

# **PRESENTS**

# Symphonic Band Wind Ensemble

October 17, 2019 Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Lamar University Theatre

# PROGRAM

# LAMAR UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND

# ERIC SHANNON, CONDUCTOR

Tempered Steel	Charles Rochester Young (b. 1965)
Old Scottish Melody	Traditional Arr. Charles A. "Pete" Wiley
Lincolnshire Posy  I. "Lisbon" (Sailor's Song)  II. "Horkstow Grange" (The Miser and his Man  V. "Lord Melbourne" (War Song)  VI. "The Lost Lady found" (Dance Song)	
WBL Triumphal	Kelly Bennette (b. 1962)
Nairam Simoes,	trumpet
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# LAMAR UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE

# ANDREW MCMAHAN, CONDUCTOR

Windsprints	
Australian Up-Country Tune	Percy Grainger (1882–1961) Arr. Glenn Bainum
Children's March: "Over the Hills and	Far Away"
La Mezquita de Córdoba	Julie Giroux (b. 1961)
Valdres	Johannes Hanssen (1874–1967)

# **PROGRAM NOTES**

### **TEMPERED STEEL**

As we grow stronger and more resilient through hardship, we become "tempered." *Tempered Steel* is a celebration of our triumph over these unavoidable hardships and obstacles that we regularly face. It rejoices in the tenacious and unrelenting resolve that is part of us all. As the title implies, the metallic sonorities of the wind band are continually explored and developed throughout the work, while the "tempest" is a symmetric hexachord that is exposed and developed through a variety of juxtaposed gestures and themes.

Tempered Steel was "forged" in 1997 as the first work to be commissioned by the Big 12 Band Directors Association. It was premiered by the Baylor University Wind Ensemble at the College Band Directors National Association convention in Kansas City, Missouri that year.

### OLD SCOTTISH MELODY

This old Scottish melody (Auld Lang Syne) in the Scottish dialect means "old long since" or "days gone by" in the Scottish dialect. This setting was made for Dr. John Gray and his wife, Mary. It was first performed by the Lamar University Symphonic Band at a farewell concert for Dr. Gray upon his retirement as president of Lamar University in December 1976.

### LINCOLNSHIRE POSY

Percy Grainger tried to retain something of the original flavor of British folk songs and their singers by strict observance of peculiarities of performance, such as varying beat lengths and the use of "primitive" techniques such as parallelism. Born the son of an architect in Australia, Percy Grainger was a precocious pianist. The proceeds of a series of concerts, given at the age of 12, enabled him to study in Germany for six years. With that, he began his European career as a concert pianist, settling in London in 1901. He came to the United States in 1915 and enlisted as an army bandsman at the outbreak of World War I and became a U.S. citizen in 1919.

It was during his stay in England that he became passionately involved in collecting and arranging folk songs and country dances. Six of these songs serve as the basis of *Lincolnshire Posy*, composed to be part of an immense concert program presented at the 1937 American Bandmasters Association convention hosted in Milwaukee.

As much as each of the movements evokes his treatment of the text, these are character pieces that capture the personalities of the singers themselves. The writing is meant to evoke the singers' "habits of song," including irregular rhythm and ornamented delivery of melody. Indeed, it is this personality-infused performance of folk song that Grainger emphasizes his instructions to the musicians with phrases such as "liltingly," "hammeringly" and "fairly clingingly."

### WBL TRIUMPHAL

WBL Triumphal was commissioned to commemorate William Bradley "Brad" Long's 50th Birthday. Long currently serves as Director of Bands for the Kountze Independent School District in Kountze, Texas, a position he has held for 2 years. This march was commissioned by a consortium of current and former students of Long organized by Noah Carter, a sophomore music education major here at Lamar University.

This rousing circus march was composed by Lamar University alumnus Kelly Bennette. Bennette pays tribute to the great circus march composer Karl L. King in this technically demanding march. Featured in the trio is a solo trumpet, Long's primary instrument. WBL Triumphal is not for the faint of heart: the faster the tempo, the better!

### WINDSPRINTS

Windsprints is a flourish of notes and rhythms meant to stir the kind of emotion one might experience during the running of a 50 or 100 yard dash. The piece gets off the "starting blocks" quickly and immediately involves numerous wind and percussion instruments in a technical "race to the finish line!"

### **AUSTRALIAN UP-COUNTRY TUNE**

Percy Grainger's *Australian Up-Country Tune* is based on the composer's *Up-Country Song*, written for unaccompanied and wordless voices. "In the tune," the composer wrote, "I had wished to voice an Australian up-country feeling as Stephen Foster had with American country-side feelings in his songs."

### CHILDRENS MARCH: "OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY"

Children's March was written between 1916 and 1919, during the flurry of activity that produced several of Grainger's miniature masterworks for winds. The version for full band was premiered by the Goldman Band at Columbia University in 1919. As with most of his music, Grainger wrote and orchestrated Children's March with a very specific vision, but also with a widely flexible instrumentation. The piece can be played by ensembles as small as woodwind quintet with two pianos to those as large as a full symphonic band without altering the existing parts. Although Grainger is well-known for his editions of existing folk melodies, Children's March is a rare instance of Grainger using original material.

## LA MEZQUITA DE CÓRDOBA (THE MOSQUE AT CÓRDOBA)

The composer, Julie Giroux, writes:

In 169 B.C. the Romans founded Córdoba. After the fall of Rome, it existed under the rule of the Visigoths and became the capital of Al Andalus, Muslim Spain, in 716.

The Moors conquered Córdoba in the eighth century and by the tenth century the city boasted a population of 500,000, compared to about 38,000 in Paris. According to the chronicles of the day, the city had 700 mosques, some 60,000 palaces, and 70 libraries - one reportedly housing 500,000 manuscripts and employing a staff of researchers, illuminators and book binders. Córdoba also had some 900 public baths as well as Europe's first street lights.

Reigning with wisdom and justice, the rulers of Córdoba treated Christians and Jews with tolerance. They also improved trade and agriculture, patronized the arts, made valuable contributions to science, and established Córdoba as the most sophisticated city in Europe.

When the Moors conquered Córdoba, they found a Visigoth cathedral, promptly pulled it down and built a mosque complex, the walls of which enclosed about four acres. It was over 40 years in the making. Over the centuries, the Moors roofed-over and developed more and more within this complex. Muslim, Christian, and Jewish faiths alike were practiced within its walls, an unprecedented feat then and literally unheard of today.

When the Christians reconquered Córdoba in 1236, the new rulers were so awed by its beauty that they left it standing, building their cathedral in the midst of its rows of arches and columns. Thus it is preserved today, fondly referred to in Spain as "La Gran Mezquita."

La Mezquita contains over 500 marble, granite, and alabaster columns. Mixed into the califal styles, one can see the Byzantine and oriental influences, as well as Hispano-romanic and Visigoth elements throughout the mosque. The grandeur of La Mezquita and its colorful political and religious history has earned it its place as a true wonder of the civilized world.

La Mezquita de Córdoba opens with the destruction of the original Christian church in 716 A.D. and proceeds as a musical celebration of its multi-cultural, religious and artistic accomplishments.

### VALDRES

Johannes Hanssen was one of Norway's most active and influential bandmasters, composers, and teachers during the first forty years of the 20th century. He was born in Ullensaker, a small town near Oslo, and played in a military band in Oslo as a young boy. He was bandmaster of the Oslo Military Band from 1926 to 1934 and again from 1945 to 1946. Hanssen received many honors in his lifetime, including the King's Order of Merit in Gold and King Haakon VIII's Jubilee Medal.

The title of this march, *Valdres*, has both geographic and musical connotations. Valdres is a beautiful region in Norway between Oslo and Bergen. The first three measures contain the old signature fanfare for the Valdres Battalion, which is based on an ancient melody formerly played on the lur (a straight wooden "trumpet"). Other melodies derive from a Hardanger fiddle tune and a pentatonic folk tune, above a typical Norwegian drone bass.

*Valdres* was first performed in 1904 by the band of the second regiment of Norway, with the composer playing in the baritone horn section.

# SYMPHONIC BAND

FLUTE/PICCOLO		TRUMPET	
Laura Costanza Catarina Tran KKY Sheridan Kees Jasmin Reyes Isaiah Waller  OBOE Rebeca Casanova Emma Lavalais Kristal Deville  BASSOON	Music Education (Pearland) Music Education (Nederland) Accounting (Kountze) Biology/Pre-Med (Port Arthur) Music Education (Pasadena)  Music Education (Cleveland) Psychology (Houston) Psychology (Dayton)	Caleb Korenek Jaydon Murrell Austin Dykes OMA/KKY Nicolas Hernandez TBE Carson Archer Gregg Ballard Max Jackson Ricardo Rodriguez TBE Jacob McWherter Angel Magana TROMBONE Hunter Wood KKY	Music Education (Wharton) Music Education (Mont Belvieu) Music Education (Vidor) Music Education (Beaumont) Music Education (Mont Belvieu) Music Education (Mont Belvieu) Music Education (Beaumont) Music Education (Beaumont) Music Education (Vidor) Nursing (Groves)
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Zachary Davis Tommy McPhee Haylon Haynes Jameslee Peppenhorst Thomas Armstrong	Music Performance/Composition (Hammond) Music Composition (Houston) Biology (Beaumont) Music Education (Silsbee) Music Education (Texas City)	Patrick Sonnier Byron Moore  BASS TROMBONE	Music Education (Port Neches)  Music Education (Beaumont)
Brianna Smith Dylan Osborne Mikal Wilson Johnathan Gomabong	Music Education (Port Neches) Liberal Arts (Lake Travis) Finance (Baytown) Music Education (Humble)	Jody Moore De'Vionne Jones  EUPHONIUM	Music Education (Mont Belvieu)  Music Performance (Houston)
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ALTO SAXOPHONE  Dakota Ard  Cameron Montgomery   Elena Reyes	Music Education (Vidor)  Music Education (Beaumont)  Music Education (Nederland)	Colin Jackson Nathan Trinkle PERCUSSION	Music Education (Nederland)  Music Performance (Vidor)
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Kevin Melendez <sup>KKΨ</sup> Emmanuel Rodriguez Ana Plake <sup>TBΣ</sup> Laura Brown	Music Education (Houston)  Music Performance (Houston)  Music Education (Vidor)  Music Education (Beaumont)	Dennis Doiron Robert Smith <sup>ФMA</sup> Hannah Peña Hunter Allen Jakob Shelton	Music Performance (Beaumont)  Music Performance (Beaumont)  Music Education (Buna)  Music Education (Lufkin)  Music Education (Lumberton)
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