydn, and Beethoven. To these were added Schubert, as songwriter, Weber, and, at some distance, Mendelssohn. To him, Beethoven's later works, from the Finale of the Seventh Symphony onward, were no longer pure music (one could begin to scent in them that Mephistophelian figure Richard Wagner)."

Serenade, Op. 7 was premiered in Dresden on November 27, 1882, conducted by Franz Wüllner, who had led the Munich premieres of Richard Wagner's operas *Das Rheingold* and *Die Walküre*. The work is much more than simply an imitation of Mozart or Mendelssohn; it represents the young Strauss's filtering and distillation of these influences into something remarkably original. The contour of the melodies easily identifies the 17-year-old as the future composer or works filled with moments of achingly beautiful lyricism like *Der Rosenkavalier* and, especially, of his late opera *Daphne*, with its rich wind scoring. The Serenade is in a single sonata form, with an exposition, development, and recapitulation of themes. This form reflects Strauss' immersion in the works of his father's "musical trinity." The music itself is melodic and lyrical, with a second theme, prefaced by a brief, minor-key transition, that explores the rich, full sound of the 13 wind

instruments. The development starts with an oboe solo over a series of sustained notes in the horns and contrabass. A rising figure in the lowest instruments creates a sense of anticipation as the development approaches the recapitulation, which begins with the horns' beautiful statement of the first theme.

O Magnum Mysterium

Lauridsen

O Magnum Mysterium, written originally for chorus, premiered on December 18, 1994 with conductor Paul Salamunovich and the Los Angeles Master Chorale performing at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. Since its premiere, *O Magnum Mysterium* has become one of the most performed and recorded pieces in the choral repertory. The text comes from the Catholic Responsory for the Office of Matins on Christmas Day and reads:

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should
See the newborn Lord, lying in the manger! Blessed Virgin,
Whose womb was deemed worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Lauridsen says of the text:

For centuries, composers have been inspired by the beautiful text, with its juxtaposition of the birth of the newborn King amongst the lowly animals and the shepherds. This affirmation of God's grace to the meek and the adoration of the Blessed Virgin are celebrated in my setting through a quiet song of profound inner joy.

Born in Colfax, Washington in 1943, Morten Lauridsen attended Whitman College and studied composition at the University of Southern California. His music has reached a prominent place in the standard vocal repertory. In 2007 Lauridsen received the National Medal of Arts from the President in a White House ceremony, "for his composition of radiant choral works combining musical beauty, power and spiritual depth that have thrilled audiences worldwide." Lauridsen has been a professor of composition at the University of Southern California for more than 40 years. H. Robert Reynolds transcribed this work for band in 2003 at the request of Lauridsen while the two served on faculty at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Thompson and SWE recorded *O Magnum Mysterium* on the CD *Contemporaries*.

Allegro from Symphony No. 10, Op. 93

Shostakovich

Dmitri Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony is 48 minutes of tragedy, despair, terror, and violence and two minutes of triumph. Since the end of the 1970s, the most widely accepted interpretation of the work has seen it as a depiction of the Stalin years in Russia. Between 8 and 20 million people died as a result of Stalin's regime and the survivors lived in constant fear. Shostakovich certainly felt the capriciousness of Stalin's rule first-hand—he was publicly denounced, his works

proscribed, and his status reduced to that of a "non-person." The horror of these years—and the collective sigh of relief that doubtlessly followed when Stalin died on March 5, 1953—certainly make a plausible program for Shostakovich's Tenth.

Using marches and waltzes for the interior movements of a symphony was something Tchaikovsky had done, so Shostakovich's decision to write a march for the second movement of the Tenth comes as no surprise. The march is "a musical portrait of Stalin" according to Russian musicologist Solomon Volkov in his book *Testimony*, the memoir about Shostakovich published in 1979. It is music of unremitting terror and frenzied violence, with syncopated rhythms and furious sixteenth-note passages.

This movement was arranged for brass choir by Tim Higgins, Principal Trombone of the San Francisco Symphony and a Northwestern University alumnus.

Symphony in B-flat

Hindemith

Paul Hindemith was an influential 20th-century musical figure known not only for his talent as a composer, but also for his work as a professional violinist, violist, pianist, conductor, theorist, and teacher. In addition to composing operas, symphonies, choral works, chamber music, and keyboard works, Hindemith had an interest in composing for young and amateur musicians. He became a leading advocate of *Gebrauchsmusik* (music for practical use) and wrote exemplary idiomatic sonatas for many of the wind instruments. In the 1940s, Hindemith fled Nazi Germany and lived in Switzerland, England, and finally in the United States, where he joined the faculty at Yale University. While in the United States, Hindemith was approached by the US Army Band Commander Captain Hugh Curry to guest conduct the band. Hindemith not only accepted the invitation but also agreed to write something for the occasion. That "something" would turn out to be one of the most important works written for concert band in the 20th century.

The three-movement symphony displays Hindemith as a master of musical architecture. From the very opening moments of the Symphony in B-flat, which features a pervasive five-note motive first intoned by the bass instruments, the visceral shrill of twittering woodwinds, and a brash and intense fanfare in the trumpets and cornets, it is clear that this work had no precedent in band music. Tonight's performance will feature the first movement. Marked *Moderately fast, with vigor*, the first movement is in sonata-allegro form, with a recapitulation that presents the two main themes in counterpoint. While there are brief moments of respite in the first movement, there is a relentless sense of momentum and agitation that constantly pushes this music forward. The Symphony in B-flat was completed in 1951 and premiered by the US Army Band on April 5, 1951, with the composer conducting.

Dr. Thompson and SWE recorded Symphony in B-flat on the CD *Contemporaries*.

Ode to the End of the War, Op. 105

Prokofiev

Composing his first music in 1896 at the age of five, Sergei Prokofiev entered St. Petersburg Conservatory at 13. By 17, Prokofiev was regularly appearing as a solo pianist as a part of the St. Petersburg Evenings of Contemporary Music concert series. Soon his name was known nationwide, but after the February Revolution (riots over lack of food and governance in St. Petersburg, 1917), he realized that he had little future in Russia and left for the United States and eventually for France. Later in life, he returned to his homeland and by the age of 54 begun to be considered the foremost composer of the Soviet Union.

Ode to the End of the War is scored for winds, brass, contrabasses, percussion, four pianos, and eight harps. The piece opens with trumpets sounding a powerful C major triad, as chords from four pianos recall the colorful ringing of the Kremlin chimes. The pianos then provide a proud, marching pulse beneath the first statement of the main theme. The *Allegro energico* begins with an alarm from the solo trumpet and features an accompaniment of incessant staccato figures and a powerful return of the main theme. Low rumblings from pianos provide a transition into the second section. Here the music is transparent and static, and the unique scoring for pianos, harps, bassoons, and flutes creates a reflective atmosphere with beautiful, folk song-inspired melodies. The third section, *Allegro assai*, is marked by thunderous timpani solos, which lead to an overwhelming finale. *Ode to the End of the War* was Prokofiev's attempt to write the ideological music expected of him, but conflicts in the music reflect the composer's true beliefs. Alternately majestic and tumultuous, *Ode to the End of the War* is powerful and substantive music. In conversation about his Sixth Symphony, also conceived in reflection on the end of the war, Prokofiev writes: "Now we are rejoicing in our great victory, but each of us has wounds that cannot be healed. One has lost those dear to him, another has lost his health. These must not be forgotten."

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Mallory Thompson (79, G80), *conductor*

Flute

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United States Air Force Band

Christian Bailey (G16)

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Student

Julia Clipper (19)

Music Teacher, Conrady Jr High School

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Freelance

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Georgia State University

Courtney Morton (G06)

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Jessie Brown (G15)

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Emily Fagan (15)

Freelance

Lauren Keating (14)

Chicago Philharmonic

Pavel Morunov (G03)

Fort Wayne Philharmonic

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Ensemble Dal Niente

Mary Riddell (11)

Akron Symphony Orchestra

Megan Robbins (09)

Music Teacher, The People's Music School

Katie Salvatore (G16)

Freelance

Katie Nita Scheele (01)

Freelance

Suzanne Segredo (G17)

Freelance

Jana Specht (G17)

Freelance

Clarinet

DeJohn Allen (07, G12)

Attorney

DJuan Brooks (G17)

Music Teacher, Downers Grove South High School

Vincent Camuglia (14)

Music Teacher, California School of the Arts

Kathleen B. Costello (00)

Alabama Symphony Orchestra

Leah M. Cousin (02)

Organic Farmer and Cook

Elizabeth Driskell (93, G95)

Music Teacher, Kennedy High School and

Harding Middle School

Lewis Gilmore (G16)

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band

Patrick Graham (09)

Jacksonville Symphony

Marci Gurnow (G03)

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

David Halperin (09)

United States Air Forces in Europe Band

Andrew Hudson (G12, G18)

Faculty, University of North Carolina

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Holly Kassel (G10)	Product/UX Designer	Seth Kelley (14)	Associate Producer for NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross,
Jack Marquardt (10)	Freelance		Philadelphia Wind Symphony
John Milakovich (G18)	The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"	Ryan Little (15)	Naples Philharmonic
Taylor Massey (G06)	Augusta Symphony Orchestra,	Audra Loveland (G14)	Development Events Manager, San Francisco Symphony
	Western Carolina University	George Marshall (13)	Digital Marketing
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Kamila Muhammad (16)	Arts Activist	Matthew Oliphant (07, G12)	Ensemble Dal Niente
Claire Nalven (14)	Music Teacher, Hastings High and Middle School	Josh Phillips (G05)	Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Manuel Ramos (G15)	West Point Band	Gavin Reed (G05)	???
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Brady Richards (G13)	Faculty, Lake Forest College and Music Institute of Chicago	Kelly Suthers (G15)	Site Manager for Sistema Ravinia
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Andrew Sabene (14)	Consulting and Real Estate Investment		
Sarah Sommer (08, G14)	Freelance		
Tim Sutfin (04)	The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"	<i>Trumpet</i>	
Jennifer Walters (91)	Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra	Andrew Barnett (G10)	Australian Army Band
Claire Werling (G14)	Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra	Ryan Beach (G12)	Alabama Symphony Orchestra
		Ethan Benjamin Bendorf (07)	New York Philharmonic
		Bruce Briney (G83, G97)	Faculty, Western Illinois University
<i>Bassoon</i>		Kristofer Hammond (G12)	Freelance
Sandra Bailey (15)	Representative at Sprout Social, Chicago Sinfonietta	Michael Harper (14)	Jacksonville Symphony
Samuel E. Banks (02)	Toronto Symphony Orchestra	Jennifer N. Marotta (00)	Grand Teton Music Festival
William Beecher (G15)	Student	Mike Martin (07, G08)	Boston Symphony
Francisco Delgado (G15)	Michigan Opera Theatre	Troy A. McKay (G98)	The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"
Vincent Disantis (G18)	Freelance	Bryant Millet (11)	Civic Orchestra of Chicago
Scott I. Harrison (02)	Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra	Colin Oldberg (09, G10)	Attorney
Alexis Leon (14)	Booking Agent at IMB Artists	Jordan Olive (G06)	Freelance
Mike Muszynski (06, G08)	Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra	Gabriel Palmer (06, G07)	Seattle Symphony Orchestra and
Marissa Olegario (13)	???		Seattle Opera Orchestra
Ellen Peterson (78)	Landscape Designer	Guy Allen Piddington (01)	San Francisco Symphony
Nick Ritter (16)	Orchestra Iowa	Aaron Schuman (17)	San Francisco Symphony
Christin Marie Schillinger (01)	Faculty, Ithaca College	Alex Schwarz (16)	Louisville Orchestra
		Jeffrey Strong (G08)	Los Angeles Philharmonic
<i>Saxophone</i>		Julia Tsuchiya-Mayhew (17)	Freelance
Caleb Carpenter (19)	Student	Steve Woomert (12)	Toronto Symphony Orchestra
Mat Cashman (97)	???		
Elissa Kana (10)	Student	<i>Trombone</i>	
Jeffrey Leung (G15)	Kynetik Quartet	Paul Bauer (G86)	Retired, Northern Illinois University
Kelli Jo Pence (G02, G12)	Music Teacher	Michael Cox (16)	Louisiana Philharmonic
Brandon Quarles	Student	Christopher Davis (G06)	Faculty, Northwestern University
John Seaton (G15)	Music Teacher, Las Vegas Academy of the Arts	Charles Dieterle (G19)	Sarasota Opera Orchestra
Jeffrey Siegfried (G14, G15)	Faculty, University of West Virginia	Tim Higgins (04)	San Francisco Symphony
		Danny Lawlor (13)	Freelance
<i>Horn</i>		Callan Milani (G13)	Freelance
Jonathan Arlis Almond (04)	Freelance	Nick Platoff (14)	San Francisco Symphony
Mikhailo Babiak (G13)	Canadian Opera Company Orchestra	Gabriel Roberson (G15)	Naples Philharmonic
Laura Brisson (13)	Cathedral Choral Society	Erik Saras (09)	Freelance Composer
Kimberly S. Harriman (00)	Orchestra of Indian Hill	Christopher Bradley Tiesler (97, G03)	Civil Engineer
Kevin Haseltine (14)	Dallas Symphony		
Yoni Kahn (09)	Physics Professor, University of Illinois, Teatro Nuovo		

Euphonium

Joey Bello	Student
Matthew Kundler (G18)	Student
Jamie Lipton (03)	Faculty, Henderson State University
<i>Tuba</i>	
Joseph Alvarez (G10)	Faculty, University of South Florida
Max Briggs	Student, Faculty, Lake Forest College
Seth Cook (04)	Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra
Raul Escobedo (G12)	Music Teacher, Austin Symphonic Band
Andrew N. Hitz (97)	Freelance
Jack F. Kinsella (99)	Music Teacher, Air National Guard Band of the Midwest, Peoria
Nicholas Wallin (96, G96)	Faculty, Lake Forest College

Percussion

Sean Connors (G06)	Third Coast Percussion
John Corkill (08)	University of Chicago?
Robert L. Dillon (02)	Third Coast Percussion
Eric Garcia (04)	West Point Band
Michael Hopkins (17)	“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band
Benjamin Krauss (G18)	Freelance
Peter Martin (G04, G11)	Third Coast Percussion
Alex Monroe (G12)	Beyond This Point, Freelance Musician/Teacher
Jacob Nissly (05)	San Francisco Symphony
John Ringor (G18)	Music Teacher, Merit School of Music, Freelance
Nick Sakakeeny (G18)	Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
Bill Seliger (89, G17)	Amazon
Annie Stevens (04)	Roanoke Symphony Orchestra
Brayer Teague (90)	Music Teacher, Downers Grove North High School
Ian Weinberger (10)	Associate Conductor, Hamilton on Broadway
Steven White (14)	Metropolitan Opera Orchestra

String Bass

Adam Attard (G18)	Civic Orchestra of Chicago
Jarrett Bastow (G13)	Tulsa Symphony
Phillip Serna (G01, G07)	Faculty, Valparaiso University & North Central College

Piano

Alexander Henry Dale (16)	Music Teacher, Palisades Charter High School
Rachael Grace Kerr (G11, G17)	Canadian Opera Company Orchestra
Ian Tuan-Yen Le (G07, G13)	Chicago Composers Orchestra
Wei-Han Wu (05, G11)	The Switch Ensemble

Harp

Alyssa Hensley (18)	Student
Janelle Lake (06, G07)	Faculty, Loyola University, Elmhurst Symphony
Michael Maganuco (G12)	Music Teacher, Stevenson High School, Dubuque Symphony
Sarah Wachtel (14)	MD Candidate, Albany Medical College

Reunion Attendees

Jenny Shin (14)	Faculty, DePaul University
Nathan Taylor Mead (G00)	English Faculty, Northwestern University
Jennifer Lynn Woodrum Hogg (00, G02)	Student
Michael San Gabino (13)	Associate Producer, Classical WFMT Chicago
Matt Baker (13, G16)	Student
Zack Thomas (13, G17)	Marriott Theatre
Greg Hix (G12)	Artist Liaison, San Francisco Symphony
Jamin Morden (10)	???
Chip De Stefano (94, G96)	Music Teacher, McCracken Middle School
Craig “Chip” Williams (84)	Yoga Instructor
Case Wiseman (12)	Business Operations Manager for University Farm, Rogue Valley Symphony
Frank Feger (08)	Student
Ken Sasamura (12)	Investment Banker
David Skidmore (05)	Third Coast Percussion
Carey Valente (G03)	Music Teacher, Northbrook High School??

Conducting Graduate Alumni

Robert Ambrose (G01)	Faculty, Georgia State University
Shelley Axelson (G01)	Faculty, Montclair State University
Ben Chamberlain (G14)	Faculty, Xavier University
John Clemons (G16)	Music Teacher, Willowbrook High School
Travis Cross (G06, G13)	Faculty, University of California, Los Angeles
Rodney Dorsey (G92, G06)	Faculty, Indiana University
Micah Ewing (G97)	Faculty, Miami University, Ohio
Kim Fleming (G15)	Music Teacher, Wauconda High School
Thomas Gamboa (G10)	Faculty, Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
Kelley Gossler (G17)	Music Teacher, Lincoln Park High School
Joseph Higgins (G13, G17)	Faculty, Rowan University
Shane Kealy (G19)	Music Teacher
Daniel Kirk (G15)	Faculty, Reinhardt University
Betsy McCann (G08)	Faculty, University of Minnesota
Jonathan Walsh (G97)	Faculty, Glenbard West High School

PROFILE

Mallory Thompson is director of bands, professor of music, coordinator of the conducting program, and holds the John W. Beattie Chair of Music at Northwestern University. In 2003 she was named a Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence. As the third person in the university's history to hold the director of bands position, Thompson conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting, and administers all aspects of the band program. She has recorded five albums with the Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble on the Summit Records label.

Thompson received the Bachelor of Music Education degree and Master of Music degree in conducting from Northwestern University, where she studied conducting with John P. Paynter and trumpet with Vincent Cichowicz. She received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music, where she studied with Donald Hunsberger.

Maintaining an active schedule as guest conductor, conducting teacher, and guest lecturer throughout the United States and Canada, Thompson has had the privilege of teaching conducting to thousands of undergraduates, graduate students, and professional educators. She has served as a conductor or clinician at the College Band Directors National Association regional and national conventions, the Midwest Clinic, the Interlochen Arts Academy, numerous state music conventions, and the Aspen Music Festival. In addition to conducting all-state ensembles throughout the United States, she has had professional engagements as guest conductor with the United States Air Force Band, the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own," the United States Army Field Band, the United States Coast Guard Band, the United States Navy Band, the West Point Band, the Dallas Wind Symphony, Symphony Silicon Valley, the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, Monarch Brass Ensemble, and Banda Sinfônica in São Paulo, Brazil. Her professional affiliations include Pi Kappa Lambda, the College Band Directors National Association, and the American Bandmasters Association.

Dr. Thompson is especially proud of her 50 graduate conducting students and the hundreds of outstanding Symphonic Wind Ensemble members with whom she has had the joy of making music at Northwestern. She treasures her relationship with the Wildcat Marching Band and is honored to preserve and grow Northwestern's legacy.

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Associate Director of Bands	Shawn Vondran
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